



# MINI NEWS

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## Palos Verdes Tour de Force January 23, 2005

I just gotta tell you -- it does not get much better than this. A beautiful day spent with 44 Minis; about a dozen of them new MINIs. I cannot believe the turnout for this event. It is getting more and more popular every year. It is a given that some cars will take a wrong turn here or there but it all seems to become part of the fun. And fun it was.

Chris Travers did a masterful job of containment by planning this run to a tee. The preparation was obvious with a full route map with many hints such as the one that read "Do not turn at the Wilmington BLVD., Main St. intersection -- Trust Me this is not the place to turn" He even checked with Cal Trans on planned road closures for the weekend. Of course Cal Trans had no idea that they were going to close part of our route off (sure they didn't). A last minute regroup and changes from "Plan A" to "Plan B" and then the dreaded "Plan C" came into play.

But, all in all, it just became part of the fun. Our eventual destination for lunch was Ricky & Ronnie's Cruise-In Diner. This is a retro looking 50's themed diner that is specifically built for cruisers. It is a pretty nice place that also has a "clubhouse" for club meetings and specifically



New president Boris Tilim and Chris Travers, our intrepid roadmaster, appear to be checking out the progress on Willy's Moke -- but, alas, it was just a kids playground replica along the way on the Palos Verdes Run.

designated parking for clubs and events for all sorts of cars and motorcycles.

Friday night is "Cruise Night" for cars and I understand Thursdays is for motorcycles. We successfully filled the outlying marked spaces with our cars - but there was still plenty of parking in the VIP section for more vehicles.

The only problem I could see was that some people waited ages for their orders while others did not seem to have much of a wait. The food was excellent but service on "takeout" orders (to be consumed at the clubhouse) was agonizingly slow.

All in all, the run was a complete success and a "Sunday

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## The PREZ Sez:

As we head into our third month of 2005 things are looking great!

We have had a couple of great monthly meetings. A boost in attendance made it necessary to move to the main room of Me 'N' Eds Pizza Parlor for our meetings. We have organized a short cruise to Crispy Crème Donuts after our meetings and will continue to make this a regular part of our monthly meeting event. Great seeing a bunch of minis zooming through tunnels and around the traffic circle.

In addition to the monthly meetings we have set up a Sunday breakfast get together. Most Sundays some of the members are meeting up at Shorehouse Cafe in Seal Beach on PCH. We have breakfast around 8:00 AM and then cruise down to some sort of an event afterwards.

Over the next couple of months we have put together a number of events that promise to be a lot of fun. Hope you join us. Check the newsletters and the MOALA website for updates.

This June the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance will once again hold a fantastic show on the Huntington Library grounds. This year the "Featured Marquee" is BMW and

Mini! We have been meeting with the Board of Directors of this charity event to assist in planning and organization. They are going all out to recognize the classic Mini and also the new MINI. There will be a number of classes set aside along with a large number of trophies. The classes range from a Daily Driver to a Concours Car. This promises to be one of the best shows in So Cal and I truly hope that everyone in MOALA participates by entering their car(s) in this event. The deadline is the 27th of May and they will not accept any late entries. Please take a look at the info in this newsletter or the MOALA website for more info.

Here are some other items in the works:

1. Message Board/For Sale/Etc... sections to be added

to the MOALA board very soon! A better way to keep in touch!

2. Swap Meet to be held in the next couple of months. Dig up your stuff!!!

3. Track day - come bring out your mini for a weekend of fun!

4. Dyno Day - check out the performance of you mini.

5. Joint meetings/events with other British Car Clubs

6. Many other ideas in the works - stay tuned!

With all the stuff in the works we can really use some help! If there is anything you can help out with or volunteer on please let me know. Any ideas or comments? Drop me an email at: BTilim@verizon.net.

Thanks everyone!  
Boris Tilim  
MOALA Prez



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## Editor's Ramblings

Welcome to March. We have finally "fleshed out" our calendar and it looks like we are off and running in a new year of Mini fun and events. Matter of fact -- it looks like Boris is going to keep us jumping for the remainder of the year. Stay close to your e-mails and look for all manner of events that will pop up from time to time. Like a Mini swap meet in April and a visit to Art Astor's fabulous car collection - also in April.

