

MINI OWNERS OF AMERICA - LOS ANGELES

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# MONO

## NEWS



MAY/JUNE 1993

# THE PREZ SEZ...

BY TONY SWISLER

I would like to thank the people from DriveTech Racing School for furnishing a car and speaker for our March meeting. Ken Reid went to their school, report at the April meeting. Our March Angeles Crest "Poker Run", was great, good turnout and good weather. Thanks Scott. I think we should make it an annual run.

On April 25 we have our Idylwild run, this is always a fun run.

May 1st is the Unique Car Show at the Days Inn, in La Palma. The Jim Hall Go-Kart school on May 23rd is full, but check with Willie for openings.

We have a new shop in the area. British Auto Specialists in Costa Mesa. Graham Reid ..... I went to his open house, he has a very impressive shop.

Our new meeting place, Me-N-Eds Pizza in Lakewood is great. See you there on April 21st.

Mini Meet West will be held at Squaw Valley on August 3,4,5. Make your plans now.

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.

**8PM**



## MINI OWNERS OF AMERICA LOS ANGELES DIRECTORY

PRESIDENT - Tony Swisler  
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MOA-LA 24 Hour FAX

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### EDITORS TWO CENTS

Welcome to the new Improved Mini News. My friend Pete Agle (a new club member) has volunteered his computer for our Mini club use. Thanks for all the offers to use computers lately, but I chose Pete because the computer is virtually in my backyard.

I would like to apologize for printing Tony's phone # wrong in the last newsletter, oops, I only missed it by one! His number is (714) 846-3070.

Also, I would like to thank Bob Ryder of Drivetech Racing School for coming from San Bernardino with his cool stock car. It was definitely a hit. Ken Reid ran the following weekend and from what I heard it was quite fun.

Maybe Ken Could write a small article on it for Mini News! Come on Ken.

The Blahaks of Arizona now own 17 minis, including their newest addition, a 1967 seafoam green Hornet.

I do welcome all articles submitted for the newsletter. So feel free to send in anything you think might be interesting to other club members.

I was wondering if anybody would be interested in writing or reading, a Tech Talk column, or a Mini Toy/Video/Literature column. Let me know what you think.

Our classified ads were printed in the Ohio Mini Owners Newsletter, and we had a small blurb on us in Mini Mania's current mailer. Thanks a lot for publishing us guys!

I would like to thank Scott Waters for the fun Poker Run he drew up. I would also like to thank Bob Amaral, Mark Smith, and Tony Swisler for their contributions. And a big thank you to Lloyd for giving Jeanne Ross the label software package, my hand thanks thee also.

The picture on the cover is the convertible that is now being offered from the factory.

Take Care

Brad Thornton

# MINI PROFILE : SCOTT WATERS

Please Meet Scott:

MEMBER OF MOA-LA since '77

'82 President

'92 Rolled his concourse '63 Morris Cooper during the Topanga Canyon Turkey Run (oops)

'93 Rallye Master Extraordinaire of the first Annual ANGELES CREST POKER RUN (Great, great fun!)

SIGNIFICANT OTHER(S):

Since '88 has been married to Patti (Wife Extraordinaire), an accountant with an investment group. Share their home in Bellflower with Shadow & LC (Cats Extraordinaire)

EMPLOYMENT:

Motorcycle mechanic since '77; presently at a Ducati dealership. Prior to '77 was a Master VW Tech.

HOBBIES:

Mountain Bike Racing since '90

- 14th out of 60 entrants at a Big Bear event

Bicycle Road Tour Raiding since '90

- Participates in 100 mile rides

Motorcycle Racing (Retired)

- '85 ARRA Formula 2 Champion on a TZ 250 Yamaha.

- '85 Inaugural La Carrera Mexican Road Race lost by 32 seconds after blowing engine of his TT 600 Yamaha.

- '86 2nd in class in the La Carrera Road Race on a Norton 850 Commando; 10th overall.

