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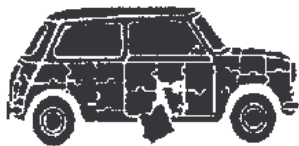
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi there!!

Well once again the last 2 months have been really busy. The All-British Car Day at Western Springs on 10th November saw 13 Minis turn up for a great display and a good day.

Separate reports for Mini Nationals & Economy Run to come.

Ten-Pin Bowling at Manukau Superstrike on 22nd November was enjoyed by 13 people who turned up and made up 2 teams. Many people had not bowled before or it was years since they had a go, so it was amazing to see the big improvement by everybody in the 2nd set of games. A good family night out!

The Concourse De Elegance held in February of each year is offering \$1000 for the best Club Display. This means having a "set". We are looking to club members to help design a "Set" for displaying Minis, and there will be a prize for the best. Some ideas:- 'Mr Bean', 'Good Bye Pork Pie', Garage Scene. See what you can come up with.

Well that's all from me for now, until next time,

Warwick

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HOT GOSSIP

💣 Warwick Robinson told a Jaguar salesman to piss off when asked if he could move his De Joux at the All British Car Day.

💣 **Patrick and Jo-Anne have bought another Mini... previous owner Phillip Goodacre.**

💣 Les Gubb finished restoring his Clubman Estate **ONE DAY** before leaving for Christchurch!

💣 **Word has it Michael Clark is just about finished his 150 hp turbo Mini.**

💣 Liz Schou has made an official complaint about other members (Patrick and Warwick) regarding their driving habits on a recent Club Run... just because you couldn't keep up Liz.

💣 **See the article on a damaged white Mini in a recent NZ Performance Car Magazine, that's Mike Harvey's'... so lock your Mini, he needs a donor.**

💣 Frits Schouten and family who made up one third of those who attended saved a disappointing turnout at the Ten Pin Bowling.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Bigger is not necessarily better!

FOOTNOTE: The views expressed above are not necessarily those of the Club or its Members.



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Paddy's Prattle!

(A wee note from the Club Captain)

Firstly, thanks to all the members who made an effort to participate in the outstanding events arranged by your committee, for your benefit.

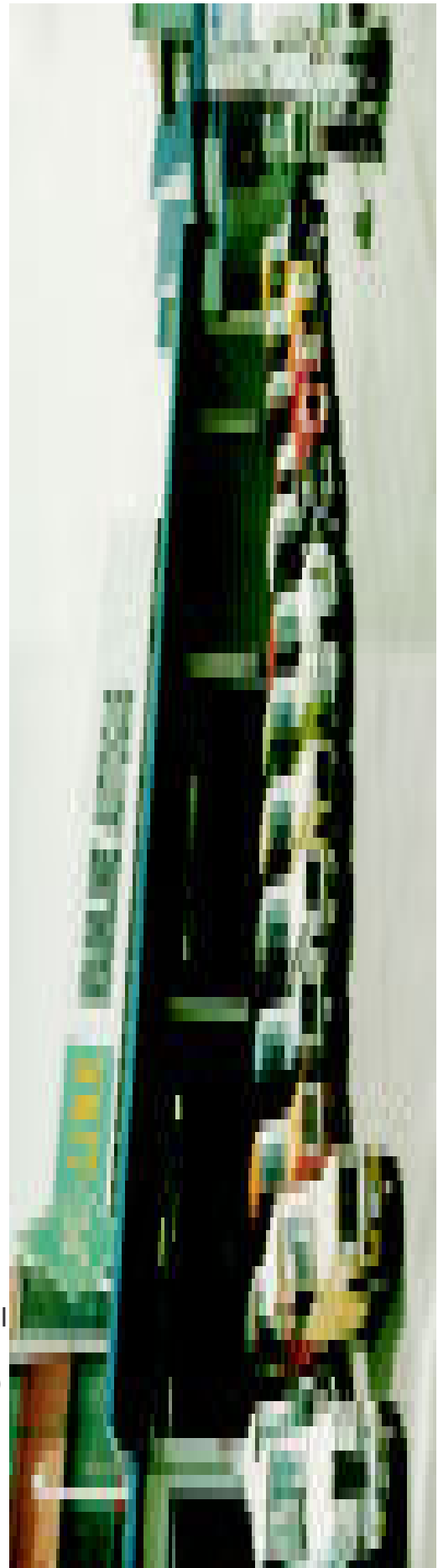
The Club is now better organised and systems are beginning to fall into place. To help attract attention we are going to redesign the original Club Tee shirts, we need your help! At the moment we have a couple of standard looking cars with the club decal. Spice it up! If you have any ideas or designs along the lines of 'cartoon like' and funny, get in touch.

