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New MINI MANGLED at April Meeting

Story & Photos by MOALA roving reporter David Haight

Mark E. is a guy that loves cars. In fact it's his business. He created a custom new Beetle conversion called the "Bugster" which was a neat little roadster! So you can imagine how excited he was with the new MINI coming out. An opportunity to develop a new product, based on a non-rusty MINI! So he stayed up late the night before the monthly MOALA meeting getting his newest project ready. He came up with a clever RC model, using the BMW RC car that the dealers are now selling. I think it's a great looking concept!

With daylight savings in effect, the post meeting parking lot action was already jumping when he showed up. New members, new cars, Minis pulling into the lot -dodging slow moving SUVs to snag all the parking spots. He set his new toy down and flipped all the switches to fire it up. And it was off around the lot. (All MOALA members have to sign a release when they join, that allows them to be used as RC Pylons at any MOALA event! :-)) ... There were so many Minis at the meeting, 20 or so, that people had to cruise both front and back lots looking for a place to park. Little did Mark know that all would come to a bad end shortly! Club Member Kenny R. (now know as Kenny the MINI killer) pulled into the lot driving some Rice Burning Blah Box. The sun was in his eyes... Mark panicked as he flipped the controls trying to duck the killer Rice Burner. There was a loud CRUNCH! The crowd let out a collective OOOOH NOOOO! The little guy was road kill! The first new MINI destroyed in the USA!

"Kenny the MINI killer" offered up the same explanation Mini owners have heard so many times before. "It was so small. I just didn't see it!..." Hmmm. Kenny is English, owns a Classic mini... we wonder. Payback? Naww! Mark shrugged it off with a typical Mini owners reply, "Hey, no sweat! It'll be back on the road tomorrow!" Of course Mark is capable of building just about anything on wheels! He was driving one of his two Bug-eyed Sprites, on which he did a full restoration.

With MiniMeetWest in the works, and

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Mark displays his crunched MINI -- he is sure to have it repaired and on the road in short order.

The Prez Sez . . .

We continue to have standing room only meetings. Since we have been selling out of magazines at meetings, the magazine order has been increased to better serve the membership. We even are starting to have new members who own the NEW MINI.

MINI Meet West 2002 is developing well. MINI USA and a few others have agreed to be sponsors. We are still pursuing more sponsors to make this a great MMW.

MOALA was invited to a go-kart Enduro race last month at Apex RaceTrack at Lake Perris. The race consisted of 6 karts with four drivers each racing for four hours. The Karts were not as nice or fast as Jim Hall Racing's School but still were well worth the experience. We only had one MOALA four-man team who entered the event. I was on a team with Jim Keeter and his Godson. We unfortunately started with a slow kart. We eventually were able to change karts and race more competitively. Had we started with the second kart we would have placed. If the opportunity ever arises again I highly encourage and recommend this experience. Each winning team was awarded a bottle of Champaign at the podium and given their respective trophy.

There are several events coming up in the next few months. Please refer to the web site, newsletter and meeting announcements for details. The May event will be an open house at Denis Cooper's collection. The June event will be the Big Bear Run. Several of us may make it a weekend. The July event will be the Braille Rallye. We would like to see a large attendance for the Braille Rallye.

Chris Travers and I are finishing our officer terms this year. The club is very healthy and is ready for new talent to take the club to new levels. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow personally by participating in your club. If you would like to volunteer or would like to nominate a candidate please bring it to our attention. We will still be around to support the new officers if needed. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

If you would like to help with Mini Meet West 2002 please contact Chris Travers or myself?

Look forward to seeing you at the meetings and events.

Willy Hugron

Editor's Ramblings

Hello again! Time is really flying by like crazy. Hope that you all are priming your favorite car for MMW 2002 in August. If our meetings are any indication of the interest in Minis -- we are in for a really fantabulous meet.

At the last meeting we had over 70 people and over 20 Minis (including a new, purchased in America MINI whose owner joined the club). We are moving inexorably towards the meet with very high expectations.

I have received word that sponsorship has been given a boost by Mini USA and that USA dealers are interested in "kickin in" a bit of booty also. Advertising for the program is moving, rather slowly, but moving nonetheless. I am fielding calls with questions about sponsorship and prizes for the goodie bags and vendors and the swap meet. Things seem to be progressing towards the inevitable abyss.

On a new subject, I recently drove the Cooper S version of the new MINI and was very favorably impressed at its power and handling. The folks at Long Beach BMW-MINI gave me the opportunity to drive the car briefly. It really does feel quite "solid" and the driver's seat surprised me with very good side support. Controls were conveniently located and driving position was quite satisfactory. I would really like a day or two to "sort out" the handling (preferably on a mountain road) but as far as I went -- it was pretty flat in the corners. The acceleration was also quite sufficient. All in all a very favorable impression for a first ride.