And do not forget that if you are looking to share a Sunday morning breakfast with Mini folk -- drive right down to the Shorehouse Cafe near Main Street in Seal Beach at 8:00 a.m. ON ANY SUNDAY. (sounds like a good title for a movie).

Also -- June is going to be a fantastic month. The Huntington Beach Library Concours is

featuring BMW cars and motorcycles and the Mini (both classic and new MINI) as their featured marque this year and Boris and I are attending meetings with their organizing committee to work out classes and such. We hope to turn out a good number of Classic and new Minis in about 8 different classes for trophies. Then (I am happy to report) John & Terry are going to put on the fabulous Big Bear Run in June also -- COOL.

So it looks like a fun year with many surprises to come.

I want to take this opportunity to remind members that I will be giving up the newsletter at the end of this year. I'm not giving up the Mini -- just the writing chores that I have been doing for so long. I am beginning to feel a bit burned out and it is no wonder. I have seen seven MOALA presidents come and go since I started as newsletter

editor under Mike Fazzi. They all left after serving at least one and as many as 5 years as leaders of MOALA. Three of those presidents held court for 4 years or more. Many of them left for the same reason that I am citing. We need a youthful editor with boundless energy. Yes -- I am saying that I am getting too old for this \_\_\_\_.

If anyone is interested in taking over the mantle of editor-in-chief just let me know. As I said; I will hang in 'til the end of the year. But it is never too soon to start looking for a replacement.

The year ahead looks bright and shiny as a new penny -- so join us down the road on an event or car show -- you WILL have fun -- I guarantee it.

Take Care - Drive Safe  
Bob Amaral



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## Paramount Pictures' The Italian Job Premieres as a High-Speed Mini-Cooper Stunt car ride

Another Hollywood big-screen spectacular comes to life at Paramount's Kings Island (Ohio) with the addition of THE ITALIAN JOB: Stunt Track, a new multi-million dollar fast-track coaster experience for 2005. Based on the high-action finale of The Italian Job, this new wild ride takes families on a high-speed stunt car adventure through movie sets and scenes inspired by the film's climatic chase sequence.

Park guests will experience what it is like to be a Hollywood stunt driver and go behind the scenes of an action movie. Guests board their very own MINI Cooper S tricked out with audio special effects adding to the multi-sensory sensations of the experience. Once strapped into their custom stunt car, rubber meets the road as the MINIs peel out to begin their chase sequence. Drivers twist through a parking garage, dodge near-collisions, race down stairs, chase through tunnels and

narrowly escape massive explosions triggered by gunfire from a menacing helicopter. Tires skid out one last time as the stunt cars crash through a billboard and splash down into an L.A. aqueduct concluding the chase sequence and their trial as a stunt driver in this screen test.

It looks as though this ride will be open in time for Mini Meet East 2005 in Dublin, OH!!! King's Island is about 95 miles S-SW of Dublin/Columbus near Cincinnati. For more information, visit:  
<http://www.pki.com/italianjob/ij3.html>



## Mini Mutations

Unabashedly stolen from the SAMOAN -- Seattle Newsletter



In other news, advance warning has been circulating in the MINI chat group circles regarding the full extent of BMW's nefarious plans. As can be seen in the image above, multiple models are on the verge of leaving the drawing board. One of these models will be given the name of MEGA-MINI and marketed as a small (pffff) scale SUV. There are also plans for a MINI Moke as well, but it will only be marketed to locations where the original sold well.

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I know that you cannot make them out individually -- but as we regrouped to decide what we would do about a Cal Trans road closure I took this photo. There are only two cars in this photo that are not Minis/MINIs -- a veritable endless line of them. Great turnout.



At left is the "clubhouse" at Ricky & Ronnies - Below at one of our regular vista/rest stops along the way. With as many cars as we had -- I was lucky to get half of them in the photo.



Drive" for the club. We were forewarned about hot-dogging through residential sections and, for the most part, no one did. A little spirited drive up Palos Verdes Drive East seemed to slake our thirst for twisty roads.

Chris is forever turning up new vistas for us and Ganado Dr was one of those unexpected pleasures. It wound lazily from Palos Verdes Drive East through a loop that put us back on that road again after looking at some lovely twists and turns and lovely real estate to boot. I have been on many drives through the PV roads, with the club and on my own, and I had never been through that particular loop.

