



# MINI TORQUE

## Past events

### Maungatoroto Primary School car and bike show

25 Nov 2018

BY KEVIN TAYLOR

The early Sunday morning start in Auckland was wet & miserable, when I arrived at Smales Farm at 7.30am there wasn't a Mini in sight but the coffee man was already set up and no queue at all, just me. I txt'd Chris Westlake at Matakohē to find out if the Maungaturoto Car & Bike Show had been cancelled and he said "not raining up here". I thought that if no one else turns up I'm grabbing a coffee and going home.



Then there was a tap on my window and Alan & Shelagh had arrived so we decided we might as well go for a drive, we can always head to Chris' for lunch and then come home. The good thing about a 2 Mini convoy is that you don't have to wait for others to catch up so we arrived at Maungaturoto in good time, and we were directed into the school's upper sealed playground where a smaller than usual show was coming together. It was warm & sunny when Chris arrived with his 2 Minis so there were now 4 Minis in attendance.



Did I mention that Alan & Shelagh were in their recently acquired Mini Moke replica? I thought that it looked like a scaled down Jeep as it has the distinctive Jeep looking grille, I joked that I didn't think many Mokes have been harmed in the making of this Moke? They are both well equipped for open car motoring as they were well rugged up for the journey but they did find that the torrential rain we encountered on the trip north had

managed to find its way between the windscreen and bonnet and they were a little damp, but they soon dried out in the Northland sunshine. Alan will figure out how to make the Moke more waterproof before they venture out in the rain again.

There was an interesting variety of cars & bikes at the show and even a local tractor with a flame themed paint job and chainsaw strapped to the rear platform.

The school was serving up great bacon butties and various other treats and there were stalls selling assorted other stuff. The kids were enjoying the bouncy castle and other entertainment.

At 1.00pm they awarded prizes for Peoples Choice and other award categories and then Chris invited us back to his place at Matakohē for refreshments before we returned to Auckland.



## Browns Bay Santa Parade

BY KEVIN TAYLOR

Warwick had organised a few members to take part in the annual Browns Bay Santa Parade. We met at Warwick & Lesley's to decorate the Minis, wondering if it was going to rain as much as the forecasters had promised. But the rain held off- at least until a couple of minutes before the parade set off at 5pm, and then the clouds opened up. We were nice & dry in the Minis but poor old Santa on his sledge got pretty wet- but the crowds cheered and waved as we drove slowly through the streets, being careful not to run over anybody's toes as they scrambled to pick up the lollies we were throwing out for them.





All too soon it was over and we removed the sodden tinsel from our Minis before heading for home.



## Christmas Club Night

BY GRANT BOWYER

04 Dec 2018



Another fun year ended with the always popular Christmas club night. As usual there was a vast range of excellent food, and while we didn't manage to finish everything it was close.

Margaret organised the donation of food cans to the City Mission, and seemed to have plenty of response.

Alana won "Best Dressed Christmas Decoration" & Jo won first prize in the Monster Raffle but the prize wasn't a monster (we couldn't afford one).





Steff won "Best Dressed Mini" with her Santa Clubman, and "Best Dressed Driver" for her matching outfit.



## Christmas Lights Run out East

14 Dec 2018

BY GRANT BOWYER

This year's world famous (in East Auckland) Christmas Lights run was organised by Club Captain Stephen, and was set to be a fantastic night to see the lights- dark skies from all the clouds, glistening roads from the rain, and a lovely backdrop of frequent lightning. Undeterred, we pressed on anyway.



We gathered at Mcdonalds Greenlane, causing a fair amount of disruption in the carpark even before we all turned on our Christmas lights. All the cars were fantastically decorated, it seemed everyone had put in a lot of effort.

We made it to the first two stops without incident (Sayes Close in East Tamaki and Fern Place in Beachlands), where the Minis were welcomed by delighted children of all ages. Fern Close was particularly dramatic, with frequent flashes of lightning all around.

As we left Fern Close the heavens opened, and we headed directly to Darren's house in Uldale Place to assess the damage. We decided to abandon the rest of the run as Darren's house had turned into an almighty water feature, all the Minis were leaking, and the Muries' Moke was doing a fair impression of a wheeled bathtub.

Thanks again to Stephen for arranging a most memorable run!



