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MINI MEET WEST 2002 SPECIAL EDITION *MMW 2002 At a Glance:*

Mini Meet West 2002 is over. The MMW 2002 Committee is breathing a huge sigh of relief and taking a couple of days to just relax. It will not last long, however, as there are still scads of details and loose ends to pick up and deal with.

The meet itself went very well, we thought, and initial reaction seems to be running on the "excellent" side. Minor glitches were the rule when we had complaints, so far.

First of all, there was registration. A task handled by Randy Bergum and a host of volunteers. Always a challenge but handled well by Randy and staff. The registration was hectic at times; and slow at other times. Lots of "walk up" registrants kept the staff on their toes for nearly the entire weekend.

We did not anticipate that the location for the photo & model contest would be quite as much of a challenge to find as it was and as a result participation in that event was rather weak. Voting was also pretty weak but we managed to determine awards for first place plaques only.

The big picture was pretty long and drawn out due to miscommunication and the number of cars involved. Of course, arranging the photo is always a challenge and, under the circumstances, I think we got it together with as little confusion as possible (thanks to all the car-wranglers out there whose help I desperately needed).

The concours judging was incredibly close with only four points separating the top three trophies. Kudos to Graham Reid's crew of judges for being able to separate winners by 4 out of 150 points.

Kids events were one of the highlights of the meet. If a child did not have fun -- it was certainly not the fault of Mike & Megan Spangler. They gave the kids as many events as the adults enjoyed. Mike also put on a really organized RC event for the adults and kids. That is one of the most difficult of events to interject any organization into but he managed to have a controlled event that was quite enjoyable.

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The Prez Sez

We are happy to report that MMW 2002 was a total success and probably the best MMW ever. Our final count was 177 MINIs on the fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon. There were more Minis in the parking lot that were not included as part of the 177 count. There were 41 new Minis in attendance and the rest were classic Minis. We have received numerous emails and letters from many participants stating that they felt that this was the best MMW ever and everyone had a great time. Thank you for your support and compliments.

If you have not ordered your group photo, The official MMW 2002 video or had a CLIFFPIX custom car portrait of your car you can still order all of them. The website has all the information needed to assist you. I really encourage you to take advantage of this. We still have hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts, and polo shirts if you were unable to purchase these items yet.

I want to especially thank the committee for doing an outstanding job. Everyone worked well together and produced miracles. I also want to thank the generous sponsors and vendors for their support of MMW 2002. We hope they were able to benefit from their involvement.

Next year MMW 2003 will be held in Victoria Canada it will be a joint effort of the Victoria and Vancouver Mini Clubs.

This is the time of the year we nominate new officers for the club for the next year. I will be nominating Mike Walsh for President and Marilyn Egler for Vice President. They have both demonstrated excellent leadership and dedication to the club. We are open to any other nominations for all the officer positions and nominations will be opened at the September monthly meeting. Please submit your choices and/or volunteer for a position. Chris and I have put in five years and a MINI MEET WEST and it is time for us to step down and pass the throne. We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the club and its members. For me it has been a great growth opportunity. I was scared to death at first when I had to get up in front of the club meeting and talk. I can now get up and talk without fear.

Keep in mind we still have several events this year and we welcome everyone to attend.

See you on the runs and meetings,
Willy Hugron
Your MOALA President

E-mails -- From Near & Far

Hi Willy and Chris,
I just wanted to thank you both again for allowing us to bring our Austin Americas to MMW. You guys, and all of the MOALA members, put on the best show that I've ever attended! From the events, to the food, the prizes and awards...you guys nailed it!! Excellent job. I hope to see you a future event.
Best Regards,Todd Miller

Willie; great event! We had a blast! You guys did a super job! Only have one problem. I failed to order a group photo and I want one. Please help. Who do I need to contact to place an order. Regards,Mark Wisdom

Great Mini Meet West! Thanks to all of you for putting on such a great meet! I was not able to attend the awards banquet and am curious if there was a plaque or trophy for first place (E class). Please advise regarding the location of my first place plaque or trophy. Thanks in advance.Greg Lush; Vice President

Michael, Chris's, David and Willie...Thanks to you and the rest of the MMW2002 committee for putting on such a great event...It looks like we have our work cut out for us to try and top this with MMW2003! I had a great time...Thanks
Mike Smith; President, Victoria Minis

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Check it Out -- A new event for October

If you will look at our calendar of events you will find that a new event has been added for October. I am putting this little note in so that you will not miss it.

