

# Mini Car Club of Auckland

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# Mini Car Club of Auckland Inc.

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

## MINI NATIONALS 2000

18 months of intensive effort by members of the committee and many club members paid off for the Nationals over Labour weekend. The other Clubs outside Auckland thoroughly enjoyed themselves and at the Dinner, we were thanked by these clubs.

The weather was excellent both days, being warm with a light breeze.

Around 70 Minis turned up for the Show'n'Shine (Saturday) with judging organised into groups. At the same time, scrutineering was carried out. They set off for the Fun Trial around 1pm, stopping off for afternoon tea at Motorsport Lifestyle in Parnell, our main sponsor.

The Trial finished at the Northern Sports Car Club and everybody had big grins and said they really enjoyed it. This was followed by a BBQ with the biggest steaks I've ever seen. Those that were up to it, had a Queen Street parade at 10pm, and by all accounts, was a real buzz.

Sunday morning, up early, the Grasskhana, starting @ 8am, at Hobsonville. Andrew Carter had his left hand steer (opposite) and RH pedal car, courtesy of Bob Pierce at Mini Auto Parts, Glenfield, for one of the 4 Grasskhana events. People were queuing for this event and laughter could be heard all around Hobsonville. The courses had to be moved regularly so that damage to grass did not occur.

Midday across to Whenuapai for a 2 lap Bent Sprint & ¼ mile drag. At times it was interesting, as we had to compete with parachuting and light aircraft landing alongside the race track.

Dinner & Prizegiving at Barry Court Motor Inn, Sunday evening was superb. At this point members of the committee were so tired, we were just about falling asleep. At last we had time to relax.

However, all in all it was a fabulous weekend. We are all looking forward to Hawkes Bay next Labour weekend.

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,  
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Kickoff of the 2000 Mini Nationals at Western Springs.



# Small is beautiful and saves gas.

By ANNE BESTON.

The little car with the big fun factor was on display at Auckland's Western Springs over Labour Weekend as Mini lovers from around the country met for the sixth annual New Zealand National Mini Meet.

"When you hop in a Mini it puts a smile on your face," said 68-year-old Bill Pyne, of Waikanae, who drove his 1968 Mini Countryman Mark II automatic from Waikanae for the event.

The sparkling green car has a top speed of about 130 km/h and has been lovingly restored over the past two years. Every piece of the car, including the exterior wood, was imported from Britain. Not a bad end for a car that was "a toss-up whether it went to the tip," Mr Pyne said. It is insured for \$20,000 but is not for sale.

About 70 Mini owners gathered for the event, with Minis ranging from modified racers with 1600cc Honda engines to the more sedate Mini version of the station wagon.

All of them had the same reason for loving the Mini — it's a fun car.

"I don't even drive it, I just like looking at it," said Wayne Kara, 26, talking about his 1964 Mini Cooper, which he painted and restored seven years ago. "It doesn't really drive that nice"

The Mini was a trailblazer when it first rolled off the production line in 1959. It was the, smallest car made at the time and was very economical to run.

Auckland Mini Car Club President Warwick Robinson said that, with increased fuel prices, Minis could become more popular than ever.



Difficult.



Ready to race.



And a bit on the grass too.



Straight sprints.

Dear Mini Nationals 2000 Participant,

We hope you arrived home safely after your weekend of Mini Fun in Auckland. We are just beginning to recover after the hectic weekend that was the 6<sup>th</sup> National Mini Meeting.

The Mini Car Club of Auckland would like to thank everyone who attended the event and made it such a success. Without you, the participants, we would not have an event at all. We hope that you enjoyed the event as much as we did, and we expect to see you all next year in the Hawkes Bay.

Enclosed you will find the full results for the event. Thank you very much for attending.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Parker  
Committee Member.