It is really strange to go to a "MINI Dealer" here in the US. It is worth a visit just for the realization that they actually do exist.

So -- get ready -- MMW is coming -- Send in your dues or register for the meet -- it is not too early to do so.

Drive Safe -- Take care -- Bob Amaral

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The Southern MOALA Bunch is Operating

Story & Photo by John Kure - So-Cal Correspondent

On Sunday, April 7, mini owners of North San Diego County met to develop a plan of activities. There were more than 50 San Diego people who had been identified as having owned or wanted to own a mini. A.J. Ashley of Escondido and Gary Roberts of Temecula have been serving as the prime coordinators of this group for more than a year. It seemed to them natural to help everyone enjoy shared outings.

The sixteen participants who gathered at Mike and Meagan Spangler's in San Marcos decided to encourage all mini people to attend the first Friday night of each month's Street Car Show in Escondido as a regular schedule activity. There, at least one additional driving outing each month would be decided upon and announced to the known owners.

Subsequently, seven appeared at the street show, the attendees chose their next activity to be the Rolling British Car Show hosted by the San Diego British Car Council. SDBCC are also the sponsors of the Fallbrook Show each October.

Eight minis each a different color drove from North San Diego to Coronado for the start of a nearly 200 mile eat-drive-eat-event with 70 or more Rolls Royces, Triumphs, MG's, A-H's, and Jaguars. The photo shows all eight of the Minis that

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Coming Attractions . . .

Be sure to "tune in" next issue for a report on the Moss Motors Extravaganza at Buttonwillow. It was a great event put on with the expertise that Moss always demonstrates at these kinds of things. Lots of interesting stuff at this one.

See you in the funny pages
Ed.



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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MOALA MEMBERS FROM YOUR HEAD HONCHOS...

As we approach the mid point of our 5th year in office, we look back and are quite pleased with the way the club has grown and matured. The rumors of a new Mini introduction have helped to fuel a "growth spurt" that we are still enjoying. With club meetings now averaging over 40 people, they are getting large enough that talk has even surfaced of planning for a larger meeting spot some day. Participation at events is at an all time high and the upcoming Mini Meet West 2002 promises to be nothing short of a full out blast. Yes, the state of MOALA is good and we are a healthy club with the greatest members on earth.

As good as this all sounds (and believe us, it is), it is time to make some changes. Your President and Vice President/Treasurer are getting tired. We want to enjoy driving our cars too. Yes, it's time for us to step down. With a club so rich in talent and energy, we are confident that all will be just fine. We could not have accomplished as much as we have without the great support of the other officers, staff and volunteers that have helped with runs, events and a full measure of participation. In fact with continued team work, an injection of new energy can bring us to the next level.

Something interesting was uncovered just the other day. That something is our club By-Laws. Yes, we do have a few rules that we need to live by to retain our non-profit status, etc. These By-laws provide for annual elections, which we have loosely but legally followed. It is time to review these By-Laws and make a few changes and additions to the amendments. This is necessary to bring these By-Laws up to date with the current operating needs of MOALA in the year 2002 and beyond.

Our next two club meetings will be important for all of us. We need as many current, dues paying members in attendance so that we can do something that is rare for us...we need to take care of business. Copies of the By-Laws will be available at the May 15 meeting for all to have. Proposals for amendments will be presented and suggestions will be listened to. Any member not able to attend this meeting can obtain a copy of these By-Laws by requesting them via e-mail at spokesniff@covad.net or by sending a written request to the club P.O. box. During the following meeting, June 19, we will then have final discussions on any amendments that have been presented and vote to make any changes official. Remember, you must be a paid member to vote. Current By-Law #4 states that "The constitution and by-laws can be amended by a majority vote of members present at any scheduled gathering of at least 25% of the active full members". So please find it in your busy schedules to attend the next two meetings.

It is important to the club and to us that the club continues to prosper.

