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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The year of the 40th Birthday for the Mini is just about finished and we have had a full and really neat year starting with the: -

Galaxy of Cars @ Motat - 7th February. In which we were placed 3rd in the Club display, and held our Show 'n' Shine.

Intermarque Concourse d'Elegance - 14th February. There we had a Birthday display of 20 different types of Minis. We received an Honourable mention.

This was followed by various events.

Italian Jobs, Fun Runs & Go-Kart nights & on July 11th, our Speed Event at Whenuapai.

The 40th Birthday Party - Saturday 28th August, was an amazing success. Several members attended the Mini Nationals @ Wellington - Labour weekend 23 - 24th October, really enjoying the whole event. Thanks must go to the Minis of Wellington owners group.

Big Boys Toys - November 12 - 14th, was again another success. We were given the entry way to Logan Campbell Center. People couldn't help but notice Andrew Carter's 2 well-presented Minis. His early Blue 850 Mini & the late model Green Cooper. We handed out hundreds of brochures, so hopefully we will pickup many new members. Our thanks go out to all members for their support during the year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all and your families, A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

NB: Hoping the Mini will win the 'Car Of The Century' to be announced December 1999'.

EL PRESIDENTO
Warwick Robinson



Lynn & Andrew getting serious in the Fun-kana Wellington '99



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TO: Mini Car Club of Auckland. FAX NO: Mail.
FROM: Julian Leach, Technical Manager.
DATE: 12/11/99 NUMBER OF PAGES: 1
SUBJECT: WARNING ABOUT QUALITY OF REVOLITE WHEEL RIMS

MotorSport New Zealand is currently investigating the failure of three wheel rims resultant from an accident at a recent motorsport event. The rims in question are those produced by Midland Wheel Supplies, UK, and are marketed under the trade name of REVOLITE.

The rims are not believed to have caused the accident but the subsequent damage to the wheels has alerted us to investigate further their quality. The centre boss section has broken away from the outer rim revealing casting porosity and extremely coarse grain throughout all areas of the breakages. The rims in question were brand new prior to the accident and hence aging is not a factor in question.

Tests performed on a further five (undamaged) REVOLITE wheels, having only competed in four events since new, have revealed cracks between the boss and spoke section on four of the five examples.

The manufacturer concerned has not responded to date with any form of answer or recall. We have asked the RACMSA, our associate organisation in the UK, to assist with our investigation.

As a consequence we ask your club to advise your members of the concerns MotorSport NZ has relating to these wheels and recommend that all members who possess examples to have crack tests performed or refrain from using them until further notice.

Note: Motor Wheel Supplies also produce a 'Minilite' style wheel rim which may be of similar manufacture quality.

An article will be published in the next copy of MotorSport News detailing the concerns with the quality of these wheels.

Best Regards

Julian Leach, **Technical Manager.**

PRIZEGIVING, AGM AUGUST 3, 1999

Economy Trophy - Andrew Carter
 Motorsport Trophy - Andrew Manning
 Bradley Russell Award - Micheal Wigmore
 Show-n-Shine Trophy - Paul Leahy
 (I still have the trophy, Paul, because you were in England. If you're back, please give me a call - Lynn.)
 Leadfoot Award - Warwick Robinson
 Trials Award - Andrew Carter & Lynn Scott
 Dipstick Trophy - Alayna Lapwood
 Top 5 Most Improved Cars - Graham Crispe

Allen Ritchie
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Biggest Spinner - Tom Parker
 Most Interesting Modified - Patrick Williamson
 Most Loved Mini- Mary Maxwell
 Bugger Award - Andrew Manning
 Car With Most Potential - Nathan Murrell & Anita Cowan

Economy Run /results.

Sunday 5th Dec. 1999

This ran for approx 117 km from the clubrooms to Clevedon via Bombay and Hunua.
 Stories came back of cars passing in opposite directions, or turning right in stead of left (shades of a navigational trial), but a result was still achieved nevertheless.
 Well done, all competitors, and you now know some real neat roads for Minis.

Name	Distance	Litres	KM/L	MPG	placing
Kevin Taylor	123.2	11.39	10.82	30.55	
John Marshall	116.2	9.8	11.86	33.49	
Frits & Brenda Schouten	106.3	7.52	14.14	39.93	3 rd
Paul Leahy	130.1	10.29	12.84	35.71	
Susan & John Taylor	118.0	7.15	16.5	46.61	2 nd
Andrew & Lynn	112.8	4.87	23.16	65.42	1 st
Alayna & Daniel	105.0	7.97	13.17	37.21	

The conversion factor for km/l to mpg is 2.824411.