- '88 AHRMA (Historical Motorcycle Racing) won the 2 Stroke Grand Prix races at both Sears Point and Laguna Seca on a TD2B Yamaha.

Admiring Minis from afar now



PRESENTLY OWNS:

No Minis -- oh my!

6 motorcycles (5 that run!)

A Honda CRX and a Ford Van

Congratulations, Scott for an excellent Angeles Crest Poker Run...beautiful weather, great roads, spectacular views, splendid picnic area, and the best company one could ask for!



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 21 - MOA\*LA MONTHLY MEETING. Me-N-Eds**  
In Lakewood 8PM. See map on first page.

**APRIL 25 - IDYLWILD RUN. Bob and Bruce**  
Roadmasters. Meet at Coco's off 91 Fwy  
and Green River 9AM.

**MAY 1 - UNIQUE CAR SHOW. Day's Inn La Palma**  
\$10 prereg \$15 day of show. For more  
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**MAY 2 - "WE PAY YOU" CAR SHOW. \$2 at St. John**  
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French (714) 861-1111

**MAY 19 - MOA\*LA MONTHLY MEETING. Me-N-Eds,**  
see above.

**MAY 23 - JIM HALL GO KART SCHOOL. 1PM,**  
contact Willie at (714) 997-0000  
Info.

**JUNE 13 - FALLBROOK RUN. Meet at Coco's off**  
91 Fwy and Green River 9AM.

**JUNE 16 - MOA\*LA MONTHLY MEETING. Me-N-Eds,**  
see above.

**JULY 2,3,4 - MINI MEET EAST. Toronto, Canada.**  
Contact Mike (714) 997-0000

**JULY 18 - POOL PARTY. At Bob's, more details**  
to come.

**JULY 21 - MOA\*LA MONTHLY MEETING. Me-N-Eds,**  
see above.

**AUGUST 3,4,5 - MINI MEET WEST. Squaw Valley,**  
Calif. For Info contact Teri Sullivan (714) 997-0000

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**are missing any of the last few Issues, because we have**  
**a few left.**

## VINTAGE RACING UPDATE

Well, its been a while since I updated the Mini enthusiasts on the 1993 Vintage Racing schedule, but with the few events under our belt and an aggressive schedule in the future, I figured it was time, so her goes...

The '93 season started with a Vintage Auto Racing Assoc. event at Willow Springs the first weekend in February. Being the first event of the year, only 3 or 4 Minis showed up being led by perennial front runner Eric Allard in his orange over white '66 Cooper S. Unfortunately Eric got upstaged by an Alfa and ended up second overall in Sundays feature race.

VARA ventured to Phoenix International Raceway and their fairly new road course/oval combination to run an event with the Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing group from Denver the weekend of February 20-21. The sole Mini entrant was Valley resident Dale Shore in his lightning fast blue Cooper S. With a large mixed field of cars, Dale, running in the top 55, was involved in a # car incident which resulted in severe body damage to the left side of the car, from the door all the way back. A case of being in thee wrong place at the wrong time. Hopefully repairs will be done and we will see him out soon.

As for the future, all I can say is if you enjoy the older cars (pre 72ish), then you'll have numerous opportunities to watch some great racing and see some great, rare, and very valuable fast cars. The remaining 93 schedule, always subject to change, is:

May 1-2, Las Vegas

June 5-6, Willow Springs

July 3-4, Willow Springs (Including a night-time enduro)

Sept 11-12, Las Vegas

Oct 9-10, Willow Springs (with the Sportsman Stock Cars)

Oct 16-17, Palm Springs ??? (tentative)

Nov 6-7, Las Vegas (with the Rocky Mountain People)

Nov 20-21, Palm Springs (if not in October)

Nov 27-28, Sears Point (Sprite/Mini Challenge #3 ???)

Anyone interested in any of these events, be it watching, working, or racing, give me a call.

