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Mini Car Club of Auckland

Auckland Mini  
Nationals  
2014



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Don't forget to touch base with:  
<http://www.minis-auckland.org.nz>

# Events Calendar

<b>Tuesday 7th October</b>	<b>Club Night</b> Held at the Northern Sports Club, Mt Richmond Domain entry off Great South Road at 7.30pm.
<b>Sunday 19th October</b>	<b>Greenhithe 100 Years Parade.</b> Join in the parade to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Greenhithe Community Hall. Please contact Vic Hayes direct. Email: joynvic@paradise.net.nz
<b>Friday 24th - Sunday 26th October</b>	<b>2014 Mini National Meet</b> Hosted by the MCCoA. Based at Mt Smart Stadium. Check out our website for further information and registrations www.minis-auckland.org.nz
<b>Tuesday 4th November</b>	<b>Club Night</b> Held at the Northern Sports Club, Mt Richmond Domain entry off Great South Road at 7.30pm.
<b>Saturday 15th November</b>	<b>Interclub Motorkhana.</b> On grass at Te Kowhai - MCCoA v Minis Waikato. Details to come.
<b>Sunday 16th November</b>	<b>Cambridge Swap Meet.</b> Details to come.
<b>Sunday 30th November</b>	<b>Classics Museum 2nd Birthday.</b> Hamilton. 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be a convoy down to Hamilton where we will display as a combined club with Minis Waikato. Departure details to come.
<b>Sunday 30th November</b>	<b>Caffeine and Classics</b> Meet, Smales Farm, Takapuna. Meet at Tony's, 38 Belmont Tce, Milford @ 9:30am then convoy down to Smale's Farm for a 10:00am start. Stay as long as you want. For more information, ph Tony on 410 9130 (evenings).
<b>Sunday 14th December</b>	<b>Interclub Autocross, Te Rapa.</b> Details to come.

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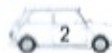
**LABOUR WEEKEND**

25 - 26 OCTOBER 2014

MT SMART STADIUM



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# Club Points

As of 4-9-2013

Name	clubnights	Minimeet	Trials	Shows	Events	Visits	Runs	Duties	totals
Chris Roper	2							6	8
Christine Roper	1							6	7
Murray Roper	2					1	1		4
Gavin Agnew	2					1			3
Rex Coubray	2					1			3
Dayle Cowley	1					1	1		3
Vic Hayes	2						1		3
Simon Lodge	2						1		3
Marion Lodge	2						1		3
Tony Maulder	2					1			3
Alan Murie	1					1	1		3
Shelagh Murie	1					1	1		3
Dan Norman	2						1		3
Kevin Patrick	2						1		3
Kevin Taylor	2						1		3
Nic Apanui	2								2
Rob Apanui	2								2
Kyle Apanui	2								2
Mike Bates	2								2
Peter Chadwick	1					1			2



# President's Report.

## Hello fellow club members and mini lovers

Another few months have come and gone and another AGM done and dusted. As I stated in my president's report a big THANK YOU must go to my fellow committee members who have been working extremely hard over the last 12 months (still are) keeping the club running and with the Mini nationals being held in Auckland there is a lot of work. Also the other club members that help out with tasks - this is always appreciated. Thank you for making it such a fun club to be involved in.

Congratulations to the club members who won prizes at the annual prize giving, full details are in this magazine.

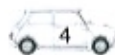
Speaking of the Mini Nationals, have you registered yet? If not why not!? This is a great chance to support your club in one of the biggest events the club has done in a few years. Mini also turns 55 this year! We

are trying to get as many minis/MINIs at Mt Smart stadium as possible. So register and back your club, like I know you will. The club will be looking for members to help out on the Saturday/Sunday activities, so if you can help, speak with a committee member. See you there!

