

MINIBITZ ON THE MOVE

Mini parts supplier & repair specialists Minibitz has recently relocated to new premises. The business is now at Unit B4, 50 Keeling Road, Henderson. Just a few hundred metres from their previous address.



The company's new location has a dedicated retail space and improved workshop facilities. Spokesman Lee was enthusiastic about the move. "Our previous location was quite limiting due to it's multipurpose use. Anyone who made a visit to the shop whilst there was a grinder going full chat in the background could testify to that! Our new space has allowed us to create a dedicated panel work area where the noisy, dirty work can be done in isolation to the main workshop and retail area. Our new retail space is also a huge improvement. Separate from the other activities of the business it allows us to have a much better display of goods."

The business is still offering the same broad range of services. Parts, mechanical repairs, bodywork repairs, refurbishment and rebuilds. The latest two completed projects to roll out are a 1962 850 and a 1973 Mini Clubman. Both vehicles have undergone extensive rust repairs, repaint, engine rebuilds, trim and re-assembly.



"We can do as much or as little as the customer requires," Lee stressed. "We understand that many mini owners like to be hands on with their cars. We also appreciate that not everyone has the budget for a complete rebuild. That is why we are happy to step in and help at any stage. Many customers use us to complete tasks that they either don't have the skills or equipment to tackle themselves."

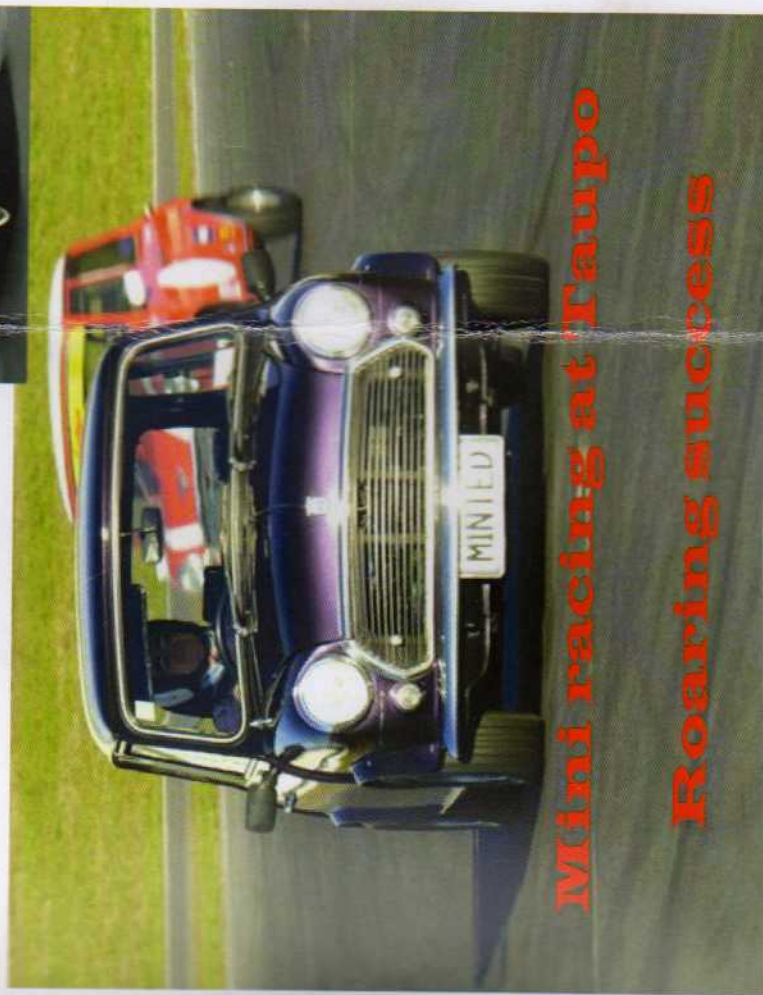
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Mini racing at Taupo
Roaring success



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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:
24th September 2008

Presidential Report

Warwick Robinson

Taupo Fun Day on Sat 31st May – This year fell on Queens Birthday weekend. Normal convoy down on Friday afternoon and drinks at the Suncourt Motel before dinner in town.

Saturday morning turned out misty and very cold, 1 degree at track. The old part of the track (southern end) was having maintenance done so we were offered the new half of the track, complete with tarmac pit area and 2 pit boxes. Above the pit boxes a concrete viewing area provided complete views of the entire track – this was excellent for keeping an eye on cars and drivers.

