

the **Mini News**

April 2002

Special Mini Meet West 2002 Edition



August 22-25
at the **Orange County Fairgrounds**
Costa Mesa, Calif.

Info: @www.moala.org/MMW (new MINIs welcome too!)

Concours/People's Choice Car Show | Auto Cross | Funkana | Rallye & More!

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The Pres Sez,

The club and its members continue to be very active with events, standing room only meetings and MINI MEET WEST preparations. In the last month we had a sold out class at Jim Hall Racing School and a tour of the Otis Chandler Museum. The real treat was to meet and talk to Otis Chandler himself. His collection was very impressive and worth the drive. This was the first time this year the museum was opened and the first time MOALA ever attended. Thank you Denis Cooper for making all the arrangements.

Make sure you regularly visit the MOALA.org as David Haight is constantly improving the web site. We have added a FAQ section to help serve the membership and inquiries. David has also added MINI MEET WEST links to the web site. We thank and appreciate all of David's webmaster work.

In this issue you will find a MINI MEET WEST application for registration. We encourage everyone to register now to obtain a free tee shirt and avoid late registration fees. It will also help in planning the event. If you have any sponsors you would like to solicit for MMW please let Chris Travers or myself know so we can log the name and avoid more than one person contacting them from the club. The first person to register a company or name will be the contact person. We are looking for a few major corporate sponsors to help under write some of the cost to run the meet. We want to be able to provide lunches and have each event be first class for your enjoyment. The Atrium Hotel has been secured and so has the Orange County Market Place for MINI MEET WEST 2002.

We still have several members who still have not paid the dues for the year. We would really like your support please bring your dues up to date.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings, runs and MINI MEET WEST.

Sincerely,

Willy Hugron
MOALA President

Editor's Ramblings

In case you haven't noticed --- I have returned!!! Yes. Those nasty rumors that you heard have come true. I am returning to the fold as newsletter editor once again. Are you not horrified!

I would like to first take this opportunity to thank Alex Singer for taking over as MOALA newsletter editor while I was running around with the MOASF group. It was a lot of fun in the Bay Area -- but it is just wonderful to be home again. Everywhere you go there are Mini Nuts who are great people and fun to be with. The Bay Area was no exception. And - the roads - well I got spoiled. Five minutes from my house were roads to die for. But I am back in the Southland ready to take on the duties of the MOALA newsletter editor -- looking forward to it, actually.

My first order of business is to get some of you to contribute your hard-earned shekels into the coffers of none other than MOALA. Willy mentioned that we have some folks who are not "up to date" on their dues. Please check the newsletter label on this piece of mail and it will tell you what our records say is your last year of paid membership. If you feel that the year is incorrect please contact Chris Thornton and we will correct the error. If you feel that the year shown is correct and it is not 2002 -- PLEASE submit your dues for this year so that we can bolster our treasury for a countless number of things that need to be paid for in advance.

Also -- it would not hurt to register NOW for MMW 2002 -- that will enable us to get a little ahead of the game and take care of a very long list of obligations facing us. We want to have a first rate meet with all the bells and whistles and you can be of some help by registering as early as possible. There is a registration form in this newsletter.

THAT IS IT -- I HAVE BUGGED YOU LONG ENOUGH about money. It is a necessary evil, however, and I have said my piece on it.

Willy mentioned the Otis Chandler tour put together by Dennis Cooper. I knew that Otis was a collector of beautiful cars but I did not expect to actually meet him. He spent a couple of hours there talking to everyone about the cars and he seemed like a real down to earth guy. He certainly loves the automobile in all shapes and forms. The motorcycle collection was also a surprise -- a really nice experience. If you ever get a chance to go there -- do it. The next time it will be open is the Saturday before Father's day this year. I know that it is not often available to the general public.

This is a long editor's rambling. It will be shorter in the future. I hope to see you all at future meetings and events.

Take Care -- Drive Safe
Bob Amaral



Event dates August 22 - 25, 2002

Welcome to Mini Meet West 2002,

Mini Meet West 2002 offers a most unique opportunity for you and your group. Every year, the Western United States celebrates one of the most loved automobiles of all time, the Austin and Morris Minis. This year the event will be located in Costa Mesa California, the Center of Orange County, just minutes from Disneyland and Newport Beach. Nearby South Coast Plaza offers some of the greatest shopping in the country, and it is just a Mini trip up the highway to Los Angeles, Hollywood and the great attractions that the greater Los Angeles region offers. This vacation destination combined with the introduction of the newest edition of the Mini should guarantee one of the largest events of all time.