We have had a fantastic response from individuals/companies that are supporting our Mini nationals so get in behind these folk and support them. Talk to FIT Electrical (club member) for all your electrical needs, and like Mothers on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MothersNZ](http://www.facebook.com/MothersNZ). Plus Pak 'n Save Sylvia Park, just to name three. The rest are on the club web site and in the magazine.

To next time, keep the rubber side down!

**Murray**





16 Mt Richmond Domain  
Whuhu, Ph: 09 276 0880



Hi, club members! Here it is, the last club magazine before the Mini Nationals. There'll be a lot of content in here about the big event - I'm sure everyone's looking forward to it! It'll be a great weekend, and with this sort of thing, I always find that the more you're involved, the more you enjoy it. Just coming along and having a look around is good, and definitely worth the effort, but do consider what else you could do. Bring your car - whether it's a brand new Mini, or a spotless restoration, or a daily driver, or a pre-restoration wreck on a trailer. There'll be a huge number of Mini fans there who would love to take a look, and ask you all sorts of questions too. Get involved in the events too, a lot of effort has gone into making them huge fun. If you have a car you'd like to compete in, try the Motorkhana or Autocross (Sunday 26th). If you'd prefer something more sedate, the Protector Insurance Auckland Tour is for you (Sunday 26th, starting at 8AM). It starts and finishes at Mount Smart Stadium, and takes in a lot of the sights of Auckland, such as sightseeing from Devonport across the harbour, and a visit to the Royal New Zealand Navy Museum. On all of the events, you'll meet and get to know other Mini owners from all over the country. It's an opportunity not to be missed!

Having said that... guess who'll be missing the Nationals? I was really hoping that this year, with the Nationals being local, I'd be able to get involved. Unfortunately, I'll be out of the country. On the positive side, I'll be having some fun of my own, doing the Italian Job event. Being the Italian Job's 25th anniversary, this is going to be a special one, apparently! My father Rick and I will be flying to London and picking up a Mini, and driving it to Trento in northern Italy. We'll then spend the next two weeks or so exploring northern Italy and generally hanging out with other Mini people (and probably a few with other cars from the Italian Job movie). It's not really a competition, but definitely will be quite an experience. The main challenge is a navigational rally, using tulip diagrams and definitely no GPS. The trip to and from the event will be very enjoyable too, taking in (and driving on, where possible) some famous racetracks like Spa Francorchamps in Belgium and the Nurburgring in Germany. I've also never spent long in Italy, so this will be a new experience there too.

So - I hope that some of you would consider helping us raise funds for Variety, the kids' charity! We have a fund-raising web page here:

[www.justgiving.com/vbij/](http://www.justgiving.com/vbij/)

If you drop by and send a few dollars Variety's way, we'd all be eternally grateful! All funds raised go directly to Variety. Of course, donations in person would be gratefully accepted, just collar me or Rick at the next Mini Club meeting!

And lastly - thanks very much to everyone who answered the call for magazine content. Well done!

Your Editor,

**Mike van Bokhoven**

# Club Captain

> Chris Roper



## Hi all you mini nuts.

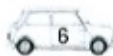
Time is sure flying by with the Nationals getting closer. Your committee has been working hard with countless hours of work already under the belt. Mt Smart stadium is the base for most events. This will save a lot of time and energy for those visiting from out of town.

We will be asking for a lot of help from members as we get closer to Labour weekend to help run events. We have had the luxury of turning up and enjoying the Nationals around New Zealand for the past few years and it is now time for us to return the hospitality.

We have had a very busy year to date and it does not look like slowing down to much in the near future! Keep an eye on the club calendar on our web site for all the info. It is kept up to date and can be relied on.

If you have any ideas of events you would like to see within the club, have a chat to a committee member. We are always looking for different events or ideas for club nights - why not have a go and organise something. The more we spread the load the more fun it is for all!

