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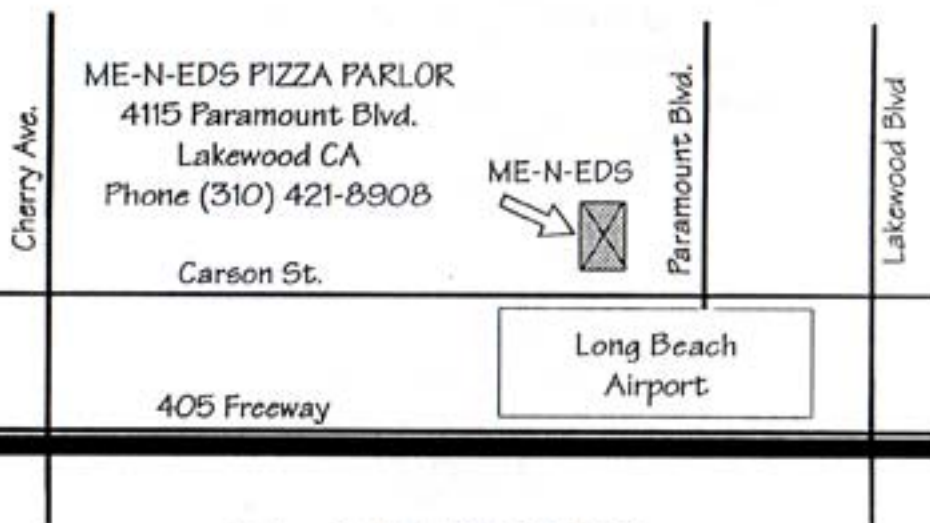
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CLUB NOTES

- Welcome to the first Mini News of 1994! This issue of the Mini News is dedicated to Bob Amaral for his continuing assistance.
- For those of you who don't know... Phil Dawson was elected President at the Christmas party. We all thank Tony for a great couple of years as our former president.
- The calendar is not carved in stone and dates and times may change. Any changes will be printed in later newsletters or you will be notified by postcard.
- If have not already, please send your membership fees so that we can continue to send you a newsletter.
- The Mini News is in need of material, stories, pictures (black & white please), clip art, etc. If you have something that would fit, serious or silly, please send it in.
- Thanks to Bob Amaral, Brad Thornton, and Phil Dawson for their contributions to the Mini News.
- There are still back issues of Mini World available, if you are interested the price is just \$5 and they can be purchased at our monthly club meeting.

-- Classified ads, articles, and all other submissions for the next Mini News are due February 20th. If you have something to go in to the next issue please send it to the club's P O box by that date. If you think it will be late, or would rather, you can fax it to the club's 24 hour fax number.

-- The turn out at our monthly meeting has been phenomenal, If you didn't make it to any meetings last year than you were surely missed, and if you'd like to come out this year we meet at Me N Eds in Lakewood.



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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 30 - Palos Verdes Run. Meet at Harley shop on PCH, Harbor City 9AM.
Picnic lunch. Bob Amaral, Roadmaster.

FEBRAURY

- 6 - Carson Slick Trak. 12 Noon.
16 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.
26 - SCCA Willow Nationals.
27 - Foreign Motorcar Open Air Market. 6:30 AM to 3 PM. Long Beach
Veterans Stadium.

MARCH

- 12-13 - SCCA Holtville Nationals.
16 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.
19 - Charity Classic Car Show. Long Beach.
20 - Idylwild Run. Bruce Brewer, Roadmaster.
27 - Unique Little Car Show. Las Vegas.

APRIL

- 2 - Just For The Fun Of It Car Show. Buena Park.
15-17 - Long Beach Grand Prix.
17 - Woodley All British Car Meet. Woodley Park. For information call Rick
Feibush at
20 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.
24 - Spring Spectacular Classic Car Show - Anaheim.

MAY

- 1 - Cavalcade of Classics Car Show. Bellflower.
7 - Hillside Class Act Car Show - Glendora.
14 - Show & Shine Car Show. Irvine.
18 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.

- 22 - Ventura Raceway Tour - John Bassar.
22 - Deerpark Museum and Vineyards. Escondido, Pete Agle & Brad
Thornton, Roadmasters.
28-30 - SCCA Willow National.

