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MINI BOOK CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN NZ

A book capturing 50 years of Mini motoring in New Zealand has just been written by one of NZ's most celebrated and accomplished Motoring journalists, Donn Anderson.

At the April Club night meeting, Donn Anderson will be the guest speaker to talk about the book and his Mini exploits over 50 years in various roles. Club members will be able to obtain signed autographed copies of the book at a discount price through MINI NZ on the night.

The book titled *MINI DOWN UNDER - 50 years of the Mini in New Zealand*, is a superb 197 page account of Mini motoring in NZ, covering all facets including racing, lifestyles, assembly, and drivers including F1 driver Bruce McLaren.

Donn Anderson, has been a Motoring writer for over 50 years. He was the editor of one of NZ's first motoring publications "Motorman" magazine, and the now defunct *NZ Car Magazine*. Donn's brother, Rodger Anderson, was a NZ Saloon car Championship winner in a Mini Cooper S in the mid-1960s.

This book makes compulsory reading for all Mini owners and enthusiasts, and a must for home libraries.

Further details and enquiries can be directed to Club member Greg Wenzlick or to MINI NZ Marketing Executive Michael Griewe (09 573 6999).

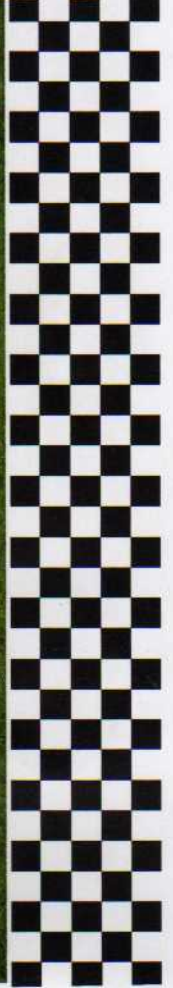
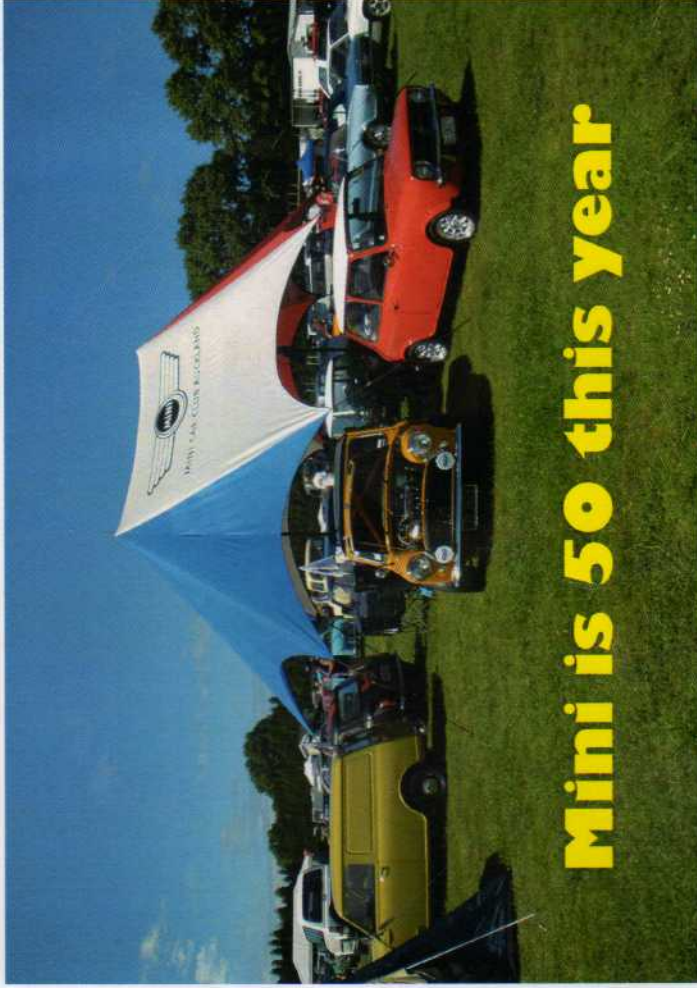


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Don't forget to touch base with:
<http://www.minis-auckland.org.nz>
Lots of goodies, the Club's points list, and the mag in full colour!

Deadline for the next issue:
31st March 2009

Presidents Report

The Mini Nationals at Hamilton over Labour weekend went off very well. 12 Minis conveyed on Friday afternoon to Wintec for scrutineering and paperwork.

The whole weekend was held at Wintec and turned out to be a good venue. Saturday for Gymkhana and Autocross was held under showers, this did not have any effect on the events at all, if anything it made it more exciting.