Willy Hugron
President
/Treasurer,
MOALA

Chris Travers
Vice President
MOALA

Ongoing Events & Cruises

Monthly

Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet -o- Information
 Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show at Long Beach Veteran's Stadium
 Information ()
 San Diego Auto Swap & Show -o- Information : or
 - 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 Citrus Ave. Information
 GLENDALE - Eat Well Restaurant, 1013 S. Brand Blvd. Information:
 LAKE FOREST - Fuddrucker's 23621 El Toro Rd. Information:

Wednesday - ANAHEIM - Sonic Drive-In - Information:
 COVINA - JR's Italian Pizza & Sports, 904 N. Citrus. Information:

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

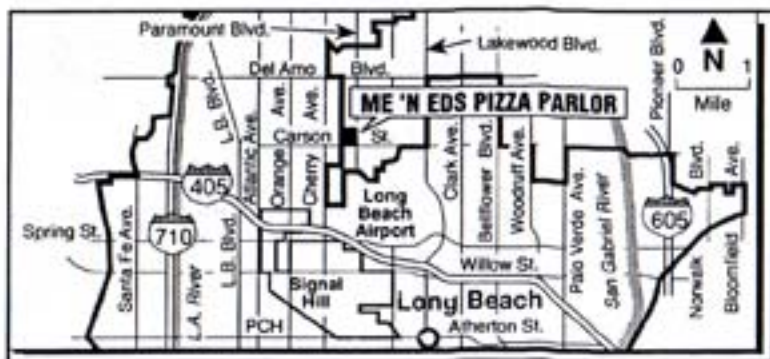
Thursday - COVINA - Beach Side Cafe, 1319 N. Grand. Information:
 FOUNTAIN VALLEY- Hamburger Hanks, 9121 Garfield. Information:

FULLERTON - Giovanni's, Harbor Bl. & Imperial Highway. Information:

Friday - GARDEN GROVE - Main Street Car Show - Information:

Saturday - HUNTINGTON BEACH - Donut Derelicts, Corner of Magnolia & Adams
 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
 LAKEWOOD - Fuddrucker's - Clark Ave at Candlewood 5:00 p.m.

**MOALA Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m Me
 'n Ed's Pizza - 4115 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA**



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Year _____	Make _____	Model _____
Year _____	Make _____	Model _____

NOTE: You do not have to own a Mini to join. You just have to love them!!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$30.00 annually for individual Membership
\$35.00 annually for Family Membership

Dues are required to be paid during the month of January every year. New members joining after January may prorate their membership fees as follows: \$2.50 per month for remainder of months in year or \$2.90 per month for Family Membership.

Please list names of those listed as family members

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

A bi-monthly newsletter (The Mini News); monthly meetings; club rallies and other activities and the opportunity to meet other crazy Mini enthusiasts like yourself. There are no condition or requirements for membership in the MOALA. Our membership is open to Mini enthusiasts worldwide and we would enjoy having you as a member. Please send your check or money order, payable to MOALA to:

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occupied only four parking spaces on Coronado's Orange Avenue. Fourteen drivers and passengers were waiting to start the drive down the Silver Strand, along the US/Mexican border and out to eastern communities of San Diego County.



EIGHT MINIS in four parking spaces. You can just picture in your mind an officer of the law scratching his noggin -- "Are they legally parked?"

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2002 Events

Note: All events in bold face type are official MOALA events.

May

- 4 - Bay City at the Beach @ Long Beach Marine Stadium
Information: ()
- 5 - Strawberry Funfest Classic Car Show @ Orange County Market Place. Information: ()
- 4-5 - VARA/Moss Motors British Extravaganza @ Buttonwillow Sprite Mini Challenge
- 11 - Long Beach K-9 Officers Association @ Gemrig Park, Long Beach
Information: ()
- 15 - **Monthly Meeting**
- 19 - **Woodlyn / Dennis Cooper Tour** -- Info to come.

June

- 2-9-16-23-30 - Cruisin' Brea Weekly events. Information: ()
- 19 - **Monthly Meeting**
- 22 - **Arrowhead Run to John Kure's digs in the mountains. Meet at Ontario Mills at 8:30 a.m. Fun & a run around the lake for those in attendance. Bring a friend.**

July

- 17 - **Monthly Meeting**
- 20 - **Braille Rally** - Details to come
- ?? - **Pool Party** -- TBA

August

- 21 - **NO MONTHLY MEETING - GO TO MMW 2002 - PRONTO**
- 22-25 **MMW2002 @ Orange County Market Place - BE THERE!**
- 25 - **Endless Summer Classic Car Show @ OC Market Place**
Information: ()
- 31-Sept 2 -- **Great Labor Day Cruise XVII @ OC County Fairgrounds**
Information: ()

September

- 8 - **Belmont Shores Street Show** - Details to come
- 18 - **Monthly Meeting**
- 19-22 **Stater Bros Rte 66 Rendezvous @ Downtown San Bernardino**
Information: () - www.route-66.org
- 28 - **Cruisin' For a Cure @ OC Fairgrounds. Information:**
www.crusinforacure.com

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PLEASE NOTE: New Magazine Policy. . . .

Recently we have had a problem with the sale of "Mini" and "Mini World" magazines at club meetings. The problem is that they are selling out very early. To remedy this situation we have increased our orders for both magazines and we would like to put into effect the following policy concerning purchase of new issues.

