

Mini talk



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Don't forget L2B and IMM!



Editorial

Hello All

I have organised myself better this issue and you should all get Mini Talk well before L2B. We are just weeks away from IMM 2008 and of course London to Brighton so plenty of last minute things to do to make sure we all have a great time.

Brooklands again had a great turnout with warm weather helping the season opener and what seem like more traders than normal which is good to see, I look forward to seeing the event in Mini World

I have been reminded not to forget my wife's 50th birthday under pain of death by the children so many happy returns to Stephanie, this is my editorial license I suppose. Anyway must crack on, lots of articles to get ready and lots of shows to plan for, and if anyone has an article for Mini Talk then please send it to JOHN.GRIFFIN@LSMOC.CO.UK and I will be please to put it in and lastly look forward to seeing you all at the various shows this year.

Hope you enjoy reading this issue

John Griffin

Mini Talk Editor



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Club Meetings



The Midday Sun, Chipstead CR5 3NA

The first of these is held at the Midday Sun, Outwood Lane, Chipstead Valley Road, Chipstead, CR5 3NA. This is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Most members arrive between 8-8.30pm, and generally the evening will consist of a few drinks, pub grub and Mini related banter.



The Cap-in-Hand, Surbiton KT6 5DE

The second meeting is held on the last Thursday of each month at The Cap In Hand, Hook Rise North, Surbiton, KT6 5DE. Again the time to arrive is between 8 and 8.30

We know that attending your first few socials can be a little daunting, and it is not always easy to make new friends. Our advice would be to make sure you introduce yourself; the committee and other friendly members are always at socials, and are usually easily spotted by their loud boorish behaviour and Mini T-Shirts. You don't need a red carnation but a Mini magazine will help to get you spotted. If you would like to go to one of these but do not wish to go alone then drop an email to matt.thornton@ismoc.co.uk and he will either meet you there or arrange for another committee member to meet you. You could also make friends through our internet discussion forum via www.ismoc.co.uk.

Events Diary

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MAY

- 1st** **Mod 'n' Mini Night.** Ace Café, Ace Corner, North Circular Road, Stonebridge, London, NW10 7UD www.ace-cafe-london.com
- 3rd-5th** **Miniworld Riviera Run.** London to Newquay, Cornwall. Free Mini run from Reading services M4 Westbound to the Travelgue Holiday Park (near Newquay). There will be fancy dress madness, on-site cabaret, bars, shop and Mini show. www.riverarun.co.uk
- 8th** **LSMOC 'Midday Sun' Social,** Chipstead Valley Road, Chipstead. The food is good and reasonably priced. This is the busier Social each month as most Members live nearer to this pub. (See page 5)
- 9th-11th** **International Mini Meet (IMM) 2008.** Hosted at the vehicle centre in Leylstad, Holland. Vast numbers of Minis from all over Europe will congregate at this huge Mini event. The LSMOC is taking part in large numbers this year and we have a convoy going there and back. E-mail: jo.andrews@lsmoc.co.uk or matt.thornton@lsmoc.co.uk for more details.
- 9th** **Mini Magic Night, Poole Quay, Dorset,** Free Mini gathering right on the Poole Quay Marina front, with loads of Minis attending! Well worth the long journey to this top location. The LSMOC often attends. www.pooletourism.com or mick.hough@lsmoc.co.uk
- 11th** **British Mini Day.** Himley Hall, West Midlands. Lots of Club displays and massive trade and autojumble areas; this show also marks the start of the Premier Class concours season. www.britishminiclub.co.uk
- 11th** **Italian Job at Gunwharf Quays.** 60 Mini limit charity event held at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth – this year with a 60's twist. www.freewebs.com/gqjj
- 11th** **Mini Racing at Pembury.** Rounds 2 and 3 of the awesome Mini Se7en and Mini Miglia championships. www.mini7.co.uk
- 18th** **LSMOC London to Brighton Mini Run.** Need we say anymore? Crystal Palace Park to Brighton Seafont – the biggest and best Mini show/run of the whole season!! www.london-to-brighton.co.uk and www.lsmoc.co.uk
- 24th-26th** **Malin Head to Mizen Head.** The Irish Mini Owner's Club's equivalent to the LEJOG. Taking in 450 miles in one day with prizes and fantastic team spirit guaranteed. The Club is looking to attract Minis from the mainland so get in touch! Tel: 00353 874195640 (Billy) or www.irishminis.ie
- 25th** **Norfolk Mini Owners Club Mini Day, Fakenham Racecourse.** This great show offers Club and trade stands, show 'n' shine competition and kid's entertainment – something for all! www.drive.to/nmoc
- 25th** **Thistle Run.** Organised by the Mini Clan and is one of the biggest and best Mini events in bonnie Scotland. www.miniclans.com