**Cheers Chris**





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# Auckland Mini Nationals

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## LABOUR WEEKEND 25 - 26 OCTOBER 2014 MT SMART STADIUM

We would love to see your Mini here

As the event draws ever closer, we are currently sitting around 50 entries and 100+ reservations for the Sunday night prize giving dinner. This is likely to be capped at 200 people, so get your entries in to make certain of a seat at the dinner. We'd hate you to miss out!

**ENTRIES FILLING FAST DONT MISS OUT !!**



# THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 2014 AUCKLAND MINI NATIONALS

**GUESS WHAT?** The Mini Nationals is shaping up to be a fantastic, impressive, once-in-a-lifetime experience! The only way we can achieve that is with a bit of help, and some local firms have stepped up to support us. Go on, show them a bit of love in return!

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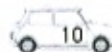
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They also believe in giving back to the community, and have provided sponsorship to causes such as the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Trust, the WIMA Pink Ribbon Motorcycle Charity Ride, and various club championships, teams, and events throughout the country, including the 2014 Auckland Mini Nationals.



# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

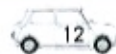
- 5pm - 8pm** Registration and get together at the Northern Sportscar Clubrooms, Mt Richmond Domain, Otahuhu.
- Snacks and drinks will be available, time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.
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## SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER:

- 8:30am** Swap Meet. Clear out that garage and bring those Mini bits along and make a few shekels. We will provide the area and tables, you provide the goodies. N.B. You will need to look after your own sales and money collection.
- 8:30am** Mothers Show 'n Shine, Mt Smart Stadium. Enter via the Maurice Road gate.
- 1:30pm** Pak 'n Save Sylvia Park Poker Run. The run will leave from Mt Smart Stadium and finish at the Northern Sports Car Club.
- 5:00pm** Get together and cash bar at the Northern Sports Car Club, followed by the SpitRoast meal at 6:00pm
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## SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER:

- 8:00am** Protector Insurance Auckland Tour, Mt Smart Stadium. This run will travel via the Mini Garage to Smales Farm in Takapuna for the monthly Caffeine and Classics meet. After a 30 minute stop, the run will then make its way to Devonport for extensive views over the Waitemata Harbour and visit the Royal New Zealand Navy Museum. The run will finish back at Mt Smart Stadium.
- 8:00am** ELWA Motokhana, Mt Smart Stadium. Proceedings will begin with the Drivers' briefing. First car away at 8:30am.
- 1:00pm** ELWA Autocross, Mt Smart Stadium. Proceedings will begin with the Drivers' briefing. First car away at 2:00pm.
- 6:30pm** Prizegiving dinner at Mt Smart Stadium.



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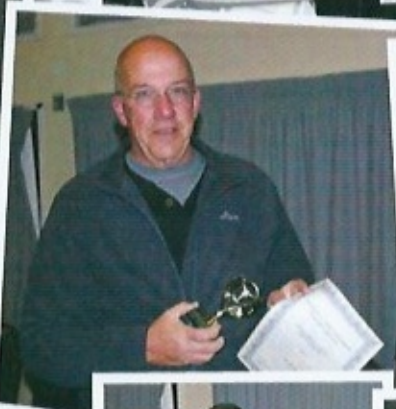
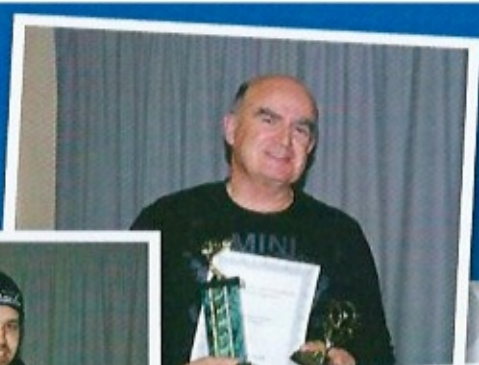