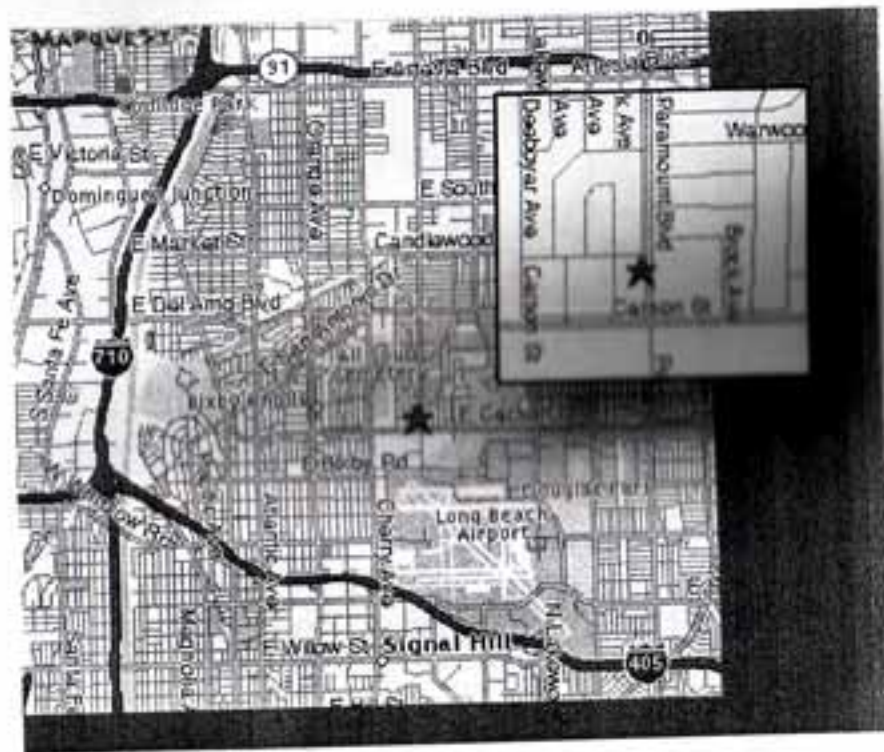
Our location is quite unique for a Mini Meet. The Orange County Market Place (located within the Orange County Fairgrounds) attracts thousands high-energy people every weekend of the year, drawn by hundreds of unique vendors selling a myriad of goods and food. Unlike most other events of this type, Mini Meet West 2002 will provide the chance for these people to have the opportunity to see this year's event on Saturday and Sunday, many seeing the Mini for the first time. These lovable creations of Sir Alec Issigonis are always the center of attention wherever they are, bringing smiles to everybody's face. All registered participants for our event will likewise receive free passes to the Orange County Market Place.

The Fair Grounds themselves offer some special events that the whole family will enjoy. There is a working farm complete with all of the animals that the kids will have a tour of. A unique automotive museum that will be open for our pleasure, the Indian Powwow will also be taking place along with other great events. Log on to the web site for the Market Place at www.ocmarketplace.com and see for yourself.

Our headquarters location will be the Atrium Hotel in Irvine. The Atrium is conveniently located within walking distance from the passenger terminal of John Wayne airport. We have arranged a special group room rate beginning at \$88 per night at this fantastic location and it is only minutes from the Market Place. Log on to their web site at www.atriumhotel.com for more details. Remember to mention Mini Meet West when you make your plans to get the special room rate.

The MOALA web site at www.moala.org can also fill you in on most other details and link you to many other web sites to help make this a most enjoyable time for all. The excitement level is running high, so please mark your calendar for August 22-25 for this event. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are also available with information listed on the MOALA web site. Lets together, make this the largest and best event of its kind ever. Chris Travers - Vice President, MOALA

Don't forget the meetings



Me & Ed's Pizza
4115 Paramount Blvd.
Lakewood, California
EVERY 3rd WEDNESDAY
7:30pm



New MINI bolsters BMW Sales in U.S.

The following paragraph was taken from a story in the business section of the Orange County Register that talked about new car sales in the U.S.