A follow the leader run of the new track for all drivers took place at the start of day to get used to corners, breaking points etc. The new part is longer and when 8 – 10 cars are out on the track they seemed more spaced out and less likely to have accidents.

There were quite a few spins by a number of drivers during the day, but this was expected as drivers were pushing their cars and themselves to the limit. No accidents at all for the whole day and everybody had a ball.

From our club we had for the day around 30 people and 25 cars.

Drinks and an informal prize giving at the Suncourt, after the day's meet. (Prizes courtesy of Wynn's - many thanks), then it was onto dinner at the Cosy club, and then back home on Sunday. A perfect weekend.

Mini Drivers Club is looking at hiring the new part of the track for next year again, but it will cost slightly more, and we all agreed this would be worth it.

Warwick
El Presidente.



Captain's log

What's with the weather?? Weekend coming up! Wet again! NZ winter???

SUMMER IS COMING SUMMER IS COMING

Despite the weather there have been some great events over the last couple of months.

Good number of club members out supporting these events. I know attendance is appreciated by the organisers after all the hard work they put in.

First was the Mini Fun Day - Taupo. I had never attended this event before.

Rex and I decide to drive down for the day (in the BMW), had great day and we ended up staying the night.

Approx 20 or so members from the Auckland club and 50 cars, everyday runners to Mini racecars from over the North Island were circulating around the medium size configuration of the Taupo track. Drivers could go fast or at a speed that they felt comfortable with.

The Mini Racing Drivers Club were giving rides around the track, personal thanks to Robin for the experience, Awesome!

That evening saw the Auckland club members go out for dinner and a fun prize giving thanks to WYNNS for the product.

Look forward to next year's event and using my own car.

The Italian Job saw about 20 Minis line up in the domain for the start. The easy to follow instructions had participants drive some of the windiest, steepest and narrowest roads in Auckland's CBD. The driver had to be alert due to the parked cars, Photo taking tourist and the navigator giving right/wrong instructions. Lucky you realised the road you turned 3L by the Ford sign was the off ramp from the north western motorway Andy and Gavin thanks for holding a line of Minis up while your car was being loaded onto a tow truck hope it wasn't any thing major? Listening to the comments from happy participants at the café at the finish. Everybody had a story to tell, and had enjoyed themselves. Thanks Chris McMurray for another great event.

Night Trial 21st June. Another good turn out of Minis (some not seen before) and Zs While participants were being given the run down for the event. A quote from organizer Gary has stuck in my head. "It is the shortest day which means it is the longest night" not a truer word spoken. The event consisted of easy to follow instructions with question, that in the dark were harder to find answers for. After traveling over the Franklin district with almost a full moon as light. It was good to get to the finish for a well-earned meal and a coffee (I think my co driver needed some thing stronger) As groups arrived back and events of the evening were being discussed. It was becoming obvious that some members had, had more excitement than others, running out of petrol, mini dash fire and a local with a gun.



"The winners prize - MOTHERS Showtime - Instant detailer"

And we had a winner to the June magazine competition, the answer being a Clubman GT of the Australian variety.

The most correct answer came from membership number 142

Daniel Sloan of Glendowie - We will arrange your Showtime!

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

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

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Some more great events coming up over the next couple of months listed in this magazine or on the web site www.minis_

Due to the Mini Club being more involved in the Speed show / Motorsport expo with the Mini Racing Drivers Club. We have had to postpone the Winery, BBQ event on September 21st to a yet to be confirmed date in the New Year

Cheers for now Murray

PS DON'T forget THE MINI NATIONALS, HAMILTON over Labour weekend October 24th-26th 2008. see events calendar for more details.
We would like to see a large attendance from the Mini Car Club of Auckland.
More info at club nights re convoys down and accommodation



NEW TYRES

165/70x10	\$109	185/70x13	\$89
165/70x12	\$109	185/70x14	\$99
155Rx13	\$49	175/65x16	\$105
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Note to self

I was intrigued with the news of 9th July that BMW and Fiat are working towards a future together.
 Having been a Mini man forever and a Fiat man in years gone by, I can see a small car synergy even though it is a loose one at best.
 Fiat is having some success with their new 500 in a world where retro is currently vogue.

