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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

The December club night and Family BBQ was again a great success. Between 40 to 50 people turned up. It was great to catch up with so many members and families.

### Big Boys Toys & Release of New BMW Mini Cooper

*As we mentioned in the last issue of the MCCOA Club magazine, 15 members of our club were invited to the breakfast and unveiling of the new BMW Mini. It was a great event.*

*We were surprised that members of the Cooper Car Club of New Zealand were not also present as there were members of other Mini clubs throughout N.Z. present.*

*So once again we are disappointed at the negative press coming out of the "Cooper S Print" magazine of the Cooper Car Club of New Zealand, aimed towards the Mini Car Club of Auckland.*

*They accused us of impersonating their club?*

*These are the Facts: -*

- 1) All correspondence written from the Mini Car Club of Auckland to BMW New Zealand was written on official 'Mini Car Club of Auckland' letterheads.*
- 2) The replies we received from BMW New Zealand were addressed to the Mini Car Club of Auckland.*
- 3) The passes we were given on entering the unveiling specifically stated "Mini Car Club of Auckland".*

*The fact that the Cooper Car Club of New Zealand was not invited has absolutely nothing to do with the Mini Car Club of Auckland as it is between them and BMW New Zealand.*

*Maybe the Cooper Car Club of New Zealand need to look inside their own club for possible reasons why they were not invited.*

El Presidento

**Warwick Robinson**

## Sprint Times

Competitor Number	Competitor Name	Straight			Best Time	Total Points	Class
		Run # 1	Run # 2	Run # 3			
46	Turton, Lorraine	22.88	21.79		21.79		1
24	Peacocks, Gary	24.71	24.70	31.85	24.70		1
48	Maulder, Tony	25.19	25.40		25.19		1
89	Millard, John	25.25			25.25		1
61	Strang, Graham	25.81	25.36	25.42	25.36		1
16	Boyd, Ron	25.75	25.61	26.40	25.61		1
62	Strang, Lisa	25.94	26.85		25.94		1

Competitor Number	Competitor Name	Straight			Best Time	Total Points	Class
		Run # 1	Run # 2	Run # 3			
85	Axcell, Tony	21.29	21.02	20.72	20.72	6	1A
75	Axcell, Laurence	21.10	20.83		20.83	5	1A
68	Phillips, Lynne	22.09	21.55		21.55	3	1A

Competitor Number	Competitor Name	Straight			Best Time	Total Points	Class
		Run # 1	Run # 2	Run # 3			
47	Turton, Marvin	18.57	19.48	20.60	18.57	18	2
49	Fitch, Ian	20.65	20.46	20.16	20.16	12	2
43	Clout, Greg & Wyn	21.12	20.46	20.27	20.27	11	2
39	Burgiss, Helen	21.63	21.96	21.74	21.63	2	2
21	Webster, Marilyn	21.72	23.12		21.72	1	2
23	Jones, Paul	22.55	22.04	21.91	21.91		2
26	Salmon, Trevor	22.37	22.08	22.21	22.08		2
13	Heath, Warren	23.24	22.34	22.27	22.27		2
12	Heath, Robena	23.12	22.74	22.51	22.51		2
74	Ax, Alistair	23.32	22.67	22.97	22.67		2
27	Salmon, Karyn	22.80	22.78	23.57	22.78		2
1	Gibson, Dal	24.28	24.50	24.10	24.10		2

Competitor Number	Competitor Name	Straight			Best Time	Total Points	Class
		Run # 1	Run # 2	Run # 3			
51	King, Curtis	18.91	18.63	18.24	18.24	20	3
4	Pierce, Dave	18.30	18.96	18.54	18.30	19	3
5	Leahy, Paul	19.12	18.87		18.87	17	3
66	Parker, Tom	19.24	19.38	18.89	18.89	16	3
53	Robson, Bill	20.48	19.14	19.37	19.14	15	3
37	Denize, Bill	20.51	19.93	20.01	19.93	14	3
6	Maulder, Mike	20.13	20.01	19.94	19.94	13	3
72	Taylor, Clint	20.52	20.33		20.33	10	3
44	Clout, Libby	20.39			20.39	9	3
84	Carter, Andrew	20.75	20.79	20.57	20.57	8	3
45	Taylor, Tim	20.59	20.72		20.59	7	3
22	Webster, Hayden	21.10	21.32		21.10	4	3
52	Tuffs, Thomas	26.92			26.92		3

I got the results of last year's Nationals from a fax scan, hence the poor quality.  
Ed.

