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Photo Contest



Question is: *What model Mini was this originally?*

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Don't forget to touch base with:

<http://www.minis-auckland.org.nz>

Lots of goodies, the Club's points list, and the mag in full colour!

Deadline for the next issue:
15 July 2008

Presidential Report

Warwick Robinson

From this months issue we have a new magazine Editor with Ian Ferguson taking the wheel from Frits, who has done an absolutely fabulous job over the last 10 years. Frits received a standing ovation, not to mention a gift of wine from the club, at the May club night.

A BIG thanks from all of us Frits, your editorship was greatly appreciated.

Ian undoubtedly has plans to make a few changes to the magazine, we look forward to the new ideas.
Please support him with lots of articles and photos.

We are working with Mark Steel at Team McMillan Mini to have our Committee nights at Team McMillan dealership boardroom on a regular basis.
The first meeting at this venue was in May, with none of the Mackers Greenlane hubub to dominate the meeting.

Don't forget any member is welcome to come along to the Committee night on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

MINI NATIONALS @ HAMILTON. LABOUR WEEKEND

This year the Mini Nats are being held in Hamilton and run by Minis Waikato – Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October which is Labour weekend.
We would normally go down to Hamilton on the Friday afternoon the 24th so start planning now – we want to have a large team going down.

We are also looking forward to the Speed Show in September 20th & 21st where we intend using our award winning display from the Eilerslie Concourse event.

All for now

EL PRESIDENTO
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"The winners prize - MOTHERS Showtime - Instant detailer"

There were NO entries in the last photo contest, so we have created another style of contest to check your knowledge rather than wit.

Take a look at the back page for our next competition.

This time it's a bit more of a Mini challenge.

Any tricky or funny pics welcome. Send to Editor.

Captain's log

The years going fast again, another couple of months have past. It will be Christmas soon.

They say time fly's when your have fun. (Its called aging Murray-Ed.)

At least things have slowed up a little, gives us time to do those touch ups to the cars that may need doing.

Firstly a quick run down of the past events

A big, THANKS must go to Gary and Catherine for organising two more excellent events over the last couple of months (Navigational Trail & Triathlon Trail). Both events having the Gary twist added.

Standing and talking to other club members in the car park of The Botanical Gardens waiting for the Navigational trail to start, I commented that I had never walked around the gardens before.

Who would have known then that Easter Saturday afternoon is exactly what we did, walk around the gardens and find answers to the questions Gary had plotted. Congratulations to a new club member for winning Erena Warrington (full report on the club web site or last magazine).

The Triathlon trial was another great event with club members traveling over Franklin, Waikato, Papakura and Manukau City countryside.

The hearty club members that took part seemed to be enjoying themselves collecting things on the treasure hunt, answering questions and navigating directions to the next check point to pickup cards for the poker run.

A good day had by all even if some, once home were tired and went to bed early. Full review on club web site.

Karaka Vintage Day: Another great event, even if member numbers were down. The vast array of machinery and cars that you don't see at other shows and the grand parade at the end made for a fantastic day.

Activity fun run: 13 minis and 2 hybrids found them selves navigating and answering questions through the streets of the Eastern suburbs with two timed Challenges along the way.

Congratulations to George Brown 30.25 sec changing wheel and Gavin Agnew, 45 sec on the spark plug challenge and winning the run outright. Full report on club web site.

Looking forward to the events coming up over the next couple of months. Some may have already been run when you read this magazine.

Check out the events calendar in the rear of this magazine and don't forget the up

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Ramblings

Dear Readers

I must admit it is with some trepidation that I write my first editorial, in the esteemed position of Editor. Big boots to fill as Frits is at least a foot taller than me and worldly wise with respect to computers.

For those who don't know me, my drive in life has been predominantly Mini and believe that everyone should have Mini experience or they will never know what they missed.

For those who know me, please do not expect the obvious with my background of glossy new car magazines. That was an experience I cherish, but in reality is it fades into the distance compared to my love of the venerable and timeless Mini.

Editor Frits has been around as long as I can remember and has done a sterling job, growing the club mag to what it is today, a very credible and informative Mini read.

While wanting to know more about my predecessor, I happened upon his Mini profile on the minis-auckland.org.nz website, which I must say is better than any other car club site I have viewed.

Of course you think you know someone and the profile proved to me that Frits is a Mini man through and through.

The clincher was the fact that he met his wife [to be, back then in the 70's] because of a Mini, well Frits, that is another thing we have in common.

Always said that Minis were about passion.

To Frits, a personal thanks for the guidance and don't forget to keep us up to date with your projects especially the Minuki or was it Suzini.

All magazines are pretty much always in a state of evolution and some even revolution.

This is in part, because they need to move with the times or the readers will ignore them if they are not satisfying.

It is my belief that all readers should put down a magazine more enlightened than when first opened.

I very much welcome your input into this club magazine, as it is our living document to the world's best car, ever.

And finally, please contribute, as every reader wants to know.

Ed.

PS. Sorry for delay with mag delivery - software should be called hardware!

to date listings on the club web site: www.minis-auckland.org.nz

A lot of work goes into planning and organizing the events so GET OUT and support them.

The tour of Lion Breweries on Saturday 16th August is limited numbers first in best dressed.

If members have ideas or places of interest the club could visit please let me know. 0274 881960 or club-Captain@minis-auckland.org.nz

Club Merchandise is available!

Club stickers for car -contact Lee Norman [details below]

Number plate surrounds \$15.00 pair -contact Mike Bates

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Clothing can be obtained by going to EMBROID ME East Tamaki cnr Smales Road and Springs Road East Tamaki.

Show the staff your Mini Club Card they will sort out your size.

Before I sign off August club night [Tuesday August 5th] is the Mini Car Club Of Auckland's Annual General Meeting and Prizegiving .

Any members who received a trophy at last years prize giving, please return it on or prior to the July club night.

Also club subs for the coming year come up for renewal in July please forward to the club Treasurer.

PLEASE NOTE: Only financial members can vote at the AGM.

Cheers
Murray



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