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I received a call from SAMOA's president, Chuck Heleker, last Sunday night, informing me that SAMOA's directors had voted to join Mini Owners of America. All president, Winston Miller, who that is left then is the formality of their membership ratifying the move at their next meeting on the loth! Things are progressing rapidly and there is already talk of having a San Prancisco/Seattle Club overnight rendezvous some time this fall. There will be more on Seattle's joining in the March MINI NEWS.

While on the subject of MOA expansion, I finally managed to get a phone number for MINIS UNITE in Detroit. I called their that Ohio club started Ohio informed me that their club was contemplating a MOA charter. However, no decision has been made one way or the other. To the best of our knowledge, MINIS UNITE is the only Mini club in the U.S. which is not a member of Pomeroy. Pascinating book! We

nice plug for us in February's

Road & Track (p. 96), our mailbox has been stuffed with inquiries. Now if only Ron Moore would get members might call him at (513) 224-3041 as for setting up an initial meeting.

While in London last September, David Boole of BMC gave me a book on the history of the Mini, The Mini Story by Laurence plan to use excerpts from it just Many thanks to Allan Girdler's as soon as we get the publisher's permission.



The o-o-only way to fly Doin' their stuff on the RAC Rallye.

CLUB NOTES

Chicago -

Nothing heard. Tried to call but telephones out of order due to Los Angeles earthquake. Ed. Los Angeles -

On January 24th LA Mini Owners embarked on their second public rallye effort. Officially sanctioned by SCC SCC, and written by Rallyist of the Year: John Sears, the rallye had all the earmarks of a challenging day for the entrants and check point crews.

First car out: 8:01. Coordinator Tony Clifford left specific instructions with the Start crew, however wires crossed somewhere (Tony's wife?), and the first fifteen cars advanced from the wrong spot. Helpful experts clued in the crew and miraculously 28 of 34 cars finished the long MINI-MAXI I. (A 6) hour rallye at minimum).

Top time of the day was turned in by Bob and Linda Wilson, SOP Class with an error of 12,86 munites, A rather large error, but a well deserved First Place.

Mini Owners, their friends, SCC SCC President John Rosch and wife Judy and their friends manned the eight checkpoints and everyones hard work was much appreciated, Only three of the eleven less were thrown, which isn't bad for a highly navigational rallye, with a few technical difficulties.

Will there be a MINI-MAXI II? Well, it wasn't exactly a money making venture. So one must assume that most rallyes are born out of love alone. So ask us the question again next year! -SC San Francisco -

Due to more annlicants than spaces, the Oakland Roadster Show scheduled for this weekend cancelled all club booths much to our dismay.

The Club is in the process of setting up an Autocross team to compete in NCSCC events on a regular besis. At the same time the Club is in the process of

joining NCSCC so that we can put on a sanctioned event in the not-too-distant future - S. Austin

Tucson -

Finals, finals, and more of same. Have a new member with a 1293cc S so racing enthusiasm February 13 - 15 - National and has picked up considerably.

- L. Bethel

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Regional SCCA races at Riverside, Calif. Sat., practice. Sun., Nat'l C&D Sedan races 2:05PM. Mon., Reg. C&D Sedan races 2:20PM. Races are very much subject to being run way shead of schedule.

February 15 - S.F. Club Board of Directors meeting.

February 16 - L.A. Mini Owners meeting, Room 2, Lueders Park Community Center, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Compton. 8:00 PM. March 1 - S.F. Mini Owners meeting, Peninsula British

Cars, Palo Alto. 7:45 PM.

NOTICE!

Because of the impending toining of SAMOA, the copy deadling for all Offure issues of MINI NEWS will be a strict first Monday of every month.

Also, effective immediately, Jeff Klawans is the person to contact regarding all Club news for MINI NEWS. His address is 8314 Willoughby Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90060. His phone numbers are as follows: (213) 653-4056 (eves) (213) 828-6051 (days)



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THEM, INCL. OLD LADIES SCOWL AT THEM, HOT RODDERS CHASE THEM, AND DETROIT JUST DOBENT UNDERSTAND THEM.

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HE MEN DRIVER IS ALSO A PARADOX. HE HAS THE PURSE OF A PRUPER, BUT THE TASTES OF A
RACONTEUR: THE TENDER LOVE OF A MOTHER FOR HIS THOROUGHBRED MACHINE, BUT THE
WILLIAMS TO TORTURE IT IN A HEATED CONTEST, HE POSSESSES THE EFEED OF AN ELDERBY TURTLE
WHEN THE WEATHER IS FOUL AND THE ROADS CLOGGED, BUT WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT, HE DISPLAYS
THE NIMBLENESS OF A JACKRABBIT, AND THE REFLEXES OF A GURNEY.