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Competition Number	Competition Name	Pattern # 1		Pattern # 2		Pattern # 3		Pattern # 4		Total Time	
		Run # 1	Run # 2								
84	Carter, Andrew	48.72	46.77	40.56	34.16	47.43	41.38	30.28	27.68	149.99	
13	Heath, Warren	54.04	51.32	36.66	34.28	42.40	42.40	24.34	24.34	152.34	
61	Strong, Graham	50.94	50.15	44.37	38.78	60.38	44.91	24.19	23.71	157.55	
1	Gibson, Dal	69.36	56.05	43.69	39.12	44.41	42.41	22.47	22.72	160.05	
40	Burgiss, Stephen	59.15	58.21	35.40	35.40	44.19	DNF	25.65	23.29	161.09	
2	Roberts, John	56.58	54.87	38.18	37.32	45.46	43.78	27.32	25.29	161.26	
75	Aywell, Lawrence	54.63	59.47	54.63	DNF	38.81	45.06	43.78	24.81	162.03	
26	Salmon, Trevor	60.41	54.16	44.35	40.81	43.21	48.45	43.21	25.97	163.24	
6	Maulder, Mike	52.09	55.10	52.09	47.14	46.65	46.65	43.25	21.67	163.66	
45	Taylor, Tim	60.12	57.77	41.53	34.91	47.47	47.03	26.37	24.50	164.21	
31	White, Cameron	56.04	55.18	41.57	40.94	47.68	45.21	23.84	23.47	164.80	
11	Murrell, Nathan	52.41	49.09	44.69	39.38	39.38	39.38	48.65	27.69	164.81	
24	Peacock, Gary	DNF	55.79	33.96	34.50	36.04	49.12	49.12	27.87	165.29	
18	Burgiss, Paul	67.38	57.53	39.16	36.94	49.12	49.12	27.62	24.72	168.31	
48	Maulder, Tony	57.41	54.76	47.81	50.94	47.81	43.56	25.40	23.16	169.29	
23	Jones, Paul	38.44	71.32	58.44	50.35	34.81	45.82	62.00	45.82	32.03	171.10
54	Robson, Bill	59.13	55.40	38.18	38.50	54.88	49.75	28.34	27.85	171.18	
51	Kang, Curtis	56.14	50.64	47.97	45.50	45.50	50.00	34.78	25.69	171.83	
44	Cloof, Libby	65.19	DNF	43.10	36.60	36.60	45.47	24.69	24.81	171.95	
62	Strang, Lisa	105.02	58.05	43.02	DNF	42.02	46.63	48.41	25.75	172.45	
21	Webster, Marilyn	60.46	64.70	60.46	42.97	39.68	39.68	48.94	44.46	172.79	
3	Roberts, Lawrence	66.50	54.01	54.01	39.88	39.78	39.78	48.97	24.91	174.57	
39	Burgiss, Helen	72.48	60.91	60.91	43.25	52.63	43.25	48.28	25.00	174.86	
65	Neal, Steve	65.68	38.33	58.33	43.25	52.63	43.25	48.28	25.00	174.86	
9	Cowan, Bob	61.36	52.52	52.52	DNF	46.25	46.25	49.12	29.55	175.98	
22	Webster, Hayden	85.61	62.74	62.74	43.62	36.56	47.53	80.00	47.53	175.98	
66	Parker, Tom	66.54	60.95	60.95	43.87	42.41	52.97	49.71	23.91	176.98	
89	Millard, John	60.83	63.60	60.83	43.72	42.06	42.06	77.19	46.81	180.23	
49	White, Alan	59.40	68.03	59.40	38.28	40.47	38.28	72.50	53.78	180.30	
30	White, Alan	59.06	38.56	58.56	47.29	47.29	49.37	48.22	26.47	180.54	
19	Burgiss, Michael	66.79	66.58	66.58	41.15	40.66	40.66	48.09	31.16	180.59	
27	Salmon, Karvin	59.98	56.32	56.32	45.21	38.22	38.22	57.97	28.15	180.66	
82	Mathers, Graham	66.95	78.68	66.95	43.66	40.22	47.96	49.94	25.78	180.91	
68	Phillips, Lyne	DNF	64.68	64.68	DNF	39.25	39.25	55.06	51.35	182.69	
8	Cowan, Anita	64.23	67.01	64.23	44.29	40.88	40.88	85.22	27.41	183.02	
63	Martman, Frank	62.50	57.22	64.72	47.06	47.06	54.15	50.03	33.00	183.56	
46	Turton, Lorraine	71.93	68.29	68.29	43.84	40.91	61.22	51.69	25.43	186.14	
13	Blackburn, Shayne	68.13	63.11	63.11	49.29	47.31	52.75	48.72	31.97	188.24	
12	Heath, Robena	63.96	60.44	46.59	43.40	66.44	53.25	33.25	40.03	190.34	
81	Green, Les	79.50	76.04	76.04	48.15	47.16	55.22	55.22	28.09	206.51	
87	Carter, Lynn	72.82	DNF	67.30	51.69	55.53	50.84	33.91	DNF	209.26	
80	Green, Brendon	87.13	84.44	84.44	44.41	57.41	50.28	32.78	31.31	210.44	
		122.00	DNF	73.41	DNF	73.41	66.78	34.97	32.87	295.06	