# AGM Prize Giving Awards 2014

<b>Bradley Russell Memorial trophy for club spirit</b>	George Gray
<b>Aggregate point award</b>	Kevin Taylor
<b>Economy Challenge</b>	1st Rod and Amanda Brain
<b>Trails Points</b>	1st Kevin & Viv Taylor
<b>Show n Shine Classic mini</b>	1st Christine Roper
<b>Show n Shine Modified</b>	1st Nic Apanui
<b>Show n Shine Restored</b>	1st Graham Wing
<b>Show n Shine Custom</b>	1st Alan Murie
<b>Show n Shine BMW</b>	1st Margaret Patrick
<b>Show n Shine Best in show</b>	Vic Hayes
<b>Graham Crisp Memorial Trophy – Motorkhana/Autocross</b>	Kevin Taylor
<b>Motorsport Award</b>	Trent Dixon
<b>Motor Sport Highly Commended</b>	Lee Norman & Kevin Patrick
<b>Most Improved Car Award</b>	Kyle Apanui
<b>Lead Foot Award</b>	Keith Hargraves
<b>Automatically Earned IT Award</b>	Samantha Bennelick
<b>Dip Stick Award</b>	Ben Fitness
<b>Aquacut Switched ON Award</b>	Simon Lodge
<b>Female Club Member Award</b>	Viv Taylor

Congratulations to all the winners





# GO KARTS

On the 15th of June, the club's Go Karting event was a hard-fought affair. It was held at Formula E in Mangere, the home of some very quick electric go karts.





NZ's FASTEST INDOOR KARTS

WINNING ORDER:

ANDREW  
CARTER

ALAN  
MURIE

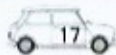
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# A Mini Poem

Mike and Jan  
Must do a repair  
A new roof is needed  
A major we fear

And so our Minis  
Will need a new home  
While the whole place becomes  
A construction zone

Now two are mobile  
But one is not  
So where shall we put them  
With the room we've got

We've thought of a stay  
At a daughter's maybe  
But then these her cats  
That's a worry you see

Storage at a friends?  
Or a park on the road?  
One on the trailer?  
It's a no to that load

They're really not used  
To being apart  
Don't want them homesick  
Or lonesome for a start

But of course there must be  
A really good answer  
Yes, we'll keep them all here  
In the carport and cover

It might be a squash  
But we'll make it alright  
And Mike's expert backing  
Tucks them in tight

With covers and sheets  
And blankets and rugs  
We'll make sure our Minis  
Are dry warm and snug

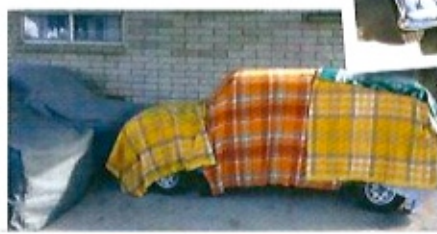
So now the weather  
Can do what it will  
And we can just laugh  
At sun, wind, rain, and chill

Surrounded by scaffolding  
Building and mayhem  
Our Minis are safe  
And won't get a battering

And it's only a week  
And the work will be done  
And Baby Blue, Kelly and Cooper  
Will be back in their home.

[And they were]

**Jan Bates**



**FOR \$ALE**

# Riley Elf

Would anyone like to give a Riley Elf a good home? The car is basically complete, with all chrome (trim, bumpers, overriders, grille) and badges, glass, and a completely new interior and upholstery. It's on ROH alloys, though the original chrome wheel trims are there too. Mechanically it's in unknown condition, currently having a 1098 that hasn't been started in years. There's also a 1275 short block there (no head) if the new owner wants something with a bit more go.

Tony, the current owner, happened across the car at an upholsterer's workshop where it had been sitting for some time. It had been brought in for full re-upholstery, but the customer never returned for it, so eventually it was sold to Tony to recover costs. Now Tony needs to move it onto a new owner, but he really wants it to go to an enthusiast who will take good care of it.