Although this is probably a bit late as first VW Beetle hit the streets in the 1990's, complete with a corny flower vase, the new MINI squealed its tyres aping its aged predecessor, although the owners of these models are more likely to be matching the colours with handbags or shoes than looking underneath these clean emissions copycats.

Far be it for me to spell out the bleeding obvious, but the MINI is the only one of the retro bunch keeping true to its originators format.
 Beetle arrived on a VW Golf platform meaning it may look loosely Beetle but it certainly ain't air cooled, rear wheel drive.
 The 500F, I last owned was a pewny 2 cylinder air cooled also in rear wheel drive, where its current namesake is more Punto than anything else.
 Don't get me wrong, I am not saying the old is better than the new, it's more a case of mistaken identity.

MINI is the nearest thing to what the classic Mini may have evolved into had BMC, BLMC, Austin Rover and all of the various incantations focused on producing a product to meet the market.
 An amazing thing when you consider that the Volkswagen and Fiat companies have been more constant over time than the white elephant that developed and manufactured the gem of a car called Mini.

It took the marketing foresight of BMW to see the potential in a brand that could have died forever and that death would have been from neglect.
 Ah well at least small cars have a future.

For those who need a good hit of Mini information on a regular basis, but don't want to suffer the expense and sometimes, sad UK tastes, checkout 'The Mini Experience' quarterly magazine from Aussie. They have a website but MINIBITZ always has the current issue.

A note to readers, your bimonthly issue of the Mini Car Club of Auckland magazine is late as the editor has struggled with technology - yet again.

Rally NZ 2008 Programme on sale now at your local Repco branch.

Annual General Meeting

2008 Awards and many thanks to Owen Evans for presentations:

Bradley Russell Memorial Award
Club Spirit

Gary Ashton

Certificates of Appreciation

Website

Gavin Agnew

Magazine – Work done on the magazine
Over the years.

Frits Schouten

Work done on runs and trials

Chris Roper

Treasurer - Last 3-4 years

Maureen Turner

Secretary

Catherine Ashton

Organising Run

Chris McMurray

And also Lesley Robinson, Jan and Mike Bates

Thanks to companies

Wynns, MOTHERS Polish, Aquacut 2000 Ltd, Landscape Cars, Mini Bitz
Saffron Hill Print & Copy, Rotary Platforms Ltd, BNT Newmarket.

Prizegiving:

Aggregate Points Trophy

1st Gavin Agnew
2nd Rex Coubray
3rd Catherine Ashton

Show'n'Shine

1st Lesley Robinson – 1978 Cooper Sport
2nd Kevin Taylor – 1999 Rover Cooper S
3rd Jeff Milne – 1979 Clubman GT



5th AUGUST 2008

Show'n'Shine – BMW Mini

1st George Brown – 2007 Mini Cooper
2nd Viv Taylor – Mini Cooper
3rd Susan Coubray – Cooper S Convertible

Economy Challenge

1st Steven Miller
2nd Gavin Bowring
3rd Gavin Agnew

Trials Trophy

1st Gavin Agnew
2nd Alan & Shelagh Murie
3rd Gavin Bowring = Stephen Miller

Go Carts

1st Andrew Carter
2nd Rex Coubray
3rd Alan Murie & Royce Brown

Motor Sport Award
Paul Crisp

Motor Sport Highly Commended
Scott Thompson

Most Improved Car
Chris Manning 1962 Mark 1

Lead Foot Award
Robin Greenland

Automatically Earned It Award
Andy Spittal

Dipstick Award
Simon Lodge



Ian,
I am not a writer, but I think it is important that members contribute to the magazine so I have written this short story about how I got my 1973 Aussie Clubman GT.

Friday 23rd February.

After driving to Cooks beach in the rain for what was to be a great weekend away for all those MCCOA members who attended, We arrived at the cabins we were to call home for the next 2 nights. Unloaded the car and proceeded to locate the rest of the Mini's that had ventured out in the miserable weather. As you would expect there was that usual enthusiasm you encounter when there is more than 2 Mini's in one place. Once the weekends activities were revealed we all went off to get a good nights sleep in preparation for the next day.