## Navigational Trial

Competitor Number	Competitor Name	Total Points	
10	Munn, Charlotte	77	20
11	Murrell, Nathan	77	20
12	Heath, Robena	75	19
71	Grafts, Kylie	68	18
72	Taylor, Clint	68	18
54	Robson, Bill	67	17
67	Axcell, Laurence	67	17
68	Phillips, Lynne	67	17
84	Carter, Andrew	67	17
4	Pierce, Dave	66	15
14	McKee, Ross	66	15
25	Gubb, Les	66	15
43	Clout, Greg & Wyn	66	15
29	Cooper, Mike	65	13
61	Strang, Graham	65	13
62	Strang, Lisa	65	13
44	Clout, Libby	64	11
65	Neal, Steve	64	11
19	Burgiss, Michael	63	10
30	White, Alan	63	10
28	Wharepapa, Graham	62	9
49	Fitch, Ian	62	9
89	Millard, John	62	9
56	Payne, Bill	61	7
23	Jones, Paul	60	6
48	Maulder, Tony	59	5
6	Maulder, Mike	58	4
17	Ritchie, Allen	57	3
59	Trewarves, Yvonne	57	3
60	Trewarves, John	57	3
37	Denize, Bill	56	1
46	Turton, Lorraine	56	1
47	Turton, Marvin	56	1

## Navigational Trial

Competitor Number	Competitor Name	Total Points
26	Salmon, Trevor	55
27	Salmon, Karyn	55
66	Parker, Tom	55
15	Blackburn, Shayne	53
69	Gibbs, Lis	53
70	Neal, Tim	52
18	Burgiss, Paul	51
13	Heath, Warren	47
52	Tuffs, Thomas	46
85	Axccl, Tony	46
86	Axccl, Sue	46
1	Gibson, Dal	42
82	Mathers, Grahame	41
35	Travis, Myrtle	40
36	Travis, John	40
50	Rankin, Russell	39
21	Webster, Marilyn	38
22	Webster, Hayden	38
73	Ax, Melissa	37
74	Ax, Alistair	37
41	Martyn, Suzanne & Daren	34
2	Roberts, John	32
3	Roberts, Lawrie	32
34	Johnson, Malcolm	31
63	Materman, Frank	31
80	Green, Brendon	31
81	Green, Les	31
31	White, Cameron	30
39	Burgiss, Helen	30
40	Burgiss, Stephen	30