## Can you help?

Just give Tony a call if so,  
**817 5520**



# Swap shop & show

Auckland City Centre  
16 August 2014.

This has to be a first. Mini Coopers at a hot Rod Show. That's right, Tony Maulder got invited by the N.Z. Hot rod Association to get together a few very early Coopers to join the Rodders, at the Atrium on Elliott carpark of the Carlton Plaza Hotel.

A really good range of Coopers turned up in convoy up Albert Street in the early hours of Saturday to journey up 12 levels of the Hotel carpark setting off car alarms with the low growl of their exhausts.





In the picture we had at front Dave and his 1962 Morris Cooper, Tony next with his fifty year old 1964 Morris Cooper, and Russell with his 1967 Austin Cooper. These three cars are "various shades of grey". John brought along his British Racing Green Australian Morris Cooper S. Which was parked next to Grahams (ex Mullins) White and black Morris Cooper S. And the shopper of us, Lee, (Johns wife) turned up in her recently acquired Black and white 1969 Mk II Cooper. Yes all still black plated and parked in number plate order. And all the cars except Grahams live North of the Bridge.

People were surprised how well the cars looked. Each one had been restored in their lifetime. They were all quite spotless. Dave had set his up with a roof rack and FLAGS for next Easters Pork Pie Run.

We had just set up when one of the other show entrants who brought along a Torana SLR 5000 came over and said he had just done up a 1966 Mini. Seeing us there he raced off to Te Atatu and brought along his very tinted up surf blue Mini called "Snifter". And was able to park it at the end of our line up. This connected us really well with the other hot rods.

After a bit of breakfast and looking around the show (and shopping) we had lunch at the Atrium on Elliott food court, talked a few Mini tales and the histories of our cars and Mini exploits, as you do.

About 2 pm with a day full of hot rods we travelled off down the 12 levels of car parks again to the tune of car alarms going off.

We were chuffed with the response of the other show people about the interest they showed in our cars and the incredible number of tourists who wanted photos with the minis.

**By Tony Maulder**

# SNIPPETS



**Jason** playing to the crowd. Why go forward when you can have more fun going backwards was Jason's motto, just be careful not to run over the RC Car you are racing. Several other members also took part in the arena displays racing against each other and the Racing Lawnmowers - the crowds seemed to enjoy it as much as we enjoyed taking part.

**Dan Norman** looks like he enjoyed the discussion with the Castrol Technical Team at the CRC Speedshow in July. The inner workings of the A-Series engine are always fascinating in the right company.







Caffeine & Classics in the rain, 31st August. A small turnout on the last day of winter, Gavin brought along the latest addition to the Agnew fleet, 2001 reg Mini Cooper Sportpac. He didn't get to show us how the sunroof opens but it will be great when summer arrives.



Auckland Mini Motorkhana Team at Waikato Minis event. Ash, Sam, Ben & KevT took part in a motorkhana in Hamilton to try out a new sealed venue. It was a great sunny day and a good turnout of locals to have fun on a very compact smooth sealed area. We did 2 runs over 3 tests during the day and a couple of the Auckland team did really well, with Ash finishing 2nd overall, Ben in 4th in his first sealed event and Sam in 10th in her first event and fastest of all the ladies on the day.



**Kev Taylor** did well on the first couple of tests but lost the plot (and his way) on the final test so blew his chances and finished mumble mumble - had great fun though!



**Ben** tried hard in his first sealed motorkhana - he finished 4th - well done Ben!



**Ash & Sam** drove the wheels off their Mini 1000 - Ash finished 2nd - a great result. Sam had fun in her first motokhana - 10th overall and fastest lady



# 3 Millionth mini

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Just as we celebrated Mini's 55th birthday, another milestone has been reached in the continuing Mini story. Three million 'New' MINIs have been produced since 2001, and over two million MINI vehicles have been exported from the MINI Plant Oxford. In comparison the 2 millionth Classic Mini was made in 1969 (10 years), and the 5 millionth rolled off the line in 1986 (27 years). Three millionth MINI produced is a MINI 5-door hatch.