Long Beach Mini is having their 1st Annual Long Beach Mini Poker Rally on October 20 and has invited all classic owners to join in. It promises to be a neat event and I feel we should do our best to provide them with as many classic Minis as we can.

So -- shine 'em up; gas 'em up and meet us at Long Beach Mini on Cherry & Spring at (or before) 10:00 a.m. on October 20 for a rally around Long Beach and Palos Verdes. Register with Long Beach Mini NOW !!! See you there!!

Drive Safe

Bob Amaral



The flashing "superhero" smile of Mike Spangler at the Krispy Kreme Donut meeting place for the Big Bear Run where Mike came to the rescue with a tube of FastSteel to stop a carburetor bowl leak.

Only someone who would later drive in excess of 2,700 miles in a Mini to get married *in a Mini* at a drive-through wedding chapel in Las Vegas would carry such accoutrements as a matter of course on any Mini venture. Congrats, Mike & Megan - may the force be with you.

Mini Runs in the Mountains

If you live in the Ventura County or Northwest Los Angeles County or San Fernando Valley areas, there's an informal gathering of local Mini owners who meet occasionally with their Minis, then take local runs in the nearby curvy mountain roads. Typically, the runs are on Saturday mornings and finish up early. If you'd like more information, or to be added to the email notification list, drop an email to: miniiruns@miniguy.com.

BIG BEAR RUN 2002

If you could plan the perfect event you would have planned the Big Bear Run 2002. If you could control the weather you would probably not have deviated from the 80 degrees and slight breeze here and there that we encountered in our travels around the lake and through the magnificent homes and scenery. You would not have changed any of that, either. And if you wanted kind and gracious hosts you would not have changed the hosts of Big Bear Run -- that is for sure.

Thanks go to John & Terrie for their hospitality and all the prizes and lunch and organizing the run. It was just fabulous. We really enjoyed ourselves one and all. It was a very neat event that I can hardly wait to participate in next year. Matter of fact it was even better for the wife and I because we stayed over and enjoyed more of our hosts wonderful hospitality, including a ride around the lake in their boat. Thanks John & Terrie.

Mini-wise we had ten cars at the Krispy Kreme donut meeting place at Ontario Mills mall. There was one Mini problem that was taken care of before we departed. A leaking carburetor bowl on Terry's car. That was handled "post haste" by a few Miniacs with the "usual" tools. A hammer, a crowbar, a few assorted wrenches and a little J&B Weld. We did not need the obligatory bailing wire -- but then, it was a pretty simple fix. Thanks go to Mike Spangler who took the initiative and "dove right in" for the fix. A few others actually helped and still others lent their wholehearted support with "attaboys" flying hither and yon. The action was duly record on video by yours truly and narrated, of course, with the sparkling wit of David Haight.

Our ride up the hill was uneventful save for a minor delay at a "flagman" who created a very "mini" traffic jam for a few moments directing cars around some road construction. The rest of the way was clear sailing. We saw many Corvettes on the way up (and during our stay they were everywhere) as they were having a meet up there also. Three hundred or so Corvettes were assembled for the meet. Quite impressive to see 300 Corvettes, all years and models, parked at the civic center for a meeting. We stopped off at their autocross site and informed them we were there to "whup their butts" but they declined to let us join the autocross. Fearful of the "wrath of the Mini" I suppose.

Upon arrival at John & Terrie's cabin we gathered in the garage and had lunch. Southern Fried Chicken; Potato Salad; various fruits and snacks along with sodas, water, ice tea -- I mean to tell you that "LIFE IS GOOD UP ON THE HILL!!" They sure do know how to live up there.

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The Funkhana put on by Jim Keeter and Brad & Chris Thornton was really something. The only disappointment was the number of participants. Those who did participate had a blast.

Talk about organization -- those SOLO guys kep the autocross hopping like mad. And the course laid out by Steve Alexander with help from his daughter and a couple of club members was pretty awesome. Just tight enough and challenging enough for the newbie participants. Times were at or near the 40-second mark and it would be hard to imagine packing more thrills into that short a time. Excellent job, Steve.

An odd event for a Mini Meet West was a visit to a "Hot Rodder's Get-together" on Saturday morning that surprised even the organizers of the Mini Meet. More than 35 brave souls got up at the "crack of 6:30 a.m." to cruise down to the infamous Derelict Donut car show. The local hot rodders were pretty impressed also as they ogled the outstanding group of Minis.