There were even prizes at the end of the day including a most deserved "long distance" award that went to Emmanuel who drove his screaming yellow 850 Moke through the fog all the way from Rancho Cucamonga to participate.

Thanks a lot for a great event Chris.

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Bob Amaral

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# HUNTINGTON BEACH CONCOURS

## June 5, 2005

In the next few months you will be hearing a lot about this show because the featured Marque is BMW -- Cars -- Motorcycles -- and The MINI and the Mini.

This is the first time in the 20 years of this show that BMW will be the featured Marque and also the first time the MINI/Mini will be featured.

This show is put on to benefit the central Library of Huntington Beach's Children's Program and has donated much

to the Children's Resource Center since they started it 20 some years ago. It is really a prestigious show and draws many very nice cars from all over the area. The show takes place on the grass in Central Park (which surrounds the library) and is a really nice setting for a classic car show.

In this issue you will find a registration form for this event on page 9. I am hoping that we can draw well over 40 cars. If you are looking for a trophy - this is the place to go. If you are looking for a day well spent with many other auto enthusiasts - this is definitely the place to go. There will be everything from early Packards to Saleen Mustangs at this one. And -- if you are the type that does not care to have your car judged -- this is also the place to go as you can enter the show and choose not to be judged.

It will be a great time on the grass at a very classy show where you can enjoy looking at all the other marques and have a picnic too. I have attended this show over the last 20 years several times and always enjoyed looking at all of the wonderful cars on display.

There needs to be some explaining to Mini folk about the classes. As you can see on the registration sheet there are 3 classes for the MINI - 2A = Cooper - Any new MINI that is not a Cooper S, kinda self-explanatory. 2B = Cooper-S: Again - self explanatory and 2C = Cooper and Cooper-S Race Cars, another pretty self explanatory class. All of those classes will be broken down internally and there will

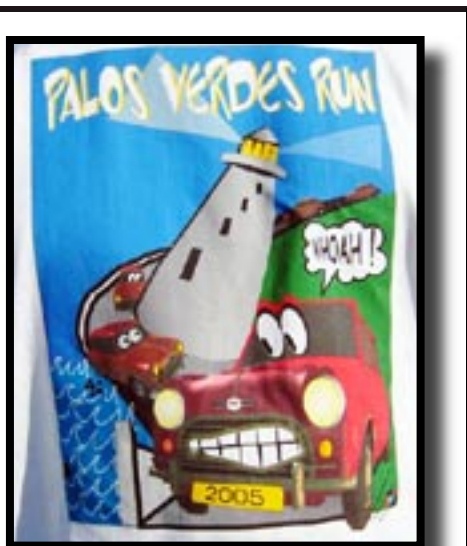
probably be 3-trophies for each class.

There are five classes for the classic Mini. Those classes are: 2D Restored: this class would include all cars restored to original specs originality being key (concours class, if you will). 2E Street: This would be the biggest class and includes all cars that have "minor" modifications - bolts - non-stock cars mechanically or cosmetically. 2F Competition: This class includes all cars that are either used for racing or built to look like race cars (street cars that have mods that make them "look like" racers). 2G Custom: This class includes all cars that have major modifications -- the wilder the better. Not a lot of cars will fit in this classification but major engine mods would put them in this class also such as Honda V-Tech or Vega powered vehicles. 2H Variants: This class includes all Gems, Marcos, Wolseley and also (for the first time lumped together in this class) it would include all long-wheelbased cars (wagons, vans, pickups, moke, etc.).

So - now you know what class you are in. Fill out the application and send it in. There will be no "day of" registration so you cannot leave it to the last minute. Deadline for registration is May 27, 2005 and you will have to have George Bush sign your excuse if you are not registered by then. **NO LATE ENTRIES accepted after May 27, 2005....** Let's make this a HUGE event for Mini/MINI . . . . REGISTER NOW!

Drive Safe

Bob Amaral



At the Topanga Turkey Run Terry Hayes was sporting a tee-shirt with a distinctive design on it. He had come up with the idea of doing an "Event Tee" that reflected a Mini owners participation in events.

The design was striking and infused with a bit of good humor. At the Palos Verdes Tour de Force he came up with another design. This is not really a fledgling business that Terry has come up with -- but reflects his long desire to pursue his artistic tendencies. In other words -- he enjoys doing it.