British brand now exports to over 110 markets on every continent. USA is biggest MINI market, followed by UK, Germany, China and France. Combined value of exports from UK approaching £30 billion. Plant Oxford, Plant Swindon and Plant Hams Hall form MINI's UK production network – recent recipient of £750 million investment.

MINI Plant Oxford – The continuing success story of the MINI brand was further underlined today as the British manufacturer announced the production of its three millionth car since 2001, and its two millionth international export.

Relaunched in 2001 under the stewardship of the BMW Group, the MINI brand has become one of the most popular in the automotive world. It is a true British export success story with drivers in more than 110 markets falling in love with the famous marque from USA to Uruguay and Turkey to Taiwan. In the intervening 13 years, the MINI range has grown from one to seven models meaning that the brand can now offer a car to cater for all tastes and requirements. The three millionth MINI to be produced is a 5-door Hatch Cooper S and has a special exterior design to celebrate its heritage and its British roots.

Transport Minister Baroness Kramer said: "I congratulate the workers at MINI Plant Oxford on reaching this remarkable milestone. The MINI is a British icon and is a major part of a thriving automotive industry spearheading the growing British economy. This government is working to create the right environment for car manufacturers like BMW to continue innovating and developing British-made cars with worldwide appeal." Investment in MINI UK Production Network

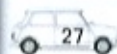
A £750 million investment is underway across three of BMW Group's UK manufacturing facilities. Highlights include a new 1,000-robot bodyshop at Plant Oxford and the installation of new body manufacturing technologies including laser welding at Plant Swindon. The Hams Hall engine plant is also being freshly equipped for a new generation of modular power units that will be manufactured at the company's three global engine plants, with the Hams Hall plant supplying crankshafts to all these factories. These new engines, the new body and chassis structure and a completely refreshed design are combined in the all-new MINI.

"The MINI brand has had strong ties to the UK for decades. Our MINI production in Oxford represents a commitment to the brand's identity, firmly in line with our successful strategy of "production follows the market". Oxford is the centre of our British MINI production network, with the Swindon pressings plant and the Hams Hall engine plant near Birmingham," stated Board of Management member for Production Harald Krüger at the event celebrating the production milestone. The UK is the second largest market for MINI in the world.

The two millionth export MINI to leave Plant Oxford is a Volcanic Orange MINI Hatch which is currently making its way across the ocean to its new customer in Japan. "Today, we mark two important milestones for MINI. Three million MINIs produced, and two million MINIs exported from Oxford to customers worldwide. These are impressive figures and definitely a reason to celebrate. In markets big and small, MINI has always appealed to customers on an emotional level," said Board of Management member Peter Schwarzenbauer.

Frank Bachmann, managing director of MINI Plants Oxford and Swindon, said: "Everyone here is proud to be celebrating these two great milestones. The complexity of producing MINIs for individual customers in more than 110 markets around the globe is a real testimony to the expertise of our workforce."

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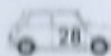




# BMW 2015

## A new class for the future of MINI

"The MINI Clubman Concept shows how the MINI Clubman could be taken a step further: more interior space, a greater sense of high-end quality and yet still clever, bold and distinctive. In short: more car, more MINI," says Adrian van Hooydonk, Head of BMW Group Design, explaining the approach to this model. For over 50 years now, MINI has stood for maximum use of minimum space. 26 centimeters longer and just under 17 centimeters wider than the current MINI Clubman, the MINI Clubman Concept applies this aspiration to a new class of automobile.



As Head of MINI Design Anders Warming explains: "With the MINI Clubman Concept we are presenting a car with space, flair and style in a segment where the focus is mainly on function and utility. With clever ideas, emotional design and a cool blend of colors and materials, it offers an overall experience which remains unique in this segment to date."



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