

# MINI NEWS

Mini Owners of America - Los Angeles

Ho-Ho-Ho, and other suitable sorts of seasonal sentiments to Mini folk everywhere from MOA-LA. This is an interim issue of MiniNews, covering December 1987; starting with January/February 1988 we will be back on our bi-monthly publication schedule.

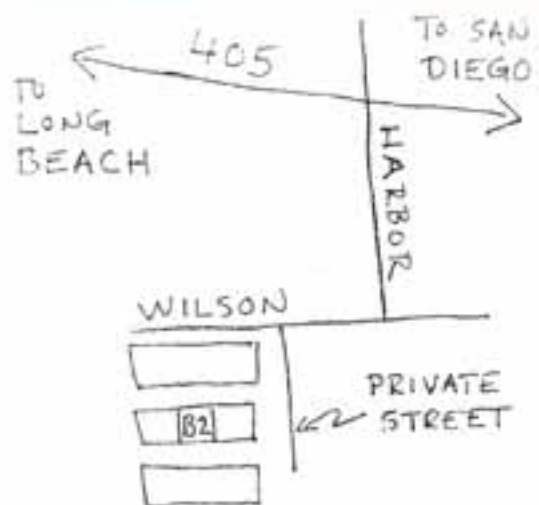
I'm sure you've already noticed our new look. Many thanks to John Meza for the new layout and graphics, and to Bob Amaral for screening photos to reproduce better. And let's not forget Mike and Debbie Fazzi, who continue to provide the copying for each issue's run. Here's hoping Santa puts a little something extra in each of their stockings, and I don't mean a sixth toe.

What's going on this month? Glad you asked. Per tradition, there is no monthly meeting in December; our only gathering is at the Christmas party (or winter solstice party, or whatever you want to celebrate). Here are the specs for this year's model:

Time and date: 6:30 PM till whenever, Saturday, Dec. 12

Location: chez Tony Pearson, 543 W. Wilson #B2,  
Costa Mesa (see map inside)

Food etc: The club will provide a turkey (cooked), plates and utensils, and some soft drinks; you bring a side dish (e.g. salad, vegetable, dessert) and whatever you might like to drink



Attitude: nothin' fancy;  
 just come prepared for  
 a good time with your  
 friends -- everyone  
 is welcome!



Looking a little farther into the future (ooWEEEEoooo),  
 we've got:

Sunday, January 24 -- a nice relaxed little tour of the  
 Palos Verdes area: scenery, great roads, food (maybe a picnic),  
 all within a few miles of L.A.

Mid-February -- We'll try to hook up with the Corvette  
 club's Valentine's Day rally as our monthly event.

March -- Idyllwild, of course.

And so on... see the next issue for details.

And by the way, congratulations are due Mike Fazzi for fin-  
 ishing 2nd on his first vintage racing weekend, and Bill Gil-  
 cresse for placing 6th (and first Mini) at the Runoffs.

So there you have it. Hope to see you all, at the party, and  
 may 1988 bring you more good luck than you know what to do with.

*Dean Deeds*

(And now for something completely different...)

I thought you all might be interested in my reaction to my  
 very first outing with MOA-LA: namely the British Car Day at



Del Mar Racetrack on Oct. 4 [photo at left].

For those who don't know: I recently completed (not really completed -- if you know what I mean) my first Mini. I've wanted one for years but never came across the right deal till last year. So -- after a year and three months it is finally on the road.

Last year I made the Topanga Turkey Run -- a real radical ride! (I rode with the Pazzis; yes, I know I'm crazy...) Anyway, the Del Mar run was my first in my own creation.

To start, let me say it was FUN FUN FUN!!!

I was really jazzed that my wife went along. (You just don't know how hard it is to get her in the Mini!) But even she had to admit it was a fun day. It was great tooling down the freeway with 7 other Minis in a caravan... I don't know if I will ever get used to being stared at by EVERYONE!

After passing San Onofre, I wondered whether my engine was planning a little Mini-Meltdown -- but I survived the trip down at just under 230 degrees. Of course the temperature that day seemed to be about 200. (Actually about 110-115.)

Arriving at the racetrack we were greeted by a slight ocean breeze, which kept the Del Mar flies from forming up for kamikaze runs on the spectators. But aside from the heat and the flies, I had no complaints whatsoever. The cars were great, the people were great, and the stories were greater (as car-conversation always is)...

I thoroughly enjoyed myself, and I know I speak for others who made the trip. I did, however, come a little unprepared -- no picnic lunch and no lawn chairs -- they're already on the list for next year. Anyway, I really enjoyed being a part of it all -- and thank all of you who came for making it enjoyable. To those who didn't make it -- see ya next time!!

One parting question: Since when is a 1954 Corvette a British car??? (It still looked neat!!!)

----- Bob Amaral

## Classifieds

FOR SALE: +.040 pistons (6cc dish); lightened lifters; duplex chain; 1½" SUs; new sport coil; all window & body rubber (incl. F&R filler strips) except hood; some badges; three 4½" Minilites. Call Gene

FOR SALE: Tony Pearson's woodie. Many overall and 1st place concours awards. Serious inquiries only. evenings.

FOR SALE: '67 Morris Cooper S vintage racer. Completely restored, very fast, all the right parts, cage, fuel cell, etc. \$6700.00 OBO. Also NEW pickup body shell with lots of hard-to-find new parts. \$3500.00 OBO. Call Mike

## - Calendar of Events -

DECEMBER 12: Christmas party! (see inside for details)

NOTE: no monthly meeting for December

January 24: Palos Verdes tour -- put it on your calendar now!

See our next issue for further events and regular meeting info.

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