JUNE

- 15 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.
18 - Mount Pinos/Frazier Park Run. Tony Pearson, Roadmaster.
14-16 - East Meets West Mini Fest. Grand Island, Nebraska. For
information call (

JULY

- 17 - Signal Hill Car Show. Long Beach
20 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.
23 - MOA-LA Pool Party. Willy Hugron's Home.

AUGUST

- 17 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.
26-28??? - 35 Year Anniversary Meet. England.

SEPTEMBER

- 3-5 - SCCA Willow National.
18 - Belmont Shores Car Show. Long Beach.
21 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.

OCTOBER

- 8-16 - SCCA Mid Ohio National Runoffs.
19 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.

NOVEMBER

- 16 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.

DECEMBER

- 21 - MOA-LA Monthly Meeting. Me N Eds in Lakewood 7:30 PM.

Words From The New Pres.

First, I would like to thank Tony Swisler for the great job he did as President, I will do my best to carry on the tradition.

Now that the Holidays are over it's time to look forward to a new year. 1993 was great and I think '94 will be even better. Along with the usual activities, we are considering a few new ones including: an overnight run; going to a go-cart school, maybe the one at Willow Springs, Willy is looking into a few; and Larry and I talked about the idea of holding a workshop or two if there is any interest.

I think we need to remember that not every member has a Mini, and some others have Minis in various states of construction. I feel that we should consider their wants and needs a little more. I'd like to see a few more events that don't necessarily require a running Mini, like maybe a picnic or beach party. I also think that workshops would help in this area.

Any other ideas out there? I'd like to hear them - give me a call.

Also, please remember, dues are now overdue. If you haven't paid yet, please take a couple of minutes and send them in.

Phil Dawson

ANGELES CREST RUN



November 21, 1993

On Sunday, November 21st, we had our 2nd Annual Angeles Crest Run. It was supposed to be the Topanga Turkey Run, but because of the fires in that area the roadmasters, Scott Waters and Tony Pearson, decided we would run the Angeles Crest Highway.

We had an interesting show-up, 7 Minis in various shapes and styles, including Mike Tinne's with a blue wheel, a Lotus Elan, a screaming yellow Mazda RX7, and a Suzuki Swift Turbo.

First off, we didn't see much of the lead cars as the Elan was really tearing up the pavement. The best part of the run, for me, was when, on a twisty bit of road, Mike Tinne denied Mike Fazzi a pass by the RX7. The third brake light lit up like a Christmas tree. I don't think Mike Tinne even saw him coming, everything turned out fine. That RX7, wow, what a car...is that the clutch that I smell?

The twisty roads were cut short so we could go to the Route 66 museum/cafe. It was nice to look around, but I believe it is best to pack a lunch, the bug in the sandwich I ordered proved that. The best part about the place was that the Youngs brought out their GTO, washed 4 times in 2 years and not a speck of dust.

I think we'll have to reschedule the Topanga Run soon.

Take Care,

Brad Thornton

1993 YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 1993 started on a note of great sadness. The loss of Eric Lindquist in a tragic accident in January struck the MOALA with shock and sadness. The club came together as one and proposed the Eric Lindquist Spirit Award -- thanks to all who contributed time and effort to this beautiful trophy in remembrance of Eric's spirit and dedication. The award will continue, in years to come, honoring those who exemplify Eric's fine example of humanitarian spirit. The first presentation at the award at Squaw Valley was a very touching moment.

Over the year 1993 the club experienced a host of changes. A new newsletter editor -- thanks Pete for revitalizing the format for Mini News. Also new secretary -- Jeanne Ross -- who is doing a great job! And, last, but not least, a brand new president elect -- Phil Dawson -- who, I am sure, will do a fine job in 1994. Many thanks to Tony Swisler who has guided the club for the past two years and has done a great job through some difficult transitions. Also, thanks Tony, for opening your home to the club for the Christmas party each of the last two years. We all enjoyed your hospitality immensely! (Not to mention the great food!). I would also like to thank Brad Thornton, our past newsletter editor, for all of his hard work keeping up the Mini News.

We also changed our meeting place to Me N Eds Pizza Parlor in Lakewood -- a hand goes out to these people who have treated us well and made us feel welcome in their place of business.

The MOALA (and the Mini itself) has attracted renewed enthusiasm over 1993. Interest and participation at a new high and the club membership has grown in the past year.