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- 25th-26th** **Blyton Rally Cross.** Come and join the Mini Diddlers over this bank holiday and camp out at Blyton, Gainsborough, Lincs, on the Sunday prior to the Mini Racing which takes place on the Monday. Tel: 07930 877 479 (Rod)
- 26th** **Mini Racing at Oulton Park.** Round 4 of the Mini Se7en and Mini Miglia Championship...see some serious Mini machinery in action! www.mini7.co.uk
- 27th** **LSMOC 'Cap In Hand' Social,** The food is also good and reasonably priced and this Social serves Members that live nearer to the A3 / Sutton / Epsom. (See page 5)
- 31st-1st** **Clubman Estate Register Charity Thong Run.** The Club's annual event held at Kenilworth Rugby Club, often billed as the 'alternative' event of the year. With a BBQ, glow show, Jake Blues disco, team games, a Mini run and the infamous Thong flinging competition!! A real activity packed weekend...all Minis welcome. www.thongrun.co.uk and www.clubmanestates.co.uk

JUNE

- 1st** **Guernsey Mini Day, Guernsey.** A small but friendly Mini show held at the glorious Le Friquet Plant Centre. Travel information is on the Guernsey tourist website: www.cwgsy.net/community/gmoc (See page 28)
- 5th** **Mod 'n' Mini Night,** Ace Café, Ace Corner, North Circular Road, Stonebridge, London, NW10 7UD www.ace-cafe-london.com
- 8th** **Beaulieu National Mini Cooper Day.** The Mini Cooper Register's annual event, held at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu. Fantastic Club and trade stands together with a huge Concours display. www.minicooper.org (See page 18)
- 12th** **LSMOC 'Midday Sun' Social,** Chipstead Valley Road, Chipstead
- 13th** **Mini Magic Night,** Free Mini gathering right on the Poole Quay Marina front, with loads of Minis attending! Well worth the long journey to this top location. The LSMOC often attends www.pooletourism.com or mick.hough@ismoc.co.uk
- 14th** **Retro and Sports Car Action Day.** Classic and sports car owners can experience the fantastic Castle Coombe Circuit. www.castlecoombe.circuit.co.uk
- 15th** **Birmingham Mini Owners' Club Show,** Cannon Hill Park. The popular Mini show that has Concours, traders, Club stands, autojumble, autotest and rocker cover racing. www.birminghammoc.com
- 15th** **Bromley Pageant of Motoring, Bromley, Kent.** This international event features all marques and has more than 3000 show vehicles on display...which apparently is the biggest in the World!! The LSMOC will be attending in force with a large Club stand. www.bromleypageant.co.uk (See page 12)

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JUNE *continued*

- 15th** **Mini Racing at Croft.** Round 5 of the amazing Mini Se7en and Mini Miglia championships www.mini7.co.uk
- 22nd** **Blackpool Mini Run.** Now in its 5th year, the Blackpool Run to the seafront has various pick-up points across the North West, with entry just £5.00. www.blackpoolminirun.co.uk
- 24th** **LSMOC 'Cap In Hand' Social,** Hook Roundabout, Surbiton, Surrey.
- 27th-30th** **Lands End to John O'Groats Charity Mini Run.** Now in its 10th Year... LEJOG is the ultimate endurance test travelling the length of England and Scotland. With limited spaces – book now! www.smallcarsbighearts.co.uk Tel: 0845 326 5057
- 27th-29th** **Moorland and Coastal Run.** For the 5th year running the M&C run is back with a mystery tour and camping in the Yorkshire Moors. Expect woodland fun and adventure. £15.00 per car plus camping. www.moorlandandcoastal.co.uk
- 29th** **Pilgrimage 2008.** The Eastbourne and District Mini Club will be embarking on a Mini run to Canterbury Pilgrimage www.edmc.co.uk

JULY

- 3rd** **Mod 'n' Mini Night.** Ace Café, Ace Corner, North Circular Road, Stonebridge, London, NW10 7UD www.ace-cafe-london.com
- 5th-6th** **Gaydon Mini Festival with MiniWorld.** Top Mini weekender located at the Heritage Motor Centre in Gaydon, Warwickshire. Included on the agenda is a Heritage run from Longbridge, concours, all together with Club and trade stands. There is a fantastic MiniSport party on the Saturday night with camping. The ticket includes free entry into the excellent museum and there is also kids entertainment. www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk (See page 22)
- 11th** **Mini Magic Night,** Poole Quay, Dorset. Free Mini gathering right on the Poole Quay Marina front, with loads of Minis attending! Well worth the long journey to this top location. The LSMOC often attends www.pooletourism.com or mick.hough@lsmoc.co.uk
- 8th-16th** **Italian Job Tour.** A tour of locations from the 1969 film; including where the Minis were pushed out of the coach, plus various locations in Turin. steven.edmonds@ntlworld.com
- 10th** **LSMOC 'Midday Sun' Social,** Chipstead Valley Road, Chipstead
- 12th-13th** **Minis on the Wreck.** Brighton Mini Club returns with its up and coming show at Shoreham's Adur recreation ground. The LSMOC is also attending!! Contact: mick.hough@lsmoc.co.uk

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JULY *continued*

- 20th** **London Bridges Run 3** 3 – Returning in 2008 even bigger and better than last year. This is a free LSMOC event which saw over 36 Minis taking part last year and is definitely not one to miss! matt.thornton@ismoc.co.uk (See page 26)
- 20th** **Mini Racing at Castle Coombe.** Round 6 of the super Mini Se7en and Mini Miglia championships. www.mini7.co.uk
- 29th** **LSMOC 'Cap In Hand' Social,** Hook Roundabout, Surbiton, Surrey