THE CASE THEY LIKE SCALOMS GYMKHAWAS BUKET SLATS, FOUR OR FIVE SPEEDS, ENGINE NOISE, RALLES SHARP CURVES IN RAND SUCCESSION, CAR TALK SUMMENING WOODEN AND LEATHOR COURSES STRENG WHEELS, NAMES SUCH AS, FERRAR! LAMBORGHINI MASSERATI, AND THE ODOR OF CASTROL ROLL WARM RACE DAY. THEY ARE NOT MUCH FOR CHROME COLUMN SHIFTS, FENDER SWIRT, FOGGE PRINTER INDIANAMOUS PEOPLE WHO SAY STORT "CARS SPIED TRAPS ROWER WINDOWS DEADS OF WHITE INDIANAMOUS PEOPLE WHO SAY STORT "CARS SPIED TRAPS ROWER WINDOWS DEADS OF WHITE THEY NO ONE SIZE CAN COMM INTO ONE TIMY TRUNK SO MANY THINGS I A CASE OF OLL, SPIEMS THREE TOOL RIT SUITCASE SPOT LICHTY EMPTY MILK BOTTLE, GAS CAN, BROKEN SIN GLASSES, LUNCH BOW, RAPE SHOE! THREE PAIR OF DRIVING GLOVES, FIRST AID KIT, MACHETTE, AIR CHANNES, ORLASY RACES, A FLUSHLIGHT WITH DEAD BATTERIES, VARIOUS DOCK-EARED COMPETITION PRESSES, AND A HALF A BACK OF LAST SUMMERS POTATO CHIPS.

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HIM FROM SPRING UMEL FALL, WHEN YOU BATTLE BACK INTO THE PITS WITH A BLOWN
GENEBOX AS MUTE EVIDENCE OF YOUR TOUGH STRUCKGLE OUT ON THE TRACE, HE CAN MEND
THE BUSTED FRAMENTS OF YOUR HOPES IND DEEMS WITH THESE MADIC WORLDS NOW IT IS DEEM PENNIS.....

The above was Harvey Waldman's 24th, 25th, and 26th birthday present from one talanted Scott Mclean.

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ERRATA

Dec. issue of MN: p.2. Scratch Dick Starita in 24th. He was 24th but not in a Mini (a rented NSU instead!!!!). Dick is usually a successful D Sedan Mini driver, but in this case, says he, "I'll hang my head in shame forever!"

Jan, issue of MN: p.l. The Woodbury Auto Show is scheduled for next September, not next Saturday (little late for that).

Did you know that the two-millionth Mini was driven off the production line on June 18, 1969, Of course many more since.

TUNING TIPS or by whom it was made, please

WEBER LOW-END TORQUE

Many members have complained of low-end torque when using the 45-DCOE Weber carburetor with the settings recommended by Warneford, Several people have attempted the slow and expensive experimentation approach, but to the best of my knowledge, no one haw claimed complete success. Having gone through this problem myself and not having met with acceptible auscess, I decided to write Edorado Weber in Italy. This has been done and when I get the response back, I'll pass it on. - T. Clifford

A GRATING NOISE WHILE TURNING?

I've got a grating noise when my front wheels are either right or left looked at low speeds. What gives? Peter Keun - Barr. Cra.

Sounds to us like a worm-out CV (constant velocity) joint. How do the rubber boots look? For replacement, refer to the Nov. '70 issue of MINI NEWS. Ed.

QUESTION

MINT MOKE - Anybody have one hesides our Los Angeles member ? 1966 literature from dealers show a Fiberglass (?) 3 window or 5 window hardton which was probably mfg'd in the U.S. If you know where one of these is available

or by whom it was made, please let us know...Also any other solutions to enclosing the Moke. Yes Wirginia, it rains and gets cold in California too. Thornton

SYNCHRO BALLS & SPRINGS

When you overhaul your Mini gearbox and the synchro hubs come spart - how do you get the balls and springs back into the hub? D. Smith, Ark.

There is a special tool for this job which you probably don't ha we so one way is to use a worm drive hose clip to push the balls into place. Then if it is not too tight, you can slide the hub over, pushing the hose clip before it. Ed.

REPLACING FRONT WHEEL BEARINGS

In the Nov. '70 issue of left town.

MINI NEWS, Tuning Tips discussed on the wall:

the replacement of CV joints. ... I sol

Since that time, our staff has of money and
had the oportunity to also re- of patience
place some front wheel bearings I had been w

In any case, a set of bearings for one wheel costs about
\$15 and are easier to change
than CV joints. The procedure
is the same as for the CV joint
except that you don't have to
do steps 2,7, 8, 9, and 10.
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undo the four phillips screws.

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THREE LETTERS

Dear Sirs:

I am being held captive by a '62 Mini.

I'd like to join your organisation....

> Sincerely yours, Dennis French (Illinois)

Dear Mini Owners:

... I purchased a '64 (7) 850 in July of '69. It had Stage II modifications, rust, and an owner anxious to sell. A not so quick ride around the block convinced me that this was a car to own. However, the wife didn't share my enthusiasm; smart people wives! Well, at any rate the deal was made, the title changed hands, and the former keeper left town. The handwriting was on the well!