During the meeting anyone may purchase ONE COPY of each magazine. Multiple copies may not be purchased until after the meeting ends.

We hope that this will insure that if someone arrives after the start of the meeting there will still be some copies available for purchase of both magazines.

the new MINI showing up on the streets, activity and interest in the Club is at an all time high. All kinds of cars are showing up at the meeting - some great examples of everything you'd ever want to see! Antonio showed up with a legal 2000 German SportsPack (a visitor, with passport, German Reg & insurance) a great example of the last of the classic Minis. Some of the better known Club members cars were in attendance. Cars that you have probably seen, (or will be seeing in the near future) in most of the major car magazines. One of my favorites is the really RED air conditioned MKI of Jim K. (Who did ALL the work himself) . In addition the Clubs first "purchased in America" new MINI showed up. We can say that because its owner promptly joined MOALA that evening! Most MOALA members are a big fan of the new car (we worry about Kenny though!) and welcome new MINI owners, who we feel are just as crazy as the rest of us!



Kenny the Mini Killer (Much to his chagrin) The accident was deemed "no fault" by FAA inspectors and the FBI or CIA or whoever that masked man was.

And of course there was Ron's 200+ hp Clubman. The thrill ride of the evening. Our returned Newsletter Editor, Bob, went for a ride and offered up his own opinion. "Hey, it's almost as fast as my Woody!" (laughter all around!) There was lots of open hoods, demo rides, picture taking, and parts changing hands, all around fun. Only in California, where all great Minis retire!

CLASSIFIEDS

OK Folks . . . Here it is . . . Your opportunity to clear out the bedroom closet of Mini bits and pieces. No item too small - or big to be listed here in the Mini News Classified section. And the best part? ITS FREE! Give me a call at

Editor's Note: As yet I am a bit short on Classified ads - so thought I would borrow some local ads from Mini Mania website - Photos of the following cars can be found on Mini Mania website in the "cars for sale" section - private sellers.

(1) -- 1960 Morris mini. RHD. Sharp looking car with great paint, flares, 12" minilight style wheels. Disc brakes in front, Drum in rear. Strong 1275 (rebuilt fall 2001) rod change gearbox. New carpet and other recent interior upgrades. E-Mail me for more pics! PRICE LOWERED!!!!!! MUST SELL! GIVE ME SOME OFFERS!
Contact

(1) -- 1963 Morris Mini, 850 850 very clean morris mini RHD alloy wheels, nice paint, great on mileage, real head turner. Pamper yourself with a real classic. Call Steve or Eric.

(1) -- 1963 Austin, Mini, Countryman-Woody 850, 4 Spd One owner and have original purchase papers. Car was owned by a little old lady in Tucson, AZ where the car was purchased and remained. The car sat idle since 1987. The sun did everything you could imagine to the tires, wood exterior and interior but the paint is in good condition. The car has new Yoko's all around including spare. the new wood kit is being installed as we speak and new upholstery is in the process. Call Joe Underwood 209-

Fun Mini Web Sites to Visit on a rainy day

MOALA Los Angeles Mini Owners.....	www.moala.org
MOASF Webpage.....	www.moasf.minimania.com
The Mini URL.....	www.comp.glam.ac.uk/~minis/minilinks.htm
The Mini Encyclopaedia.....	www.geocities.com/southbeach/marina4334/ime.html
New Mini in the U.S.A.....	www.MINIUSA.com
The Mini List.....	majordomo@autox.team.net (to subscribe)
Seattle Area Mini Owners Assoc.....	www.rodney.bullington.com/samoa.html
New Mini Accessories.....	www.gotmini.com
MiniWorld Magazine.....	www.linkhouse.co.uk/mini.html
A's of Herts.....	www.asofherts.freemove.co.uk/info.htm
Mini Moke Club (UK).....	www.mokeclub.freemove.co.uk/
Mini InterNet International.....	www.mini33.freemove.co.uk/miniwww/
North American Moke Register.....	http://club.hemmings.com/mokeregistry
New England Mini Owners Club.....	www.airport.com/nemo_main.htm
Queenland Mini Owners Club.....	www.globec.com.au/~watson/mini.htm
Vancouver Mini Club.....	www.vancouvermini.bc.ca/
Monte Carlo Minis.....	www.montecarlomini.net
Mini Mania.....	www.minimania.com
Seven Enterprises.....	www.7ent.com
The New Mini.....	www.mini.com
Mini Park (park your mini on line).....	http://mini.park.lantis.co.uk
Florida Mini Club.....	www.mini.org/flame
Mini Magazine.....	www.minimag.co.uk
Mini-Sota Minis.....	www.mini-sota.com
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