AUGUST

- 1st-3rd** **Southern Mini Days.** A fantastic Mini weekend at the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, Kent. Club stands, trade stands, concours, Club games and a top Saturday night party. The theme this year is British Comedy and the LSMOC is taking part as normal. (See page 29)
- 3rd** **Mini racing @ Donington Park.** Round 7 of the fab Mini Se7en and Mini Miglia championships. www.mini7.co.uk
- 7th** **Mod 'n' Mini Night,** Ace Café, Ace Corner, North Circular Road, Stonebridge, London, NW10 7UD www.ace-cafe-london.com
- 8th** **Mini Magic Night,** Poole Quay, Dorset, Free Mini gathering right on the Poole Quay Marina front, with loads of Minis attending! Well worth the long journey to this top location. The LSMOC often attends www.pooletourism.com or mick.hough@ismoc.co.uk
- 14th** **LSMOC 'Midday Sun' Social,** Chipstead Valley Road, Chipstead
- 17th** **Mini in the Park.** Returning to the legendary Santa Pod Raceway – lets hope the weather is better this year! Expect loads of trade stands, Club stands, concours, 1/4 mile racing, autotest, go-karts, Mini push and much more!! www.miniinthepark.co.uk (See page 19)
- 23rd-25th** **Legendary Grand Tour.** Organised by the North Devon Mini Register and is the annual epic Mini tour round North Devon, in the aid of the Children's Hospice South West. This is an event **NOT TO BE MISSED** and the LSMOC attends in great numbers! Every car has to raise a minimum of £30.00 each. We have chosen Red Indians as our fancy dress theme for this year. www.smallcarsbighearts.co.uk or contact: matt.thornton@ismoc.co.uk or mick.hough@ismoc.co.uk for more details.
- 25th** **Mini racing at Brands Hatch.** Round 8 of the amazing Mini Se7en and Mini Miglia championships. www.mini7.co.uk
- 26th** **LSMOC 'Cap In Hand' Social,** Hook Roundabout, Surbiton, Surrey



Hello All,

Well it's been a busy couple of months trying to decorate the house, work on my newly acquired Wolseley Hornet and starting a new job means the L2B organisation seems to be something that fills the hours between 10pm and 1am! However, all is going well and most of the work that now needs to be completed is just the icing on the cake.

In the past couple of months the number of charity auction items has increased which has given us a well needed boost (I was getting a little worried). I am sure we have something for everyone, so take a look at the auction page of the L2B website for more details, there you will find a full list of all the items we currently have, the list includes some very generous donations from our traders including a £1000 voucher toward a supercharger kit from Vmax Scart (always a favourite).

John Griffin our Show n Shine organiser/cum magazine editor organiser has also been hard at work, and he tells me we have some really fantastic entries. By the time you read this the deadline for entering the Show n Shine will have passed, however if your interested in entering a class that isn't full (again see the website for confirmation) you may get lucky so drop him an email. This year's trophies are really classy but judging by the standard of this years entries your car will have to be very special to be in with a chance of winning.

I would like to remind you that the L2B chat section of the website is a great place for all you 'runners' to discuss your projects, ask questions, arrange convoys so even if you just want to shoot the breeze you should get registered now. I also wanted to remind you that if you would like a special L2B promo sticker all you have to do is make a donation to our charity website www.justgiving.com/l2b2008

and if you can afford to donate £50 we will reserve you a space on the LSMOC Club Stand right in the middle of Madeira Drive.

So all that remains for me to say is that I hope you all have a great L2B, below is a short list of the things you shouldn't miss.

- Get to Crystal Palace on Saturday and soak-up the atmosphere, enjoy the free entertainment and buy yourself an L2B Flag.
- Arrive bright and early on the 18th May and make sure you drive into Crystal Palace Park (no skulking outside).
- Bring lots of suntan lotion, your going to need it – honest.
- Check out the Show n Shine, watch the Auto test and laugh at the Soap Box Challenge.
- Visit all the traders and find yourself a bargain.
- Come and see us on the LSMOC stand, and buy stacks of L2B merchandise – Corgi models, run shirts, bears and lots of other goodies are all available.
- Support the L2B charities and make a donation or come along to the charity auction.

As ever we are always on the look out for helpers so if you want to get involved or marshal please email me at enquiries@london-to-brighton.co.uk
Enjoy the run! And checkout the next edition of Mini Talk for the L2B special.

Adam Smith
L2B Organiser



BROMLEY PAGEANT OF MOTORING

15th June 2008

This is always a great local show for the club that always has a nice selection of classic motor vehicle to drool over!

Bromley boasts over 3000 cars on display for this one day event, that will have exhibitions, autojumble, clubs and trade stands present... If you want to be part of this show or have a great family day out, look no further than the **Bromley Pageant of Motoring**



BROMLEY PAGEANT OF MOTORING

Name: Member No(s):

Address:
.....
.....