Back to events. Other members will write about previous events, but below are the results of the Ten Pin Bowling held November 22nd.

Name	Game 1	Game 2	Total
Patrick	92	153	245
Warwick	103	132	235
Gordon	90	112	202
Chris	100	100	200
Andrew	86	79	165
Leslie	86	65	151
Liz	52	91	143
Thomas	74	68	142
Frits	76	52	131
Jo-Anne	62	66	128
Brian	50	65	115
Rob	42	58	100

The turnout wasn't looking good for a while but it turned out to be a worthwhile event. This will be repeated next year so get down to your nearest Super Strike and get in some practice! I found that I actually got better though the night, not due to 'getting my eye in' but to having a few (Steinlagers) and having lessons from Chris. (Yeah right!)

Patrick



The lineup from the recent Dyno Shootout.

Some Jokes. Well kind of...

Lucas Three-way Switch - Dim, Flicker, Off

Joseph Lucas - the Father of the Intermittent Windscreen Wiper

The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics

Back in the 70's, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners.

It was the only product they offered which did not suck.

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start either.

How are the staff graded ?

"Management" and "Potentially-redundant"

Did you hear about the Lucas powered torpedo - It sank!

How did Joe Lucas die? He used one of his own pace-makers.

Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into the Mini and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night, as they all look the same ?" He replied, it does not matter which one you use, nothing happens !

Difference between a Mini and any other car?

When you pull into the service station you fill a mini up with oil and check the petrol.

"Mini is a safe car!"

That's a lie!

Why?

Just tell a mini he looks like 'Herbie', and he'll run over you!

Q: Why did the blonde crash into the mini?

A: She thought it was a big car far away

Say do you know who engineered the mini's electrical system?

Lucas prince of darkness.

Lucas denies having invented the darkness!

But they still claim the "sudden, unexpected darkness" !

A Mini and a Rolls were stopped at a crossroads, side by side. The Mini owner signaled the Rolls to let his window down and asked him — "Do you have a telephone??"

The Rolls owner replied "OF COURSE I have a telephone!!"

Mini owner: "Do you have a fax machine??"

Rolls: "CERTAINLY!"

Mini: "Do you have a double bed in your back seat??"

Rolls: "Well, no, I do not."

The Mini sped off.

The Rolls owner (determined not to be outdone by the Mini) raced directly to his local garage and had a fold-away King sized bed installed in his back seat. A couple of weeks later the Rolls was driving along a country road and spotted the same Mini alongside the road. He stopped, got out, and noticed the Mini was rocking back and forth and the windows were all steamed up. Thinking this his last chance to show up the Mini owner, he knocked on the rear quarter window. The Mini owner stuck his head out and said "Can I help you?"

The Rolls owner said "I have had a FOLD-AWAY KING SIZE BED installed in my car!!"

The Mini Owner replied: You got me out of the shower to tell me that???"

How do you get two whales in a mini?

Ans: Up the M5 to Cannock then follow the signs to Llangollen. (Never mind the spelling)

Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

What is the most silent car in the world?

The mini

Why?

Because you cover your ears with your knees!!

Why do all mini-owners go to heaven?

They had hell on earth!!