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## Results Summary

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### Show and Shine:

#### Original

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Tisdall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenis Cooper
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Slatherley & Patti Turner

#### Variant

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Pyne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bianca Howe (Red Bull)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graham Crispe

#### Everyday

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ross McKee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karyn & Trevor Salmon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harry & Barbara Dye

#### Restored/Rebuilt

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Leahy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Pierce
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dennis Mead

#### Modified

- 1<sup>st</sup> Clint Taylor & Kylie Crafts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracy Connet & Joe Tuffs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick & Jo-Anne Williamson

#### Overall

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Pyne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clint Taylor & Kylie Crafts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracy Connet & Joe Tuffs

People's Choice: Joe Tuffs

### FunTrial:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Crispe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kylie Crafts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "Ralph, Kelvin, Alenna"

### GrassKahna:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Hargraves
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Maulder
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graham Strang
- Most Confused Clint Taylor & Kylie Crafts

### Bent Sprint 1000:

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Pearson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Boyd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daryl Webster

### Bent Sprint 1300:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ralph Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Jones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Taylor

### Bent Sprint Open:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Clint Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Williamson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Warwick Robinson

### Straight Sprint 1000:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Slaney
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Boyd
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Pearson

### Straight Sprint 1300:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Whitmore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Taylor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Pearson

### Straight Sprint Open:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patrick Williamson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clint Taylor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Robinson

### Club Award:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mini Car Club of Auckland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini Cooper Enthusiasts Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini Car Club of Hawkes Bay

### Individual Award:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Clint Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Williamson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ralph Taylor



## Club Results

| Club  | Event               | Points | Club Entrants | Total Entrants | Total       | Place    |
|-------|---------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| CC    | BentSprint Open     | 7      | 2             | 17             | 0.21        |          |
| CC    | Grasskahna          | 9      | 2             | 44             | 0.10        |          |
| CC    | Modified            | 3      | 2             | 8              | 0.19        |          |
| CC    | Original            | 10     | 1             | 3              | 3.33        |          |
| CC    | Restored/Rebuilt    | 9      | 1             | 8              | 1.13        |          |
|       | <b>Total</b>        |        |               |                | <b>4.95</b> | <b>4</b> |
| KCM   | Grasskahna          | 12     | 2             | 44             | 0.14        |          |
| KCM   | Variant             | 10     | 1             | 8              | 1.25        |          |
|       | <b>Total</b>        |        |               |                | <b>1.39</b> | <b>6</b> |
| MCCHB | BentSprint 1000     | 9      | 1             | 4              | 2.25        |          |
| MCCHB | Everyday            | 25     | 5             | 23             | 0.22        |          |
| MCCHB | Original            | 9      | 1             | 3              | 3.00        |          |
| MCCHB | StraightSprint 1000 | 9      | 1             | 4              | 2.25        |          |
|       | <b>Total</b>        |        |               |                | <b>7.72</b> | <b>3</b> |
| MCCOA | BentSprint 1000     | 10     | 1             | 4              | 2.50        |          |
| MCCOA | BentSprint Open     | 18     | 7             | 17             | 0.15        |          |
| MCCOA | Everyday            | 10     | 11            | 23             | 0.04        |          |
| MCCOA | Grasskahna          | 5      | 2             | 44             | 0.06        |          |
| MCCOA | Modified            | 12     | 4             | 8              | 0.38        |          |
| MCCOA | Original            | 8      | 1             | 3              | 2.67        |          |
| MCCOA | Restored/Rebuilt    | 15     | 2             | 8              | 0.94        |          |
| MCCOA | StraightSprint 1000 | 8      | 1             | 4              | 2.00        |          |
| MCCOA | StraightSprint Open | 37     | 7             | 18             | 0.29        |          |
| MCCOA | Variant             | 26     | 7             | 8              | 0.46        |          |
|       | <b>Total</b>        |        |               |                | <b>9.48</b> | <b>1</b> |
| MCEC  | BentSprint 1000     | 7      | 1             | 4              | 1.75        |          |
| MCEC  | BentSprint 1300     | 31     | 4             | 7              | 1.11        |          |
| MCEC  | BentSprint Open     | 10     | 2             | 17             | 0.29        |          |
| MCEC  | Grasskahna          | 21     | 7             | 44             | 0.07        |          |
| MCEC  | Modified            | 5      | 1             | 8              | 0.63        |          |
| MCEC  | Restored/Rebuilt    | 14     | 3             | 8              | 0.58        |          |
| MCEC  | StraightSprint 1000 | 10     | 1             | 4              | 2.50        |          |
| MCEC  | StraightSprint 1300 | 25     | 4             | 7              | 0.89        |          |
| MCEC  | StraightSprint Open | 4      | 2             | 18             | 0.11        |          |
|       | <b>Total</b>        |        |               |                | <b>7.93</b> | <b>2</b> |
| MM    | BentSprint Open     | 20     | 5             | 17             | 0.24        |          |
| MM    | Everyday            | 2      | 2             | 23             | 0.04        |          |
| MM    | Grasskahna          | 7      | 4             | 44             | 0.04        |          |
| MM    | Modified            | 13     | 4             | 8              | 0.41        |          |
| MM    | StraightSprint Open | 14     | 6             | 18             | 0.13        |          |
| MM    | Variant             | 7      | 2             | 8              | 0.44        |          |
|       | <b>Total</b>        |        |               |                | <b>1.29</b> | <b>7</b> |
| MOWOG | BentSprint 1300     | 8      | 1             | 7              | 1.14        |          |
| MOWOG | Grasskahna          | 1      | 1             | 44             | 0.02        |          |
| MOWOG | Restored/Rebuilt    | 4      | 2             | 8              | 0.25        |          |
| MOWOG | StraightSprint 1300 | 9      | 1             | 7              | 1.29        |          |
|       | <b>Total</b>        |        |               |                | <b>2.70</b> | <b>5</b> |