So -- if you would like to purchase a truly unique Tee-Shirt (from either event) call (310) 337-7900 and ask for Samantha. The Above picture of course is from the PV Event and the price for either shirt is \$20.00.

# GO KART WORLD Go Kart Event

## February 26, 2005

Postponed from the original date (Feb. 19) this event turned out to be a real disappointment. Not in the fun department, though. I was totally disappointed in the number of people who showed up. There were ten of us. TEN!!! But those that attended had ample amounts of fun. Because there were so few of us we had LOTS more track time. And we got to run two tracks -- the Super Track (road course) and the Slick Track Oval.

I feel I should give credit to those that did show up - So here goes: Ken Reid; Ralph Decker; Dale Shore with daughter Jessica; Mark Motley and 10-year-old son Mark Jr.; Ernie Shack; Jim Kloss and son Jeff Kloss and myself.

It really was a blast. I felt like I was doing OK when, at one point, I actually passed Dale Shore (longtime Mini race driver who not only placed second at the Laguna Seca Mini Challenge but also was fresh from a number one spot at Phoenix International Raceway). That was the highlight of the day for me. Of course, he passed me back on the next lap.

On the right -- the Super Track Karts await their drivers. With only 10 people we all got a full hour of track time split over two tracks. Lots of fun -- lots of time. Sorry you all could not make it.



On the slick track (which is like driving on ice) we turned the first few laps into a demolition derby sort of thing -- but they stopped the action and told us we would have to refrain from "bumping". "Crashing" would have been a better term.

Eventually we got the hang of the steering, and counter-steering and actually managed to keep from bashing the cars to smithereens.

On this track Dale passed me about every three laps. It was hilarious and just points out the fact that when I passed him on the road course it was pure luck.

So -- to summarize the day -- it would have been better with more people but those that were there really had a great time. I feel there should be two trophies for the day - one to Dale Shore as "the winner" and one to Ernie Shack who, on the slick track, earned the name "wrong way Ernie" for doing the most graceful and lovely "pirouettes" at every opportunity.

If YOU weren't there YOU missed out. Mucho thanks to those that showed up.

See you all -- down the road.

Drive Safe  
Bob Amaral



One thing about a poor turnout is that you can get a photo of all the cars that showed up. Left-to-right -- My wagon; Ken Reid's wagon; Ralph Deckers Cooper S and Ernie Shack's 1800 Volvo (yeah - we let him in because he is a great Mini fan) and below is Jessica Shore's new Cooper S. She is following in the family tradition. Her dad's first car was a Mini back when we were all a bit younger.



## TOP TEN MURPHY'S LAWS RELATED TO WORKING ON BRITISH CARS

1. The floor pan of an indifferently welded British roadster left abandoned in someone's backyard will hold up to 4 inches of water for three years without leaking a drop, but the water pump won't. Neither will the radiator, heater core, freeze plugs, hose clamps or heater valve.

2. A very slightly tarnished battery post or wiring terminal will pass no current at all until you carefully sand or scrape the surface to a high shine, free of all oxidation - and even then it won't always work until you wiggle it just so. While a stray horn wire, blowing around in the wind under your car, will somehow find a solid connection on a rusty, undercoated frame rail and either blow a fuse or melt your entire wiring harness.

3. One drop of spilled brake fluid on your newly painted fender will dissolve the 2-part acrylic finish in seconds and leave a big ugly spot, but a half gallon of Professional Strength Aircraft Quality Paint Stripper will have no effect on an old TR-4 fender that was painted by Earl Sheib in 1971.

4. A propane torch will not light unless you have exactly the right gas flow and hold the match just so, but a pile of oily rags will spontaneously combust and burn your garage down with no outside help whatsoever.

5. No floor jack manufactured today lifts your ve-

hicle high enough without using a block of wood.

6. A car body will reject paint on any spot of primed metal you've touched with your supposedly oily fingertips, but the same paint will stick to the undersides of your fingernails for a month or more despite continued efforts directed at its removal.

7. Packing fresh grease into wheel bearings by hand makes the phone ring.

8. Large springs are

always 5% stronger than the person trying to install them.

9. Any toolbox you are able to lift unassisted is missing the tool you need.

10. Any bolt, nut or washer casually dropped into the engine bay of a vehicle will immediately find the deepest darkest crevice hidden in the depths of the universe - never to be discovered again without completely disassembling the entire car. Even then -- it may not turn up.