Lunch was at Mike and Jan Bates Bach which was a few hundred meters from our cabin. Way to far to walk when you have a Mini parked outside. During the course of lunch Micheal Wigmore shows me a picture of a bright orange Mini Clubman that has just been sent to his phone by a mate of his that works at Turners car auctions. He said it was up for auction at the classic car auction that was coming up. I recognized it straight away as a Aussie Clubman GT. This is a car that I had always wanted to own. Michael said that he did not want it so after getting his mates phone number I called him to find out more.

As it happened he was standing right beside the car so I was able to ask all the questions and get immediate answers. The catch at this point was the auction was to start at 1.00pm and I was on the phone finding out the details at 12-30pm.



The other small detail that had come out of the conversation on the phone was that the GT was Lot 1 so some decisions had to be made on the spot. Do I take the punt? Is it a big risk? Will the other half approve? How much do I want to pay? I decided that I was going to own this GT so I placed my bid.

That was the last I heard from Turners for the rest of the weekend. Mike and Jan had the weekend well planned so we were all very busy racing all around the Cooks beach vicinity finding answers to a long list of questions but the only question I wanted an answer to was did I get my GT. A long drive back to Auckland in semi wet conditions and 2 slightly sleepless nights later it was Monday morning so it was back to work and still no news. By morning tea I had resigned myself to the fact that some other lucky bugger had got my GT but I had to know for sure one way or another. I called and asked. What did the GT go for on Saturday? The sale price was a quite a bit less than the phone bid I had placed so my reaction was if that's what it sold for I should own it but no one had called me to let me know. After waiting 20 minute for conformation it was confirmed I now own a 1973 Mini Clubman GT quite a rare car and I am very pleased to have it in my collection.

Thanks to Mike and Jan for organizing a great weekend with a great result and thanks to Micheal for the connection to my GT.

Rex Coubray

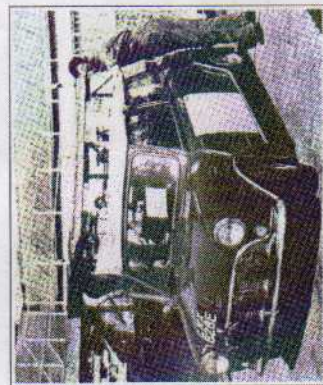
Thanks Rex, jealousy reigns - Ed.

For more information on Australian Clubman GT go to MCCoA member Gavin Agnews great site at <http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~gavin.agnew/>



IDENTIFY YOUR MINI

NAME	IDENTIFICATION PLATE CODING				Engine Serial No.
	cc	Body Prefix	Body Serial	Engine Prefix	
Morris 850 Saloon Van	848	YMA2S1 YJBAV2R	501	8AM/U/H 8AM/U/H	ex. U.K. ex. U.K.
Morris Mini Minor Saloon Van	848 848	YMA 2S3	501	8Y/U/H	1001
Morris Cooper	997	YKA 2S1	501	9F/SA/L	ex. U.K.
Morris Mini Minor Saloon Van	998 998	YMA 2S3 YJBAV2	501 501	9YE/U/H 9YE/U/H	1001 ex. U.K.
Morris Mini De-luxe	998	YMA 2S2	501	9YA/Ta/H	1001
Morris Mini-matic	998	YMA 2S4	501	9AN/A/H	ex. U.K.
Morris Cooper	998	YKA 2S1	501	9FA/SA/H 9YSAH	ex. U.K. 1001
Morris 1100	1098	YMG S1	501	10Y/Ta/H	1001
Morris 1100 Standard	1098	YMG S2	501		
Morris 1100 Automatic	1098	YMG S3	501	10AP/A/H	ex. U.K.
Morris 1100 'S'	1275	YMG S2	501	12Y/Ta/H	1001
Morris Cooper 'S'	1275	YKG 2S2	501	9F/SA/Y	ex. U.K.
Morris Cooper 'S'	1275	YKG 2S4	501	9F/XE/Y	1001
Morris Mini 1100 - Mk II	1098	YMG 2S3	501	10YJU/H	1001
Morris Mini De-luxe 1100 - Mk II	1098	YMG 2S1	501	10YC/Ta/H	1001
Morris Mini-matic - Mk II	1098	YMG 2S2	501	10YH/A/H	1001
Morris Mini Van 1100 - Mk II	1098	YJBAV4	501	10YJU/H	1001
Morris Mini Van 1100 - Automatic - Mk II	1098	YJBAV5	501	10YH/A/H	1001



English Rally car 1RX28E arriving at B.M.C. for the 1967 Southern Cross Rally



Paddy Hopkirk driving LRV in the 1967 Southern Cross Rally

Miniflex 9/ 21.