# Regularity Trial

Competitor Number	Competitor Name	Run # 1	Run # 2	Time Difference	Estimated Time
17	Ritchie, Allen	3:33:04	3:31:02	0:02:02	0:00:00
59	Trewarves, Yvonne	4:24:33	4:19:27	0:05:06	4:28:00
60	Trewarves, John	5:25:34	5:19:50	0:05:44	4:25:00
18	Burgiss, Paul	3:30:00	3:22:58	0:07:02	4:30:00
19	Burgiss, Michael	2:50:03	2:42:15	0:07:48	3:50:00
57	Finlay, Richard	4:54:30	4:42:32	0:11:58	5:48:00
16	Boyd, Ron	4:15:41	4:02:47	0:12:54	2:25:00
10	Munn, Charlotte	4:46:16	4:30:38	0:15:38	5:00:00
9	Cowan, Bob	5:07:47	4:43:16	0:24:31	9:00:00
31	White, Cameron	4:12:54	3:47:05	0:25:49	4:00:00
30	White, Alan	5:14:16	4:48:18	0:25:58	3:20:00
35	Travis, Myrtle	4:49:50	4:13:00	0:36:50	6:30:00
69	Gibbs, Lis	5:00:28	4:22:37	0:37:51	3:21:00
4	Pierce, Dave	7:49:59	5:56:06	1:53:53	6:00:00



## **Mini Car Club**

### **Economy Run, December 9th 2001**

The day started with a bit of rain (?) but it soon cleared away for the start of the run at 12:30. What a great turnout- eleven cars. Great going there, guys and girls. The first car got away, and then every 2 minutes after that. Actually one was three minutes. My fault, as we got talking. I shot away after the last car to get to my checkpoint, hoping I would get there in time. I needn't have worried, at least just yet! For it seemed an eternity before the first car came into view. Why had they taken so long?

Weeeeelll! It seemed that I mucked up the instructions a bit. Led everyone astray, didn't I. Moral of that story is, Keep away from Howick, East Tamaki and that horrible place called "Dannemora" for a few years until they stop putting in new roads every week and changing all the intersections and street names. At least, I picked up the fact that Brown road is now Greenchurch road, but how did I know that the developers were going to throw in a traffic island on what is now "Greenchurch" road and therefore throw all those Mini's into such a state of confusion that one of them even came through my checkpoint by driving all the way to Whitford. That wasn't even on the directions. At least you all did well on the Keri Hill section and on Ponga road. Well done.

Incidentally, the checkpoint was a mile from Ardmore airport, and while I was waiting for the first car to show up, this Audi came down the road at a great rate of knots, passed, then screeched to a halt, backed up to my Estate, the guy jumped out and proceeded to tell me that his father had imported the Mini from England in 1977. He recognised the number plate and the colour. He got the Estate and his sister received a new Mini. Strange as it may seem, when I first bought the car in 1987 and looked at the original owner's name, I recognised the original owner as a family that we knew as kids when we all grew up in East Tamaki during the war. Small world, isn't it. Walter was really wrapped to see his old car again after all these years.

Anyway, we ended up at Central Park in Papakura, with drinks and bags of chips. Congratulations go to Tony Maulder for putting up the best mileage of 63.53 mpg or 22.49 ks per litre.

Placings are:

1	Car #4 Tony Maulder,	63.53mpg	22.49 kpl
2	Car #9 Kevin Taylor	59.74mpg	21.15 kpl

3	Car #7 Graham Crispe	57.23 mpg	20.26 kpl
4	Car # 6 Dale Peek	57.09 mpg	20.21 kpl
5	Car #5 Scott McCulloch	53.78 mpg	19.04 kpl
6	Car #11 Steve McMurray	49.46 mpg	17.51 kpl
7	Car #1 Gary Ashton	43.87 mpg	15.53 kpl
8	Car #3 Alan Richie	39.41 mpg	13.95 kpl
9	Car #2 Chris McMurray	39.07 mpg	13.83 kpl
10	Car #10 Dave Hoyland	33.70 mpg	11.93 kpl
11	Car #8 Fritz Schouten	DNF	



And yet another picture from the Nationals.

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## **Field trip with a Difference**

### **Thursday, 8th November**

Taking up the invitation of the Rover Club of Auckland, I decided to go on their “Field Trip” to the Mainline Steam depot on Cheshire St, Parnell. As I was the only Mini Club member to show up, I felt rather embarrassed. But when I got there, I found probably close to a hundred people there from the other club marques, nearly all of which were British cars. We were divided into two groups and shown around the workshop area. Boy! Have they got some pretty heavy machinery in there. The buildings used to be the engine sheds of the old NZ Railways, so, I would think that they would have inherited much of the machinery in the workshop.