## December Caffeine and Classics

**30 Dec 2018**

**BY TONY MAULDER**

A very sunny day (Sunday), at the December 2018 Caffeine and "CLASSICS" at Smales Farm.

More than 30 classic Minis turned up and put on a great display, more than 500 other classics turned up also. I organised the cars into four decades, '60s, '70s, '80s, & '90s. Warwick and Lesley raced in with the De Joux. Alister, Steve and my early Coopers were there.





The '90s Coopers were Phil's chrome show car, Zak, Jo and a Cooper 35 carrying on the green theme, with our club captain in red. A white Murayama '90s Rover Cooper (John Cooper tuning kit added in Japan) was brought along by Jason. This car was one I brought along to C&C just over a year ago. The Snells came along a little later. "UK1958," a '90s white Cooper, was also parked nearby.



There were a myriad of '80s Minis there, nearly all modified, including Jim's 8 port Clubman and Darren's CuteBM.

The rest of our group was mostly '70s Minis. Amongst these were 3 vans/estates, a couple of utes: a V8 one and a standard one for comparison. And the Muries' jeaped Moke.

Parked nearby was a surf's up Mini, ready for the beach on this lovely Sunday.

We took up 3 complete parking rows this time. I will try for 4 rows in January, one for each decade. Help me guys, more cars please.





NOTE, IF THE ENTRY BARRIER IS DOWN PLEASE COME AROUND IT, WE ALWAYS HAVE A SAVED SPOT FOR CLASSIC MINIS (or come around to the back park down by the steps/hedge behind our main spot.)

**If you have an article or photos for the next newsletter,  
please email them to [editor@minis-auckland.org.nz](mailto:editor@minis-auckland.org.nz)**

## Items for Sale

### Savage Collection Mini, Auction 17 March

Webbs Auctions thought we might be interested in this item in the upcoming Roy Savage Collection of Classic Cars Part II auction, to be held 17 March 2019, Southwards Car Museum, Paraparaumu

*"We have it on good authority from a member of the Savage family that "AFL 706" is the last Mini sold new in NZ being registered in September 2001. Whilst technically a 2000 Model Year vehicle (April-October 2000) we can only assume that the car may have languished in the dealer's showroom for some time prior to its sale.*

*Webbs are reliably informed that the story behind the car's purchase is that Mrs Savage was sitting on a Wellington bus stop adjacent to the Mini dealer and getting tired of waiting for the public transport to eventuate bought both this example and a green one (retained by the family) and drove it home!*

*The Savage family have been the sole owners of this time warp automobile which despite its age displays today a mileage minimal in the extreme with just 7982 recorded kilometres.*

*Estimate NZD\$30,000-\$35000. Vehicle will be sold registered and with current WOF."*

More details, and requests for an auction catalogue, at [www.webbs.co.nz](http://www.webbs.co.nz)





## Mini 60th Anniversary Tee Shirts.

**Last day to place your order and guarantee your size is Thursday 24th Jan, otherwise take your chances that we'll have your size- or any- left over at club night.**



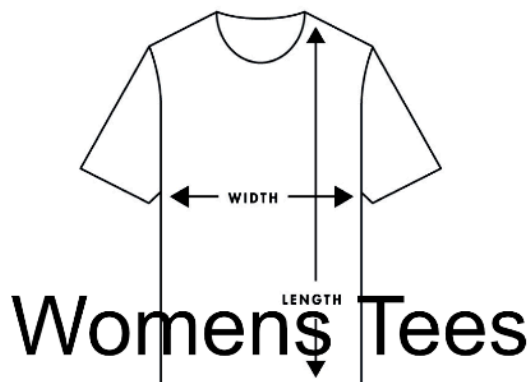
2019 is the year of the Mini!! 60th anniversary of the very first model that rolled off the production line in 1958. What better way to celebrate than with this NZ exclusive design 60th anniversary T-shirt. We are about to order the first batch for the club. If you want to reserve yours please Email the club captain with your preferred size. We'll have these available for collection at the club night or at the various events from late Feb onwards. The price you ask.... a bargain at \$20ea

**(Note that ASColour shirts run slightly smaller than most other brands, so measure a shirt that fits and compare to the sizing chart.)**