Tel: Email:

Reg No: Club stand: Yes / No

_____ @ **LSMOC Members**: £5.00

_____ @ **Non LSMOC Members**: £8.00

_____ @ **Children (3-13)**: £3.00

(Max. 2 children per adult LSMOC member only)

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING TICKETS IS 15th MAY 2008

Please contact me for more details at:

Email: mick.hough@lsmoc.co.uk

Please send cheques **payable to LSMOC** to Mick Hough, "Bromley Pageant", LSMOC, PO BOX 898, Morden, Surrey SM4 4QL

E-bay and the mini owner

Is it a curse or blessing? Love it or hate it. I think it is here to stay. We have snippets of information in various mini related magazines about items that have sold for well over the odds, price wise. The next week the same items go for a couple of pounds. My overall feeling is if it can put

people with rare parts in contact with people who need them for their projects, it must be a good thing. It seems to me that the buyers get a little over excited when bidding hence the over the odds prices. I have won many items on e-bay and never had a problem with the seller or their delivery. It pays to check their feedback and possibly contact a buyer or two.

What you need to bear in mind is that there is no such thing as a free meal. If you buy a 1275cc engine for under £300 you are going to have to at least strip it and check it, more likely give it a rebuild

There are some tricks to know when buying items on e-bay. Not everybody can spell or type accurately, try looking for Lladro figures spelt with only one L. There are generally 2-3 of them listed and not found by bidders. You can also try some phonetic spellings for the item you are searching for.

I have bought several job lots on e-bay. The trick here is to copy the picture and blow it up for a better view in Word or Paint Shop. I bought a lot recently for £20 in Sutton. There were 2- Butler navigator lamp in the box along with filters, lamps and various other goodies, 6 original mk1 starter motor kits from Lucas still boxed and a large amount of mk1 distributor spares all in their original packing. I recovered £30 for the 2 lamps. When I picked them up the seller had a load more spares to go for a further £10. The man gave me a Paddy Hopkirk roof rack to take it all away on.

I have also purchased on e-bay quite a few panels that do not fit my mk1. So it is not gravy all the way.

The old adage of “look once, look twice and pay once” works well here.

Jim Darvel





Wings & Wheels 2008

Sunday 24th August

Dunsfold Aerodrome (Home of Top Gear)

Wings and Wheels is a fantastic day out for enthusiasts and families alike held at Dunsfold Aerodrome which is situated 11 miles south of Guildford, Surrey on the A281. Highlights include:

- 1/2 hour flying display (2007 included RAF Red Arrows)
 - Astounding line-up of record breaking cars, modern supercars, motorcycles military vehicles
 - Hundreds of classic cars on static display.
- Club Members **£5ea** (gate price £20)
 Children (Members) **£5ea**
 Non members **£10ea** (gate price £20)
 We had a Club stand last year - next to Ferrari's. Visit www.wingsandwheels.net for pictures and video clip of last years show.

To benefit from this amazing offer you **MUST** be in a Mini - you will be on the Club stand and will need to be at the show by 9am. The stand is Limited to 30 cars, so will be on a first come first served basis.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FORMS TO REACH JONO IS 18th MAY 2008

Wings and Wheels

Name: Member No(s):

Address:

Tel: Email:

Reg No: Club stand: Yes / No

_____ @ **LSMOC Members: £5.00** (Gate £20.00)

_____ @ **Children Members: £5.00** (Gate £20.00)

_____ @ **Non LSMOC Members: £10.00** (Gate £20.00)



Please contact Jono Eales at jono.eales@lsmoc.co.uk or 07900 021 924 for more information.

Please send completed forms to:

Jono Eales, "Wings and Wheels", 7 Auckland Road, Upper Norwood, London, SE19 2DN
or visit the membership stand at L2B

Motoring Politics and Legislation



DATABASE CHECK and TRADERS

Jim Whyman

The database check has proved well worthwhile: my thanks to all who have returned forms. We now have e-mail addresses for 820 of the 1300 club officials listed on our database, but I know from a recent circulation with details of the special insurance scheme cover for Drive It Day, that a significant proportion of those addresses are flawed in some way. If you think I should have your e-mail on our system, but you didn't get the message about the DID insurance arrangements, please send an e-mail to admin@fbhvc.co.uk saying who you are and which club you represent and I can then put the records right [please note: this only applies to clubs and their officers].

Included with the database check was a request to be sent details of businesses providing services to the historic vehicle movement to help us improve our understanding of the extent of the historic vehicle movement. The volume of material received has been remarkable and is – inevitably – taking a long time to work through.

This is all part of the Trade and Skills Initiative described by Tony Davies in the last issue, and, once again, my thanks to all who have supplied lists of specialist traders. And if you had not quite got round to sending your club's list in, it is not too late as I expect I will be working on this project for several months to come yet.

That's the good news: the not so good is that we have not had a single volunteer to act as a regional coordinator for the Trade and Skills Project, but perhaps it is early days.

DVLA

Nigel Harrison

Vehicle Inspections

In the last Newsletter I repeated FBHVC's view that where an application is made to reclaim a registration number or where a dating certificate is required vehicles should be inspected. DVLA will be incorporating the phrase vehicle inspection is standard practice into the V765 form that is signed by clubs. This will act as a useful reminder.

We have received just one comment on this topic. This may be because clubs are already routinely inspecting vehicles, or it may be that the information in the last Newsletter has yet to filter through to the relevant club official.

The member, who was not supportive of the inspection policy, explained that this was because as well as requiring original or DVLA authenticated documents, he also asked for extensive photographic coverage of the vehicle concerned, including chassis number, and where available other historical information in addition to detailed telephone discussions.

