



MINI NEWS

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Moss Motors/Vara British Extravaganza May 14-15, 2005

I only made it to Buttonwillow on Sunday, May 15 to watch the vintage racing portion of the Moss Motors/Vara-sponsored weekend. But I did hear tales about the rest of the weekend and the wild Karioke party (and lots of other partying) that went on over the weekend. It seems that Vara & Moss Motors really know how to party.

I have decided that next year I will need to have a partner with me to make that drive again. Three-hundred and twelve miles (round trip, that is) for a one day event is just too long a drive to do alone. If I had someone along to pass the time (as in past years) it would not have been all that bad. Even someone to share the driving would have been advisable.

But -- that was my only complaint about the event. The racing was lots of fun to watch and, I imagine, lots of fun to participate in. I missed doing the "track-run" at lunchtime -- too busy having lunch, actually.

Walking around the pits and seeing all the race cars up close was great. And talking with the drivers and pit crews brought even more enjoyment.

Dale Shore was participating in his blue and white #20 car. Dale is getting used to a new class (CS -- c-sedan) which he says "is weird, because back in the 70's that is the class the Minis drove in -- now it is back." He looked pretty smooth out there and managed a third-place finish against some pretty stiff competition from the BMWs. To quote him: "I just had a lot of fun beating a few of the BMW sedans -- kind of made me feel like a giant killer, you know?"

The weather was a little on the hot side (no surprise at Buttonwillow) and the heat buildup on the track after a couple of laps really made the tires go away -- so one had to be careful to not "overdrive the tires". Dale was also



MOALA's own Dale Shore pictured here with fellow racer Bruce Logan displays his award for outstanding drive in his familiar #20 Blue & White Mini. Dale was looking pretty smooth on the track and after taking 3rd in his class he said: "I enjoyed being out there and besting some of the BMWs."

awarded a plaque for "Outstanding Drive" representing the Mini class. So MOALA's own Dale Shore had a very good weekend.

There were a couple of other things that made the trip worthwhile for me. One was that I got to go for a ride with Mark Etheridge in his "other" Bug-eye Sprite and both Mark and I got to meet with racing legend John Sprinze.

John was famous in the late fifties and early sixties for Speedwell Engineering and Tuning; a business that he started with George Hulbert and Len Adams. At one time shortly after they went into business their head mechanic was none other than Graham Hill.

Speedwell Engineering became one of Britain's top tuning establishments

later winning both the British Rally Championship and the British Saloon Car Championship. They were also responsible for building the Speedwell GT, a very attractive coupe-bodied version of the Austin Healey Sprite which is still raced all over the world with as much success today as in the early days.

Speedwell Engineering is still alive today under the ownership of Tom Colby and is still producing winning race cars.

It was amazing to see this legend still enjoying a trip around Buttonwillow in the pace car and in talking to him I found him to be "just another car guy" and a nice person to boot. I had a great time.

Bob Amaral

The PREZ Sez:

Here we go again, another issue and another update.

Things are looking great for the club. Our increased attendance to our monthly meetings has provided increased enthusiasm and participation that is making MOALA what it should be; "The Best Car Club Around!" I am glad to see many of our veteran members making a return and I am also very happy to see many new members signing on the dotted line and joining in on the fun.

The turnout on our mini adventures seems to be up as well. The last official MOALA event was a great success. This year the Huntington Beach Concours d' Elegance featured BMW and Mini as the marquee of this year's show. With some encouragement and motivation we ended up having the largest representation of any club and also marquee at the show. Over 40 Minis/MINIS participated in the show. Most were MOALA members and most of the few that were not are now joining our club.

The event coordinators were very surprised to have such a great turn out and were very thankful for our support. As a club we helped raise over \$1,000 that will benefit the Children's Wing of the Huntington Beach Central Library. In case you were not able to come, you really missed out! We had a beautiful area set up for us with shade, live entertainment, a lakefront and beautiful cars all around. Due to our club participation the HB Concours committee has agreed to set aside the same area for us for the next years show. With some addi-

tional changes this promises to be the best event ever, so make sure you are there! Thanks everyone for your support and participation!