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## Lifestyle





## Autocar road test • No. 1987

## Make • MORRIS Type • MINI COOPER 1275 S (1,275 c.c.)

(Front engine, front-wheel drive)

Manufacturer: Morris Motors Ltd., Cowley, Oxford

## Test Conditions

Weather.....Showery, with no wind  
 Temperature.....16 deg. C. (60 deg. F.)  
 Barometer.....29.58 in. Hg.  
 Dry concrete and tarmac surfaces.

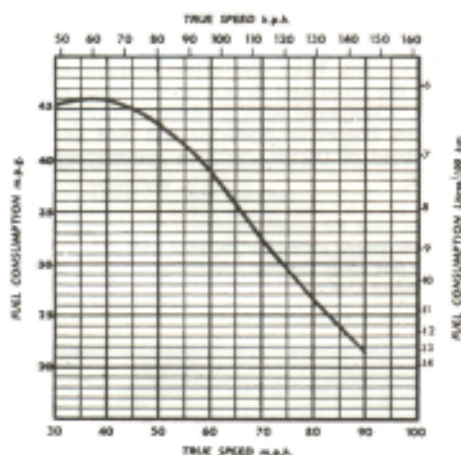
## Weight

Kerb weight (with oil, water and half-full fuel tank)  
 12.8 cwt (1,435 lb-651 kg)  
 Front-rear distribution, per cent F, 62.5; R, 37.5  
 Laden as tested.....15.8 cwt (1,771 lb-806 kg)

## Turning Circles

Between kerbs.....L, 31ft 11in.; R, 32ft 10in.  
 Between walls.....L, 32ft 8in.; R, 33ft 7in.  
 Turns of steering wheel lock to lock.....2.3

## FUEL AND OIL CONSUMPTION



FUEL.....Super Premium Grade  
 (100-102 octane R.M.)