BMW of North America reported its best March ever. Sales of its cars and trucks, including 787 of its MINI brand vehicles made available in the United States on March 22 for the first time in 35 years, rose 23.1 percent compared with March 2001.



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Who to direct your questions or information to...

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PROJECT	LEADER
Registration	Randy Bragman
Model Contest Pins - Dash Plaques Awards	Marly Egler
Advertising- Program Group Photo Photo Contest	Bob Ararat
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Banquet Coordinator	Cathy Hight / Willy Hugron
Merchandise	Eric Singer
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Facilities Manager (Vendors / Swap Meet Camping)	Mike Wish
Funkahana	Jim Kater
Give Away Bags Regalia Bags	Bob Ararat / Marly Egler Grahan Reid
RC Car Races	Mike Spangler
Kid's Activities	Mike & Megan
Hospitality	Ken & Barbara Reid

EVENTS SCHEDULE

	Thursday 8/22	Friday 8/23	Saturday 8/24	Sunday 8/25
			events subject to change	
6:00am			Cruisin' Donut Derelicts 6:00AM	
8:00am		Registration @ Market Place	Registration @ Market Place	
		Vendors & Swap Meet Dyno Time Autocross	Free Entry to the Orange County Market Place Dyno Time	Free Entry to the Orange County Market Place Rally
8:30am			Vendors & Swap Meet	
9:00am			Car Wash	
			Concourse	
			Kid's Events & tour of the Farm	
NOON		Lunch @ Market Place	Lunch @ Market Place	
1:00pm		Funkahana	Car Museum	End of Rally
2:00pm		RC Races		
3:00pm	Registration Social Time Photo & Model Viewing @ Host Hotel			
4:00pm			Group Photo	
5:00pm				
7:00pm		Social Time - END OF PHOTO & MODEL CONTEST @ Host Hotel	Banquet & Awards	

The VARA British Extravaganza Sponsored by Moss Motors May 4th and 5th 2002

The Event: A weekend long program of Vintage Racing featuring British, European and American sports and racing cars from Pre-war to the 80s.

A laid-back weekend of tire kicking, bench racing, BBQ eating and the now infamous Kareoke night of song and laughter. For the more adventuresome there are lunchtime track drives, a funkhana and on Sunday you are invited to participate in a popular choice car show. The intent of this event is to give the local car clubs a place to congregate and compare notes. Bring your banners, registration tables and picnics.

Features: Sports Car Raffle: This year a 1960 Bugeye Sprite will be raffled with all proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Club.

British Feature Races: Mini/Sprite Challenge, MG/Triumph Challenge.

Large Pre-War Contingent: Both vintage racers and historically correct vehicles have been invited to participate in what has become one of the biggest Pre-War events in the country. Many thanks to the Morgan Three Wheeler crowd for promoting this exciting aspect of the event.

Funkhana: The Croquet game and the Balancing Act, brought to you by the Bakersfield British Car Club.

People's Choice Car Show: Lots of trophies and prizes.

BBQ and Kareoke: Saturday evening, lots to eat and drink under the stars.

Where: Buttonwillow Race Track ——— BE THERE!!!



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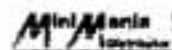



The new MINI at the Donut Derelicts meeting on Saturday last week was brought by gotmini.com who is in the business of selling accessories for the car.



MINCOMP Auto Racing Services

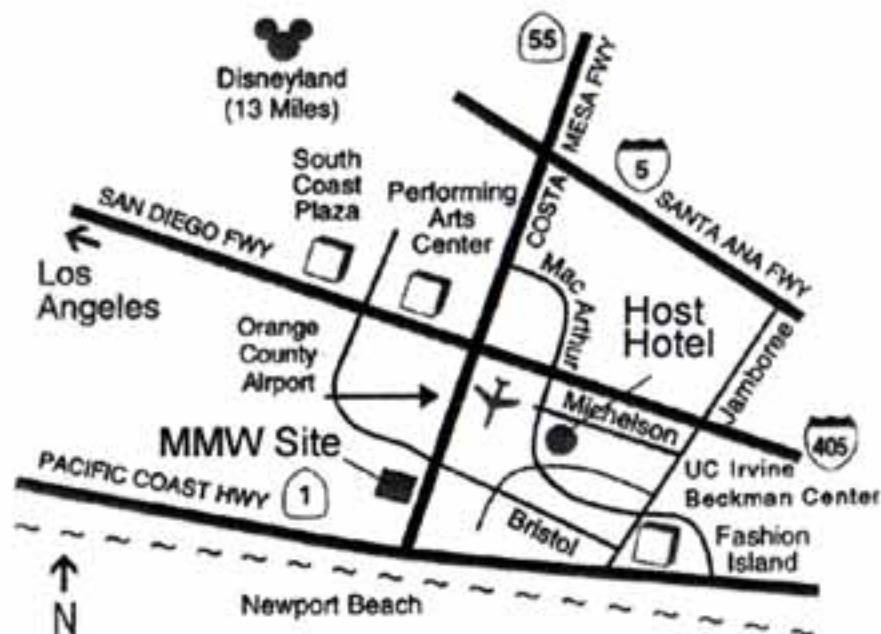
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Irvine, CA 92612-1478
949-833-2770

