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# 2002 MOALA Events

Unofficial Events in *Italics*

## February

- 20-Monthly Meeting
- 24- Lewis / Otis Chandler Auto Collection (Dennis Cooper)

## March

- 20-Monthly Meeting
- 23 - Fallbrook / Jim Hall Racing School AM \$125-\$150

## April

- 5-7-GoodGuys Del Mar Rod & Custom Nationals @ Del Mar Fair Grounds Information
- 5-7-Palm Springs Car Classic - Auction, Cruise, Concourse Information
- 12-14-Tovota Grand Prix of Long Beach Information
- 17-Monthly Meeting
- 19-21-SEMA 2002 International Auto Salon @ Long Beach Convention Center Information
- 21-Dennis Cooper Tour / Woodlyn
- 28-Bell Gardens Classic Car & Truck Show Information

## May

- 5-Strawberry Sunday Funfest Classic Car Show @ Orange County Market Place Information (949) 723-6663
- 15-Monthly Meeting
- 19-Woodlyn / Dennis Cooper Tour

## June

- 19-Monthly Meeting
- 22 -Inland Run TBA (Cherry Run / Whittier Run / Orange County Hills)
- 23-Top Banana Classic Car Show @ Orange County Market Place Information

## July

- 17-Monthly Meeting
- 20-Braille Rally
- ?-Pool Party (Jim or Bob)

## August

- 21-Monthly Meeting
- 22-25-MMW2002
- 25-Endless Summer Classic Car Show @ Orange County Market Place Information
- 31-Sep 2 Great Labor Day Cruise XVII @ Orange County Fair Grounds Information

## September

- 18-Monthly Meeting
- 19-22-Stater Brothers Route 66 Rendezvous @ Downtown San Bernardino Information
- 22-Belmont Shores Street Show
- 28-Crusin' For a Cure @ Orange County Fairgrounds Information, Call Roger

## October

- 13-San Diego English Car Meet
- 16-Monthly Meeting

## November

- 20-Monthly Meeting
- 24-Turkey Run

## December

- 7-Christmas Party

## Ongoing:

### Monthly

*Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet Information*

*Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show @ Long Beach Veterans Stadium Information*

[www.toppingevents.com](http://www.toppingevents.com)

*San Diego Auto Swap & Show - Information*

[www.carsnet.com](http://www.carsnet.com)

### Weekly

#### Sunday

*HUNTINGTON BEACH - John's Philly Grille - Information*

#### Tuesday

*COVINA-Danny's Kosher Pickle Restaurant & Deli, 402 N. Azusa Ave. - Information*

*Peter Piper Pizza, 1459 N. Citrus Ave. Information (626) 966-3930*

*GLENDAL- Eat Well Restaurant, 1013 S. Brand Blvd Information*

*LAKE FOREST-Fuddrucker's, 23621 El Toro Road Information*

#### Wednesday

*ANAHEIM-Sonic Drive-in - Information*

*COVINA-IR's Italian Pizza & Sports, 904 N. Citrus Infor-*

*DOWNEY-Frisco's Drive-in, Woodruff & Washburn*

#### Thursday

*COVINA-Beach Side Cafe, 1319 N. Grand Information*

*FOUNTAIN VALLEY - Hamburger Hanks, 9121 Garfield Information*

*FULLERTON-Giovanni's, Harbor Blvd & Imperial Highway Information*

#### Friday

*GARDEN GROVE-Main Street Car Show - Information*

#### Saturday

*HUNTINGTON BEACH-Donut Derelicts, Corner of Magnolia & Adams 6:00am to 8:30am*

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGES



## Meeting Place and Time

Our club meets at 7:30pm at Me 'N' Eds Pizza every third Wednesday of the month.

Me 'N' Eds Pizza  
4115 Paramount Blvd.  
Lakewood, CA



## PALOS VERDES TOUR -JANUARY 19, 2002

The Palos Verdes tour. I have not been on one for 4 years and was anxiously anticipating this one. Arriving at about 8:45 a.m. on Saturday I spotted Chris Traver's Mini on the back edge of the Ports O Call parking area. It was brisk. No; chilly. No; it was downright cold. The sun however was beginning to creep up over the horizon and it promised to be, at the least, a pretty decent day. As it turned out, it was a lovely day in the end.