As for SCCA competition, West Coast Mini wars are heating up. At the opening SCCA National of the season at Willow Springs, our own Bill Gilcrease in the MiniComp Mini battled closely with Bill Cooper in the Fortech Mini in qualifying, but a major down pour at race time, and an off-road excursion by the MiniComp Mini resulted in a sour motor and an uncontested first place GT-5 finish by Bill Cooper and the Fortech car.

2 weeks later at the double National at Firebird Raceway in Phoenix, separate National points races were run, again

with the 2 Bills and the Fortech versus MiniComp Minis fighting it out. The bad weather from Willow found its way to Phoenix and again had an effect on the outcome. Results on Race One gave the victory to Bill Gilcrease, but a spin and mechanical woes gave Race Two to Bill Cooper.

Looks like a hard fought battle with the West Coast Minis in GT-5 this year. Next probable battle ground is Willow Springs on Memorial day weekend. A must see for high tech, state-of-the-art Mini enthusiasts.

Mark Smith

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# IN MEMORY OF ERIC LINDQUIST

Nickie and Steve Lindquist

Cathy Lindquist

March 3, 1993

*Mini Owners*

Many of you have now learned of the tragic death of our son, and brother, on February 1. Eric died of injuries from an automobile accident at an organized sports car rally in which cars ran a slalom course and he was riding as a passenger. The car, for an unknown reason, went out of control and hit a tree. Unfortunately, the driver was also killed.

Eric always "marched to his own drummer", and because of that he had a wonderful life and many friends. At times he was very involved and dedicated to his interests in surfboard building, falconry, knife making, Native American culture, Kung-Fu, Austin Mini-Cooper cars and his love of finally becoming a firefighter.

The Riverside City Fire Department had a memorial service, which is their tradition. It was conducted by their Chaplain and other fire department personnel in a new fire station. As a part of this service a tree was planted there as a memorial to him. It was a very dignified, impressive and moving service. This service was held on February 8.

A memorial "get-together" was organized by Phil Edmondson (a friend since infancy) and Cathy on Saturday, February 27 at Emerald Bay, Laguna Beach, Calif. It was there that his mother, sister and himself enjoyed many days years ago observing the tide pools. Many attended and paid their tribute in telling of their experiences with Eric. The local fire department at Emerald Bay had a "drive-by" and then parked their engines and attended the full day. A group of Mini-Cooper club members drove there in a caravan, one from as distant as El Paso, Texas. It was a wonderful event for all of us to picnic, share experiences and to honor our loved son and brother.

That day ended with Chris Allen, another life-long friend of Eric's, giving a white dove to close friends and relatives. These beautiful birds were then released simultaneously to again form a flock, flying in freedom to the south along the Pacific Ocean.

We are grateful for the many tributes to him and for the visits, calls, help and assistance, flowers, cards, memorials to the Riverside City Firefighter's Association (where a memorial fund is established in his name to benefit a burn center in that city) and memorials to other worthy causes.

With much love and appreciation,

*Nickie, Steve and Cathy*



Dear Mini Owners -

Thankyou for attending the event at Emerald Bay - Even though I had tears when you arrived I was so pleased to see you come together. Our Friends and Family were very impressed with all of you and with your cars.

We know Eric enjoyed his short association with you -

Take care of yourselves and take care of Nicole - I'm sure Nicole will keep in contact with you or she will eventually have Eric's Van.

Again thankyou for being a Friend to our Son -

Sincerely,  
Mickie

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A trophy is being made in honor of our friend Eric. It will be the official Eric Lindquist Trophy and will be awarded at the Mini Meet West for the fastest time of the day for long based vehicles, such as vans and mokes. Jeanne Ross, Bob Amaral, and Willie Hugron have volunteered to be in charge of it. If you have any suggestions or would like to help please let one of them know.



