

REME ROADS

Founder's Message



We are now quickly approaching the last quarter of 2010. Despite the poor economy, many REME members have gathered for our monthly runs and socials religiously just like we have done for the last six years. With almost four years of recession behind us, we now miss some once familiar faces at our gatherings, but their attendance has been replaced with many new faces; people sharing the same infectious enthusiasm that we all were inflicted with sometime after the introduction of the new MINI in the American market in 2002.

September 2010 is almost over and the club has swelled to 750 member cars. The only MINI Enthusiasts Club in California that is larger than ours is SOCAL Mini Maniacs with only around 100 more members. Our runs have been well attended, no not

50-70 cars as in better times, but we still usually have 15-30 cars participating in our runs. The runs have been exciting as usual although we now are seeing more roads repeated in our routes. We are primarily a touring club and we have already [mapped most of the cool roads in Northern California](#). So this year we began mixing up routes previously traveled. If you know of great roads that we have not driven, speak up. [Contact me anytime](#) and I will assist getting a run mapped and an itinerary established. The next original run may be in your neighborhood!

I want to encourage all members to join us at our Christmas Party and the 2011 Planning Meeting on the following morning

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A GREAT RAILROAD WEEKEND WAS HAD BY ALL!

Once again the Redwood Empire Minis were up to their old tricks. We will began our Railroad Park Resort Run by checking in to the park on Friday afternoon. This resort has concerted



caboose that were position around the grounds and pool and spa. Each of us stayed in one and were able to pull our chairs into the parking lot for evening socials. There is camping available at the resort as well so we reserved one so we could cook our s'mores and marshmallows over a campfire. Friday night we enjoyed dinner at the Railroad diner in the park. Very good meal! After dinner we headed to our spot in the parking lot and dragged out the chairs and Karaoke machine and sang well into the night.

Saturday morning started with a run up to Mt Shasta for breakfast at the Black Bear Diner. That's where we met up with several other members. We then headed off to Dunsmuir via back roads, stopping for a short hike and visit to Hedge Creek Falls, and then to the Shasta National Fish Hatchery, then onto Lake Siskiyou for lunch and a visit to the beach.

After our run & lunch we returned to the Railroad Park Resort to "hang-out" at the pool, socialize, and sip a cool beverage. Castle Crag stands directly behind the resort and provides spectacular scenic background views. We all

enjoyed the diner so much the night before that we decided to return again to the diner car on Saturday night.

After dinner we will pulled out our chairs and firewood and headed to our campsite to tell spooky stories and roast to marshmallows and more s'mores.

Sunday we departed the RR Park and stopped at Penny's Diner for breakfast, then continued on to SR-89 and a drive for a stop at Burney Falls. We hiked to the far side of the falls and got some great views of the falls. After about an hour we jumped back into our Minis and headed off to Lassen Volcanic National Park with a visit to Subway Cave and dropping down to the Riverside Bar & Grill for dinner in Red Bluff.



By Norm Nelson

MS-REME HOSTS ANOTHER CAPTAIN BOB PINK THONG RUN

The Mt Shasta Chapter hosted Capt'n Bob's 2nd Annual "Pink Thong Run" . It was a three day event that started Friday night with a pre-run dinner at Cool Hand Luke's in Redding. Several of us attended in our themed "pirate" costumes. After dinner we went to the Sundial Bridge for an evening stroll to walk off dinner and get a chance for some cool breeze off the Sacramento River. Several of the Sacramento and Sonoma County members came up and spent the night with fellow members in the Redding area.

Each participant was given a Pirate "Goodie bag" filled with treasures. Saturday morning started with clutches out at 9:00AM from J's Market in "downtown" Old Shasta and we headed out SR-299 west through Whiskeytown Lake,

hour and dinner at Marie Calendar's. There we celebrated Deni Marrone's birthday. On Sunday we headed for the Samoa Cookhouse for breakfast and a visit to the beach before heading south on US 101 and a departure East



on SR-36 on the "Roller Coaster", a stop at Wildwood for a break and dinner at the Riverside Bar & Grill in Red Bluff.