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ADDRESS _____	MAKE _____	CLASS NO. _____
CITY _____	MODEL _____	<b>Check Class Category:</b>
STATE/ZIP _____	INTERIOR COLOR _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Concours Class</b> (show/Concours cars) (90 point or better cars should be in Concours Class)
DAYTIME PHONE # _____	EXTERIOR COLOR _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Street/Race-Driven Class</b> (street driven entries)
EVENING PHONE # _____	LICENSE PLATE _____	<b>JUDGING</b>
FAX PHONE # _____	<b>Please send a good quality photograph(s) and written description/history with your entry.</b>	All Entries will be judged unless checked below
E-mail address _____		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do Not Judge My Car</b>

Please list any modifications made to this car or motorcycle:

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Information provided by you determines class entered.

### LIABILITY RELEASE

Entrants intending to enter and participate in the twentieth annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance event sponsored in conjunction with the Huntington Beach Public Library Patrons Foundation and the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance Management Committee, held on Sunday, June 5th, 2005, at the Huntington Beach Central Park, does hereby tender his / her application.

In consideration of the acceptance of this application by the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance, the undersigned does hereby: (1) release the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance, the Huntington Beach Library Patrons Foundation, the City of Huntington Beach, inclusive of directors, staff, volunteers and agents from any liability arising out of said event; (2) release all other contestants and officials from any and all liability arising out of said event; (3) warrant that the undersigned has personally read the rules and regulations; (4) give permission to use enclosed photographs and photos taken at the day of the event and information of entrant's automobile(s) and motorcycle(s) for publication and program inclusion.

I have read the above, and accept the terms and conditions (both must sign).

Owner (Please print) _____	Owner's Signature _____	Date _____
Exhibitor (Please print) _____	Exhibitor's Signature _____	Date _____

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### 2005 Event Shirt Order Form

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Concours Event Shirt purchases are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance. Shirt orders will be available for pick-up at the Concours Information Booth on 6/5/2005.

	SHIRT SIZE	POLO	T-SHIRT	QUANTITY	PRICE
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	Xtra-Large (Polo-T-Shirts)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
	XX-Large (Polo-T-Shirts)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

# MOALA 2004 Calendar of Events

OFFICIAL CLUB EVENTS LISTED IN BOLDFACE TYPE

## CONTINUING EVENTS

Cruise-In event: Each Tuesday and Friday night at Ricky & Ronnie's Cruise-In Restaurant located at 1301 W. Sepulveda Blvd. Torrance, CA. 90501 located on the corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and Normandie; 1/2 mile west of the Harbor Freeway.

Cruise-In Event: Every Saturday morning; Derelict Donuts. Corner of Adams & Magnolia in Huntington Beach from 6:00 a.m. (or earlier) 'til 8:00 a.m.

MINI BREAKFAST CLUB -- Every Sunday - Shorehouse Cafe, 8:00 a.m. Near corner of PCH & Main, Seal Beach

## MARCH:

**SATURDAY MARCH 12th 8:30 a.m. - ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST MINI RUN.** Gather at 8:30 a.m. at Hansen Dam Recreation Area off the 210 Freeway for a run through twisty forest roads with (hopefully) many Minis followed by lunch at an exotic, surprise location. Roadmaster: Mark Stewart and Terry Hayes. For more info contact Mark at <> or call (.

March 16: Regular MOALA Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Me 'n Ed's Pizza Parlor, Lakewood

**APRIL:** Possible tour of Art Astor's car collection -- arrangements are "in the works" -- Details to come.

**SATURDAY APRIL 16 at 9:30 a.m. DROMO ONE KARTING --** The 2nd annual Shack-Daddy's Grand Prix GO-Kart Racing Event. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies to be awarded. Minimum of 5 qualifying heats and, hopefully, we will have the track to ourselves for 3 hrs of really fun racing. The cost is \$65.00 per person and the money must be in by April 2, 2005 -- Send your check payable to Ernie Shack and mail to him at or e-mail at