REGISTRATION FORM



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Hamilton
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Saturday Evening: Dinner - per person		\$20.00													
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All prices are GST inclusive.

Registration Closes 4 October 2008, Dinner reservations not guaranteed after this date.

Event Report – The Italian Job 8th June 2008

After some 12 years of running The Italian Job around inner Auckland, there is a clear trend. Once the event has more than a dozen entries, we start to get a DNF or two. [Did Not Finish for the unaniciated]

This can be either from either car sickness, temporary dislocation or mechanical, and it happened again this year.

From a field of 20 entries, there were 3 DNF's.

However we produced a "winner" and this years "winners" were Rex and Susan doing 71.9 km in 2 hours 29 minutes.

People who complete this run usually have good things to say about it, but it can be deceptively hard on crew or vehicle.

However this year some of the driving standards left somewhat wanting. I observed the runners of several points and I witnessed instances of failing to stop, convoy chasing and alarmingly tunnel vision, where I flashed my headlights at the on coming runners and not once was seen. This has implications in the field of hazard observation, identification and assessment.

So well done all who completed the run but to some of you WAKE UP!

Chris Murray

GETAWAY MINI

MINI USA Press Release:
agile getaway car for
Ludlum's The Bourne
led to the MINI Coo-
game's adrenaline-
Developed by High
ertainment, a global division of Vivendi Games, the highly anticipated video
game for the Playstation(R)3 computer entertainment system and the Xbox
360(R) video game and entertainment system made its worldwide debut
earlier this month.

For a demo of The Bourne Conspiracy video game, visit: MINIUSA.COM.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT7Gn5bGnkk



The search for a fast and the latest edition of Robert Conspiracy(TM) video game per S being featured in the pumping driving sequences.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

1976 Leyland Clubman van for sale

In great condition. Has rear fold down seats with certified lap seatbelts. Any members are keen to know more, please contact Mark Whicheoloe on; 07 868 1324 or 027 383 4866 or email whicheoloe@xtra.co.nz.



85MINI is for sale

Much loved club member's car that does need a few things done but is an honest example. This 1985 Mini City is a 998cc and very frugal. Less than 50,000kms but 1 Mini too many. Buy now at a knocked down price \$5,000 or we will finish.

Rego on hold

Nearby Minibitz if you want a look.

Contact Ian Ferguson on home 09 446 0663 or mobile 021 446 164 or ian_ferguson@xtra.co.nz

Frits' fantastic Suzuki GTi

conversion project: <http://simple-pages.homeunix.net/mini/Minizuki/>

MCCoA club magazine archive
<http://simple-pages.homeunix.net/mini/clubmags/index.html>

Club preferred suppliers:

BNT Parts - Burleigh St, Mt.Eden- Supply general service parts and materials

Landscape Cars - 919 Dominion Rd ,
Mt.Roskill - WOF, tyres, alignment and service

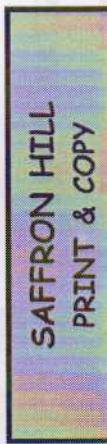
Minibitz - Henderson - 09 8370040 -
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Dear Walter:

I hope you can help me here.

The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual.

I hadn't gone more than a mile down the road when my engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help.

When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in the bedroom with a neighbour lady making mad passionate love to her. I am 32, my husband is 34 and we have been married for twelve years. When I confronted him, he tried to make out that he went into the back yard

and heard a lady scream, had come to her rescue but found her unconscious. He'd carried the woman back to our house, laid her in bed, and began CPR.

When she awoke she immediately began thanking him and kissing him, and he was attempting to break free when I came back. But when I asked him why neither of them had any clothes on, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months.

I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant.

I don't feel I can get through to him anymore.

Can you please help me with my problem?

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sheila Usk

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Dear Sheila:

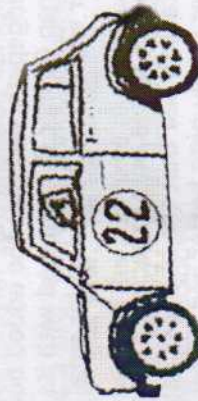
A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine.

Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line.

If it is clear, check the jubilee clips holding the vacuum pipes onto the inlet manifold. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber.

I hope this helps.

Walter



FIRST-EVER DIESEL MINIS ARRIVE IN NZ

With fuel prices spiralling out of control, the MINI Cooper D and MINI Clubman Cooper D have arrived in New Zealand to ease the "pain at the pump" for style-conscious kiwi motorists. Unavailable in Australia, these two diesel-powered MINIs are the first-ever to be introduced in New Zealand, offering fuel-efficiency and emissions levels that rival any hybrid currently on the market.

The uber-economical MINIs join just a handful of vehicles in New Zealand to achieve 'five-and-a-half stars' under the Government's new fuel-efficiency star rating system. Around town, the MINI Cooper D sips fuel with average consumption of 4.4litres of diesel per 100 kilometres, while on the open road, this parsimonious pocket-rocket is capable of using just 3.7 litres of diesel per 100 kilometres (or more than 900 kilometres on one tank). The MINI Clubman Cooper D uses just a fraction more diesel; average consumption is 4.5 litres per 100kilometres while it is capable of using just 3.8 litres per 100 kilometres.

Yet the fact that the MINI Cooper D packs a punchy 80kW and 240 Nm of torque from its four-cylinder, 1.6-litre turbodiesel engine, means fuel-savings don't come at the expense of the trademark MINI go-kart drive experience. Lightweight aluminium construction and direct fuel injection, applying the common-rail principle, combine with a turbocharger with variable turbine geometry for optimum power and performance in all speed ranges. The Overboost function also gives the new MINI Cooper D a particularly powerful and agile "kick" whenever required by briefly raising the maximum torque on both models from 240 to 260 Newton-metres.

MINI New Zealand Manager, Greg Hedgepeth, said the MINI Cooper D would be a saviour for many motorists looking to reduce their fuel bills without sacrificing style or performance.

"We're all feeling the pinch at the moment, but when you look at the running costs of a diesel-powered MINI the potential savings are huge, not to mention the environmental benefits," he said.

Mr Hedgepeth said that the added boot space and functionality of the MINI Clubman Cooper D, combined with its new, frugal diesel engine, made the longer wheel-base MINI ideal for small business fleets.

"With fuel prices only expected to keep rising, you don't have to be an accountant to see that the business case for a MINI Cooper D or MINI Clubman Cooper D only gets better and better," said Mr Hedgepeth.

Like all MINIs, the MINI Cooper D and MINI Clubman Cooper D offer an infinite number of options for personalisation from interior lighting to roof design. There is also no compromise on safety with each new model achieving the highest five-star Euro NCAP crash test rating that sets MINI apart in the small car class.

Pricing for the new MINI Cooper D starts at \$39,900 and the MINI Clubman Cooper D starts at \$44,900. Get'em while they are hot!

Electric MINI

Official BMW Press Release: Over the next months, the BMW Group will be carrying out various series of tests on electrically powered vehicles to determine the alternative drive of the future. Several hundred MINI brand vehicles are being prepared for this. The cars, built in the Oxford plant, will be modified accordingly in Munich and fitted out for trials.

"This step will allow the BMW Group to gain an initial knowledge of how mobility can be achieved efficiently using purely electrically powered vehicles. Our task here is to combine the ultimate driving experience with an efficient electrified drive with practically no emissions", underlined Dr. Norbert Reithofer, Chairman of the Board of Management of BMW AG.

The tests on alternative drives in a MINI body will be used over the next 12-18 months to refine the technology. Details about the drive concept and its marketing will be published towards the end of the year.

More MINI electrics

BMW plans to export nearly 500 electric versions of its Mini car to California. Electric Minis are being built at the Mini factory in Oxford, England, without engines, gearboxes or fuel tanks, then shipped to Munich, Germany, where they are being fitted with electric powertrains.

BMW sources told Automotive News Europe that 490 of the Minis will be leased to selected customers in California and 10 will be used as show cars. The electric Minis are painted silver and have yellow roofs, the sources said. BMW engineers working on the electric Minis are part of a new division called Project i established by the automaker to develop low-emission city cars.

The electric Minis will help BMW to meet new California regulations that will require carmakers selling cars in the state to offer zero emission vehicles.