We have had a number of events recently and some new ones coming up. If you have not done so yet, log on to www.moalachat.com and check for updates. Feel free to post your own events, ideas and suggestions as well.

Time to clean out that garage! It looks like our swap meet will finally happen. We have just secured a good location and once we finalize the event we will notify everyone.

One of the suggestions that was mentioned to me as I took office was the desire to plan some joint events with other clubs. Well, we have done several and it is time to really step it up. There are a lot of great people out there that do not have the pleasure of having a Mini, but are also car enthusiasts.

Recently we went on a run through the great roads of Malibu with a number of MG owners. The run was a blast and the people were great. All of them expressed interest in doing some more joint events. The next run we will be doing is on the 4th of July! Log on to www.moalachat.com for more info. Don't miss out, it promises to be a lot of fun!

Don't forget the other upcoming events, check the MOALA website, Moalachat.com and pop in to the meetings for more info.

I could not end this letter without saying THANKS to all the people that have recently stepped up to help with planning and organizing events, helping out at the meetings, assisting with tasks and making MOALA a better club for all involved! As the Prez of MOALA I am starting to have fun at my job!

Thanks everyone!!!
Boris T.



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Editor's Ramblings

Believe it or not we are a little more than half way through this year. Time sure flies when you are having fun. So far it has been a pretty good year. The past couple of months we had the Moss Motors/Vara sponsored Button-willow races; the fabulous Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance (our best turnout this year of Minis/MINIs) and the equally fabulous Big Bear Run is back once again. Big Bear was awesome. Read about it on Page five, this issue.

No time to relax now though. Upcoming we still have the Braille Rally, then Mini Meet West and Bonsal British Car Day; the Pool Party; Woodley Park; Belmont Shores Car Show; Topanga Turkey Run and the Christmas Party. Yes-siree -- lots more Mini fun in store for everyone.

I wanted to thank Bart & Diana McGrath and the rest of their extremely hard-working committee for all the behind-the-scenes work that went into putting on the HB Concours. Read all about the show on Page six and seven in this issue.

Due to the generosity of our

members, MOALA will be writing a check to the Children's Resource Center of the Huntington Beach Central Library in the amount of \$1045.00. Bart McGrath and Bob Shaw of the HB Concours organizing committee made an appearance at our last MOALA meeting to thank us for our participation and our donation. Bart promised us that if we wanted to participate again next year we would have the same great area we had this year.

One event that will be making a comeback is the MOALA "Breakfast Meeting" only this time it will be held once a month and at different locations to give people in various areas a chance to get together. We are thinking of having it the Sunday after the regular MOALA meeting date so that we can vote on each month's location at the meeting. Check out <moalachat.com> for info on this and many other subjects.

There are now about 80 members signed up on <moalachat.com> and it is a great place to share info - check it out. It is pretty user-friendly.....

A quick word about the upcoming Braille Rally (Saturday July 16). If you attend this event it will be one of the most rewarding days you will spend driv-

ing your Mini. The kids at the institute are remarkably competitive and they have such a great time just participating in something "outside" their normal world. It is really a great experience for the drivers and leaves you appreciating the gift of sight for sure. There is a \$10.00 fee but that also covers your lunch at the Braille Institute. To register contact Pat West via e-mail at

Another quick note: The Woodley Park British Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 27. It is being held on a Saturday this year for the first time in a very long time. The "tour" will be on Sunday August 28 this year.

Please Check our calendar on page ten for our July and August events and I hope to see you there at all of them. Please remember that the club sets up these events for ALL the membership - come and enjoy Them!!!!

Once again, before I close, I have to mention that I will be vacating the newsletter editor position at the end of the year. I know you are probably tired of hearing it; but no one has yet come forward to pick it up next year. Let me or Boris know if you are interested.

