

Galaxy of Cars 2001

As always, the Sunday of galaxy of cars promised to be a scorcher. A great turnout of 13 Minis from the club made their way into MOTAT that morning to form a multi-coloured display, on a generous-sized grassy corner site (much better than the dusty gravel of last year). Our Club show and Shine is held at this event, with Paul Leahy's immaculate white Mini taking first place, Patrick's V-Tec race car second and Warwick's De Joux third. The variety and number of Minis present certainly attracted plenty of interest, and we managed to pick up a couple of new members on the day. All attending members enjoyed a relaxed day in the sunshine, the chance to look at some beautiful cars, and barbecued sausages for lunch. Thanks to everyone who showed up for your support, and we hope to see even more Minis at next year's event.



Did you know that the club has a Mini Trailer. No? well above you can see the living prove of it. Neat, isn't it.

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Not all roads up the Awhitu Peninsula look like this. In fact, the conditions of the road to the Signal Station were in a very good condition. One thing I can say is that everywhere we went, heads were turned. More inside.



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The Deadline for the next issue is: **15 May 2001**



Mini Car Club of Auckland

Events

26th, Saturday: Mini Fun Day, Centennial Park, Taupo

As you would expect from the name, this is indeed a Fun Day! An opportunity for EVERYONE to have a go on a racetrack. Your car will be required to pass scrutineering (so make sure you are at clubnight earlier this month). You will also need cotton or flameproof overalls (the club has some available to use) and an approved helmet. Saturday night we will have a meal out in Taupo, which is also a lot of fun. Don't miss out on the weekend!!!

JUNE

2nd and 3rd, Saturday and Sunday: Minisport Weekend, Hamilton

This annual event from the Mini Cooper Enthusiasts Club offers something for every one. Speed events on one day and a Gymkhana the next. Always great fun, and well organised, as well as a good chance to socialise with other clubs.

4th, Monday: Bay Prestige and Classic Car Day, Tauranga

Get out of Auckland for the day and show that car off in another city. A chance to see some fantastic cars all in one place.

5th, Tuesday: Clubnight 7:30pm Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otauhu

We hope to have a guest speaker coming along to talk about paint finishes, how to prepare your car and keep it looking good.

17th, Sunday: Annual Go-Kart Challenge, location to be confirmed

Fancy a shiny trophy for your mantlepiece? Try your hand at racing a smaller vehicle than a Mini against other club members. Guaranteed to produce plenty of laughs and tall stories.

If there are any events that you would like us to run, please let your club committee know. This club is for you - let us know what you want!



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APRIL

3rd, Tuesday: Clubnight 7:30pm Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu

Mechanical help night. Bring your problems and questions along and get some advice from the experts. Also a good opportunity to share your own brilliant ideas/inventions.

10th and 11th, Tuesday and Wednesday: Pork Pie Run passes through Auckland.

The inaugural Pork Pie Run will follow the route from Kataia to Invergargill made famous by the New Zealand movie of the same name, raising money for Child Cancer Research along the way. Participants arrive at Aotea square at approximately 4:30 pm on Tuesday afternoon, and will collect donations for about 30 minutes afterwards. The group will leave Auckland at about 8:45am the following morning to travel to National Park. They would welcome any support, in the form of club members accompanying the run into/ out of Auckland, and a reception for their arrival on Tuesday. We will finalise this at April clubnight.

22nd, Sunday: Fun Trial, leaving Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu at 12pm.

A repeat performance of the Funtrial run at last year's National Mini Meet. A great way to see a few of the sights of Auckland, and of course to show off your Mini.

MAY

1st, Tuesday: Clubnight 7:30pm Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu

Driving tips for Mini Fun Day later in the month, and help with getting your car through scrutineering. Be prepared for Mini Fun Day!

20th, Sunday: Lotus Club invitation Drag race, Meremere.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The season of Car Shows is upon us and started with "Galaxy of Cars & Swap-meet" at Motat, on the 4th February. We had a great turnout with 14 cars and the weather was great. It was also our Club Show'n'Shine with 1st place going to Paul Leahy with his black & white 1380 Mini. 2nd place went to Patrick's Honda powered Mini and the De Joux came 3rd. We also got a photo in the latest Classic Car Magazine.

At the Concourse d'Elegance at the Ellerslie racecourse on 11th February, we were supposed to have had 7 cars. But due to the heavy rain, only 5 turned up. Anita had made a coffin & head stone to celebrate the end of production of the Classic Mini. We entered judging in the Club display only. The rain steadily got heavier as the day wore on, but we were surprised at how many of the public turned up.

At the March Clubnight, we had a fantastic turn out of around 50 people for the swap-meet. Every conceivable Mini part turned up, including a complete body, sub frames, engine, gearbox and upholstery set.

We are having a display at the National Motor Show at Hamilton on 18th March.

All for now.

EL PRESIDENTO
Warwick Robinson

P.S.: Watch Shortland Street over the next couple of months for Chris Manning's Red Mini.

By Les Gubb.

