

# MINI NEWS

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## BACK OF MY HEAD

Effective 15 April 1991, MOA-LA, Inc. received its federal tax exemption. Now with regular paperwork filings every year, we will maintain our incorporation and our tax exemptions. We have finally reached the end of a long, hard climb.

At this point, Bob Amaral and myself must return to the regular ranks. Bob is extremely busy with his two jobs (newspaper photographer Monday-Friday, wedding photographer on weekends). I am trying to make Acme Tune & Smog in Moreno Valley a profitable business. Therefore, neither of us can serve the club as we have in the past. I am willing to stay on a while longer as club treasurer to keep the paperwork straight, but we need a new president and newsletter editor now!

So, we must elect these new officers at the next meeting. The President's job is to preside over our monthly meetings, and be our official spokesperson. The newsletter editor puts together and distributes our bi-monthly newsletter, MiniNews, and maintains our copy machine. Bob will be available to provide the necessary training. YOU, as a member of MOA-LA, must attend the July 17th meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will elect a new president and newsletter editor at that time.

Enough business — on to fun! Sunday, July 21st will be the annual pool party at Bob Amaral's house. As a member of MOA-LA, you just have to bring your swimsuit. The Club is providing the food and soft drinks. That's right, FREE FOOD!!! Be there! We can throw our new officers in the pool! See elsewhere in this issue for specific details on the pool party.

August will be a great month too! On Sunday August 25th, we will complete another dramamine test with our annual Fallbrook run. Those who have survived previous excursions, claim that Fallbrook and Tujunga are our best white-knucklers. The road to Fallbrook starts at Coco's (Green River exit, 91 freeway) at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 25th.

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Around noon, after cranking many lock-to-lock turns, we will arrive in Fallbrook for lunch at an excellent restaurant. The trip home will be straightforward, so as not to upset the pleasant feelings of a fun journey and epicurean repast. Don't miss this one. Bring whatever you have. All cars/trucks accepted for this tour. ALL other British car clubs are welcome, too!!

Now, mark these dates on your calendar (No regrets accepted):

July 17 -- MOALA Meeting Election of new officers

July 21 -- Free Pool Party, free food and drink!!

August 21 -- Regular MOALA meeting

August 25 -- Fallbrook Run

I shall see you all there!!

—Bruce C. Brewer, President

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#### MINI MEET EAST

The following report was submitted for publication by Mark Smith. Thanks Mark for taking the time to give us your view of Mini Meet East.

A free roundtrip plane ticket combined with the opportunity to drive a Mini once I got there was all that was needed to persuade me to attend Mini Meet East in Atlanta on Memorial Day weekend. Now those of you who know me realize I was born and raised on Minis and Mini Meets back in Ohio, thus this was an opportunity I couldn't refuse.

The Meet was headquartered on the outskirts of Atlanta at a local Marriott Hotel. It was much to my surprise to pull into the parking lot around 5:00 on Friday and see it full of Minis and Mini people. Vendors (including our West Coast Mini parts supplier) were set up and pushing their wares. It appeared everyone had the same idea of getting an early start on the weekend's activities.

Computerized registration, a large regalia room, and a well supplied hospitality suite made our initial impressions favorable. An ample supply of complimentary suds made the trailer unloading a little easier after the long days drive. License plates in the parking lot indicated people had come from as far as Washington State, Arizona, Montreal, and Quebec to name a few.

Saturday's first event was the Funkana, a typical Mini Meet event. This year's put more emphasis on participant skill than car agility. Building on the future Olympic Games to be held in Atlanta, participants and their Minis were required to accomplish certain Olympic tasks. The driver started by carrying the "Olympic Torch" (actually an ancient blowtorch), then the navigator was required to throw the "Javelin" (a fairly abused chrome Mini bumper). After a lap around the track pushing a 10 inch Mini tire, the team

#### A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Elsewhere in this issue Bruce Brewer makes mention of the fact that we will be unable to continue our respective jobs (as president and newsletter editor) for the club.