Drive safe - Bob Amaral



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Fallbrook 2005 -- May 7

Fallbrook is one of the top three events of the year for me. This year I got to take my new toy "Kermit" through his paces and (with about 15 other cars in attendance) got to enjoy it again with the proper acou-trements -- great roads -- neat enthusiasts -- and really nice weather.

Kermit is a recently acquired 1961 Austin Healey Bug-eye Sprite. Not a Mini -- but close. He managed to survive the day with a few minor problems and I really enjoyed chasing the Minis/MINIs in attendance.

Jerry Craft always puts together a well-oiled and well-organized run through the beautiful roads of Fallbrook. This year's outing was no exception to that rule. Most folks brought along a little picnic lunch and enjoyed the company of others at the lunch/rest stop at the Maurice Carrie Winery. The management at the winery were very gracious hosts who not only welcomed us but set out picnic tables with "Reserved for Mini Coopers" signs. We felt like royalty.

Some of us even managed to sneak in a little wine tasting and shopping at the winery which had a gift shop and there was also a small "swap meet" with various items available for purchase on their front lawn.

The roads, of course, were very inviting. Twisty bits and beautiful vistas were everywhere. Lots of "water crossings" too. The previous night's rain left small streams across many of the roads. Those of you who have run this area before well know that this is the "norm" for this time of the year on this run.

Mike Spangler's Bean Car seemed to revel in the water bits. He was seen accelerating (rather than slowing) for the wetter portions and leaving behind a couple of large

splashes and a wake. At one point he managed to pass David H. in midstream, dousing him with a torrential wave.

So another successful Fallbrooks is in the books. Gladly the rain that passed through the area the night before was nowhere to be found but we did cross through some cloudy and cool areas. In an open car they were welcome and cooled me a bit by blocking the sun. Another great day of driving with Miniacs.



Above: A little re-grouping goes on at a shady rest stop. Below: View of following MINIs & Minis from Kermit's rear-view mirror perspective. And -- Spanky runs through another water-hazard seeming to love sending torrents of water into the air.



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The Big Bear Run -- June 11, 2005

Hosted by John Kure & Terri Ferguson

I was really happy when John & Terri decided to host the Big Bear event again this year. They both work so hard and really make this a special outing every time.

The day started at the Krispy Kreme Donut Shop in the Ontario Mills Shopping center where 9 classics and 4 new MINIs met to convoy up the hill for fun and games.

There was a slight delay while some folks got lost (including myself, of course) but eventually we all made it after frenzied cell-phone calls in all directions. I suppose we should have given everyone a single cell number to contact. Someone who knew where the heck they were going. We will remedy this situation in the future. It had been two years since this run was organized and with a memory like mine and trying to "drive by landmark" -- things got a little confusing. Everything kind of looked familiar -- leading to a couple of wrong turns and a couple of extra U-turns.

By the time everyone arrived at John & Terri's place we ended up with 16 cars total. Nine classics, five new MINIs, one Volvo 1800 and (believe it or not) one 1964 Amphicar (which was a first for a Mini run). The unusual car was brought by David Pinaro (a neighbor of John's) who also entertained us by flying his radio control helicopter. It was fun to watch. After everyone was accounted for we mingled over KFC lunch and lots of goodies -- plenty of conversations with fellow Miniacs and many Mini stories.

Following that we embarked on a slow-but-scenic trip around the lake. John had arranged stops along the way to let those who brought Radio-Control cars to engage in a little teenie-weenie Mini racing around pillows that stood in for pylons.

Some racers were frantic and others were laid-back but it looked as though everyone enjoyed the opportunity to slide their little RC cars around the pillows. At one point Graham Reid tried to run his full-size "Heritage-prepped" car around the teenie course -- but John thwarted him by picking up the pylons (er . . . pillows). I was kind of curious how he would have done in that field on that really tight course -- alas -- we will never know.