There are always circumstances in any endeavour in which 'standard practice' may not be appropriate, but in such circumstances, those concerned need to be able to demonstrate why that should be, and how they have achieved the desired result by other means.

If the vehicle has not been physically inspected how can the signatory be sure that it really exists in the form claimed? Photographs and rubbings show something exists but not every V765 signatory is diligent in asking for these. Someone, with appropriate knowledge, other than the applicant, should see the vehicle and complete a simple report, recording chassis and engine numbers. Without that element of independence, the whole process relies entirely on what the applicant provides.

There are several cases each year where V765 applications or dating letters have been submitted for cars or bikes that turn out to have been made up from disparate second-hand parts to approximate to a description in an old buff logbook bought at an autojumble.

Unravelling such cases can be a nightmare for all involved, especially as by the time the problem is discovered (often as a result of the genuine vehicle turning up) the clone has changed hands. We are not saying that physical inspections will pick up every such case, but it is more likely to do so than the photographic inspection-by-proxy method.

Review of the V765/1 list of clubs

Following the note in the last issue, we understand the V765 application forms are likely to be despatched in mid-April (assuming no further revisions are called for). It is important that clubs take the trouble to complete and return these forms, even if no details have changed - no return means no listing.

And a thought from Mr Bean

A letter published in The Times on 7 November last year contained this: One can't help thinking, with legislation of this nature, that the point at which it becomes politically possible for it to be enacted, is precisely the point when it becomes unnecessary.

The letter was from Rowan Atkinson and related to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill, but could equally well apply to much of the legislation we look at.

The general ban on leaded petrol ten years ago; the current 'paint' issue; the London Low Emission Zone come to mind as examples.

The common theme is that the environmental 'benefits' would have occurred through normal progress. Legislation, which could not have been introduced earlier because of the difficulties that would have been created, may have hastened the process slightly, but only at great overall cost and inconvenience.

Mascots

We have been investigating the criteria under which mascots are 'tested' in Northern Ireland following the MoT failure of the Mark II Jaguar last year because its original equipment 'leaper' mascot did not comply with regulations. There has been a little progress: the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland (DOENI) has accepted that the element of the MoT test in the province requiring testers to inspect mascots and ornaments for compliance with the regulation that they should not pose risk of injury to pedestrians is out of step with the rest of the UK. DOENI has also confirmed that testers are given no specific guidelines about how they should 'test' mascots and agrees that a modern interpretation of a long standing regulation could have the effect of creating a retrospective requirement. DOENI is seeking advice from the Department for Transport on appropriate measures to overcome the problem, and this may either be to bring the MoT in NI into line with the rest of UK or to provide testers with guidelines that instruct them to accept original ornamentation (such as the Jaguar leaper or Morris Minor chrome bonnet trim) as compliant.

Chairmans Article

JOB: **LSMOC Chairman**

NAME: **JONO EALES**

Hi, I have been ask by some members of the LSMOC committee to write a little article about myself, will I must say it not my best forte, but I will give it a go .

My Miniing started with when I was just 18, after I passed my driving test (yes on the first go, in my dad's van). Some of my friends came round and took me off to see a Mini convertible in a show on the A23 in Norbury, I went out on a test drive in one with the dealer driving it. That was it, fast and very nimble. Zipping in and out traffic all over south London. And cool to boot

Well I ended up buying a 1275GT convertible and having a lot of fun with it, it was an Avonbar with a 1380 engine as they were the tuning company that a lot of Mini people were into at that time.

A little later on the Rover Group rumoured that the Cooper was going to reintroduced, well that was back in the 90s so my little bro and myself decide we must have one. So we ordered one and bought it. Within a month it was down at the John Cooper garages having the S kit added to it, and that year we changed the reg to the H16 FUN which many of you may have seen. We went everywhere in it doing some 120,000 miles in 5 year.IMMs. L2Bs, nationals, Cooper shows, etc it became worn-out so it was time to have the big rebuild, with a new engine and a super-charger all done by OAP, and the body done by my friend Colin Hyland.

I also built a Hawk Minisprint which is in the middle of a rebuild with a colour change, and yes I own a MINI COOPER S with the WORKS kit on it, great fun for a bigger mini! Would I have other one, YES! a GP please! So in all a little bit mad on Minis

Looking back I have been in the LSMOC for a lot of years, doing events with Jim Jupp and then being the chairman for 3 years then back to doing events and now this year back as the chairman, I have seen the London to Brighton Mini Run grow to the best and biggest Mini event, and feel lucky and honoured to be a part of it. One thing I do like is to chat to people and help members out if I can, so feel free to chat to me if you see me!



Yours truly,
Jono Eales



Beaulieu

Sunday 8th June 2008

The Mini Cooper Register is pleased to be running this annual event, which is celebrating its 22nd anniversary. This year there will be a fantastic display of Ex-Works and Competition Cars. As well as this, there will be a large display of Coopers from each of the marques, ranging from 1961 Coopers up to the latest MINI Cooper Works. Trade stands will be available for all those elusive items with all your favourite traders. MINIWORLD will be in attendance and giving out trophies for the best standard and modified car of the day.



