

MINI NEWS

MAY-JUNE

Mini Owners of America - Los Angeles

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BACK OF MY HEAD

Well, tax time is finally behind us. Even the Mini Club, as a non-profit organization, must file a tax return. We are still in the process of obtaining Federal tax-exempt status. Through this drawn-out process, I've learned that we can't accept more than 15% of our total income in a given year from non-members. We violated this rule last year with the Mini Meet. We may have to pay taxes on our earnings. To prevent future foul ups and to simplify paperwork, we will only accept monies from members of MOA-LA, Inc. Therefore, there will not be any newsletter subscriptions. Only bonafide members can receive our newsletter. This policy will keep us out of trouble. I've notified the Arizona club of the Federal government's 15% policy, so that they can make all registrants to the 1992 Mini Meet members of their club.

The May event will be the British Car Meet, May 19th, at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. Registration is \$12 and includes a meet pin. Plan to be there around 9 a.m. British car meets are relaxing, and a fun way to meet other car nuts. Bring a picnic lunch and folding chairs, or take a chance on their food. Don't miss this chance to get out in your Mini, or maybe purchase one.

The June event will be something new. We are planning a caravan to Willow Springs Raceway. On Sunday, June 23rd, VARA (Vintage Automobile Racing Association) will be sponsoring a race challenge pitting the Mini versus the Spridget. Who will win? Well, we all know that! We have the starting point and time listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Plan on attending, drive what you have, and join us for a day at the races.

All right.....Get your calendar handy.

MARK—Sunday, May 19th—British Car Meet, Costa Mesa, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Sunday, June 23rd — Willow Springs - Mini/Spridget race challenge.

Personally, I can't wait until the next monthly meeting (Wed., May 15 & Wed., June 19th) to find out what we are going to do next!!!!

Be seeing you,

Bruce C. Brewer
President

PALOMAR RUN

The weather was cool and crisp as we departed from Coco's Restaurant on Sunday, April 21st. The "we" consisted of Bill Allen and son, Larry Cox, William Fitz-Gerald (New member) and myself.

After a brief jaunt on the freeway, we sped down Jackrabbit Trail. That portion of our journey has been used on our many Idylwild trips. It is truly like a jackrabbit with the road darting this way and that through the hills.

The next phase was straightforward (literally) through Hemet and south through Sage. Then came Wilson Valley Road. Here the elevation changed in the middle of every turn, and your stomach went from rooftop to floor as your body slid from side to side. There wasn't much traffic in Wilson Valley, so we could take each twist and off/camber as fast as we dared. Disneyland was nothing like this!

We stopped at Sunshine Summit for a pit stop and to pump up Bill Allen's right front tire. His new Yokohamas were suffering from rim leaks. Every ten miles, Bill had to stop, get the tire pump from his trunk, and re-inflate the right front. This was the only problem we encountered.

The final leg of our journey was up highway S7. For the first time in my life I was able to keep pace with a motorcyclist. Through every turn I was right up on his rear tire. On the short straights his pounds-to-horsepower advantage enabled him to pull away. How strange he must have through. Here's a gun with his daughter and girlfriend in a little sedan right on my tail on this twisty road. One of our fellow Mini-ites remarked afterward that it was like the classic fifties tune about the Nash Metropolitan, "Beep Beep".

At long last we arrived! Yes, Mt. Palomar with the two hundred inch telescope. A magnificent sight! After we ate our picnic lunches, we partook of all there was to see. Besides the astronomy angle, there was the Datsun club. They, too, had chosen this day to see Palomar.

The way home had one exciting portion — down highway S6 to highway 76. S6, to quote C. W. McCall, looked like a malaria germ. This left our adventurers one final tire squealing thrill before returning to the main highways.

For those of you who missed the Palomar run, you should kick yourself for owning a Mini and not taking it where it belongs — on the twists and doublebacks of Riverside/San Diego county's best roads. But you can still make amends. Later this year we shall be going to Fallbrook! Plan on packing the Dramamine — the Fallbrook run is nonstop excitement!

Bruce Brewer

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A short note from your exhalted editor. The VARA sponsored Mini/Spridget Challenge has been mentioned elsewhere in this issue and should be a fun event (definitely something different for a change). Many members have asked if we could come up with "racing oriented events" — NOWS YOUR CHANCE GUYS (and girls)!!!!

I would be remiss however if I did not give you die-hard racing fans the full scoop on this event. It is actually a two day event (Sat. June 22 and Sun. June 23). You

are (of course) encouraged to take part in the entire weekend. Our official event is just an opportunity to take part in the final day of racing.

Gates at Willow open at 7:00 a.m. each day, with cars on the track at 8:00. Practice usually in the morning with races usually starting around 11:00 each day. Probably about 125 different cars entered. There is a snack bar at the track for food/drink, or you can bring your own.

Any questions — Call Mark Smith Hn.

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We will be arriving at Willow Springs for the last of "practice" runs and the afternoon of racing (which should be a very neat event).

You are asked to be at the Shell Station ON TIME! (8:30 a.m.) We want to leave in time to see all that we can see! The convoy will get underway ON TIME!

Our route will cover some very neat roads (some of which were covered on our outing to the Gene Autry Museum). SEE YOU THERE — BE THERE FOR THIS GREAT EVENT.

If you wish to go up on Saturday and get there quickly —

Take the 405 fwy or the 5 north to the 14

Take the 14 north to the Rosamond Blvd. exit.

Take Rosamond Blvd west to Willow Springs.

MAP
ENCLOSED

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY MAY 15 — 7:30 p.m. Regular MOALA meeting (SEE BELOW).

SUNDAY MAY 19 — 8 a.m.—4 p.m. BRITISH CAR MEET (Orange County Fairgrounds.

Registration Fee \$12.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19 — 7:30 p.m. Regular MOALA meeting (SEE BELOW).

SUNDAY JUNE 23 — Convoy to Willow Springs for The Mini/Spridget Challenge sponsored by VARA. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the Shell Station located at the intersection of I-210 and Angeles Crest Highway.

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