MINILLENNIUM FESTIVAL 99

This was the title selected by Minis Of Wellington Owners Group (MOWOG) for this year's national Mini gathering, held over Labour weekend in Wellington. A small group (i.e. 2 cars, 4 people) of Auckland club members ventured far, far south of the Bombay Hills to attend.

Saturday morning saw all attending Minis arriving at Te Papa for the Show & Shine. This was a great location, and MOWOG had even managed to have several Minis on display inside the museum, which created a lot of public interest. The Wellington weather certainly lived up to its reputation and tried desperately to blow us all away, but no-one seemed discouraged. We took advantage of our spare time to have a look around Te Papa, and being so handy to town, there were plenty of good places for lunch.

At 2:30 it was time for the Wheel Change competition right in front of Te Papa's main entrance. Lynn & Anita were the only Ladies brave enough to have a go, and the men put in a good show for Auckland - although not fast enough to win. The Show & Shine prize giving was held in the late afternoon, but as only the winners names were read out, I can't tell you which cars won, although there were certainly a lot that deserved awards. After the prizes had been handed



Getting serious in the Fun-kana.

out, we departed Te Papa for a short break before dinner.

We were looking forward to dinner, and couldn't help but be disappointed when we realised we had paid \$25 each for only ONE COURSE! Although this was lovely food, an entrée or desert would have been nice, and you would expect to have tea & coffee offered after a meal. There was red & white wine on each table, but no non-alcoholic drinks, not even water. This sent several people (particularly those with kids in tow) dashing to the nearest gas station for a drink and one

member of our table had to fill her glass with water in the bathroom! The guest speaker, Jim Robb, was excellent, and kept everybody well amused with his rallying tales.

On Sunday we were again at Te Papa bright and early to set off on the fun trial. This consisted of a very enjoyable drive through some lovely scenery, and some curly questions thrown in for good measure. We ended up at Southwards Car museum just before lunch to start the Fun Kana. MOWOG were hoping to hold this on the lawns, but thanks to the rain, this wasn't to be. Instead, courses were set up in Southwards front car park. We had lots of fun sliding around cones, but the flying shingle caused a few contestants to give up early for fear of stone chips. Mid afternoon the prize giving was held, after which we said our good-byes and headed off.



Racy de-seamed clubman.

Many thanks to MOWOG for organising an enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone in Auckland next year.

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AN INVITATION TO THE SIXTH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR & HOT ROD
FESTIVAL

On behalf of The National Street Rod Association we would like to extend an invitation to your organisation to attend our up and coming NSRA Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival to be held on the 15th and 16th of January 2000 at the Kumeu A & P Showgrounds . The times are as follows :

SATURDAY 15TH 7AM - 6PM

SUNDAY 16TH 8AM - 5PM

As previously , the Festival consists of an Indoor Car Show , an Outdoor Car Display and a two day Swap Meet .

We also have Swap Sites and Trade Sites available for those interested .

*If you are wanting to be displayed as a club in the Outdoor Car Display , it is **IMPORTANT** that you arrive at the Festival together . As you can appreciate , it is impossible to save space for vehicles . You may also display your vehicle individually .*

ENTRY FOR DRIVERS OF ANY DISPLAY VEHICLES WILL BE FREE

*Please note that the judging will be completed on Sunday morning and that the owner **MUST** be present at prizegiving to claim any prizes . Prizegiving will be held at approximately 3pm on Sunday afternoon .*

We look forward to your continued support and welcome your attendance to this , our Sixth Annual Event .

For any further information of inquiries regarding any matter please write to the above address , or Fax :

Shane Reynolds 09-420-7547

With Regards , S Reynolds

Shane Reynolds

Chairperson NSRA Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival

Club Ads.

This Mini is **stolen** from David Dalziell's place:

1978 Leyland Mini, Newly Painted Lemon with White Roof., White stripes on bonnet, Engine average, New 2" Exhaust, Extractors - with Single SU, Silver ROH Contessa 10" MAGS with Falken tyres.

Any information please to David or Kent (ex Mainline Autogas). Phone: (09)576-6397

Sorry this is late but it has just arisen, I have doubled up on the latest publication. (This was supposed to be a surprise Christmas present from my daughter but she didn't realize I already had it, so I'm selling on behalf of her.)

"MINI the design icon of a generation" the first forty years" and would like to try and sell the second copy and wondered if anyone would be interested in the club, it has never left it's packaging and would like \$60 for it. If you can put this ad in it would be great if it's too late I will bring it to the next club meeting.

BOOK: MINI - DESIGN ICON OF A GENERATION.(The first forty years). Excellent Condition/never been read,\$60.

Phone Ross Kilgour or Rochelle(09)299-8957

Dear Club Members,

It is a reluctant decision to place this nice classic car up for sale, here are the details for anybody who might be interested:

Mini Cooper, Oct 92, 2 owners, only 12,000 miles, red and white with black interior, immaculate condition, coded radio, alarm, had a recent full service, \$17,500 ono.