BEAULIEU MINI DAY 2008

Name: Member No(s):

Address:
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Tel: Email:

Reg No: Club stand: Yes / No

_____ @ **LSMOC Members:** £5.00 (Was £8.75)

_____ @ Non LSMOC Members: £8.75

_____ @ Children (3-13): £2.00 (Was £4.00)

(Max. 2 children per adult LSMOC member only)

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING TICKETS IS 18th MAY 2008

Please contact me for more details at:

Mobile: 07817 410 661 Email: matt.thornton@lsmoc.co.uk



Sunday 17th August 2008

In the same venue as 2007 – the Santa Pod Raceway! There will be plenty of features including: 1/4 Mile Strip, Rally Stage, My First Drive, Club Challenge, Autotest and Saturday night camping. There will be the usual huge selection of trade, auto-jumble and Club stands!

If you would like to attend this show or have your Mini on the Club stand, fill out the form below and return to me ASAP, as this show fills up fast...



MITP 2008

Name: Member No(s):

Address:
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Tel: Email:

Reg No:

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING TICKETS IS 19th JULY 2008

Please contact me for more details at:

Mobile: 07817 410 661 Email: matt.thornton@ismoc.co.uk

Please send cheques **payable to LSMOC** to Matt Thornton, 'MITP', LSMOC, PO BOX 898, Morden, Surrey SM4 4QL

P.S : The Club will be providing a free buffet lunch and drinks between 1pm-2pm for all Members on production of a current membership card.

Brooklands

The Brooklands Mini Meet is a great day out for everyone. Compared to last year this years weather was brilliant, blue sky and sunshine, and we are hoping this will be a regular thing. In the Brooklands Motor Museum you can find out about car history, like what were some of the first cars were and who invented them. There is a café in the museum so food and drink are only a short walk from your car. One of the Mini fan favourites is the test hill where you can put your car to the test by attempting to drive the hill. The test hill is also a must see to watch from behind the wooden fence, cheering on your friends. Brooklands race track was actually built in somebody's back garden.

The mini stalls are good places if you need to buy small parts for your Mini or you just want a look around. There is a Concord and a series of other planes to keep you interested and lots more. You can buy an ice-cream for you and your family, and a good way to cool down after a long day in the sun.

By Jack Wall aged 12





GAYDON MINI FESTIVAL 2008

THE ORIGINAL AND GREATEST MAGAZINE FOR THE MINI

with **MiniWorld**

5th-6th July 2008

- Heritage Run - a moving history of Minis
- MiniWorld Arena
- Club stands
- Mini trade stands
- MiniWorld Awards
- MiniWorld Concours
- Issigonis Exhibition
- Go-karts and 4x4 Off-Road Experience
- Children's miniature roadway
- Saturday evening entertainment
- Camping



GAYDON MINI FESTIVAL 2008

Name: Member No(s):

Address:

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Tel: Email:

Reg No: Club stand: Yes / No

_____ @ **LSMOC Members:** Adult Weekend Pass £12.00 (Was £14.00)

_____ @ Non LSMOC Members: Adult Weekend Pass £14.00

_____ @ Concession LSMOC Member Weekend Pass: £10.00 (Was £12.00)

_____ @ Children (5-16 yrs) Weekend (2 per Member): £7.00 (Was £8.00)

_____ @ Extra Children (5-16 yrs) Weekend Pass: £8.00

_____ @ Family Weekend Pass with LSMOC Member: £33.00 (Was £35.00)

_____ @ **Camping Pitch (Friday & Saturday): £11.00 (Was £16.00)**

_____ @ **LSMOC Members:** Adult Day Pass £6.00 (Was £8.00)

_____ @ Non LSMOC Members Adult Day Pass: £8.00

_____ @ Concession LSMOC Member Day Pass: £5.00 (Was £7.00)

_____ @ Children (5-16 yrs) Day (2 per Member): £3.00 (Was £4.00)

_____ @ Extra Children (5-16 yrs) Day Pass: £4.00

_____ @ Family Day Pass with LSMOC Member: £18.00 (Was £20.00)

Deadline for booking forms to reach Matt is: 14th June 2008

Please contact me for more details at:

Mobile: 07817 410 661 Email: matt.thornton@lsmoc.co.uk

Please send cheques **payable to LSMOC** to Matt Thornton, 'Gaydon Mini Festival 2008',
LSMOC, PO BOX 898, Morden, Surrey SM4 4QL

Motor Sport

What an opportunity to find the next Lewis Hamilton

Race for pocket money!

In April, the MSA will launch a nationwide campaign to give thousands of young people a taste of kart racing for just £5.

Supported by funding of £125,000 from the MSA, Let's Go Karting will provide karts, equipment and instructors at locations throughout the UK to enable young people to experience the thrills of karting without buying their own equipment.

Clubs and venues have been invited to make submissions for inclusion on the MSA scheme. Successful applicants will receive funding to purchase the necessary equipment to run the scheme, including karts, helmets, race suits and gloves. They will also be required to train instructors and implement a promotional campaign.

The MSA has appointed Rod Taylor, a well-respected and experienced member of the kart community as Let's Go Karting coordinator. Clubs and venues requiring further information should email: rod@rtaylor0.orangehome.co.uk.