It was a sad day on Christmas Eve when we learned of the passing of John Cooper, CBE. It was John who was responsible for turning the Mini into a performance machine, and hence into an Icon of the 20th Century. He introduced the Mini-Cooper to the world of track and rally events, which stood the motoring world on its end during the halcyon days of the sixties. It was he, who in the words of Stirling Moss, put British cars back on top of the worlds rallying scene, and helped to make British cars a force to be reckoned with on the racing circuit.

John Cooper instantly recognised the competition potential of the Mini when it was still under construction before being first released in 1959. He was a good friend of Alec Issigonis, having raced against him in earlier years. John was also a good customer of Morris engines at Coventry for the engines that he used in his Formula Junior racing cars. Therefore, it was natural for John to apply the Formula Junior engine to the Mini for competition. The Mini Cooper was produced in 1961. The rest is history.

It was a rare privilege for others and me in our NZ tour group to meet and talk with John in August 1999 after the IMM at Gaydon and the 40th birthday party for the Mini at Silverstone. Like us, he was a Mini fanatic and was always pleased and willing to talk to any club members from all over the world about the little car. A humble man, he thanked us as a group of New Zealand enthusiasts for helping to keep the Mini alive all those years.

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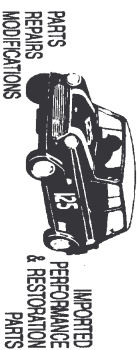


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Wanted: Cooper Distributor, PartNo 40955F, Lucas 25D4. If you have one, please get in touch with Graham Crisp on (09)2363890 or (09)2389195 or (025)756689

Wanted: Riley Elf. Colour and paint condition unimportant. Looking for rustfree never rusted example. Automatics considered. Canadian buyer Jim at mini@techie.com or 227 Nelson Street, Sarnia, Ontario Canada NTT 5H7 I would love to come down and pick it up.

FS: Mini AUTO. It was manufactured in 1969 and 1st registered in NZ in 1970. It has a 5 speed Automatic. Engine size 850cc. It has approx. 52922 original miles on the clock.

It does not have a current WOF due to a small rust patch around the door hinges. Only had 3 Lady owners.

Contact Nik Duberry on 021 3038 30. Any offers over \$1000.



FS - 1964 Morris Mini Deluxe, Fiesta Yellow, Registered, Current WOF. Running well on original 850 motor, original plates, New Dunlop tyres on genuine Cooper reverse rim wheels. This little classic must go. new project on the way. \$2250.

Ph Norman Harvey (09)6271261.

He would tell us of the fond memories he had of Bruce McLaren in the Mini Coopers and then in the Formula One and Junior races in Bruce's early days. I know what he meant for I remember well the Mini Cooper 'S' that Bruce used to demonstrate Mini-spinning with Paddy Hopkirk at the Pukekohe race track in the mid sixties. I still have a movie of that somewhere!

John was also very enthusiastic about the new Mini. He knew of the dissent amongst the purists, and the resistance to change. But he wanted the world to give the new car a chance, for, he said, it is a real winner in it's own right.



The New Zealand contingent on tour in the UK.

For all of you that are going to the Mini Fun Day at Taupo and intending to go for a blast on the race track, make sure that you check your Mini according to the 'SCRUTINEERS AUDIT SHEET' in the week before you go to Taupo and fix ALL problems you find. This will help the scrutineers at Taupo tremendously and will reduce the time it take to do the scrutineering. And have your battery tight down with a steel bracket and not with a piece of string, please. (this is just one example found last year)



Who says a Moke can't look beautiful. This is Graham Crispe's Moke during a photo shoot at Mararaitai for Mini World. There were roughly 200 pictures taken and this is just one of them. As you can see, the weather was helping too. It was just the kind that would invite you to drive a car like this. Nice job, Graham.



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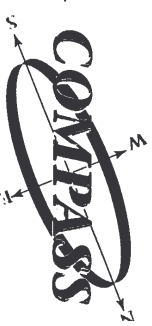
Its that time of year again! A little road trip down to the Waikato for a day of relaxing in the sun, catching up with our friends from the Cooper Enthusiasts Club and taking in the other club stands and trade stalls.

The only problem was the early start! We found ourselves cruising south past the Papakura truck stop just on 7.45am as the rest of the convoy was gathering there for the 8am drive. With three on board and the club trailer in tow it actually wasn't a bad trip, and Zoe managed a steady 80km up Bombay Hill.

We were all there by 9.30 and had the club sign set up and the cars all in a tidy row ready for the gates to open at 10am. A tally of 6 cars was a pretty good turnout considering how far from home we were. We all quickly dispersed to have a look around the rest of the club displays and then went indoors to look at the trade displays. If only there were a few dollars spare in the pocket, I'm sure we could have filled the back of the trailer as well as Les' Estate!

It was a great opportunity as always to let the public know we exist, and a number of membership forms were handed out over the course of the day. It was also a great chance to catch up with the Hamilton Cooper Enthusiasts and discuss our upcoming events, and share stories of the Nationals last year. It was great to hear again that everyone enjoyed themselves so much.