The Rally on Sunday mapped out by Mark Smith seemed to be just the right mix of touring and rallying. Not a difficult route to follow and the scenery was gorgeous. Lots of attention from the locals, especially at the ferry. Mark guaranteed that no one would get lost and even I navigated this one without incident. It was lots of fun and the weather along the coast was superb. Do not see how it could have been better. Thanks Mark.

That is a really quick overview of the event but does not even begin to describe everything that went on. It would take ten newsletters to do that.

At one point David Haight scurried about counting cars and (after a few tries) came up with the number of cars on the fairgrounds on Saturday -- 176 cars (41 of those new MINIS).

We do owe a debt of gratitude to those Mini fanatics who joined us and participated to make this event the best Mini Meet ever in Southern California. Thank you all very much. And thanks go to everyone who had input into the event. Members of MOALA; Sponsors; Vendors; Volunteers; Committee people and everyone else who gave so much time and hard work to this event. Thank you all -- I hope to see you all in Victoria next year.

Until then: Drive Safe -- Bob Amaral

MMW-2002 - FUNKHANA RESULTS

- Open Class:** **First Place:** Car 106 Larry Cox, time/2:02
 Second Place: Car 148 Moke Jody Patton, time/3:14
- Long Wheelbase:** **First Place:** Car 91 Wagon Amanda Silverstein, time/2:48
 Second Place: Car 113 Austin America Todd Miller, time/3:18
- New MINI:** **First Place:** Car 112 Scott Crawford, time/5:43.2
- Sedan:** **First Place:** Car 197 Jim Porter, time/2:20
 Second Place: Car 129 Alex Singer, time/2:20.8

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MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MEET



ALWAYS ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE CHORES – Setting up the Wide Angle Photo. Being out in the hot sun and on asphalt made the chore even more difficult. But (thanks to a bunch of willing and able "car - wranglers" we got it together (finally). Thanks to those who helped out and hung in there to the end. The official Wide Angle Photo is available on the website (moala.org)



JUGGLE - SQUEEZE - PUSH - PULL Sweat, curse, jostle and moan. All of that and more!! – and then; -- IT'S OVER -- ZOZZOOOM -----



JIM KEETER rubs a little "magic sauce" on his car which took **BEST OF SHOW** honors in the car show class.



MIKE SPANGLER takes Mr. Bean for a ride through the Autocross in (what else?) the **BEAN CAR** !!



THE CONOURS CARS line up for judging in front of Heritage Stage at the fairgrounds. Eight cars in the extremely hard-fought concours class.



THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT! Or maybe it is the Tall and the Small of it -- Kenny Reid's Mini against the International Harvester giant Saturday Morning at Donut Derelict's Car Show.



THE KID'S ENTRY in the Concours and Car Show showed some imaginative paintwork (even the tires!) and showed well against others in "the Beater Class". The kids had a ball painting it.

Ongoing Events & Cruises

Monthly

Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet -o- Information (714) 538-7091
 Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show at Long Beach Veteran's Stadium
 Information (800) 762-9785 or www.toppingevents.com
 San Diego Auto Swap & Show -o- Information
 - www.carsnet.com

Weekly

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

Tuesdays - COVINA - Danny's Kosher Pickle Restaurant & Deli., 402 N. Azusa Ave. Information |
 Peter Piper Pizza, 1459 Citrus Ave.
 GLENDALE - Eat Well Restaurant, 1013 S. Brand Blvd.

LAKE FOREST - Fuddrucker's 23621 El Toro Rd. Information:

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

DOWNEY - Frisco's Drive-in, Woodruff & Washburn. 5 p.m. on.

Thursdays -THURSDAY evenings - CAR NIGHT -- An eclectic gathering of "Old Car Guys" at various locations --- Essentially a series of garage & warehouse tours put on by owners and collectors. To check out the next get-together www.carnight.org
 COVINA - Beach Side Cafe, 1319 N. Grand. Information: (626) 969-1699
 FOUNTAIN VALLEY- Hamburger Hanks, 9121 Garfield. Information:

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

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

Saturdays - HUNTINGTON BEACH - Donut Derelicts, Corner of Magnolia & Adams
 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tons of American Iron
 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



MORE MMW 2002 EVENT RESULTS

RALLY TROPHIES

First Place TIM & HEATHER MOORE
Second Place WILLIAM & JIM SAYRE
Third Place LEE & SUE CASAD