Welcome to the digital age

This is the first issue of e-Wheels, which replaces the long-running paper-based Wheels. The new digital format should make it easier and cheaper for the information to be disseminated to club members. e-Wheels will be emailed monthly to the club contact person for those clubs registered with the MSA for 2008. He or she can then circulate it directly to club members or forward it to the club webmaster or newsletter editor. Each issue of e-Wheels will also be posted on the MSA website in pdf format and for those who still require a paper copy, it is best printed from there. Go to www.msauk.org>MSA Publications>Wheels Magazine.

e-Wheels will contain news from the MSA of general interest to those involved in motor sport and of particular interest to clubs and club level competitors.

We welcome your feedback, on both the content and the technology, and would be interested to hear of innovative ways of circulating the information to your members. Please send your comments to: Allan Dean-Lewis, Head of External Affairs, MSA at the email address above.



Brands Hatch in the snow!

As you are probably aware, and if not you are now, I do enjoy my motor sport, which has now started in Ernest, I have already attended brands hatch in the snow off Easter weekend to watch truck racing and I hear you all say what has that got to do with the good old Mini!. Well at the same time there is also the BARC motoring news touring car championship which host a number of modified minis to watch race. There is also the SEMSEC championship which again features a number of highly modified minis some achieving in excess of 170 bhp which is very impressive.



I have booked tickets for the next round at Snetterton and in the next issue I will give a full report on my weekend, plus I have enclosed full race calendar.

Mini Seven, Mini Miglia, Historic Touring Cars (Keith Claver Peter Baldwin), BARC touring cars (Bill Richards), Dunlop mini copper, Dunlop Mini Cooper S Challenge

Races	Date	Venue	Entry List /Results
1 & 2	23rd-24th March 2008	Brands Hatch	Results
3 & 4	26th-27th April 2008	Snetterton	Entry List
5 & 6	31st May 2008	Silverstone National	
7 & 8	28th-29th June 2008	Lydden	
9 & 10	19th-20th July 2008	Castle Combe	
11 & 12	24th August 2008	Brands Hatch	
13 & 14	6th September 2008	Lydden	
15 & 16	4th October 2008	Lydden	
17 & 18	1st-2nd November 2008	Brands Hatch	

Nine Top UK Circuits on Mini 7 Provisional 2008 Calendar

The Mini 7 Racing Club (M7RC) has announced the provisional 2008 calendar for the Dunlop Mini Se7en and Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenges. The calendar features meetings at nine of the UK's leading circuits, including six Dunlop Great and British events and a return to Rockingham and Croft.

"This exciting calendar will allow our drivers to show off the Mini 7 Racing Club's trade mark; close and exciting racing at every turn," said Nick Cooke, Chairman of the Mini 7 Racing Club. "We are once again pleased to be part of the high profile Dunlop Great and British events and the Mini Se7ens and Miglias will support six of their meetings next season, one more than 2007. As well as the Dunlop Great and British Events, the Mini 7 Racing Club is also visiting Oulton Park, Thruxton and Pembrey, with the Welsh circuit hosting the only double header of the year. My thanks go to everyone involved in the preparation of the 2008 calendar and we look forward to the first round at Snetterton next April."

Provisional 2008 Calendar – Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge / Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenge

	Date	Circuit	Information
Round 1	27 April	Snetterton, Norfolk	Dunlop Great & British
Rounds 2 & 3	11 May	Pembrey, South Wales	
Round 4	24 May	Oulton Park, Cheshire	
Round 5	15 June	Croft, North Yorkshire	Dunlop Great & British
Round 6	20 July	Castle Combe, Wiltshire	Dunlop Great & British
Round 7	03 August	Donington Park, Derbys	Dunlop Great & British
Round 8	25 August	Brands Hatch, Kent	Dunlop Great & British
Round 9	07 September	Thruxton, Hampshire	
Round 10	28 September	Rockingham, Northants	Dunlop Great & British

Fans of Mini racing can also get involved at each race. The club runs a Fantasy League within its Supporters Club where members nominate their favourite driver, scoring points toward some fantastic end of season prizes. Each member of the Fantasy League also has their name added to the side panel of their nominated driver's race car. With an excellent package of benefits, the Mini 7 Racing Supporters Club is great value at just £20 for 12-months membership.

For further information on the 2008 calendar and the Mini 7 Racing Supporters Club visit the Club website at www.mini7.co.uk.

LSMOC LONDON BRIDGES TOUR 3

Sunday 20th July 2008

Have you ever fancied travelling over as many of the London Bridges as possible in one day? The LSMOC is organising a unique London Bridges Tour for the 3rd year running with the biggest convoy of Minis that we can get! We had over 36 Minis in convoy last year and the weather was fantastic!

We will be meeting up at 9:00am around the cricket green in front of the main gates to Kew Gardens, ready to leave by 9:30am. Why so early may you ask? Well we're going to avoid as much of London's busy weekend traffic as possible.

The Tour will take us over most of London's famous bridges such as: Kew Bridge, Hammersmith Bridge, Battersea Bridge, Chelsea Bridge, Westminster Bridge, Vauxhall Bridge and Tower Bridge to name but a few!! We will be stopping in Battersea Park for an early lunch, so please bring a packed lunch with you.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FORMS TO REACH MATT IS 11th JULY 2008

If you want to attend this fantastic free LSMOC event, please E-mail matt.thornton@lsmoc.co.uk with your contact details so that we can send you a route plan or alternatively complete and return the form below:

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LSMOC LONDON BRIDGES TOUR 3

Name: Member No(s):

Address:
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Tel: Email:

Reg No: Number pf People attending:

Please Note: The Congestion Charge is not payable at the weekends – please bring some loose change with you for the parking meters in Battersea Park.