I had worked night shift prior to the Nationals, so having only 5 hrs sleep in the week prior consequently my navigational skills on the Autocross was not 100%. "Must get more sleep before next Nationals".

Sunday was Show-n-Shine in the morning and Navigational Trial in the afternoon.

They held the Elite class in Wintec sheds a good idea due to showers.

Unfortunately the showers spoilt our Club Display for the Show-n-Shine which was to have been under our tent on the grass, but were instead, held on the asphalt.

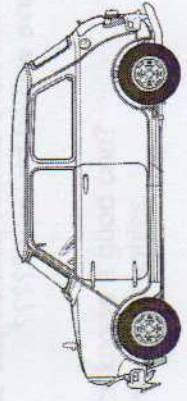
Navigation Trial Sunday afternoon was great, a good selection of central Waikato views, which was followed by a dinner in the evening at the Te Rapa Racing Club.

Overall a good event our thanks to Brent Middlemiss and team. Results in last month's mag.

Club Show-n-Shine at Motat 1st February saw a great turnout of 38 cars. Everyone had a good time. The whole event has got a lot better with a good selection of different cars. All paddock areas were virtually full.

All for now.

Warwick
El Presidente.



Captains Log

Hope everyone has been relaxing and charging the bodies battery over the Christmas /New Year Period.

2009 is going to a busy year for MINI enthusiasts world wide and MCCoA has members doing all sorts of activities this year. Some are doing a Mini car fun run from Kaitaia to Invercargill over Easter weekend retracing the infamous movie "Goodbye Pork Pie" route. Other members will be heading to Nelson in August for week long 50th celebrations of the Mini while the really lucky ones are planning trips to England flying the NZ flag at Mini celebrations over there. Not to mention the activities on our normal events calendar.

A quick run over events from the end of last year

November 16th - Mini Waikato invited the Auckland club and the Rotorua Minis to participate in an Autocross at Te Kowhai. Six Minis from Auckland made the hop, skip & jump (Rattle and bump) over the Bombay's down the Waikato Expressway. A great day had by all, the weather couldn't have been better. Congrates to Gavin Bowring for his first Autocross and improving each run. Big thanks to Minis Waikato.

November 23rd - Waiuku Classic Car display at Massey Park was a little disappointing with the lack of car clubs and cars on display and the wind that got stronger as the day progressed meant the planned planes and Parachutes were cancelled. There were still good attendances from the hearty club members that did turn up. Not a bad turn out for a show that was on /off/on again. The organizers say things will be much better next year.

November 30th - MCCoA annual Economy run. I was unable to make this one, but talking to the club members that did, I missed another excellent run that had the Gary factor. Congratulations to every one that took part especially Andrew Carter (must have almost pushed the car??) some competitors said they could have walked faster!!!!????



Eco run results:

1st	Andrew Carter	30.84km/ltr
2nd	Gavin & Chanel Bowring	22.79km/ltr
3rd	Rex & Susan Coubray	19.06km/ltr
4th	Mark Thompson & Luke Martin	17.51km/ltr
5th	Mathew Oliver & Tyson Moore	17.29km/ltr
6th	Alan & Shelagh Murie	17.01km/ltr
7th	Vic & Joy Hayes	16.66km/ltr
8th	Peter & Cherry Chadwick	16.49km/ltr
9th	Gavin Agnew	12.40km/ltr
10th	Peter & Kevin Hartshorne	12.31km/ltr
11th	Nathan & Imogen (Z Club)	6.3km/ltr
12th	Simon & Marion Lodge	1.23km/ltr (speedo broke)

Another great day was had by all. Thanks Gary and Catharine

December club night (Christmas BBQ) was a great success, good to see a large number of club members there enjoying themselves. Thanks Tom for bringing your electric Mini excellent talking point. The raffle raised \$325.00 for the club, congratulations to a new member (signed up that night) for winning the major prize.

A big thanks must go out to everyone that helped make it a very enjoyable night, especially the group of ladies that spent a lot of time in the kitchen.

December 7th. Thunder in the park

Saw a good turn out of Minis on the club display. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the different classes of racing from Minis to big V8s that couldn't stay on the track even on the warm up lap. The lunch time entertainment was tyre blowing with so much smoke and large engined cars (not a Mini in site) a really great day, thanks to the Clarks for towing the club trailer so we could have a BBQ for lunch.

As I write this I am on holiday! Here comes a rum, what? light up the BBQ.

Like I said at the beginning of the report. This year is going to be busy. Have a look at the events calendar in this magazine or on the clubs web site mark the dates down and get out and show the world your MINI

THE MINI IS 50

Happy New Year
Regards Murray

P.S. Is anyone in the club a cabinet maker or knows a good one? We need a quote for a cabinet to display the club trophies.