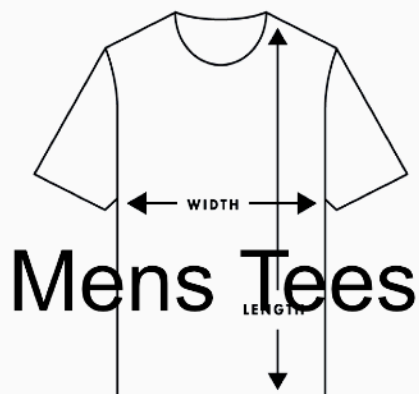
MAPLE TEE MEASUREMENTS						
SIZE	XSM	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL
Body Width (cm)	45.5	48	50.5	53	55.5	58
Body Length (cm)	63.5	64.5	65.5	66.5	67.5	68.5

How We Measure



STAPLE TEE MEASUREMENTS						
SIZE	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL	3XL
Body Width (cm)	47	52	56.5	61	64	68
Body Length (cm)	71	75	78.5	82	83.5	85

How We Measure



To pre-order your shirt, contact Club Captain Stephen on  
[club-captain@minis-auckland.org.nz](mailto:club-captain@minis-auckland.org.nz)

## Upcoming Events

*EVENT DETAILS SOMETIMES CHANGE AFTER NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION, BUT ARE ALWAYS UP TO DATE ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE; [MINIS-AUCKLAND.ORG.NZ/CALENDAR.HTML](http://MINIS-AUCKLAND.ORG.NZ/CALENDAR.HTML)*

### Sunday 27th January - Caffeine & Classics



Meet at Smales Farm Business Park, at the corner of Taharoto and Northcote Roads in Takapuna. Stand around, drink coffee, look at shiny cars. Officially the event runs from 10am-Noon, but folks start arriving anytime after 9am. We try to get parking for all the Minis just past the barrier arm, first row on the right.

### Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd February - Leadfoot Festival



The Leadfoot Festival is a unique weekend on the New Zealand and international calendar that brings together a unique mix of classic cars, vintage motorcycles and motorsport legends. New Zealand racing legend, Rod Millen opens his private grounds at the Leadfoot Ranch in the Coromandel to host more than 150 champion and competitive race participants. Website here: <http://www.leadfootfestival.com> Not an official club event but if we enter as a group of Minis we can all park together. Meet at Whenuakite School, 1055 New Zealand State Highway 25, Whenuakite to leave at 8.30am and convoy in together on the Saturday and Sunday mornings. Contact Kevin [021 121 8363](tel:0211218363)

### Tuesday 5th Feb - Club Night



Club night returns - 7:30pm at Northern Sports Car Clubrooms. Monthly club night meeting – Mix 'n' Mingle Night - First Meeting of the year, bring out all those Minis and let's get as many together as possible taking advantage of the light evenings to stand about, look about, chat and enjoy our wonderful club.

Bring some coins for the raffle.



## Sunday 10th February - The Ellerslie Intermarque Concours d'Elegance and Classic



Theme for 2019 "The Collectables" The annual event open to the public, and organised on behalf of motor vehicle clubs in order to allow those clubs to display vehicles, promote their clubs and take part in friendly competition. We'll have our usual display area and have selected a group of cars to form the collectables theme through the 60years of Mini manufacture.

Website here: <https://www.concours.org.nz>

## Friday-Sunday 15th-17th February - Brits at the Beach



The annual event held at Whangamata and now in the summer! The highlight for car enthusiasts is the Saturday morning parade starting at 9am and the classic car Brit car park up on Saturday and Sunday mornings. For a unique gathering of all things British this event is not to be missed. Not an official club event, but for those that are keen we'll convoy down on the Friday, leaving Maraetai beach front at 8.30am on the Friday for the Grahamstown park up at 10am. On the Saturday we'll leave BP Drury at 6.30am for the Saturday morning parade.

Website here: <http://www.britsatthebeach.co.nz/>

## Sunday 24th February - Caffeine & Classics



Meet at Smales Farm Business Park, at the corner of Taharoto and Northcote Roads in Takapuna. Stand around, drink coffee, look at shiny cars. Officially the event runs from 10am-Noon, but folks start arriving anytime after 9am. We try to get parking for all the Minis just past the barrier arm, first row on the right.