**SATURDAY APRIL 23 (??) -- MINI SWAP MEET --** Details to come.

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**(1) FOR SALE -- Qty 4 - Sport Edition Fox 2 Wheels** 17 X 7, grey painted including mounted and balanced, Yokohama ES100 205/45/17 tires. Tires have approximately 8000 miles on them, wheels like new, also included is one additional matching wheel only that has small scratch. Price for all 5 wheels and 4 tires = \$350.00 obo. For Sale Moss Motors full car cover for 2003 Mini Cooper / S, like new = \$35.00. Please call Jordan @

**(1) 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,**

**(1) 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

**(2) FOR SALE: -- (1) MK1 Mini doors, right and left had, no rust, straight \$150.00 each. (2) 4-10" X 6" Mini Mag GT wheels, polished, needs paint, \$300.00 for all. Call Chuck after 6:00 p.m.**

**(2) FOR SALE -- Original 4-1/2x10 steel rims and hub caps \$25.00 obo (From a 1965 Austin Cooper S. - Also - Mini World magazine 99% complete back to second issue \$25.00 obo - Also - Battery Box liner \$5.00. Unused styrene Cosmic flares screws will show -- please take away. Thank You - paulmuchnic@cs.com or 310-821-0254.**

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**(3) - For Sale -- Mini 998cc Automatic engine and transmission with Mini automatic front sub-frame included (circa 1973) in running condition. Transmission could be used as Austin America Automatic substitute. BEST OFFER - also - For Sale --Rebuilt (remote style) Cooper S 4 synchro transmission with 3.44FD, Comp oil pickup and flange style differential \$895.00 outright - others available. Also have early Cooper S engines in both thin and thick pan rail style, rebuilt complete or in boxes. MAKE OFFER Contact Jorn at minicoopers@socal.rr.com or**

# Helpful Hints

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

When exposed to welding, there are some things you should consider. You can get a pretty good tan in two minutes and you can get a pretty good burn in five minutes on any exposed skin. That's why long-sleeved shirts are pretty much the fashion statement of choice for welders.

Before filling a Nitrous system, think about cooling the bottle. To do this, place the bottle in a freezer for a couple of hours. Nitrous oxide is under pressure at approximately 200 degrees below zero. Making certain the bottle is cold before filling allows it to fill more completely. Simple as that.

Threading a multiple-stranded cable into a housing isn't my idea of fun (examples include a choke cable or a hood-release cable). Here's the fix: A small drop of high-strength glue to the end of the cable before you assemble it. The glue keeps the cable from fraying. The high-strength glue also works when you have to cut multi strand cable. Simply coat the cut location in the cable strands with high-strength glue; allow the glue to set and then make the cut.

Do you have a grease stain in a good shirt? To remove it, try giving the stain a shot of WD-40 coupled with some hand cleaner.

When you are installing spark plug wires in wire looms, the job will be easier if you apply a little upholstery contact cement to the wires to hold them in place. Put a small amount on the wire, a small amount on the loom, and then wait until they both tack up just a little. Lay the wire in the loom and it will stick exactly where you want it.

When you need to release a hydraulic floor jack slowly, most jacks are often difficult to turn with any amount of precision. The answer is to weld or bolt a small rod to the handle, effectively creating a "T-handle" for more accurate control.

Tie a few spare lug nuts to your spare tire in case you lose one.

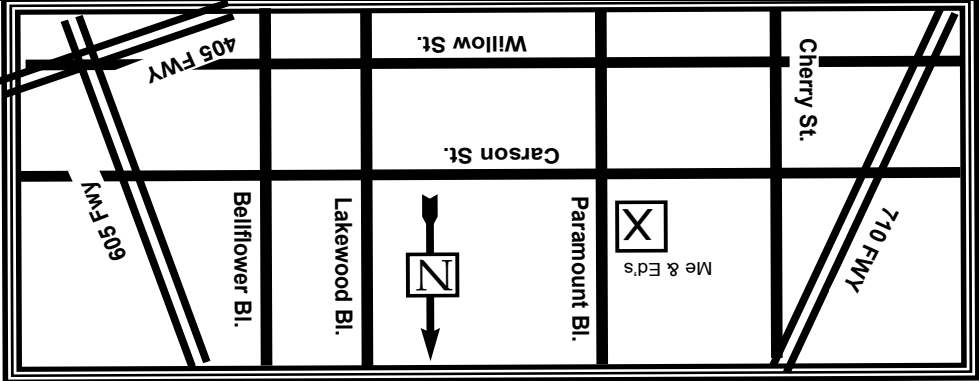
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