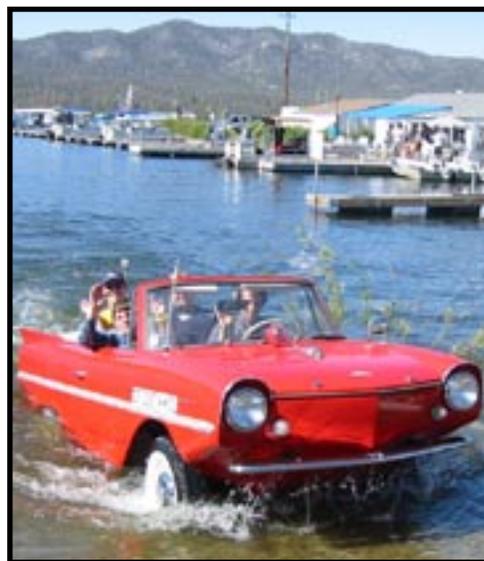
The weather could not have been better. It was in the low 80s with a slight breeze to keep us cool. Just the kind of weather necessary to enjoy a quick stop at the local drive-in ice cream palace to enjoy a snack or malt or just a cone of cool stuff. We also engaged in a little more RC antennae-waving in the back parking lot.

The Amphicar drew a lot of attention from the members and the locals alike and some members even got a "demo" ride on the lake. Pretty cool stuff. The day concluded

with prize drawings back at the cabin for a variety of tee-shirts and more "Mini-babble" Then, unfortunately, it was time for us to descend back into the land of smog and traffic. I know that everyone in attendance had a fantastic time. Great outing! One of the best. Thanks again John & Terri.

More photos on Page 8
Bob Amaral

Right - The Amphicar comes ashore following a demo-ride around the marina. Below - RC racers prepare to do battle at one of three "racing" stops around the lake.



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The Huntington Beach Concours

As you all know, we were quite involved in this show as a club. Boris & Debi & I were a part of the organizational committee from the start and attended almost every meeting. The work behind the scenes to put the show together was very extensive and required the input and hands-on work of more than a dozen people on the committee itself and many, many volunteers during the show.

I have heard lots of positive comment from members who attended. It was really a neat venue and the Mini turnout was spectacular. There were 43 Minis on the green - 31 of them from our club. Thanks to all of you who showed up to make our part of the show a success.

Those of you who were in the show or attended as spectators know that the location was really nice. Shade trees everywhere and the Minis were right in the center of all the action and

drew lots of people who were in awe of all the really nice cars that turned out.

There were glitches, yes. But overall the show went off as well as could be expected. Boris and Debi and I attended a "wrap meeting" to discuss ways to improve on several issues next year and I am sure that, next time around, most of those glitches will have been addressed by the committee.

The day before the show was a typical "June gloom" type of day -- but the morning of the show the sun was up very early and the cars on the green sparkled as owners primped their rides with polish and instant detailer. It never got too hot and the turnout was larger than in all past shows according to the head organizers Bart McGrath and his wife Diana.

You can see by the photos what a really nice day we had for the show. It

was beautiful.

The MOALA trophy winners are listed below. We took seventeen out of the 24 trophies awarded in the Mini Classes. I think that is a real testament to the quality of our cars as a group.

Before I close I would also like to thank those who donated their registration and trophy reimbursements (all but one person in our group gave it back) to the children's wing of the library, a very worthy cause. Because of your generosity we will be donating a check in the amount of over one thousand dollars to the cause. GREAT JOB! I hope to see you all there again next year.

Drive Safe
Bob Amaral



ABOVE - Boris & Debi pick up their 1st place trophy in Boris's "completed in the nick of time" very nice Moke. BELOW - Mark Smith scored a 1st place in the new MINI concours class with his really clean, beautiful blue 2003 ride.