## Sunday 3rd March - Brit & Euro



The annual Brits & Euro show takes place at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga from 10am until 3pm. We always have a great turnout of Minis and all are welcome. Park up needs to

be completed by 9am and therefore we will meet at Placemakers Carpark Pakuranga and convoy into the event together. We are going to celebrate the 60 years of the Mini in style with a themed area so dress up to match the year of your car and lets have some fun at our official club yearly get together. **NOTE: This event now represents our yearly show and shine. Vehicles will be judged and the 2019 winners will be picked for all classes.** Bring a boot lunch and we'll enjoy together under the tent. The Auckland Brit & Euro Classic Car Show is a FREE fun day out for people of all makes, models and ages. We've registered enough spaces for the club. Website here: <https://www.briteurocarshow.nz>

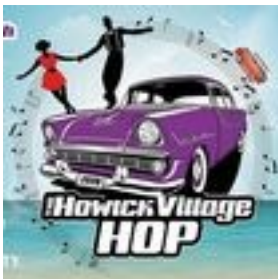
## Tuesday 5th March - Club Night



7:30pm at Northern Sports Car Clubrooms. What other classics do you have tucked away? Time to bring them out and have a chat about the other classic cars that may grace your collection.

Bring some coins for the raffle.

## Saturday 9th March - Howick Village Hop



Get your vintage on for a street park up running from 9.30am-2pm in Howick Picton Street. Those displaying vehicles receive a \$15.00 brunch or lunch voucher to be redeemed on the event date at either The Good Home/The Apothecary/Basalt. Registrations close Friday 1 March 2019. Not an official club event but could be fun. Contact Jane at [manager@howickvillage.co.nz](mailto:manager@howickvillage.co.nz) for a registration form.

Some additional detail on the facebook event: <https://p-upload.facebook.com/events/343589863121943/>

## Sunday 17th March - Northern Explorer Run



A longer run and one ideal for our members out west and the North Shore. Meeting at the NorthWest Shopping Centre Roof Top Car Park by 10am. We'll take the west coast route up through Glorit onto Wellsford and through to stop for lunch at Matakana. The route back takes us to SH1 before picking up the old road through Orewa and back to Auckland. 177km 5hrs.



Contact: Club Captain Steve 021 193 4618

## Sunday 31st March - Caffeine & Classics



Meet at Smales Farm Business Park, at the corner of Taharoto and Northcote Roads in Takapuna. Stand around, drink coffee, look at shiny cars. Officially the event runs from 10am-Noon, but folks start arriving anytime after 9am. We try to get parking for all the Minis just past the barrier arm, first row on the right.

## Tuesday 2nd April - Club Night



7:30pm at Northern Sports Car Clubrooms. Monthly club night meeting – It's a month of motorsport activities from Hampton Downs track day to the Autocross, but tonight we'll kick it all off with the Mini Race night! Its time to pit your skills against the others in the club, we're bringing back rocker cover racing, Mini Scalextric races, wheel change challenge. You'll be scored on your times and the extra points for bringing your own 'racer'.

## Sunday 7th April - Akeake Autocross



We'll be hooking up with Mini's Waikato for a Autocross get together, more details to follow but save the date!

## Friday 19th April - Pork Pie Run meetup



Show your support for the Pork Pie'ers by meeting with them in Auckland city and convoying together in those Minis. TBC on the location and time but check emails and Facebook for updates.

Head to their website for more details: [https://](https://www.porkpie.co.nz/)

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## Sunday 28th April - Caffeine & Gasoline



Leaving BP Drury at 8.30am to head to Caffeine & **Gasoline** at Hampton Downs. This new event to our club calendar will allow access to both classic and newer BMW-made Minis. We'll also be meeting with the central region clubs. **Provisionally we have access to the Hampton Downs National Circuit in the afternoon** 12:30 to 4:30pm dependent on attendees. Likely cost is \$100 per driver based on 30 Minis (drivers) paying.

You'll be grouped into equal speeds and will get plenty of track time, 4x sessions of 10 laps. Neck restraints and crash helmets required. (we can source some)

For the latest event reports and calendar updates go to  
[www.minis-auckland.org.nz](http://www.minis-auckland.org.nz)