First stop was at the "Friendship Bell" overlooking Point Vicente park at the tip of the PV Peninsula. It was still cool -- but only cool -- by the time we got there. The bell and the park surrounding it had changed from the last time I was there. They have landscaped and poured some cement and generally spruced the place up. It looked great.

Then we motored up PV Dr East (my favorite) and over the hill through beautiful vistas and homes and castles and mansions and every kind of architecture you could imagine. I have been on the PV run a dozen times and it never ceases to amaze me how many absolutely drop-dead gorgeous houses are along every route. We had a rest stop at our usual cul-de-sac area that overlooks the whole of the coastline from PV to the Santa Monica Mountains and it turned out that it was clear enough to see them.

We also had a short rest stop at Wayfarers Chapel (sometimes known as The Glass Church). That has changed radically since I last saw it. A whole new visitor's center has been built there and the landscaping is now impeccable -- a beautiful place to see. I have always enjoyed it there. I have visited many times and it is always a regular stop on the PV Mini tour. There is nothing like stopping there on a summers night when there is a string quartet practicing there as the sun drops into the ocean. It is pretty spectacular.

Before I end this I must mention one of the cars on the run. It was a beautiful Downton prepared white and green Mini that was driven by Steve (sorry Steve -- your last name escapes me at the moment) and it was a beautiful as some of the architecture along the route. New body shell painted white with a dark green top -- roll cage matching the green paint on the top and the Minilite wheels -- all leather interior -- beautifully carpeted and appointed interior -- wood dash with full instrumentation, including a clock -- 1340 dual-port fuel injected engine with a cam and roller rockers; I could go on. Like I said -- it was gorgeous.

The ride was great -- the weather turned out beautiful; the participants were happy, happy, happy (11 cars partaking and about 20 people or so) and (as Emeril would say) BAM !!! -- we had a great time. Thanks Chris for being roadmaster and guiding us safely through the twists and turns. I had a bunch of fun. Sure is great to be back home.

Drive safe --- Bob Amaral

(Pictures on next page.)

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## January MOALA Meeting

-January 16, 2002

I thought this meeting was fabulous. OK; so you guys are used to having 45 people and 12 Minis at a meeting. Well -- I am not. It was the most well-attended meeting I have been to since I returned from the Bay Area. Lets just say that we did not have that many at our meetings up there. The club there is struggling a bit -- they will get it together. They have a few involved people and (from what I have heard) Crazy Mike Kimball is joining forces to help out in the San Francisco area. I really do wish them luck bringing it all together.

Enough about the north side of things. The January meeting had a few more things going for it. We collected about 46 bucks towards MMW in August (every little bit helps) with drawings for Mini-related trinkets. I even won a matchbox Mini -- HOO-YA ! Speaking of MMW -- it was discussed at length and things are moving ahead steadily, if a bit slowly. Things are coming together. We are waiting on final agreement with the hotel and the Orange County Fairgrounds.

Also -- speaking of MMW -- please make an effort to get your dues in. As I have already mentioned; every little bit helps and we sure could use every members dues paid to get things rolling in the financial department.

Another thing that made the meeting "special" was that Steve Brysting (a longtime member of the club) brought his brand new 2002 Mini to the meeting. Yes, I know they are not supposed to be out until March. Well Steve found a way. It was red with a white top -- the Cooper model (not the S) and it was pretty impressive to see it in person alongside the classic Minis. Several people took it for a drive and they were all favorably impressed. For those of you who shun the BMW version -- get over it. It certainly will never "morph" into a classic Mini but it is definitely a well-engineered small car that can carry the Mini name into the future with a good deal of panache. I like to call it the "neo-Mini" -- a term stolen from the editor of the Oregon Mini Society's newsletter. It kind of fits, doesn't it?

So if you stayed away from the meeting -- you missed out. Never can tell what exciting things are going to go on when you miss a meeting. It's always something, however. So -- next month -- get it in gear and show up!!!!