We also had some visitors from "across the pond" this past year. A couple from England and a couple from Ireland. It was fascinating to get together with these people and "talk Minis". They were all impressed with our cars and the folks that showed up to make them welcome. I have corresponded with a couple in England who will be here in March 1994 to get together with us for an evening or two. Details to come in future newsletters (I hope I have enough lead time to get it together for a newsletter announcement!).

There were a few new events last year -- One outstanding run was the Angeles Crest Highway Run in March (it was so good we repeated it in November). Thanks to Scott Waters and Tony Pearson for their hard work in putting these two excellent runs together.

There were also many car shows last year (not just "British or Mini only") like Belmont Shores Car Show, St. John Bosco, Signal Hill, Shoreline and the Perennial Woodley Park and Del Mar (both different in their own what this tome around).

Many of our long-standing runs enjoyed renewed interest and participation this year -- Palos Verdes Run, Fallbrook, Idylwild, etc. etc. All of the runs went well and were thoroughly enjoyed by attendees. But the Granddaddy of them all was Mini Meet West in Squaw Valley. That was some meet EH!! Not enough can be said for all the hard work and planning that went into this meet by the MOASF. It was a great meet guys & girls!! You all did a fine job.

Thanks go out to all the roadmasters of last year's events. It was a blast on each and every run to get together and enjoy the best group of enthusiasts I know. Hopefully 1994 will be as good (IF NOT BETTER) than 1993. Make it happen -- join in -- have a blast in '94. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT EVENT!! HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Bob Amaral



IN MEMORIUM

On December 13, 1993, Courtney Cohen, the only child of members Phil & Sue Cohen passed away. Courtney had been diagnosed with Leukemia only 13 days earlier. She was 15 years old.

You may have met Courtney at the Lion Country Safari Car Show last June, her dad had bought her a Mini just two days earlier. She was so excited. She cleaned and polished that car all day long, and it paid off. She won 2nd place in the mini class being bested only by the Mega-bucks Super Mini of Kurt Owen. Her youthful exuberance was a delight, and our youngest member will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Phil and Sue.



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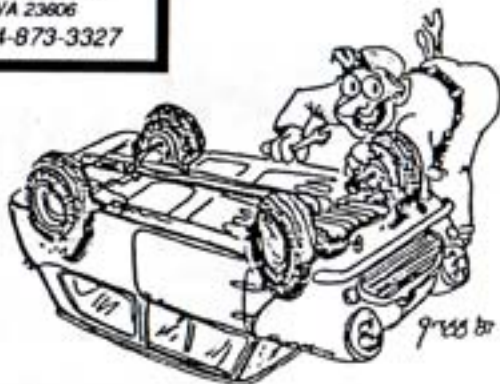
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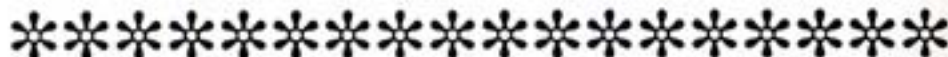
1993's Christmas party at Tony's was an extremely successful event -- attracting approximately 35 people for an evening of GREAT FOOD and lively conversation. The Italian Job was run (it was sorely missed last year) and another tape copied in the wee hours of the AM that may become a yearly tradition -- it was a great tape from a BBC series called "The Power and The Glory" (Four episodes) which included some brief, but really neat, footage of Minis along with Italian Grand Prix -- German Grand Prix (early days and domination) -- and English reliability trials and graduation into full-on English rallying in the early years of TC's and TD's up through the Killer Bees.

Scott Waters is currently selling copies of this tape for those in the club that might want them. Bring along a pittance and invest in this great tape at our next meeting.

Back to the party in general!!! This year Tony had a friend "smoke" two turkeys for the party. These birds were incredible. I have never tasted better turkeys anywhere!! All of the attendees brought delicious side dishes to go with the great turkey (and a honeybaked ham too!!). The party went from 7:30 through midnight and everyone seemed to have a great time -- either watching the videos or "talking Mini". We even had an election for president!!! Imagine that -- a real live election for El presidente -- and I wish him luck (and patience) in his new job. I came in second (in a field of two) and must admit to a twinge of disappointment followed swiftly by a long sigh of relief!

Anyway -- the party was great-- thanks again Tony for your unmatched hospitality. And thanks to Jeanne Ross and my wife Dean for all your hard work helping to get this party together -- you both helped enormously to make the party the success that it was. SEE YOU ALL ON THE NEXT RUNI.....

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