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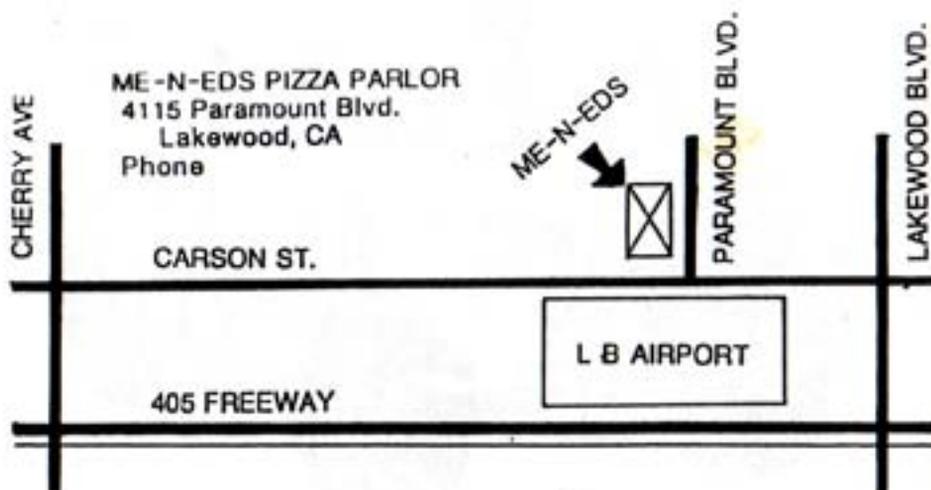
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We Had A Great Turnout At The Last Club Meeting,
And Would Like To Invite All Members To Come Out And
Join Us At Our New Location.



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CLUB NOTES

- Welcome to the ever improving Mini News. As you can probably see, we are trying to make this newsletter something we, as a club, can all enjoy and be proud of. So, we hope you enjoy.
- The Jim Hall Go Kart School was a blast. The fastest time turned in by a Club Member was by Jeanne Ross. We are now looking into the Golden West Kart Racing School at the Streets of Willow.
- Mini Meet West is coming up very soon, August 3, 4 & 5th, make your plans now.
- We voted on the Eric Lindquist Trophy at the May Meeting, the art work is great, Thanks Bob.
- The Jan/Feb 1993 issue of GRASSROOTS MOTORSPORTS Magazine features a profile on the Mini vs. the Sprite. It is a quite impressive magazine and a free sample copy can be obtained by calling (904) 673-4148.
- The Mini Club Pool Party is at Bob's house on July 18th.
- If you missed our June 16th meeting, we hope to see you in July. Our next meeting is July 21st at Me-N-Eds Pizza Parlor in Lakewood, see you there.
- For those of you who are looking for Yokohamas, both Bill Fitzgerald and Bill Zeidlick know of separate places to get pretty competitive deals. If you are interested feel free to contact one of them.
- We have been running in to quite a few problems here at the newsletter. So, to clear up those problems, and to help those who wish to submit something, we are going to create a few deadlines...The newsletter will be sent out by the twentieth day of every other month, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec. If you wish to submit something it must be to us by the tenth day of that month.
- We are very grateful for all of the support and would like to thank Bob Amaral, Tony Swisler, and Jeanne Ross for all of the help.
- Again, we welcome any articles, pictures, illustrations, etc. for the newsletter. If you have anything that think might be of interest to other club members, please, send it to us.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- JUNE 27 - 1ST ANNUAL "SUMMER SAFARI" SHOW**
9:00 AM Lion Country Safari, Irvine.
- JULY 2,3,4 - MINI MEET EAST.** Toronto, Canada.
Contact Mike Boyer
- JULY 10 - BRAILLE PAIR I YF.** 7AM. For more info
call Don Hume at
- JULY 18 - POOL PARTY.** At Bob's House, 12PM
Noon, Bring Your Favorite Dish or Desert.
If You Have Any Questions Contact Bob at
- JULY 18 - SIGNAL HILL CAR SHOW.** From 10 AM-
330 PM, For more Info. call
4977.
- JULY 21 - MOA*LA MONTHLY MEETING.** Me-N-Eds
in Lakewood 730PM. See map on first page.
- JULY 25 - JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT Car Show.**
10AM-4PM at Movieland Wax Museum in Buena
Park. For more info call
- AUG 3,4,5 - MINI MEET WEST.** Squaw Valley,
Calif. For info contact Teri Sullivan
- AUG 18 - MOA*LA MONTHLY MEETING.** Me-N-Eds
in Lakewood 730PM. See above.
- AUG 22 - SHOW & SHINE CLASSIC.** Traveland,
Irvine, 10AM-4PM
- SEPT 15 - MOA*LA MONTHLY MEETING.** Me-N-Eds
in Lakewood 730PM. See above.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF MINIWORLD AT
THE REGULAR MEETINGS FOR ONLY \$5. Call Tony S. if you
are missing any of the last few issues, because we have
a few left.

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POOL PARTY



JULY 18

SUNDAY
12:00 PM

THE CLUB

WILL PROVIDE:

- Beer
- Hot Dogs
- Soft Drinks
- Hamburgers

Bring Your
Favorite
Dish Or
Dessert.

		6771 Belgrave Ave	
Valley View	Springdale	Lampson	Knott
		Garden Grove Blvd.	
		Garden Grove Fwy.	

THE IDYLLWILD RUN

April 25, 1993

Idyllwild has always been one of my favorite runs. But this year it was the best ever! Not only did we have a beautiful day with light breezes and bright sunshine along with the usual clear mountain air and perfect scenery, but an added attraction as well.