Drive Save -- Bob Amaral

## The Prez Sez

MOALA is starting the year with a full plate. Our January run in Palos Verde was well attended. Our road master Chris Travers has perfected this run to perfection. No one got lost or broke down and everyone had a great time. This made for a successful run.

We have a very busy year ahead of us many new events in addition to being the sponsors of MINI MEET WEST 2002 (MMW). MMW will be held at the Orange County Market Place on August 22-25, 2002. Most of the events will be held at the same place on Friday and Saturday. We have no idea what the new MINI will do in terms of attendance. MINI USA will be there and we anticipate having the new MINI available. We are looking for financial sponsors of events, sponsors to donate door prizes, and goody bag items. If you would like to participate in the planning or running MMW please email Chris Travers or myself, tell us which area you would like to help especially if you have an area of expertise. If you know vendors who would like to attend let us know. We have a special Mini Meet West web sites they are Mini Meet West.com or MOALA.org-MMW. The MMW flyer will be available on line at MOALA.org/MMW/resources/MMW/poster.PDF. We would like to make this the best MMW ever.

The March 23 Jim Hall Racing School Class was sold out in January. They are taking back up positions. Denis Cooper has made special arrangements for us to visit the Otis Chandler Museum in Camarillo on March 30. This is the first time MOALA has ever been invited. Please make it a point to attend. It is free. If you are animal sensitive you are being warned there is a room full of stuffed animals from his hunting expeditions.

Our meetings continue to be breaking attendance records. At the last meeting several members approached me and asked if we should consider a larger location. If we get to that point we can take over the front portion of Me & Eds.

See you at the meeting and runs.

Your President,

Willy Hugron



## February MOALA Meeting

-February 20, 2002

Quite an impressive turnout at the meeting - Over 50 people were there to hear some details on MMW 2002. For those not there -- the event is being held at the The Marketplace at the Orange County Fairgrounds August 22-25. (Note: for some technical reason it is taboo to call the place the Orange County Fairgrounds without mentioning the words "The Marketplace at" -- we would not want to get spanked for "dissing" the official title would we? -- Hmmmm let me consider that a moment.) There are also two hotels in the running to become the "official" hotel. For such a privilege we should just give it to the first hotel to come up with, say, \$100,000.00? That should decide it! (Yes, I'm kidding -- bribes of any kind will be considered!). The meet, apparently, is coming together rather splendidly according to all reports. There are a few things that YOU could help with. Are there any businesses that you can think of that would either . . .

- A. donate goodies for our raffle or goodie bags . . .
- B. Sponsor an event
- C. Offer their services --- Printing our program? -- Supply sellable items? (like coffee cups, tee shirts, hats, key fobs, trophies, ribbons, catering -- etc.)

If you do have ANY suggestions for the committee -- contact Willy or Chris by e-mail -- they are on the newsletter. Do it NOW however -- because times awastin. To get back to the meeting -- Ron Williams brought his Mini to the meeting. A Clubman with a 1.3 liter turbocharged 16v Suzuki dual overhead cam engine with a Garrett T-28 turbo and a Metro 5-speed trans. Whooooooeeeeee!!!!

Several people were heard singing it's praises in the parking lot after going for a short thrill ride with Ron (like "incredibly quiet, and very, very faaaaaaast!!!!"). If you want to see it (without going to a meeting, that is) turn to Page 54 in the March, 2002 Mini World Magazine. Ron claims to be running in the high 11's at the drag strip consistently and says that if he does not get into the turbo (like that ever happens) he can get about 45 mpg with the car.

So next meeting --- BE THERE --- never can tell what will turn up.

Drive Safe ----- Bob Amaral



## MINI OWNERS OF AMERICA-LOS ANGELES

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### MINIS OWNED

Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Make \_\_\_\_\_  
Model \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: You do not have to own a Mini to join. You just have to love them.)

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

**\$20 annually for individual Membership**

**\$25 annually for Family membership**

Dues are required during the month of January every year. New members joining after January may prepay their membership fees as follows:

Individual - \$1.70 (12 months)

Family - \$2.10 (12 months)

Please list the names that you would like included for the Family membership:

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