Test Distance.....1,096 miles

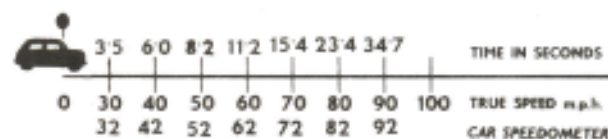
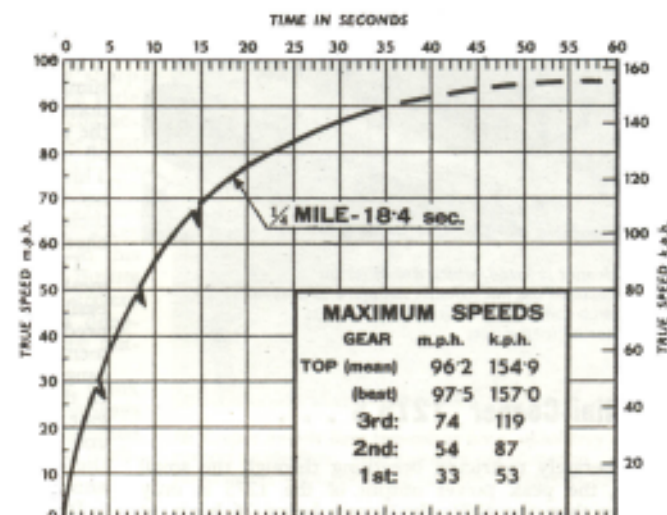
Overall Consumption.....28.5 m.p.g.  
 (9.9 litres/100 km.)

Estimated Consumption (DIN) 29.4 m.p.g.  
 (9.6 litres/100 km.)

Normal Range.....27-35 m.p.g.  
 (8.1-10.5 litres/100 km.)

OIL: SAE 30.....Consumption 900 m.p.g.

## MAXIMUM SPEED AND ACCELERATION TIMES



## Speed range, gear ratios and time in seconds

| m.p.h. | Top<br>(3-44) | Third<br>(4-67) | Second<br>(6-60) | First<br>(11-02) |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10-30  | 8.2           | 5.5             | 4.0              | 2.9              |
| 20-40  | 7.5           | 5.4             | 3.8              | —                |
| 30-50  | 7.5           | 5.4             | 4.4              | —                |
| 40-60  | 8.3           | 6.0             | —                | —                |
| 50-70  | 9.4           | 7.5             | —                | —                |
| 60-80  | 12.3          | —               | —                | —                |
| 70-90  | 17.5          | —               | —                | —                |

## BRAKES

(from 30 m.p.h.  
 in neutral)

## Pedal load

25lb  
 50lb

## Retardation

0-50g  
 0-90g

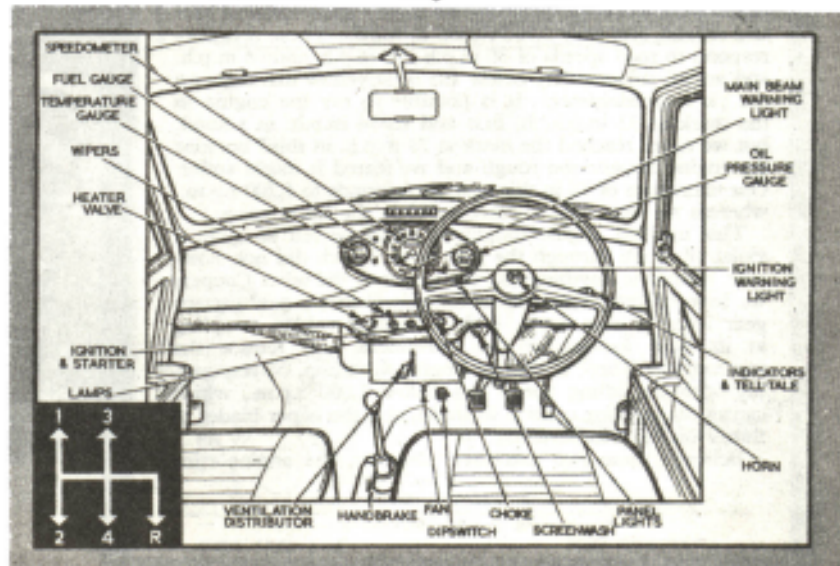
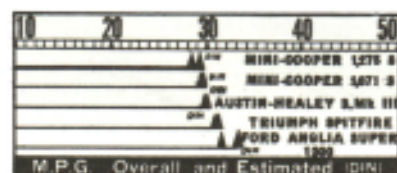
## Equiv. distance