Usually we cruise the winding roads enjoying the above mentioned attributes and about every two miles we would run into one of those 10 mph Winnebagos that can't find a place large enough to pull over and let us by. Not this time! The road was completely clear from bottom to top. It made for a glorious ride up the hill. It was a day to motor along and enjoy everything around you with no interruptions whatsoever!

I have been on 5 or 6 runs to Idyllwild and cannot remember the roads being so clear! If you were not there -- you definitely missed a very enjoyable ride.

My friend John drove his Meyers Manx and said it was the first time that he had an opportunity to cruise mountains since owned the car (about 10 years) and he thoroughly enjoyed it! He extended the run, somewhat, after getting lost. But even that was enjoyable!

About 5 miles from the top John took the wrong side of the last fork in the road and cruised halfway to Palm Springs before I caught up with him. He was definitely enjoying himself! The extension gave me an idea for the next run to Idyllwild. A quite different ending destination and more unexplored vistas.

The fare at Jan's Red Kettle was predictably excellent and we parted company at the top of the hill after lunch. The only thing that spoiled the perfect day was the traffic on the 91 freeway on the way home. I could have skipped that altogether!

There were 5 Minis, 1 Manx, and a Cadillac on this one (Mike Tinney showed up in the Cadillac and I quote him -- "It was Marvelous!").

Brian Comer decided to break in his new 1430cc engine on this one. It sounded like a buzz saw. Very neat engine -- and Brian said it only has 200 miles on it! Roller rockers, cam, trick head, and a five-speed trans! The rest of the gang included Bruce Brewer, and Emily, Jeanne Ross and Tony Swisler, Larry Cox, Brian Comer, and myself. Make it a point to give this run a try -- it was GREAT!!

Bob Amaral



"Well, I think we've lost that bloody Bentley!"

THE UNIQUE LITTLE CAR SHOW

May 1, 1993

This article will be really short because I did not spend much time at the show. I had a wedding to go to -- so I dumped off two cars and split very early. Then came back later (much later) to pick up a trophy for best daily driver in the Mini Class. I know that Tony Swisler picked up "Peoples Choice" with his little pickup and even littler motorcycel There were two more trophies given out at this show in the Mini Class -- but I have no idea who got them.

I was a bit disappointed at the turnout this year. The organizers told me that it was a difficult year to get in touch with everyone and that next year's show would be much larger. Don't get me wrong -- I enjoyed what little time I had to check out the Metros and Subarus and some really nice Austin Bantams.

I did not see any Messerschmitts -- I understand that one was there but I wasn't. Usually they turn out more cars to this event. Well -- next year will be better.

Like I said -- this one is short and sweet!!

Bob Amaral



Longbridge

A TOUR OF LONGBRIDGE

By Brad Thornton

It was a gray day in December, that I toured the Rover facility at Longbridge. I started my trip that day in South London. I was running late, as usual, and all I had was a photo-copied map that they had supplied. So I was studying it and starting to worry about being late for the 2:30 PM tour time.

When I stepped out of the railway station, a big van, with a large Rover sign on its side, was waiting there. I climbed into the van and waited about three minutes when the rest of the tour party arrived.

The rest of my party was from Leeds, in the north, and they were all ex-British Rail people. So there were a lot of British Rail jokes, mostly they were about the fact that they had surprisingly made it in on time.

When we first arrived at the facility we watched a video on Rover cars...hardly a word on Minis...Then, off to the factory to see how Metros were assembled.

The Mini tour was not available until February, but they all come off the same line in the end.

Longbridge was exciting as I had never been to car assembly factory before. We were given headphones and eyeglasses to protect us from the sparks that seemed to fly everywhere.

The Metro seemed to be really flimsy, then, in about 60 seconds all the pieces came together and something like 1600 spot welds zap it all together. After the welding stage we took a tea break. Surprise! Surprise! One of the elderly gentlemen from Leeds pulled out a biscuit during the tea break and almost started a riot amongst the others. I just laughed to myself.

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1962 AUSTIN COOPER 997 - All Original In Good Condition, Red With White Interior...\$3800.

1964 AUSTIN MINI 850 Deluxe - A Very Good Project Car That Has Much Resent Engine Work...\$1800.

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1967 MINI COOPER "S" MK 2 - Apart, New Front Sheet Metal. Make Offer to Rick Jackson at

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WANTED! Parted Out Mini. With Valid Title. Anything Considered. Call Terry at

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OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Sign me up, I want a piece of the fun!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____

Minis Owned

Year _____
Make _____
Model _____

NOTE: You don't have to own a Mini to join - You just have to love them.

Membership Dues

\$20.00 annually for Individual Membership
\$25.00 annually for Family Membership

Dues are required during the month of January every year. New members joining after January may prorate their membership fees as follows: Individual - \$1.70 a month
Family - \$2.10 a month

Please list the names to be included in Family membership _____

Membership Includes

A bimonthly newsletter (The Mini News), monthly meetings, club rallies and other club events, and the opportunity to meet other crazy Mini enthusiasts like yourself.

There are no conditions or requirements for membership in the Mini Owners of America - Los Angeles. Our membership is open to Mini enthusiasts worldwide and we would enjoy having you as a member.

Please send check or money order payable to Mini Owners Of America - Los Angeles to:

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