Mini spokesman Cypselus von Frankenbergh said "BMW will announce whether it will build electric vehicles or not later this year," he told ANE. Volkswagen, Daimler, PSA/Peugeot-Citroen and Renault have all announced electric-vehicle programs in recent months, joining several U.S. and Japanese automakers that are working on the technology.

John Cooper Works under the ownership of BMW Group

The Cooper name originates from John Cooper, an engineering legend inextricably linked to the golden age of British motor racing throughout the 1960's. With the introduction of new MINI in 2001, the Cooper name was reborn under the guidance of John's son Mike, who began developing aftermarket tuning kits for the new MINI at the original John Cooper premises in East Preston, West Sussex.

In December 2006 BMW Group acquired the rights from Mike to the John Cooper Works Brand. Early in 2007, this transaction became effective and gave BMW Group the opportunity to develop this sub-brand and strengthen the MINI brand and product range.

The deal was agreed with the then owners of the John Cooper Works brand and in 2008, Mike Cooper remains as a consultant on the BMW Group's John Cooper Works brand strategy. Mike has been involved in the design and production of the aftersales tuning kits available for the MINI Cooper S. Although no longer producing their own tuning kits or accessories under the name John Cooper Works, Mike Cooper's Cooper Car Company develops and supplies car accessories for various other corporate clients. The Cooper Car Company supplies BMW AG with hardware components for the current MINI Hatch aftersales tuning kit as well as sports air filters and sports exhausts for the BMW 3 Series. These parts bear the name John Cooper Works or BMW Performance respectively.

No formal cooperation agreement exists between the Cooper Car Company and BMW AG but given the successful relationship forged between both parties, it is planned and desired that the Cooper Car Company will be a partner of BMW AG for many years to come.

John Cooper Works tuning and MINI since 2003

The John Cooper Works tuning brand is a developing MINI story. Prior to the launches of the Oxford-built MINI John Cooper Works and MINI CHALLENGE cars in 2008, a line of aftermarket tuning kits and factory-built models plot the history of John Cooper Works back to 2003. In 2008, close to four thousand John Cooper Works-tuned MINIs are on UK roads.

2007 John Cooper Works Tuning Kit for MINI Cooper S

UK sales to date: 402



Technical specification:

Sports exhaust with chrome finish tailpipes, adapted air filter, modified ECU, John Cooper Works badges

Performance data:

192 hp, 250 Nm peak torque between 1,500 and 5,000 rpm. With Overboost deployed, peak torque is increased to 270 Nm between 1,750 and 4,500 rpm.

0-62 mph in 6.8 seconds



2006 MINI Cooper S with John Cooper Works GP Kit:

UK sales: 454 (Limited production of 2,000 models for worldwide sale)

Technical specification: LSD, ASC+T, EBD, DSC as a no-cost option

Rear seat bench removed to accommodate a polished reinforcement tube connecting the spring strut domes on the rear axle

16-inch John Cooper Works disc brakes

Thunder Blue/Pure Silver paintwork with red caps on the exterior mirrors

Adapted air filter

Modified outlet ducts

Modified injection nozzles and spark plugs

Sports exhaust system with chrome finish tailpipes

Modified engine control unit

18 inch light alloy wheels with low profile tyres

John Cooper Works GP Aerodynamic Kit

Recaro leather seats in Panther Black

Bose audio system with CD player



John Cooper Works GP badges

Performance data

1.6 litre supercharged engine

218hp

250 Nm peak torque at

4,600 rpm

149 mph top speed

0-62 mph in 6.5 seconds

2005-06 Sound Kit for MINICOOPER (Performance equal to standard MINI Cooper)

UK sales: 525

Technical specification:

Air filter system

Stainless steel sports exhaust

Modified engine control unit

Engine cover finished in silver with John Cooper Works emblem

John Cooper Works badges

John Cooper Works certificate of authenticity

2004-06 John Cooper Works 210 hp Tuning Kit for MINI Cooper S

UK sales: 1209

Technical specification As 2003-04 John Cooper Works 200hp Tuning Kit for MINI Cooper S, but with: * JCW upgrade kit to increase power output, consisting of a complete JCW air filter system, injection nozzles with increased throughput and modified engine control unit