MOALA Trophy Winners

New Cooper S - Concours

1st - Mark Smith
3rd - Steve Hanlan

New Cooper S - Street

1st - Rick Anderson

New Mini - Convertible

2nd - Chris Szcapaniak

New Mini - Race Class

1st - Jack Belcher

Classic Mini - Restored

1st - Rudy Ouzounian
2nd - Rudy Ouzounian
3rd - Dan Dannis

Classic Mini 1961-1967 - Street

1st - Jim Kloss
2nd - Chris Travers
3rd - Graham Reid

Classic Mini - 1967-2000 - Street

1st - Jim Harris
2nd Dennis Cooper
3rd Bruce Ball

Mini Variants - Street

1st - Boris Tilim
2nd - Bob Amaral
3rd David Haight

d' Elegance -- June 5, 2005



This photo will give you some idea of how nice the venue was -- although I think you had to be there on the shaded cool carpet of grass to really appreciate it. Nothing like we usually experience -- baking all day on asphalt.



LEFT - Rudy Ouzounian picked up a 1st for his 1968 Mini in concours and a 2nd for his 1967 car in concours. Nice job Rudy. RIGHT -- OK -- So some of you did not know who Linda Vaughn is. Known as "The First Lady of Racing" she has been appearing at events and shows like this since the mid-60's. She is presently the Vice President in charge of Public Relations for the Hurst Corporation. She is on the right -- next to the decrepit old guy



"Smilin" Jack" Belcher took home a 1st place trophy in the new MINI Race Class



Fireball Tim's 500 hp Mini drew loads of attention.

More Photos from the Big Bear Run

They say a picture is worth a thousand words - I only know there is never enough room for photos in the newsletter. Here are some more from the Big Bear Run. If any run deserved more pictures - it was this one. Still not enough room though.



Cars began gathering at Krispy Kreme before 8:00 a.m. -- Doesn't it seem that John Cooper & Krispy Kreme go nicely together? We seem to gravitate towards the sugary treats whenever we put together a run or event.



Amazing houses along the lakefront competed with the beautiful pine trees and lake vistas. Some of the mountain homes were really stunning.

Gentlemen start your engines!

The RC racers were ready to compete at three stops along the route.



A short rest stop along the way to John & Terri's cabin. Although we passed through the clouds of June gloom on the way up - we broke into sunshine and bright blue skies and it remained that way for the whole day. We even had a nice cool breeze.



Terri & John with their dog Cooper



A real quick shot of the lake from the car. Perfect weather and plenty of views like this.

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Grover Cleveland Elementary School Fun Day Saturday, May 21, 2005

**Story & Photos by
Rick Anderson**

On May 21, 2005, fifteen new and vintage Minis along with their owners participated in the Grover Cleveland Elementary School Fun Day in Lakewood California. This was a fund-raising school fair which included a silent auction, food & craft booths, along with several performances and displays for the little and big kids. The theme of the day was 1970s with appropriate music and attire. C3 MINI club and Long Beach MINI coordinated this event with the Cleveland PTA in order to include the Mini show as part of the festivities. Members from several local Mini clubs, including MOALA, attended the event.

The judging was handled by the kindergarten through fifth grade children. Several prizes were awarded to the MINI owners, judges, and spectators which were donated by MiniSwag.com, NorthAmericanMotoring.com, Long Beach MINI, and Above-All Detail. Keeping with the 1970s theme, there were six classes. The classes and respective winners were awarded as follows:

- Best Classic Mini- Bob Davis, Retro Austin Mini Cooper S
- Fastest Looking Mini: Randy, M7 Cooper S Race/Street Car
- Grooviest: Richard Lin, 2002 Mini Cooper
- Most British: Rick Anderson, 2004 Cooper S
- Most Radical: Mauricio

Melgar, 2005 Cooper S

Best New MINI: Jasmin & George, 2005 Cooper S Convertible

As the name implies, this turned out to be a fun day for all. The Mini show and school fair was a great success and the children appeared to thoroughly enjoy climbing all over our Minis as we sat back watching in horror! It was cute to see how much the children liked the cars and to listen to what they said about them. While talking about a classic Mini, one kid was overheard saying, "this is what I'm going to get when I get big." His friend replied, "just don't get too big or you won't fit!" Thanks to Richard Lin for organizing this event and to all who participated.