A fun weekend which brought out 14 Minis/ MINIs and 23 REME members to enjoy all or part of the event. Glad you could all join us and we will see you next year for Capt'n

Bob's Pink Thong Run III . A BIG thanks to Gerry & Jerry Del Castello for their huge

over Buckhorn Summit, and a stop in Lewiston to pickup Bob & Linda, Rob & Leeta and Taylor and Logan. Many of our Minis were flying the Skull and cross bones as well as the Pink Thong window decals provided by Steve & Stacy Lowery. We continued west on SR 299 through Weaverville and the Trinity National Forest towards the Pacific Coast. We stopped at the Trinidad Eatery for lunch and then headed south along the coast to our hotel, the Best Western Bayshore Inn in Eureka. There we enjoyed a relaxing hot tub before our social



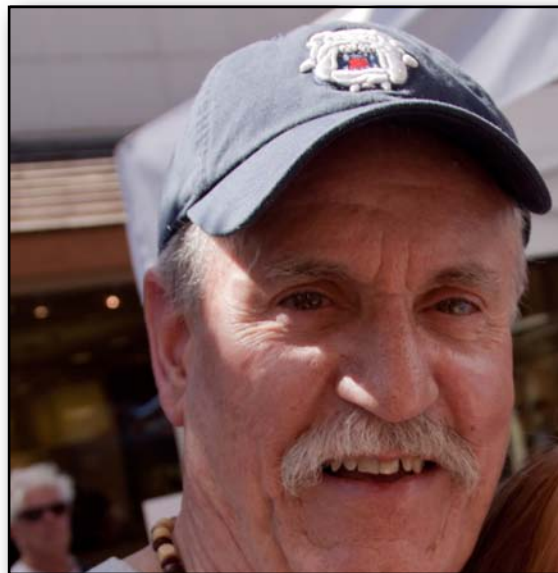
contribution of Pirate Music CD's, pirate puzzles, hats, gold coins, and much more.

By Norm Nelson

THE COLLECTION BY
JERRY DELCASTILLO

Do you ever think about everything you collect? People collect the strangest things, from tiny buttons to very large automobiles. It's been said that if you have three or more of any item, then you are a collector. I started my collections at a very young age, about seven or eight years old. I really loved cars, any kind of cars, foreign or domestic. I was too young to own real autos so I collected Matchbox and Hot wheels cars. As I grew up, I never lost my interest in anything automotive. When I turned ten years old I started building plastic model cars. I had a weekend job mowing my neighbors lawns and washing his cars. He owned a 1962 Corvette and a 1957 Thunderbird. After I washed his cars he would ask me if I wanted a ride! You can probably guess my answer. I made enough money to afford my model car collection and it really started to grow. My best friend and I would trade back and fourth from week to week and my collection got larger and larger. We lived close by a hobby shop and the owner was always willing to support my habit. On my thirteenth birthday my Mom and Dad bought me a slot car set,

that's when my need for speed began. The set I got only had enough track to make a figure eight layout, but my car nut friend, who lived across the street from me also had the same set only larger. We combined our two sets and made a very large one that took up almost his whole garage. Alas, all good things



must come to an end because his parents wanted their garage back. Hey, they could have parked on the street..To our surprise we discovered that a large slot car track had opened up down at the beach, by Playland at the Beach. The slot cars we had were too small to use on that track so we had to buy new ones, that meant I needed more money. The job I had washing cars and mowing lawns didn't pay enough so I asked my car nut friend about his job, delivering newspapers. He introduced

me to his manager and the next week I was tossing papers. The paper route paid pretty well and I was able to save a large amount of money, the only problem was I never had any free time to spend it. I worked every day after school, rain or shine. During summer vacation I was at the slot car track almost every day and by now I had a very large collection of slot cars. When I turned seventeen, in 1967, I started to collect records, Mostly L.P.s. My collection of albums grew to over one thousand and of course I had to have a new stereo to play them on. I bought this huge system and blasted everyone with my music. If my parents weren't complaining about the loud noise, my neighbors were. My Mom and Dad sold their home a few years ago and I had the challenge of cleaning out more that sixty years of their collections. My father saved everything, from old bent nails to rusty screws. My Mom had tons of stuff also, and while sorting through their possessions I couldn't help but wonder, why did they save all this junk? I now know where I got my bad habits from and I know someday my Daughters will be saying the same thing about me, why did he save all this junk?



MINI'S INVADED THE VILLAGE!