Performance data

210 hp

245 Nm peak torque at 4,500 rpm

143 mph top speed

0-62 mph in 6.6 seconds

2003-04 John Cooper Works 200 hp Tuning Kit for MINI Cooper S

UK sales: 1197

Technical Specification

Complete John Cooper Works air filter system

Modified cylinder head including valve drive and gaskets

Sport rear silencer in stainless steel

Modified supercharger

Injection nozzles with increased throughput

High power spark plugs

Modified engine control unit

John Cooper Works badges

Engine cover finished in silver, including a John Cooper Works emblem

John Cooper Works certificate of authenticity

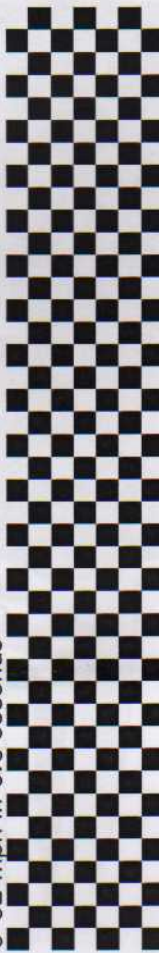
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COMING EVENTS 2008

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER - Club Night - Northern Sports Car Club rooms
7.30pm

SATURDAY - SUNDAY 20th - 21st SEPTEMBER - Speed Show/Motorsport Expo ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane
Mini racing club will have a display and MCCoA will be involved in a Gymkhana exhibition.

TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER - Club Night - Northern Sports Car Club rooms
7.30pm

SATURDAY - SUNDAY 11th-12th OCTOBER - FYI only - Bathurst V8 Supercars

SATURDAY - SUNDAY 24th - 26th OCTOBER (Labour Weekend) - NZ Mini Nationals, Hamilton. Hosted by Minis Waikato. The Mini Car Club of Auckland has bracketed some rooms at the Kingsgate Hamilton contact Murray for confirmation No# and cost.

Registration forms and event info on www.miniswaikato.co.nz

Club nights for more details regarding, convoys down etc. as it comes to hand. Contact Murray Grant 0274 881960 email club-captain@minis-auckland.org.nz

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER - Club Night - Northern Sports Car Club rooms
7.30pm

SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER - Autocross - Te Kowhai 9am. MCCoA have been invited by Minis Waikato to participate in this event. Contact Murray Grant for more info 0274-881960

SATURDAY - SUNDAY 22nd - 23rd NOVEMBER - Waiuku Flying 50/Concure Euro held Massey Park Waiuku. More info Google Waiuku Flying 50 MCCoA will be attending both days.

TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER - Club night - Northern Sports Car Club rooms
7.30pm Christmas BBQ

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER - Annual Economy Run. Starting BP service centre Southern motorway between Papakura and Drury at 1pm for 1.15pm start. It will finish for afternoon tea. Contact Gary Ashton 021621230

2009 EVENTS

TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY - Club night - Northern Sports Car Club rooms
7.30pm

EASTER 2009 - Mini Car Fun Run - To celebrate the 50th birthday of the Issigonis designed Mini, the Whangarei Mini Owners Group are staging a Mini Car Fun Run that retraces the route taken in the famous NZ movie 'Goodbye Pork Pie'. Starting in Kaitiaki on 9 April '09 and finishing in Invercargill on 14 April '09 the run will hit the open road with a tank full of gas and a group of like minded people intent on a social and scenic driving adventure.

A maximum of 50 cars will be allowed, so visit the event website and register your interest today.
See www.minicarfunrun.co.nz for all the details.

AUGUST 23rd - 30th 2009 - Mini 50th NELSON NZ
More info www.mini50th.co.nz

Dear Club members

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be the last copy mailed to you. The membership fee covers the cost of mail and printing and we are not able continue sending the latest club magazine.

For an annual membership fee of \$36.00 for individuals and \$48 for family gives the following benefits -

- Bi-monthly magazine
- Membership Card
- Club Discounts
- Monthly Club Night
- Free Technical Advice
- Club Convoys
- Economy Run
- Rallies
- Inter Club events
- Field Trips
- National Mini Meet (Labour Weekend)
- Inter-Club Sprint

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Photo Caption Contest



A picture paints 1,000 words but what did Warwick say?

Best line wins a bottle of the fabulous
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Send your answer before 20th September 2008 to:
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