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Doesn't it look beautiful.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

MINI FUN DAY SATURDAY 15TH MAY @ TAUPO

12 Minis turned up for Taupo fun Day on Saturday, plus a large group of 25 Club members and supporters.

Unfortunately the weather wasn't the best, rain, drizzle, rain, and a few brief fine periods, which made driving very tricky and unfortunately one driver (not from our club), smashed into a concrete wall entering the front straight. The local fire service and ambulance were called. The Mini had to be destroyed, by cutting off the roof and roll cage to extract the driver from his car. He was later released from Taupo Hospital with no serious injuries thankfully.

Saturday night 17 turned up for dinner at 'Chinatown' – always-good value and then went on to join the Super Mini Challenge club for dance afterwards. A really great evening.

ROVER CITY.

Rover City at 1 The Strand, Parnell are offering discounts on parts to members on presentation of membership card.

Also see their flyer in this months magazine.

WHENUAPAI JULY 11TH.

Don't forget our Speed event at Whenuapai on Sunday July 11th.

EL PRESIDENTA WARWICK



Taupo fun day.

MINI CAR CLUB OF AUCKLAND

WHENUAPAI

SEALED

SPRINT

SUNDAY 11TH JULY
9.00 a.m.

Open to all Minis
Crash Helmet and Overalls required
Battery must be tied down
Bring your own picnic lunch
Make a day of it

Refer to attached map for entry

ENTRY FEE:- \$10 per Driver

W. Robinson
Clerk of Course

Write the answers to these instructions

- 1 Days per week you drive your Mini (choose between 1 and 7)
- 2 Multiply that number times 2
- 3 Plus 5
- 4 Times 50
- 5a If date (actual day) of Min's 1st reg'n has passed, plus 1749
- 5b If date of Min's 1st rego has NOT passed , plus 1748
- 6 Minus the year of reg'n

The result has two components:

- the 1st digit is the no. you began with. (line 1)
- the last 2 digits are the age of your Mini.

This only works for this year.

Chris (nothing-better-to-do-with-his-time) McMurray

Seen on the Internet. An ad. for IBM thinkpad.



Who says that IBM only thinks big.

It's only a scan of the snail mail we got from Wellington. (ed)

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MINI - 40 YEARS

April 1999

Welcome to the MOWOG - 40 Years of the Mini - Celebration.

Remember when you were small and the Mini was a head-turner wherever they were.

Well it's been 40 years since the first one rolled down the assembly line and out into the streets and for every Mini there has ever been there is probably a good story to tell. This newsletter will be published every month up till Labour Weekend, so there will be lots of space and room for those stories.

So write, email, fax, phone - who cares, just remember those Minis of the past and get the stories in for everyone to enjoy.

We will also be covering the events of the celebrations in the UK and around the world in August - the official birthdate.

The event of 1999 - NZ Honours the Mini after 40 years. At Labour Weekend, in Wellington, we will be here for the formal NZ celebrations.

Outline of Events:

Saturday October 23rd 1999.

Minis from every corner of the country that can make it will be heading for Te Papa - the city's cultural icon. Arriving from mid morning to be on show for the afternoon's Show & Shine. This will be a big drawcard for anyone who ever owned, wished they had owned, (wished they never owned). The whole front car park at Te Papa will be available for the Minis. First in with their entries get the best spot. Minis will even be inside the foyer and will represent everything that was ever loved about the Mini.

The highlight of this gathering is



the Show and Shine event. Cars may be entered for the prestigious Concours D'Elegance, or maybe there are

Show & Shine categories.

*Concours D'Elegance
Concours D'Dungheep*

only bits of your Mini that are particularly appealing - well there are novelty entries as well and these will be judged on anything - anything at all.

During the day there are a variety of activities to get into. For one, Te Papa right outside your Mini door. That alone could take care of your whole afternoon, including lunch and afternoon tea. Two blocks away is the celebrated Courtenay Place cafe scene. Bars, sidewalk cafes, pool rooms, entertainment centres, fast food outlets, street entertainers, hoons, boy racers, the Police, you can see it all around this area - just hang out for a while.

Just a stroll away is the very pleasant Oriental Bay, to the East, or the Queens Wharf Centre to the North, well worth the walk.

LABOUR WEEKEND - October 23rd 1999

Saturday evening dining at the Central Park Cabaret. Dinner is provided at \$25 per head (children at reduced rates).

The evening will be full of fun with the prize giving for the Show & Shine event and, if the planning goes well, there will be some special guests.

More about this later as the plans come together.

Sunday morning is a time to relax and unwind and take it easy. Well the next event is timed to let you do just that. Late in the morning at 9.30 am we will rendezvous in town and receive instructions for the Fun Run. Its a mystery run that not much of a secret.

Kapiti is the end of the run - so if you get lost at least you know where you are going. At Kapiti there will be the Motorkana starting around 11.30 am and proceeding through until around 3 pm. Kapiti is a fascinating place with loads of interesting and delicious cafes and eateries to fill up over lunch or brunch. This Motorkana is one to show your skill at precision driving. There will be no wrecked rubber here. Slow and careful, an event that everyone can enjoy. More Prizegiving after this and off to Southwards Car Museum for an informal afternoon tea.