# ANGELES CREST POKER RUN

MARCH 14, 1993

Eight Minis (a rather fair turnout) one Honda a Taurus SHO and a Honda motorcycle enjoyed a three hour jaunt in the mountains of L A. The air was crisp in the morning and warm towards the afternoon as we wound our way through Soledad and Sand Canyons enjoying views of some real nice homes and mountain vistas.

Scott Waters was our rallymaster for this one and he did a fine job of mapping out our course. We met at Lloyd's Restaurant at the Intersection of Angeles Crest Hwy and Foothill Blvd. At that point we drew cards toward a Poker Hand and donated five bucks to the "Poker Kitty".

This run was rather leisurely by Mini Run standards and I think that made it a better run all around! There was time to view the scenery and enjoy a bright, sunny day. As Jeanne Ross said — "I was actually able to hold a conversation in the car — without the engine drowning out our voices".

We could not have asked for a better day to enjoy a Sunday drive! After stopping for more cards from the deck we ended up at Hansen Dam recreational complex for lunch. I had never been to Hansen Dam before — it is a real nice park with shade trees and tables and enormous areas for baseball and picnicing.

Jeanne Ross and Tony Swizler ended up sharing the best poker hand with three of a kind — not to mention the sixty dollar pot! Way too go! It was a very enjoyable day. Hope to see you all on the next one! The "Poker Run" aspect was a real good idea and maybe we can work it into future runs. Thanks to Scott Waters for a real enjoyable run through some beautiful areas — not to mention the neat roads!

Bob Amaral

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## RUMORS ABOUND...

I've Heard the following from people that shall remain nameless...

1 - That customs has found out about the MiniCord and has made them stop importing them - This could be why I never heard back from them.

2 - Also, Mini Mania is talking about a fiberglass Mini P/U body with Domino Cars. That would mean a Pimlico front, a bigger cab area, and a typical Mini P/u rear end. All you need is a donor Mini.

More details as they become known!



## A MINI STORY

By Bob Amaral

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As I awaited the upcoming Angeles Crest Poker Run on March 14, I thought it would be fun if I could bring two cars — Yeah! I know — one on each foot! — but seriously folks! My blue car is for sale and that was another reason — a little exposure could not hurt!! A co-worker and longtime friend John Bassar accepted an invitation to drive my blue car while I drove the wagon. His wife Elizabeth joined him for what proved to be a fun day for all of us.

Elizabeth opted to drive from my house to the meeting place (having never driven a Mini before, I might add) and John would take over in the mountains. I told them before we left to follow me and if any minor problems cropped up — just turn on the headlights and we would pull off the freeway together and remedy whatever was wrong.

All seemed to be going quite well when I noted the lights come on behind me. Many things raced through my mind — overheating, a low tire, a miss, sputter, noise, rattle. Some very minor thing, I assured myself!!

We pulled off the freeway and I got out of the car to walk back and cure whatever problem had come up. John met me halfway there and said "The gearshift fell off!" "WHAT??" I asked incredulously!! "I said — 'THE GEARSHIFT FELL OFF!!'"

It was not one of the possibilities that fitted through my mind — but as I approached the car I could see Elizabeth sitting in the driver's seat with a stunned look — holding the entire gearshift lever in her hand. And, written all over her face was "I broke your car — I really broke it!!!"

I knew immediately that the two screws holding down the lever had merely vibrated loose (so that's what all the vibration was about in the lever the last time I drove the car!!!). The scene was hilarious and I almost burst into laughter...but first I had to assure Elizabeth that no permanent damage had been done.

That task taken care of it took us all of two minutes to secure the lever in place — and we were off for a great outing in the mountains. But I will long remember the look of shock in Elizabeth's eyes as she sat there with the shift lever and boot dangling from her hand. Later both John and Elizabeth told me that they had a great time! So did I — and I ended up with a story from it too!!!



# HERE IS AN APPLICATION FOR MINI MEET WEST

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