Reservations: 800-854-3012
[www.atriumhotel.com](http://www atriumhotel.com)

You must mention MiniMeetWest to get our group discount of \$88.00 per night.

2002 Events

April

17-Monthly Meeting

19-21-SEMA 2002 International Auto Salon @Long Beach Convention Center

Info

28-Bell Gardens Classic Car & Truck Show Info.

May

4-Bay City at the Beach @Long Beach Marine Stadium Info. (714) 846-8361 or (562) 498-7134

5-Strawberry Funfest Classic Car Show @Orange County Market Place Info. (949) 723-8663

4-5 VARA/Moss Motors British Extravaganza @ Buttonwillow - Sprite/Mini Challenge

Info. |

11-Long Beach K-9 Officers Association @Gemrig Park, Long Beach Info. (562) 432-0901

15-Monthly Meeting

19-Woodlyn / Dennis Cooper Tour

June

2-9-16-23-30 Crisin' Brea Weekly events Info.

19-Monthly Meeting

22 -Inland Run TBA (Cherry Run / Whittier Run / Orange County Hills)

23-Top Banana Classic Car Show @Orange County Market Place Info. (949) 723-8663

July

17-Monthly Meeting

20-Braille Rally

7-Pool Party

August

21- NO MONTHLY MEETING – GO TO MINI MEET WEST!

22-25-MMW2002 @Orange County Market Place Info. @ moala.org

25-Endless Summer Classic Car Show @Orange County Market Place Info.

31-Sep 2 Great Labor Day Cruise XVII @Orange County Fair Grounds Info.

September

8-Belmont Shores Street Show

18-Monthly Meeting

19-22-Stater Brothers Route 66 Rendezvous @ Downtown San Bernardino

Info.

28-Crusin' For a Cure @ Orange County Fairgrounds Info. Call Roger (949) 588 8777

www.crusinforacure.com

October

13-San Diego English Car Meet

16-Monthly Meeting

November

20-Monthly Meeting

24-Turkey Run

December

7-Christmas Party

**Official MOALA
Events are listed in
bold print. Other
events are listed for
your information**

Ongoing Events & Cruises:

Monthly

Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet Information

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

Info

San Diego Auto Swap & Show - Info.

www.carsnet.com

Weekly

Sunday-HUNTINGTON BEACH-John's Philly Grille -

Info. |

www.hotrodcruiases.com

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

Info. |

Peter Piper Pizza, 1459 N. Citrus Ave. Info.

GLENDAL- Eat Well Restaurant, 1013 S. Brand Blvd Info. |

LAKE FOREST-Fuddrucker's, 23621 El Toro Road Info. (94

Wednesday-ANAHEIM-Sonic Drive-in - Info.

COVINA-JR's Italian Pizza & Sports, 904 N. Citrus Info. |

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

Thursday-COVINA-Beach Side Cafe, 1319 N. Grand

Info. |

FOUNTAIN VALLEY - Hamburger Hanks, 9121 Garfield Info. |

FULLERTON-Giovanni's Harbor Bl. & Imperial Highway Info.

Friday-GARDEN GROVE-Main Street Car Show - Info. |

Saturday-HUNTINGTON BEACH-Donut Derelicts, Corner of Magnolia & Adams

6:00am to 8:30am

LAKEWOOD-Fuddrucker's, Clark Ave at Candlewood 5:00pm

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE