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Hello folks. It's time once again for another edition of Mini News, so lock the door, lift the lid, and make sure there's plenty of paper on the roll.

February wasn't a very busy month for improvements on the Mini, but here's what did happen: Feb., 1964, Wiper arc reduced from 130° to 120° to avoid fouling windscreen rubber; Feb., 1972, Syncromesh improved through March; Feb., 1974 Inertia reel seatbelts, standard equipment.

Well, the swap meet held at Auto Exotics last month was a big success. Sellers came from as far as San Diego and Arizona. Although most sellers did well, I think Carl Sederstrand was the hit of the day when he brought some of his duplicate Mini di-cast models (Lord knows I did my fair share to help out). Well Carl, now you can pay off the mortgage on the house. John Gilbert had a few takers for a ride around the complex in his Cooper "S" Moke. The doctors told me they can remove the straight jacket next week. My sister took the first ride of the day. Afterward, she told me it was like a religious experience. "We were going sideways at 50 mph heading straight for a brick wall, and I actually saw God!!!!"

After the swap meet, a few of us went over to Bones Gilcrease's tomb to make plans for NMW '82. A run to SB

was planned to check things out. I don't know how it went because as I write this, it hasn't happened yet. I'm sure we'll hear about it at the meeting.

The meeting this month will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 8 p.m. at the Mercury Savings Building in Carson where the major topic will be: "Does the term 'Wet Suspension' have sexual implications, or, all I ever really wanted was a rod change gearbox."

This month's event will be a backwards run through Ortega Highway. After complaining that my car doesn't handle very well in reverse, I learned that we will be coming from the Lake Elsinore side. Sunday, February 21st at 10 a.m. is the time. The place to meet is Jo Jo's at the San Diego Frwy and Harbor Blvd. This is always a fun road to drive unless you're in a '52 Buick Roadmaster..

Car of the month for February went to our Vice President, Alan Shoemaker and his '68 MK II Austin Cooper "S".

Mini Meet West is sooner than you think! We need your help! So, if you have some extra time and you don't know what to do with it, give me a call and I'll put you in touch with someone who can tell you what you can do with it.



Tom Pausa

THERE IS A METHOD TO THE MADNESS

When tracing your way through that spaghetti pile of a wiring harness, have you ever wondered what the colors represent? Believe it or not, there actually is an explanation for the color code. Each major circuit of the electric system has a basic color code which represents its function.

The feed or source wires of a particular circuit have a solid color; the switched wires of that circuit have the identifying main color with a second color tracer which identifies the sub-circuit. Ground wires are almost always black. Circuits which are switched on the ground side of the load such as the horn usually have a black tracer color.

The seven basic colors of a system are:

Brown	- Battery and charging circuits
White	- Ignition circuit
Blue	- Headlamp circuit
Red	- Side and tail light circuit
Green	- Auxiliary circuits supplied through the ignition switch
Purple	- Circuits supplied directly from the fuse block (terminal 2)
Black	- Earth circuits
Light Green	- Turn signal circuit, instrument circuits

As an example, suppose that you want to know which coil wire is connected to the points. Upon examination you will find that there is a solid white wire and a white wire with a black tracer. The white wire, by definition, is the ignition source wire. The black tracer indicates that the wire is in a switched circuit to the ground. Therefore



Wraparound camper

More stability, easier maneuvering, more space—that's the claim for a new two-wheel camper that wraps snugly over the top of your car. Plastic-paneled British hybrid sleeps four, includes kitchen, shower, toilet, fluorescent lighting. Tubular guides and sockets secure the rear; tensioned rods hook onto the front fenders.



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John Gilbert won the "Spend a Weekend with a teenage blonde contest." We haven't seen him since.



the white wire with black tracer is the one connected to the points.

This is quite useful on Minis with the plastic insulated wires. But if you have one of the early models with the braided fabric insulation that inevitably fades beyond recognition, you will have to depend on the trusty ohm or continuity meter. (Thanks to Mini Owners South for the article.)