ABOVE - MINIS/Minis line up on tarmac at Grover Cleveland Elementary School for show and judging.

LEFT - Voted Best Classic Mini this very clean retro Austin Mini Cooper S is owned by new MOALA member Bob Davis.

RIGHT - Voted Most British: Rick Anderson's 2004 Cooper S.



JULY:

CELEBRATION: Monday, July 4, celebrate the Fourth of July by taking a brisk run in your Mini around the canyon roads north of Malibu. We will meet at the Malibu Colony Pizza located at 23841 West Malibu Road, at the southwest corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Webb Way, approximately 12 miles north/west from where I-10 crosses the 101. Meeting time is 9:00 a.m. with roll out at 10:00. Our route will take us along Pacific Coast Highway for 10 miles to the top of the hills, then through the hills. This is not an official MOALA event -- just something that came across my screen and I thought some people would be interested. More Info - Steve at

MOALA 2004 Calendar of Events

OFFICIAL CLUB EVENTS LISTED IN BOLDFACE TYPE

BRILLE RALLY: Saturday, July 16. For one of the best times of your life -- Join us at the Braille Institute Youth Center. 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. 90029 - PhExt. 1208. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the first car out is 9:00 a.m. The Braille Rallye was begun over 30 years ago as an incentive for visually challenged students to study and to grow confident in reading Braille. Each student must qualify by meeting established reading goals before they can compete as a navigator. There is a \$10.00 charge to participate. Contacts for further information Anita Wright at the above numbr or Pat West at

MINI MEET WEST: July 28-31, San Ramon. CA. The Annual Mini Meet West promises to be another "do not miss" event. Held in the area surrounding Mt. Diablo in San Ramon, CA the event is the first MMW to share sponsorship between a new MINI club and a Classic Mini Club. The two clubs are NORCAL Minis and MOASF. All of your favorite events will be featured including, but not limited to a Concours on Friday a rally on Saturday and Autocross and Funkhana on Sunday topped off by a fabulous awards banquet at the world reknown Blackhawk Automotive Museum. For Further information go to the MOASF website and click on the "events" tab.

July 20: Regular MOALA Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Me 'n Ed's Pizza Parlor, Lakewood.

AUGUST:

THE ANNUAL MOALA POOL PARTY: Sunday, August 21 - Noon 'til ????: This year's pool party will be held at the palatial estate of Bob & Dean Amaral. I suspect the usual cast of suspects will be there but you can change that. If you have never been to a club pool party -- give it a go -- Bring a covered dish and the club will provide Hot Dogs & Hamburgers and soft drinks. There is a plan afoot to engage in a little Bocce Ball Tournament - with prizes for the first place team. So jump in your Mini and trot on down to Bob's place -- be sure to pack your swimsuit and come hungry. For you Mapquest folks the address is 6 -- further info call Bob or Dean at. See you there.

THE WOODLEY PARK BRITISH CAR MEET & TOUR: On the lawn at Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA. August 27 & 28, 2005. The Car Show will be Saturday, Aug. 27 and the tour will be Sunday Aug. 28th. (Please take note that the car show is on SATURDAY - for the first time in a long time This is NOT a typographical error). British Food and vendors WILL BE BACK along with all the fine cars there will be jazz, prizes, fun, etc. For More info: Rick Feibusch

August 17: Regular MOALA Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Me 'n Ed's Pizza Parlor, Lakewood

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(3) FOR SALE -- 1275 "S", twin 1.1/4" SU, rebuilt 4 synchro gearbox, entire suspension and brake system new/upgraded, Revo wheels with Yoko A008 tires, body stripped to bare metal and painted July, 1999 (BRG w/white roof), custom interior and dash, have all original parts. Heritage letter. Over \$25k invested, appraised at \$22.5k. Offered at \$20,000. For more info,