60ft  
 33.5ft

## Handbrake

0-30g

100ft







# CLUB ADS



**4 SALE:** much loved Mini Yellow (bold as Brass) 1975-850cc. 127000 on the clock. Lovely condition 2 careful lady owners.  
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Ph: Mary Maxwell on (09) 2733013 OR 025 2891111

**4 SALE:** Offers considered for: Austin Mini 1971-998cc, Automatic. One owner. 80,822 on the clock.  
Ph: Mrs Maud Marshall on (07) 8665505

**4 SALE:** 1972 Pale Blue Mini. Some surface rust, Petrol gauge needs repair. Other than that it is in very good condition.  
Ph: Brian Davy on (09) 4442702

We would all like to welcome the following new members to the Mini Car Club of Auckland  
**Eric Ramm, N G Bertram, Bob Garrett, Tim Mayson, John Pearson, Harry Dye, Patti Turner, Andrew Honore, Simon Toon, Koshiro Watanabe, John Turner and Sam Duncan.**

"We look forward to seeing you at our next club event"

**4 SALE:** 1974 Mini 1000, Braze colour ( sort of orangy). 97,000 on the clock. Bodywork in excellent condition. No rust. Brought from England some years ago. In good running order.  
Ph: Jule Meagler on (09) 5201130

**4 SALE:** 1992 Black Mini Cooper 1300i with No.8 certificate from John Cooper. Leather seats, Stereo, CD player, walnut dash, door trim and steering wheel. Number plate: 'LUKE 1'. 23,000 mls on the clock.  
Asking price: \$26,000.00.  
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## Results of the economy run held on the 3th of December.

The run went from the Clubrooms all the way over all sorts of scenic roads to Clevedon, covering 137km.

|   |                                      |               |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Susan Russell in her 998cc Riley Elf | : 17.986 km/l |
| 2 | Kevin Taylor in a Mini 1000          | : 17.044 km/l |
| 3 | Daryl in a Mini 1000                 | : 16.793 km/l |
| 4 | Steve in a Morris Minor (1310cc)     | : 15.65 km/l  |
| 5 | Frits in a Clubman (1330cc)          | : 14.678 km/l |
| 6 | Paul in his White Mini (1380cc)      | : 14.558 km/l |
| 7 | Tom Parker in his heap (1380 cc)     | : 12.726 km/l |

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## Mini Car Club of Auckland

# Events

### DECEMBER

**3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday: Economy Run, starts 1pm Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu**

This annual event always attracts plenty of entries - most of them wanting to beat Andrew Carter!! Come along and give the reigning champ a run for his money. Even if your car isn't very economical, this is a nice drive and a great way to spend a sunny (hopefully) afternoon.

**5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Clubnight 7:30pm Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu**

Christmas Family BBQ: come along for a drink and some tall stories! Bring the family, and a salad or dessert and we will provide sausages and meat. A great way to wind up the Mini-year.

### JANUARY 2001

No January Clubnight - See you all again the first Tuesday in February.

### FEBRUARY 2001

**4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Galaxy of Cars and Swapmeet (and club Show 'n' Shine), MOTAT, meet at 9am at the Motions Road entrance**

Time to get out the cotton-tips and polishing cloth to make sure your Mini is the cleanest around. Prizes for the shiniest examples, and a good, fun day.

**6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Clubnight 7:30pm Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu**

The first Clubnight of the year. Come and find out what everyone got up to on their holidays.

**11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Concourse d'Elegance, Ellerslie Racecourse**

This is always a fantastic show. More details at February Clubnight.

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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