Why do the British drink warm beer?

-Lucas make their fridges

Not many people know that the ever changing manufacturer of Minis which we shall here call "BMC" once attempted to market a computer.

Why did they stop?

The could not find a way to get it to leak oil!

Here's a Mini limerick:

There was a young man from Boston,
Drove around in a little red Austin.
It had room for his ass, a gallon of gas,
But his balls hung out and he lost 'em.

How many Elephants will fit in a mini ?

Two in the front and two in the back

How many giraffe will fit in it ?

None, it's full of elephants.

How would you know if 4 elephants are ransacking your house?

There's a mini parked out front.

How do you fit 5 dead people in a Mini?

Two in front, two at the back and the cremated one in the ash tray.



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The Mini Hot Rod





Mini Hot Rod

Race bred, 16 valve, twin cam, 1380cc 160 horsepower engine makes this the fastest road going Mini ever. Includes 5-speed “dog” box, that is, no synchromesh or helical gears from standard Mini that would be shredded by this car’s awesome power and torque. It’s not really made to be exhibited, it deserves a road. But it looks stunning in special green paintwork and with a unique interior and alloys.

Politically correct? No, not really.

The objective for the Hot Rod was to develop the quickest Mini ever. There have been many conversions which develop huge amounts of power by using other engines, even V8s in some instances! While some members of the team toyed with the idea of putting Rover’s extremely effective and compact KV6 engine in the car, we decided to stay with the A Series unit synonymous with the Mini.

Engine

We turned to Jack Knight Developments to develop the engine, as the much-tried and tested 16 valve twin cam head, along with boring the capacity of the engine out to 1,380cc. This does a very good job of developing large amounts of horsepower while the unit’s compact dimensions mean that the entire engine fits into the Mini’s diminutive engine bay without spoiling the lines of the car. In fact the only outward signs of anything unusual under the bonnet are four louvres which act as air intakes for the Weber Alpha fuel injection system.

Before being installed into the car the engine was measured producing 161 bhp.

Gearbox

Putting this much power through the drivetrain demands high performance equipment. Firstly the gearbox is a five speed ‘dog’ box with straight-cut gears. Power goes out to the wheels via equal length half-shafts to prevent torque-steer, and a plate-type limited slip differential helps put the power down on the road.

To finish off a quick gearchange assembly was added to enable the driver to change gear with the flick of a wrist.

Brakes Alloy drums are fitted to the rear, while at the front four-pot alloy callipers are fitted with carbon metallic pads to ensure that the whole ensemble comes to a more than adequate halt.

Interior

The car is built for speed rather than comfort, and all the standard trimmings were stripped out, including the rear seats, to be replaced with alloy panels. Sparco reclining bucket seats are provided for the front occupants together with four-point seat belts, and a six-point roll cage. For additional safety a fully-plumbed-in fire extinguisher is installed for the car interior and engine bay.

All minor controls, such as indicators and wipers, are located on the steering wheel, so that the driver doesn’t have to lift his hands off the wheel unnecessarily.

Paintwork

The paint scheme is inspired by a 1970s BRM Formula 1 car. To ensure accuracy John Euan from PPG paints visited the Donnington Collection and used a scanner to measure the precise shade of green used on the BRM cars. This was then fed into PPG’s computer system, which produced the precise shade of green, as well as the paint for the distinctive orange stripes.

Performance

We aim to try out the acceleration of the car on its return to the UK. Our projections show that the car will take less than 5 seconds for the dash from 0 to 60 mph.



The Mini Limo



Mini Limo

The most expensive Mini ever. 10 feet of outlandish luxury. More sumptuousness per inch than a Hispano-Suiza. Wilton carpets. Even has a leather tool bag. The stereo system was developed by Rover Engineering and Alpine, using Goodmans speakers, to produce a stunning sound. The system has and Alpine Mini Disc Autochanger, hand built especially for the car and appearing for the very first time in Europe. The Mini Limo is hand finished in exclusive Mica Red paintwork.