ATTN. all Moke owners! If you would be interested in a Moke Owners Association or a Moke Registry, give me (Tony Pearson) a call or drop me a line and I'll send you an application.

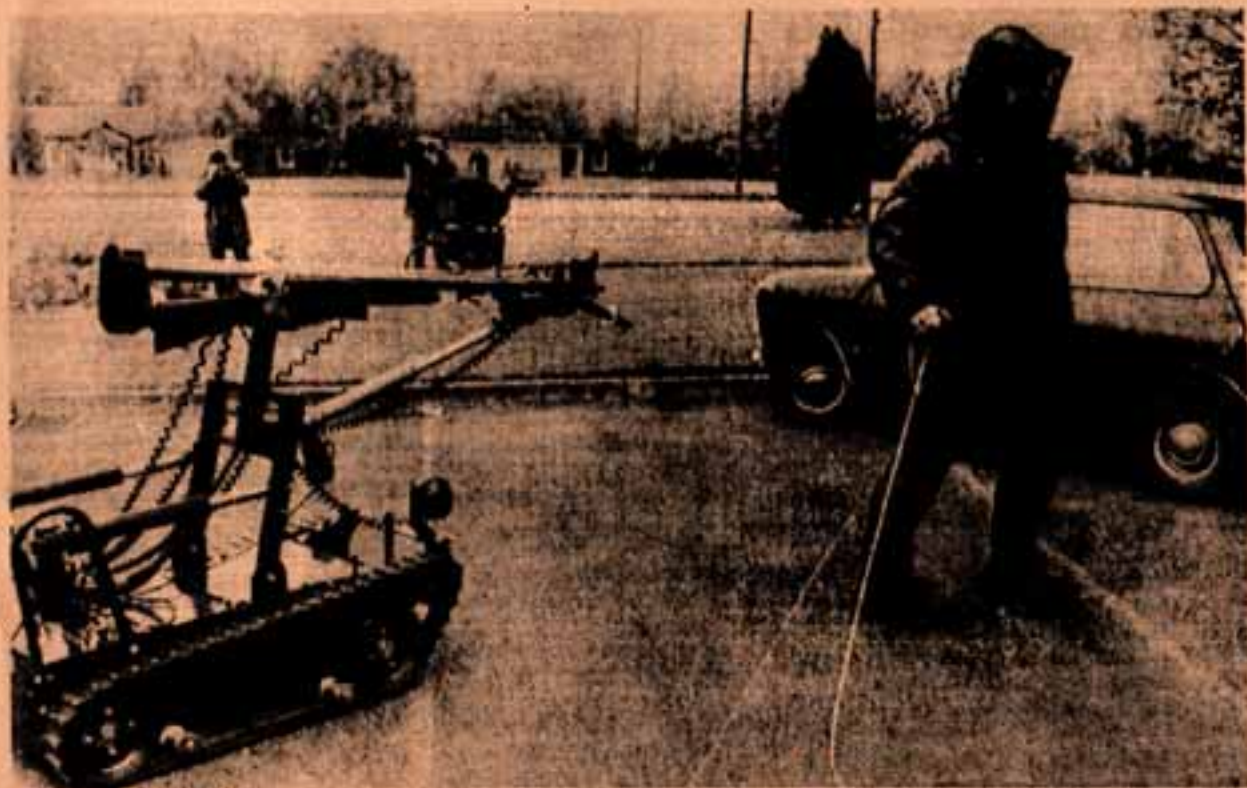


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WANT ADS

Wanted: 4 Magna rims (J.A.F.), contact John Gilbert at (714) 894-0900.



Checking it out—A Royal Army bomb-removal expert guides a bomb-disposal robot—known as a "wheelbarrow"—towards a suspicious car in a

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staged incident near London recently. The exercise was part of an army display designed to discourage the spate of recent bomb incidents.



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