On Sunday, September 5th, 26 Mini Coopers, both

shopping center in Santa Rosa, Ca.

At our second annual MITV event, REME



old and new, representing the Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts, invaded the Montgomery Village

members showed off their prized Mini's, sold beer, wine, sodas and snacks and enjoyed the music of The

Unauthorized Rolling Stones.

Each member who attended received a \$50 gift certificate from the Village, plus another \$50 certificate from the Cattleman's Restaurant. Additionally, each member got free lunch from Cattleman's or Monti's.

Prizes were awarded by the attending crowd and Mark Molina was the First prize winner, receiving \$300. The Second place winner was Bob Gingg and Eric Falk took Third place.

REME also collected donations on behalf of the California Veteran's Home.

The members of REME are very thankful to Montgomery Village, the band, the restaurants and stores and The River radio station for their generosity.

By The Editor

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FROM THE EDITOR

As Winter approaches, I reflect on what has been a very successful year for our club and for this newsletter. I am happy that we have been able, through various means, including actual print and electronic media, to keep our members informed, entertained and in top form as to their knowledge of the Mini community.



There are so many more opportunities for us all to get together and celebrate our mutual passion over the coming months. Take a look elsewhere in this issue for a listing of upcoming Mini events in our area. I hope to see all of you, friends both old and new, at some of these great happenings right here in our own backyard. Take a look at the calendar and try to pick out at least one event that you can attend and bring your family along. I look forward to seeing you!

Also, if you have any ideas for "stuff" to put within these pages, please let me know. My virtual door is always open.

Happy Motoring!

By Rob Saunders

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

April, 2010

- Winston Bautista
Fairfield, CA
- Christine Keel
Windsor, CA
- Nathan Scripps
San Francisco, CA
- Christa Tumlinson
San Rafael, CA

May, 2010

- John King
Redding, CA
- Christopher Thompson
Delhi, CA
- Ralph Caravaca
El Dorado Hills, CA
- Kathleen Pruett Shingleton
Antelope, CA
- Molly Wolf
Santa Rosa, CA
- Tim Strahan
Redding, CA
- Carl Hoard II
Emeryville, CA

June, 2010

- Bobby Davis
Charlotte, NC
- Monty Smith
San Rafael, CA
- John Wallach
Shasta, CA
- Carlos Marin
Bay Point, CA
- Franklin Haggas
San Francisco, CA
- Jimmy De Ponte
Shasta, CA

July, 2010

- Steve Lowery
Redding, CA
- Todd Alexander
Angwin, CA
- Rick Anderson
Napa, CA
- Kent Oliver
Elk Grove, CA
- Janval Macor
Santa Rosa, CA
- Janice Ash
Calpella, CA
- John Kenner
Sebastopol, CA
- Tracie Mcaninch
Cottonwood, CA

August, 2010

- Michael McKenna
Antelope, CA
 - David Dick
Redwood City, CA
 - Alex Trunzo
San Francisco, CA
 - Eric Benge
Carmichael, CA
 - Tony Padilla
Rohnert Park, CA
 - Larry Cao
Orangevale, CA
 - Darin Isaksen
Corte Madera, CA
 - Michael Onizuka
Santa Rosa, CA
 - Jodie Stueve
Dixon, CA
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UPCOMING MINI EVENTS

9/26/10 MS-REME Oroville to Chico Run
11/13/10 REME Run - to be announced
12/04/10 REME 2010 Christmas Run & Party
12/04/10 REME visits the Veteran's Home
Yountville, Ca.
12/04/10 REME Christmas Party - Union Hotel
12/05/09 REME '11 Planning Meeting

Significant Events Organized by Others

10/03/10 SDBCCC San Diego British Car Day
10/08-10/10 SCMM Memorial Run
Solvang, Ca.
10/09-10/10 VBAC Clovis British Car Roundup
10/16-17/10 California Autumn Classic
Morgan Hill, Ca.



FOUNDER'S MESSAGE (CON'T)

Like last year, we will again raise funds for the Events and Transportation Fund for the Veterans living at the facility in Yountville. Please consider making a [donation today using the PayPal link on the members' page](#) of the website. Indicate if the donation is for the Vets. We will present the collected cash donations as well as those received on December 4th to the Veterans' Home. What a wonderful Christmas gift for those that served their country valiantly.

By Peter Ziedrich