(3) FOR SALE -- 2002 John Cooper Works Mini Cooper S with many upgrades: Alta CAI, Unichip, AP Racing Brakes, Team Dynamics Pro Race 1's; Cobra Daytona Racing Seats; H-Sport Suspension. Low miles: 11,400. Price: \$29,000.00 Contact Bill at:

(3) - FOR SALE -- 2002 MINI Cooper S. Chili Red with many extras. Black Panther Leather; Combo #1 Premium: Multifunction steering wheel w/cruise & Audio Controls - Dual-pane Panoramic Sunroof - Auto Air Cond. - On-Board Computer. Combo #2: DSC (Dynamic Stability Control - Sport Seats - Fog Lamps - Rear Spoiler - 17" alloy whls - 20s/45R-17 Run-flat tires. - Bonnet Stripes - Xenon Hdlights w/hdlamp pwr wash. Alarm sys with motion & tilt sensors - Roof & Mirror Caps in

brings out a shine. It also works great on painted surfaces and will also polish plastic parts.

Whenever you are working on a critical chassis or suspension part, especially brakes, you should use Loctite on all the bolts. The last thing you need is a brake rotor coming loose.

If you have a painted chassis and want to keep it looking nice, pop an old buffing pad on the jack. The buffing pads fit perfectly and will keep your undercarriage looking good.

Do you need a cheap, water-proof, dust- and dirt-proof tool or storage box? Look no further than your local Army surplus store. Buy a couple of ammunition cans and boxes. They are definitely waterproof. And cheap.

If you come across corroded battery cables or rusted bolts, soak the parts in Coca-Cola classic. After soaking the parts in the soda for approximately an hour, rinse them. You will be amazed at how clean the metal gets.

Never spin-dry a bearing by holding it in your hand and directing a compressed air hose toward it. The bearings can be damaged or, worse, they may fly apart, causing physical damage to you.

When spraying substances such as rust-prevention treatments, be absolutely positive you use a filtered respirator. Many of these rust treatments are engineered to react to moisture (which is inside your lungs). As you can imagine, that is not healthy.

One of the first things you should do when you purchase a new project car is degrease it. Not only does it make it easier to work on, but it also allows you to see what you have. Best of all, you can see exactly where potential troubles might begin.

If you are painting a small part that you just stripped to bare metal, you can prepare it with spray-can etching primer. This paint chemically etches itself to bare metal. Also recommended - treat the part with metal or aluminum prep.

Helpful Hints

That can be applied to any car; any garage; any project

If you use a trick fire-bottle system in your car with remote lines, periodic cleaning of those lines with compressed air is highly recommended.

If you want to polish aluminum or stainless steel, it can be done perfectly with Simichrome polish. This German polish has extremely fine abrasive that really

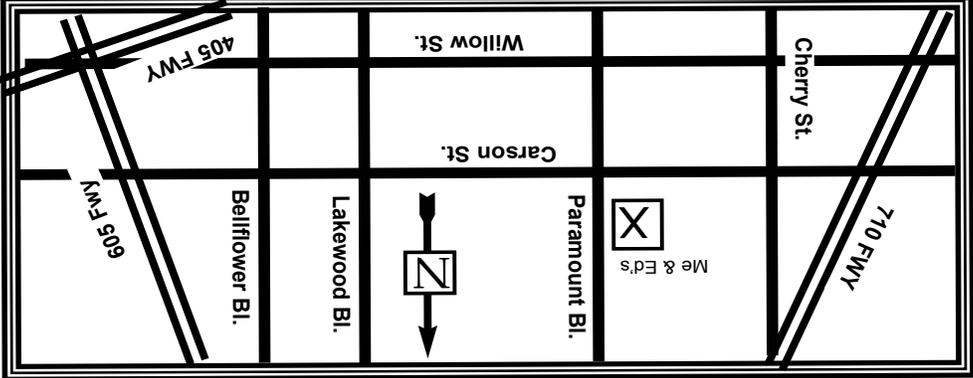
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