AUTOCROSS TROPHIES

Class A 33+ pts.	First Place - #46 Scott Crawford - 35.930
Class B 23-32 pts.	First Place - #9 Mark Nerby - 38.355 Second Place - #27 Josh Sadler - 39.617 Third Place - #15 Amanda Silverstein - 51.867
Class C 17-22 pts.	First Place - #29 Kerry Green - 37.613 Second Place - #42 Doug Welty - 38.164 Third Place - #19 Don Racine
Class D 12-16 pts.	First Place - #47 Graham Reid - 39.148 Second Place - #30 Larry Cox - 39.289 Third Place - #16 Patrick Strong - 39.309
Class E 6-11 pts.	First Place - #45 Gret Lush - 40.047 Second Place - #4 Phillip Cohen - 40.090 Third Place - #38 Nick Becker
Class F 0-5 pts.	First Place - #23 Steve Rodgers - 42.422
Class G New MINI	First Place - #20 Don Racine - 37.852 Second Place - #11 Randy Carlson - 42.531

Complete results can be obtained on the MOALA website - MOALA.org

RC CAR RACE WINNERS

Pro class - First Adrian Amjadi	Second Michael Foster	Third Kerry Green
Poser class - First Bob Amaral	Second Adrian Amjadi	Third Megan Foster
Toy class - First Kyle Lewis	Second Evan Lewis	Third Alex Lewis
Kid's class - First Brad Mayberry	Second Evan Lewis	Third Michael Foster

Bob Amaral won the drawing for the new Tamiya RC New MINI

Photo & Model Contest Winners

(Note: due to small turnout and voting only first place trophies awarded)

Photo Contest - Mini Portrait - (unknown) Mini Action - Graham Reid
 Original Artwork - Shirley Blahak
 Peoples Choice Photo - Graham Reid
Model Contest - 1/25th & Smaller - Chris Travers - 1/25 & Larger - Megan Foster
 Display - Marilyn Egler
 People's Choice Model Contest - Megan Foster

PARTS BOARD WINNER -- John Becker - MOASF

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Then Chris led us around the lake on the Poker Run. Lots of beautiful scenery and homes to die for. There were four stops along the way -- at each stop we picked up a playing card and added it to our hand. Upon our return we selected the final card and the three highest hands took home a Big Bear Tee Shirt. Very cool. There were also prizes for the "navigators" in the car who were also given a poker hand. And more prizes for the "license plate/name parlour game that insured that everyone was introduced to everyone else at the beginning of the run. Very ingenious way of getting to know one another -- thought that a very clever idea that we can use for future events.

We sat around and traded Mini stories and car stories in general for a while -- as always. And most folks headed back down the hill. -- As I said earlier -- a thoroughly enjoyable event made possible through the efforts of John & Terrie & Chris and all of those who drove up to participate. A dozen cars is not too bad for participation but I am hoping that next year we will have even more for this event. If you want to have a really fun day packed with Mini folks and loads of good cheer -- join us next year. I will certainly be there with bells on. Thanks again to John & Terrie -- we all really appreciate your efforts.

Happy Mini-ing -- Drife Safe

Bob Amaral



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2002 Events

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OFFICIAL MOALA EVENTS.

September

18 - Regular Monthly Meeting
 19-22 Stater Bros Rte 66 Rendezvous @ Downtown San Bernardino
 Information (800) 867-8366 - www.route-66.org
 28 - Crusin' For a Cure @ OC Fairgrounds. Information:

October

16 - Regular Monthly Meeting
 20 - Long Beach Mini's 1st Annual Poker Rally. Leaves from LB Mini,
 2998 Cherry Ave., Long Beach Ca 90755 - October 20 starting at 10:00
 a.m. till approx 4:00 p.m. First car out 10:00 am. To register or for
 questions: |

November

Topanga Turkey Run - Details to come
 20 - Regular Monthly Meeting

December

ANNUAL MOALA CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 7, 2002 -- Frantone's
 Italian Restaurant, 10808 Alondra Blvd, (Corner of Alondra & Studebaker
 right next to 605 Fwy.)