Peter ph: (09)626-6355

FS:1973 Mini 1000, 3 owners - same family, Flamenco Orange, Straight and original body - No rust. 13300cc engine, Cooper'S' Discs/drums, Twin tanks, Dunlop mags, Reg. WOF. \$3000.00

Phone Bayne (06)876-4143

FS: Light Blue Leyland Mini Magic 1000cc, good nic, WOF/rego, good interior! Large petrol tank, 110,000km, bought from new.

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FS: Mini 1000, 1975. To much rust (mainly boot floor and front floor pan) to get past a WOF, has run about 140,000km, engine runs well.
Phone Bernie Walsh at (09)524-7345.

FS: Unfinish Mini project. Bare rolling shell painted in 2K yellow, inc brand new suspension & braking, Metro 1300 recon engine + all other standard Mini City parts. The Mini is registrered. \$3800 the lot or as parts.
Phone Rick van Ballegooy at (09)536-5282.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Mini Brand Management team at BMW Group. If our 40th birthday celebrations are anything to go by, 2000 should be another memorable year. I hope you were able to attend the birthday party at Silverstone (and managed to get a good peek at the new Mini).

So to this coming year. Although we're still finalising plans I can promise that as Club members you'll be the first to know about events surrounding a piece of history, the last famous Mini Classics to toll off the production line. Key things to watch out for are:

Vote for Mini as the Car of the Century on www.cott.com.

We know that our brand deserves this distinction and it would be a shame if the reward did not go to its rightful owner. Polls close on 28th November — so be sure to place your vote!

Enjoy Fun Dialogue

On the miniclassic.com web site a club page was created especially for you the Mini Clubs and Club members. We wish to maintain a current list of contacts for you all and to Inspire constructive, lively and fun dialogue on the Mini. Mini features on the site are a calendar of events where you can announce your activities to a world wide audience and many other items you will discover for yourself.

Visit the new Mini Website.

You can find out the latest word on the new Mini on www.mini.com. The site will be your window on the world of the Mini — so log in and explore.

As loyal club members, I promise that throughout next year you'll hear about our exciting new plans before anyone else. After all, the enthusiasm of you, the club members, will be (as it always has been), the driving force behind Mini.

Yours sincerely,

Wolfgang Vollath
Brand Director, Mini



AN ORIGINAL: Andrew Carter's 1962 Mini 850.

A major Mini

ONE of the humblest displays at the Big Boys Toys event in Auckland last weekend was Andrew Carter's 1962 Mini 850.

It was there because it is one of New Zealand's most original Minis. Andrew let me take it for a drive on behalf of *Sunday News* readers.

The first thing I was aware of was the plasticky smell. The 37-year-old vinyl can be excused for getting a little smelly in its old age. The next thing to strike me was its simplicity and bareness around the dashboard.

A speedo with a fuel gauge built in, and two toggle switches... one for the lights and one for the wipers — and a pull-out choke.

I pulled the driver's door closed by heaving on a chain that Minis of that era were equipped with.

No radio of course. And the steering wheel is very thin compared to today's cars. I found the starter switch on the floor and the little east-west engine throbbed into life.

It was noisy by today's standards but it was surprisingly easy to drive. The four-on-the-floor stick shift engaged easily, although Andrew said a degree of gentleness is needed so as not to crunch first gear.

Andrew is a 34-year-old executive in a west Auckland motor dealership and has eight Minis. The little 850, which has done just 32,000 miles, is worth \$7000-\$10,000.

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Events

JANUARY

No Clubnight as too many members will still be away on holiday.

FEBRUARY

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

Social get-together and BBQ. Also a guest speaker is planned - something of interest to everyone.

6th, Sunday: Galaxy of Cars and Swapmeet, MOTAT, meet at 9am at the Motions Road entrance

We will be combining this with our club Show 'n' Shine, so make sure that Mini is squeaky clean! The Club display we had here last year won a prize - lets see if we can do it again!

13th, Sunday: Concourse d'elegance, Ellerslie Racecourse

A few of the clubs finest examples will be on display, come along and show your support.

15th & 16th, Saturday & Sunday: NSRA Auckland Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival, Kumeu Showgrounds

MARCH

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

A short, fun scavenger hunt with a prize for the winner and runners-up, returning to the Clubrooms.

17th to 19th, Friday to Sunday: The Classic & Collectable Motor Show & The Performance Car Motor Show, Claudelands Showgrounds, Hamilton

We are intending to have a club display at this event, which is the largest Motorshow in New Zealand. We will be there either Saturday or Sunday (or both). Free entry to car's driver, passenger \$5 (normally \$8). More info from your Club Executive closer to the date.