After the workshop tour, we went out into the engine shed. There were two mammoth machines there in the form of ex South African Railways engines, one of which was the Beyer-Garrett No. 4088, which cranks out an impressive 64,700 lbs of traction —more than double that of the ‘K’s; NZR’s biggest engine. We were allowed to climb into the cabs of most of the engines there, which was very interesting. At the moment they are restoring Ja 1275 (a rather apt number, don’t you think!) for mainline running. This engine was one of the last batch of ‘J’ class engines ever built and was a part of the batch built by North British in Glasgow between 1946 and 1956. This engine was built in 1951. She was stripped down pretty much and it is interesting to see how a steam locomotive is constructed and how they operate.

Our tour guide was a steam engine driver with NZR, and still drives for Mainline Steam, so he was very informative and able to answer the many questions that came his way. Many of the mechanics are volunteers, some of them quite young. They all have a passion for steam locomotives much the same as our passion for Minis. The

biggest difference is just that! BIG! One young guy was changing wheel bearings on a bogie and the Timken taper roller bearings (SKF) were the same size as our Mini wheels. I would hate to pay the bill for that lot!

The other engines were Jb 1236, fully restored and presently being used on excursions, Ba 552, built in 1912 at Addington workshops, and used on the odd trip, Bb 144, built by A & G Price, of Thames in 1917, the Bagnall tank engine, a diesel shunter, and yet another J, no. 1240.

J 1240 has an interesting history. It was the first J class built at Hillside in Dunedin, (all the previous 'J's being built by North British) and was used to try out many experimental ideas. It spent much of its life in the South Island and ended its days when sold to a guy in Blenheim in 1970. He transported the engine in pieces to his property with his Austin A40 pickup, reassembled it in front of his house and occasionally steamed it up. Of course the Marine Dept. got annoyed (and so did his neighbours) because it did not have a current boilers certificate and neither did the guy have a steam ticket. He actually had the thing jacked up so he could run the wheels — in mid-air. Eventually, it was sold to Ian Welch and it now awaits restoration.

I really appreciated the invite from the Rover Club and it is quite a departure to see how other enthusiasts of historic machinery such as steam engines, having a similar passion for their hobby as we do. It would be great to have another field trip of something else that may interest club members. Let the committee know if you are interested in seeing another mans hobby.

Les Gubb

## CLUB EVENTS

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### FEBRUARY

**3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday: Galaxy of Cars and Swapmeet, Motat. Meet at Motions Road Carpark, 9am.**

Incorporating our annual club show and shine, a competition based on cleanliness, not a concourse d'elegance. We had an amazing 15 cars at this event last year, and what a great day it was. Let's see if we can beat that total! Free sausages in bread for lunch on the club BBQ.

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

A few of the clubs finest examples will form a display in this fantastic collection of cars. Always worth a look around.

**\*12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Clubnight 7:30pm Northern Sports Car Club-rooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu. \*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE\***

The first clubnight of the year. Come along to catch up on club gossip and see if anyone got a new Mini for Christmas! Fun, follow-the-leader run to make the most of the long daylight hours.

### MARCH

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

Technical Tips night, a resident Mini expert will impart some vital knowledge to us all.

**15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, Friday-Sunday: National Motor Show, Claudelands Showgrounds, Hamilton.**

Don't miss the biggest car show in the country. We will be organising a club display at this event on the Sunday, please talk to your committee if you would like to come along.

**28<sup>th</sup>-1 April, Thursday-Monday: Starship Car Trek, based in Taupo.**

This sounds like it's shaping up to be an awesome event promoting a worthy cause. Your club committee have the details if anyone is keen.

**APRIL**

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

Guest Speaker. Topic to be confirmed, but we're sure you'll enjoy it!

**14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Mystery Fun Run, Meet at 1:00pm Northern Sports Car Clubrooms, Mt. Richmond Domain, Otahuhu.**

These runs are a great opportunity to explore some of Auckland's most scenic roads, always a good time!

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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|              |                         | months. UK parts find       |
|              |                         | service - new & used        |



Another shot taken during the 2001 Nationals.



The new Mini by BMW going for tad under the \$38,000. Bigger than the real thing but on the inside the converse. Two adults in the front and maybe a small picnic basket on the back seat. An expensive small car with a borrowed image.