NOTE: There will be **NO REGULAR MOALA MEETING**
 in the month of December

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Concours/Car Show Results

CLASS CONCOURS	PLACE	OWNER	CAR NO.	CAR
	1st.	Ken Wilson		'66 Cooper "S", Black over OE White
	2nd.	John Mayberry		'67 Cooper "S", OE White over Tartan Red
	3rd.	Rudy Ouzounian		'68 Cooper "S" MKII, Snowberry White over El Paso Beige
Best of show	1st.	Jim Keeter	24	Austin Cooper "S", All Red with A/C
British Beater	1st.	Larry Cox	106	"Military" Moke
Street SWB	1st.	Mark Wisdom	59	'60 Morris Mini, Black over Screaming Yellow
	2nd.	Steven Karolyi	76	'66 Downton Cooper, Almond Green over White
Street LWB	1st.	David Haight	136	'65 Morris Mini Minor Traveller (Woody)
	2nd.	Tony Swialer	41	'67 Austin Mini Pick Up, Red
Competition	1st.	Scott Crawford	111	'68 Britax Cooper Replica
	2nd.	Henary Camisasca	172	Cooper "S", Black over Tartan Red
Custom MiniSprint	1st.	Michael Klawans	153	Multicolored Fiberglass/Carbon Fibre
Moke	2nd.	Mark Nerby	20	'61 Austin Mini, Black over Silver
	1st.	Lupe Torres, Sr.	86	'67 Moke, Red with many chrome accents
	2nd.	Jim Sadowski	186	'64 Moke, Red
Variant	1st.	Todd Miller	113	'70 Austin America
	2nd.	Bryan Gilmore	191	Austin America
New MINI	1st.	Carolyn Thomson	207	MINI Cooper
New MINI, Modified	1st.	Frank Brising	171	MINI Cooper "S"

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

(3) -- 1960 Morris mini, RHD. Sharp looking car with great paint, fairs, 12" minilite 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

(3) -- 1963 Morris Mini, 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 805-698-9614 805-729-0564 in the evenings...

(2) -- 1968 MK II, 1000 Saloon 998 engine bored .040 over. (Approx. 1030 ccm) 2X1.25" SU carburetors K & N air filters with chrome covers LCB exhaust manifold RC40 exhaust system 10" Minilite wheels Yokohama A008 tires. 165/70R10 72H, 10" wheels. New Carpet (gray) RH drive Virtually no rust New brake master cylinder Cooper grill Speedometer is not matched to the final drive ratio 12G295 head. (milled for proper compression ratio) New tie rod ends New inner and outer hub seals. New fuel pump Smith 3" tach. \$8500US Much More -- LK Gray

(1) -- Sportspack Mini w/ 13x7 alloys. This British Racing Green (with a white roof) Austin Mini features a later-model body shell and features that give it the appearance of a "Sportspack" Mini Cooper. It's donor car was a 1971, so it's exempt from smog checks in California. Has 1275cc with single SU carb, and some performance upgrades. 13x7 aftermarket 8-spoke alloys are fitted with low-profile Yokohama A008 tires. Upgraded to 8.4" diameter disc brakes, including a booster. Has small pop-up glass sunroof. Seats are black cloth, with red piping. Email for pics: (805)

[ID# PSP672J] \$12,750.

(1) -- 1967 Austin Mini Cooper S w/ 1275cc. A genuine "S", with Heritage Certificate. Factory LHD model. 1275cc with four-synchro, four-speed trans. Extensively modified, including a fiberglass flip front. Needs some rust repairs, but it's in decent mechanical shape and has been used as a regular driver for the last five years. Needs lots of cosmetic and body work, but appears to be a genuine Cooper S. Red with a white roof. Current registration and title. [ID# DU4902 / 8NHS402] Email for pics.

(1) -- 1970 Austin Mini "Cooper S replica" w/ disc brakes, twin fuel tanks, minilite-style alloys, roll bar. Needs work. Email for pics. California title. [ID# 166YQR] Located in Ventura. Email for pics: \$2,600 obo.

(1) -- I am planning to sell my minis. I have lost interest. I want 12,000 for all including my garage full of spare used parts and new parts. Please let everyone in las vegas know and next week I will be posting general for sale on minilist. These are Glenn's Mini's. For more info contact him, the Van is complete, has a 1100 in it at present but has a 1275 that goes with it, needs valve guides, rings etc, but doesnt need a re-bore, has a tranny noise and hence why he stopped driving it. Pickup is in pieces, is a rolling shell at the moment, has 1275 disc brakes on it, brand new, and lots of new goodies that go with it. Van has Spectrum wheels on it and A008 tyres . . . tamurafish@aol.com.

(1) -- New business forces me to sell my baby. Very good shape, imported from England about a year ago. It has a standard 1275, right hand drive, reshelled '92, red with white stripes, California registered, daily driver, does 80 mph in freeway with no problem, cd player, minilites, minor rust. I'm asking \$8,500. Pictures available.

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