After another couple of looks around and a few yarns spun over the course of the afternoon, it was time to pack up and head off home. The trip over Bombay Hill was a bit slower this (being the much steeper side) but we were home before dark and ready for an early night before work the next day. Thanks goes to those that came along for the day, and we look forward to having a bigger presence next year for what will surely be an even bigger event.



Bay Prestige Classic & Sports Car Day: Sunday 3 June 2001

We've started planning for the annual Queen's Birthday weekend event again so this letter is simply to prompt your diary entry.

Thanks to all of you who attended last year (despite the weather) we believe this time around it will be fine and warm! Well fine anyway.

No changes to either the venue or format are envisaged and you can anticipate receiving entry forms etc. to be mailed later next month.

It is suggested that car clubs might like to appoint a person to coordinate their clubs entries. If so, that person could advise me of their contact address, phone/fax no's and we could all save on postage etc.

As usual, if anyone needs more information I can be contacted either:
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Yours Faithfully,

Bill Haymes
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5 Fantasyland. Enjoy an outdoor barbecue with the children play.

6 Te Mata Estate Winery. From our Park the wine trail starts here.

Have you planned your accommodation for the 2002 Mini nationals yet? There are plenty of nice places in the area to stay.

Cover story.

Sunday the 11th of March the Club had organised a club run to the signal station at the top of the Awhitu Peninsula. The start was, as usual from the Club rooms at 12:30pm. The weather as absolutely brilliant. Sunshine and



not to hot. 10 Mini's and two other cars of which I will not reveal the brand, joined in for, what turned out to be, an afternoon well spend. I can't comment to much about the beginning of the run because I joined

in at Waikuku. The first stop was near Karaka, just over the the bridge from



Papakura on the road toward Kingseat.

This stop gave a few members the opportunity to join up from there. From here it was on to Kingseat with the next stop planned in Waikuku. That's that hidden gem were I live. Did you know b.t.w., that more and more JAFAs are coming to live in Waikuku and surrounds and commute everyday up to Auckland? So, were did my stop in Waikuku then. Next to the Museum and the Jane Gifford, ofcourse. Pretty safe down there, with the fire station in the background. A visit to the Museum and a quick look at

Important note about the Pork Pie Run. We need as many Minnis as possible for each part of the run. Obviously we can and should run along with this event for the Auckland area part. But if you want, feel free to do one or two complete sections.

The start in Kaitiara is 9am, with a stop for lunch from 12pm to 1.15pm in Whangarei and arriving in Auckland at Aotea Sq around 4.30pm for a display till 5pm.



The next day we leave from Livestyle Motor Sport at 8.45am from where we have to go to the busstop in Queen Street(remember that bit from the movie?). Off to Manukau were we arrive around 10am and from here to Hamilton with an eta of 12pm. Leaving Hamilton at 1.15pm to Waitomo to visit the caves between 2.30pm and 3.30pm and then the last part of the day to get to National Park(5.30pm)
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- April 10 Kaitaia – Auckland 324 km
Passing through: Moerewa, Kawakawa, Kamo, Whangarei, Wellsford, Warkworth, Orewa and Albany.
- April 11 Auckland – National Park 317 km
Passing through: Huntly, Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Otorohanga, Te Kuiti and Taumararui
- April 12 National Park – Wellington 334 km
Passing through: Raetihi, Wanganui, Bulls, Foxton, Levin, Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparumu and Porirua
- April 13 Rest Day, Wellington
- April 14 Wellington – Christchurch 336 km
Ferry across Cook Strait, then passing through Blenheim and Kaikoura
- April 15 Christchurch – Franz Josef 395 km
Passing through: Arthurs Pass, up to Greymouth, then south to Hokitika
- April 16 Franz Josef – Dunedin 563 km
Passing through Lake Hawea, route to Dunedin to be confirmed
- April 17 Dunedin – Invercargill 217 km
Passing through Balclutha and Gore



the Jane Gifford and on we went right in the direction of Karioitahi beach

but just before we turned North getting ever so closer to the top of the Peninsula. Cris definitely found the windy roads alright. Very well suited for the Minnis as you can see on the next picture. The nice thing about these sort of roads is that you don't have to go fast to get an exhilarating buzz out of it.





fixed with, you guessed it, No.8 wire. In the end it was decided not to do anything about it and see if it would hang on for the ride.

And like every run where Minnis are involved, at some stage the toolbox has to come out. This time it wasn't to serious, just a broken exhaust bracket which can be



Next stop was just for the view. Water on both sides of the land which needed to be seen. From there it was a quick jolt down the road to the signal station. The view from the signal station



is absolutely great and so was the view back down on the cars. The next thing almost everybody was screaming for was ice cream. Well that ment



we had to go back to Big Bay which happened to be on the way back anyway. After the ice cream it was a homerun to frits' place for a well deserved BBQ. I would say that this was one of the best runs done in many years. It was fun, sociable

and not a race. We will leave the races for another day and probably more likely for on the drag strip or whatever. Next will be participating in the Pork Pie run starting April the 10th from Kaitaia.