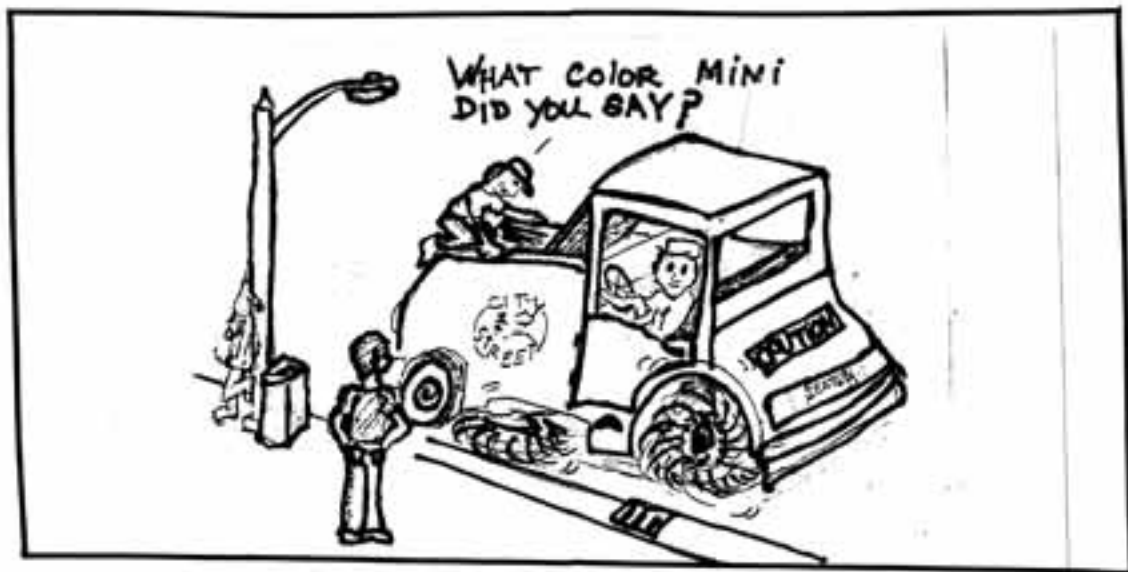
I have been newsletter editor for almost 3 years now — and have really enjoyed the experience. It really keeps you in touch with other clubs and individuals who, like all of us, enjoy participation in the 'Mini experience.'

I am sure that many of you could handle the job of editor very easily in what amounts to about 4-5 hours work over each two-month period between MiniNews issues. It is hard on one hand to say that I no longer have time to do the job and on the other hand say that it does not take much time — but that is the case. My time is really at a premium these days and I am hoping that someone will come forward to become our new editor. All you really need is a typewriter and a bit of imagination to accomplish the task! I am more than willing to help whoever takes the job as much as I am able.

Things are really hopping the last few months of 1991. All of the great events are lined up and ready to go! The Braille Rally — The Pool Party — The Fallbrook Run — Del Mar British Car Day — Woodley Park British Car Day — The Topanga Turkey Run — All the best outings are ahead of us.

Hopefully we can all take advantage of some great runs and events in the last half of the year. As for the annual pool party at my place — be there or be square!! Last years party was a great success! We plan on having videos — sunshine — free food — soft drinks — and endless Mini conversation! If you wish to bring side dish that will go along with hamburgers and hot dogs — feel free!

I have ordered a sunny day for the occasion — and hope that everyone can attend our summer celebration. DON'T FORGET YOUR BATHING SUIT!!! See you there!





CLASSIFIED

WANTED: Hood, RH Gas Tank and Int parts for MK1 Mini. Also Top Bows for MOKE.  
Call Larry

FOR SALE: 1967 English Austin Mini-MOKE. All Orig. Perfect shape (Picture looks Great!) A longtime family owned vehicle. Contact Linda ..... (Tulsa, Okla.).

WANTED: A Mini shell for Vintage Racing; Call Ed Chamberlin,

FOR SALE: Duplex timing chain conversion kit, new. Cooper S cam and crank gears, chain, and countersunk screw. \$50/offer. Call Dean ..... 7-9 p.m.

WANTED: Wolseley Hornet Parts -- Body and Grill parts. Brad .....

WANTED -- Updating '61 Mini - need 1275 Cooper 'S' or 1300 Metro A+ engine, trans & remote shifter Need 1 Cooper 'S' Brake disc & drive flange: RH swivel hub, steering arm and drive flange; RH gas tank & hardware. Shelf for twin-tank boot. Cooper inst. cowl and mounting h&wr. Parcel shelf pad and switch panel chrome bezel. Also need misc. int. parts Call GARY

FOR SALE -- 1970 Austin Mini Woody Countryman. 1275 'S', twin SU's Gold Seal 4-synch trans, LCB, Sunroof, Racing seat, Custom dash, RHD, Cosmics, Bridgestones \$5200 OBO. Fred (503) (Ashland Oregon)

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