Please send completed forms to:
Matt Thornton, "London Bridges Tour 3", 11 Kettlewell Court,
Swanley, Kent, BR8 7BP

IMM 2009

Are we all aware or going?

Thanks to Mick, Glynis, Bob, Jane, and Carly who travelled all the way to Poland to deliver a presentation to the IMM team, and to wrap up the IMM2009!!! Also a big thanks to all those that helped!

We are now in the beginning stages of planning for the IMM09, we have big plans for this, as not only is it an International Mini Meet, but it's also the 50th birthday of the Mini!

THE DATES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AS 7-9th AUGUST 2009.

So if there's anyone that's interested in helping, supporting, or even sponsoring the event, then please get in touch, either by email (use contact us on the website) or by approaching one of us at a mini show. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

NEWS UPDATE

While most Mini owners were having a well deserved rest from mini shows and runs, over the christmas period Birmingham Mini Owners Club members were working hard talking to mini companies and clubs regarding the IMM 2009 and the 50th years anniversary event. One of our recent visits was to Minisport of Padium, where discussions took place regarding IMM2009 and the 50 year events, Chris seen here in talks with Glenys Price secretary of the BMOC. Minisport of Padium being the title sponsors of the events in 2009.

After the meeting we were given a preview of the new Moke that Minisport have had manufactured and will soon be on sale, seen here is Chris Harper of Minisport of Padium, Bob Hughes and Mike Price of Birmingham mini owners club with the first of the Mokes.

January was again a very busy time for the club members, they were on the move again, this time to Minispare of London at their headquarters at Potters Bar London, again we were met with same enthusiasm we had encountered with all the other Mini companies we had spoken too. Minispare of London have agreed a sponsorship deal for the events IMM 2009 and the 50 years anniversary event. Shown here are J.J and Simon of Minispare, Glenys and Mike Price along with Jane Hughes of the BMOC.

Again on our travels, this time up the M6 to the home of pottery, Stoke on Trent and to a company who has supported all the Mini clubs over the years, MiniMine. We were met by the two Nicks, co-owners of the company. After discussions regarding our ideas, and what we intended to arrange for the IMM 2009, and the 50 years anniversary event, they immediately agreed to support and sponsor part of the event, what they will sponsor specifically will be discussed a little later as the event details become a little clearer.



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GUERNSEY MINI DAY

This is a great alternative show to attend if you fancy something a little bit different. If you would like to go, below are some brief details to help you with travel to and from the Channel Islands.

Tourist information can be obtained on www.vistguernsey.com where you can obtain hotel and travel information. www.abc-travelcentre.com have been used before by UK Mini owners who recon they have bought good holiday packages.



WE NEED YOU!

Marshals

As you can imagine the London to Brighton takes a lot of organising and 2008 is no exception. We need Marshals at Crystal Palace and Brighton. This usually involves turning up at one or the other early in the morning and being asked to direct the Mini Owners and give out T-shirts or in the case of Brighton, helping to erect barriers and direct Minis when they arrive. There is a meeting on the Saturday to advise you on your responsibilities – it's a great way to see behind the scenes and for this the Club gives a reward of a free entry on the run; this consists of a T-shirt and Plaque plus entry on to Madeira Drive and a special Autoglym Gift Pack

If you are interested email us on enquiries@london-to-brighton.co.uk

Judges

We are also looking for people to help with the judging of the Show 'N' Shine. All Judges will get details of what to look for and any special points to note. There will also be other Judges on hand to help out. If you would like further details as to what is involved please contact anyone on the Committee or e-mail the L2B 2008 S'n'S Organiser, John Griffin on: john.griffin@lsmoc.co.uk

Southern Mini Days

1st-3rd August 2008

A fantastic weekend for the entire family, parents and kids... it was great fun last year and promises to be even better this year. A show not to miss!!

The LSMOC will be taking part in the fancy dress theme (which is British Mini Comedy this year) and we will be entering a couple of teams into the

Club Games tournaments, so if you would like to take part then please

E-mail: matt.thornton@ismoc.co.uk or mick.hough@ismoc.co.uk

Please note that LSMOC is only subsidising pre-booked weekend tickets for this event, we will **NOT** be subsidising day entry tickets or food tickets.

LSMOC will be attending SMD again this year with the full Club Stand.



SOUTHERN MINI DAYS 2008

Name: Member No(s):

Address:

Tel: Email:

Reg No: Club stand: Yes / No

_____ @ **LSMOC Members:** £6.00 (Was £12.00)

_____ @ Non LSMOC Members: £12.00

_____ @ Children (3-13) 2 per LSMOC Member: £2.00 (Was £7.00)

_____ @ Extra Children: £7.00

_____ @ LSMOC Family Ticket (2 Adults & 3 Children): £18.00 (Was £32.00)

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING TICKETS IS: 11th JULY 2008

Please contact us for more details at E-Mail:
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Please send cheques payable to LSMOC to Matt Thornton or Mick Hough,
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