... I sold her. I had run out of money and my wife had run out of patience (four nights a week I had been working on the Mini - honest). So that was the end. And now I find I miss that car.

Sincerely, B.W. Puller (Illinois)

Gentlemens

I just found out about your organization...and I would like to join, get the newsletter etc. So please let me know as quick-ly as you can as to what I ought to do.

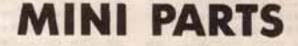
Thanks, Peter Lewis (New York)

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Smack dab in the middle of the Holiday hoopla, we caught a call from the mentor of MINI NEWS. In a voice tinged with desperation, the plea was made for contributions to the paper. And the editor claimed he would accept anything about Minis, and since that is more latitude than we have ever heard from an editor, we shall forthwith bring you some observations from our Mini mind. First we want to give you a little background on our logo above. The Mini driving journalist behind the typewriter was inspired by W.R.C. Shedenhelm, then Managing Editor of Sports Car Graphic magazine. W.R.C. went to the Mini introduction back in late 1962. It was a neat meet held on a ranch in the San Carlos Valley in scenic Central California. The press junket was the typical booze and food fete for the fourth estate, and BMC also imported a brace of famous folks to drive the Minis around a dirt track to demonstrate their fantastic roadability. The driver corps included such notables as Juan Manual Fangio, Innes Ireland, Pedro Rodriguez, Rodger Ward, Dan Gurney, Denise McCluggage, ad infinitum. Our collegue was suitably impressed, and when he subsequently co-drove a BMC sponsored Mini at a six-hour enduro race at Riverside, he was hooked. W.R.C. bought a 998 Cooper which he raced

in club events for a few years and also drove it daily to work. If you were an SCG reader during that era you may recall that Minis figured prominently in the column headings and the cartoons. Contributors knew dow to get to W.R.C. Well family expansion and the press of other duties eventually caused the sale of Shedenhelm's Mini but we lifted the logo to use here to depict our Mini luv and our chosem form of labor. The Mini Mania spread through the SCG offices. We caught the fever and acquired a somewhat run down '63 850 back in '65. We always meant to fix it up, but somehow the restoration never happened, and we just drove it instead. Over the years the 850 has acquired a good deal of help by use of replacement parts discarded from our racing 948 Sprite. It sports a genuine Cooper oil cooler that was slightly bent in a roll over in the Sprite but it still works. The head, with slight rework, is also from the Sprite, as is most of the hardware. Last year we put a pair of Mark II seats in the front, because the original jobs were completely collasped. We are still looking for a back seat to match, that falls within the budget. Last month we took the big plunge and sprung for a real custom paint job. It looks so grand on the outside now, that we must do more on the interior. We plan to recarpet, but we found that the carpet kits for sale exceed the budget by a big hunk. So the local carpet store came up with some remnants of indoor-outdoor carpeting that is quite reasonable. we haven't started the cut and glue scene as yet

because it has been raining for weeks out west. If it works out at all. we will share the agony and fun of laying rugs with you in a later edition of MINI NEWS. Getting back to our Mini aguisitions though, we also have a 1967 Cooper 1275 S in the stable. We had talked, for years it seemed, about buying new. and when we leaned that the car was to be banned from U.S. sale in January of 1968, we rushed off to our friendly BMC dealer and bought a new Mini, a late Mark I, all green and a yard wide, acquired in September of 1967. The Cooper is used mainly for rallies, and the 850 is the commuter car. Right now we are dickering for a clean '66 woody, and we wonder about possibly enlarging the garage. Meanwhile we will search our files for more mighty Mini lore. It is all here somewhere if we clean out the cabinets - a good hew Year's resolution. By the way if anyone has found a simple method of repairing rust damage to the Mini's undersides. please send the word to MINI NEWS. We don't have the problem here in smog and sun country, so we don't know the answer. We need tech tips from Mini folk all over though, so you all COMMUNICATE! -Jean Calvin

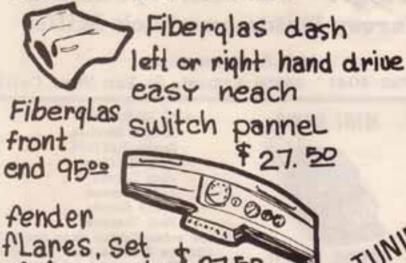
Cont from AL - Along the same line, we'll try to rerun some of the road tests on Minis that appeared in the U.S. magazines a few years

back. We are still waiting for tuning, repair, and parts manuals from BMC

In the For Sale column, Walt Downs is still looking for a left caliper, disc, and drive hub for a '66 Cooper-S. This is his second desperate appeal. Can't anyone help him? Dealers? Repair Shops? BMC? Anyone? - Tony Clifford

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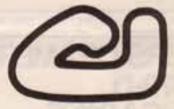


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