That's about the basic shape of the weekend at this stage. In the next newsletter you will get more details about what is planned.



Celebrating 40 years of the Mini

MOWOG

Minis Of Wellington Owners Group is delighted to announce the official New Zealand celebrations of the Mini turning 40 years old.

Labour Weekend October 23rd & 24th 1999 WELLINGTON

Feel free to photocopy this form and pass on.

Please Print

(Family Name)

(First Name)

(POSTAL ADDRESS)

ALL FEES ARE GST INCLUSIVE

Registration Fee

\$50.00

Including : Official Stickers, Car Card, Entry to Show & Shine,

Entry of one car and one driver to the Motorkana

(Additional drivers - \$5 - payable on the day)

Saturday Evening Meal \$25 per head, children \$19

\$

TOTAL

\$

Cheque payable to: Minis Of Wellington Owners Group
PO Box 3530, Wellington.

DO NOT SEND CASH!

Closing Date September 25, 1999

JUNE MINI MADNESS

Front brake shoes MINI F	\$30.00	each
Rear brake shoes MINI R	\$30.00	each
Oil filter spin on type GFE 166	\$5.00	each
Steering rack boots GSV 1153	\$30.00	each
Mud flaps GSG 2030	\$16.00	a set
Steering rack (exchange) SRS 500	\$220.00	each
Wiper blades GWB 911	\$12.00	each
Heater tap ADU 9102	\$45.00	each
Decarb set GEG 101/2	\$15.00	each
7 inch hEADLAMPS 1075	\$14.00	each

Prices do not include G.S.T.
Specials available while stocks last
Surcharge on Rack is \$100

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A non MINI joke.

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised my friend I would meet him half an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man below says, "Yes. You are in a hot air balloon, hovering approximately 30 feet above this field. You are between 40 and 42 degrees N. latitude, and between 58 and 60 degrees W. longitude."

"You must be an engineer" says the balloonist.

"I am" replies the man. "How did you know?"

"Well" says the balloonist, "everything you have told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I am still lost."

The man below says, "You must be a manager."

"I am" replies the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," says the man, "you don't know where you are, or where you are going. You have made a promise, which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is you are in the exact same position you were in before we met, but now it is somehow my fault."



Frits' Place.

Favourite taste order for Mini chemicals.

Antifreeze

Petrol

WD40

20w50

Celulose thinners

Isopon P38

Soapy washer water

Threadlock

Brake fluid

Nitromorse

Battery acid

Turtle wax car wash stuff - Don't know, never used any :-)

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Phone Barry Burke (09) 537-2349, 025-974-617(bus)

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Spanish Olive Green 1978 Mini Special, Modded 1275 Aus. S engine, sidedraft carb, Disk brakes, new pads, spax shocks, Mags, mint 165x70x10 tyres,
Cooper grill, Race seat + steering wheel, New WOF & Rego and much, much more. \$4700.00
For more info on this seriously cool and much loved Mini call Nicky at home. (09)8339961

FOR SALE:

Personalised Plates **78 MINI** purchased new in Nov.97 only used for 8 months, have been stored since Aug.98 and are in excellent condition.
\$450 ono.
Phone Ray (06)3767725

FOR SALE:

1968 Mini Cooper - sliding front windows, Light Green. Body very tidy. with: 6std & 3mag wheels,A frame for towing, radiator,starter motor,solanoid, flared plastic guards, 2 Mini manual books, jack. Been garaged for the last 3 years. \$1000 ono
Phone Barry & Shelly (09)4182523

WANTED:

Car trailer to suit Mini. Good condition. WOF & Rego required.
Phone Patrick 025 2757567

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Mini Car Club of Auckland

Events

June

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

Tonight we're showing the Italian Job video. It's about some robbers who use a Mini as their getaway car, and the car chase through the city to catch them! We are going to re-create the Italian Job Run on the 20th – look out Auckland!

Sunday 20th 1:00 pm Italian Job Road Trial

Meet at Northern Sports Car Clubrooms to recreate the Italian Job getaway! \$5 entry, Winner takes all!!

July

Tuesday 6th 7:30 pm Clubnight Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu

This is the night of our swap night. The last one was very successful for all participants, especially since we have so much room in the clubrooms. So clear out your garages, and bring all your stuff – you never know what someone else needs that you might have!

Sunday 11th 9:00 am Whenuapai Speed Event

It's finally here – the day you have all been waiting for! That's right, our annual SPEED event! Not only is this really fun to participate in, it's great to watch – don't miss it!!!! (See the ad in this magazine for directions and more info.)

August

Tuesday 3rd 7:30 pm Clubnight Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu
AGM and price giving. Very important night. Don't miss it.

Saturday 28th - - - - ->>>>> Minis 40th Birthday. <<<<<<<- - - - - Make sure you reserve the entire day and evening for this exiting event!!!

The plans are underway for a really fantastic celebration that you won't want to miss!!



All British Car Day '99