If the Mini Hot Rod crams the most performance possible into a 10 foot long space, then the Mini Limo crams as much sophistication as possible into 10 foot of road. In fact the car has so many features that its floor has had to be reinforced to cope with the added weight.

With its sophisticated satellite navigation system and state-of-the-art Hi-Fi this car provides the perfect answer to the frustration of crowded city streets in the 1990s, while its luxurious style means you lose nothing in the image stakes.

Engine

The engine started off life as a standard 1275cc A Series engine, but with John Cooper's 85bhp conversion added and a more powerful alternator to cope with the large amount of electronics in the car.

Gearbox

For quieter cruising a 5 speed gearbox is fitted.

Interior

As befitting a luxury car the interior is trimmed with Connolly leather and Wilton carpets, as well as plenty of walnut trimmings. The deepest of piles is used on the floor mats. Even the boot is trimmed in luxury carpets, with a leather tool bag as well.

Leather trimmed Recaro seats are provided for the front occupants. These seats not only feature numerous electrically adjustable features with 4 memory pre-sets, they are also heated and air-conditioned!

Navigation System

The Mini Limo features the Philips Carin Navigation system; the last word in satellite navigation technology, which can find and guide you to your desired location with pin-point accuracy. A screen is fitted into Mini's specially-built fascia to provide a colour map of your whereabouts, and a voice cuts in over the car's Hi-Fi to provide audible directions as you drive.

Hi-Fi

Alpine and Goodmans were called-in to develop the stereo system for the car. With a small amount of space available a compact system was crucial, while still providing outstanding sound quality.

In fact there are only four speakers in the Mini Limo, but from the sound quality you would never believe it. Goodmans Inductively Coupled Technology (ICT) speakers provide the effect of two high quality speakers in one compact unit, and the overall effect is nothing short of astonishing.

Alpine provided the head units for the car, and what else does the fashionable Mini sport in the 1990s but a Mini Disc player! This particular unit is a 3 Mini Disc Autochanger; A first for any car in Europe. In fact, the unit fitted to this Mini is a unique hand-built item provided by Alpine. A touch of a button reveals the slots for the 3 Mini Discs, concealed behind the hi-tech graphic display in the fascia.

A unique feature of the Mini is its fold-down boot which allows the sounds from the boot to be broadcast. So should you be in a party at an outdoor event, the doors and boot of the Mini can be left open to play your favourite music, with the Hi-Fi can be controlled using the remote control unit provided while standing some distance from the car.

Electrics

A wealth of additional electrical equipment graces the Mini Limo, with electric windows, electric glass sun-roof, rear wash wipe being included amongst other features. In fact so much equipment and so many controls have been fitted into the car that a special mini-tachometer had to be put in, in place of the normal item, in order to provide space to accommodate everything. This has produced perhaps one of the smallest tachometers in the industry!

Colour and Trim

The Mini Limo is built in a classic combination of deep red pearlescent paint coupled with stone beige leather. The body kit is colour-keyed, and even the backs of the headlamps are painted body colour, as a testament to the attention to detail lavished on the car.



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Events

December

Tues. 2nd 7:30pm. Clubnight. Christmas BBQ. Spot raffle.

Sat. 6th 10:00am. Strongs Big Day Out. Meet at Strong Bros. Penrose Branch, 711 Gt. Sth. Rd. BBQ, show & shine, engine show, show & shine, smash-a-'crab'. Followed by a convoy to Mission Bay for drinks.

Postponed!

January

All Month Holidays!!!

February

Sun. 1st Hamilton Car Display. Claudelands showgrounds.

Tues. 3rd 7:30pm. Clubnight.

Sun. 8th 11:00am. Club Concours and BBQ. Sunken Gardens, Cornwell Park.

Sun. 15th Concours De Elegance. Ellerslie Racecourse.

Sun. 22nd Orewa Car Show. See Warwick for details.

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