

REME ROADS

Mini Meet West 2011

Cal Neva Lodge Hosts Mini Fete



Mini Meet West is the longest continuous running Mini Cooper events in north America, dating back to 1973. Each year the event selects a new location and venue, but the same spirit and enthusiasm remains.

Members of MOASF (Mini Owners of America -San Francisco Chapter) were this year's host. They did a wonderful job. They have a great team and have lots of experience in doing this. They kept with the tradition of years past, by including a Funkhana, auto-cross, Rallye and other activities. The New MINIs mixed well with the classic Minis and I found a "renewed" sense of "brotherhood" between the two. I also noticed that many classic Mini owners had purchased New MINIs in their respective families and ... guess what many of the New MINI owners had purchased classic Minis in theirs.

The event was a three day fun filled Mini fest. Loads of fun had by all.

The auto-cross was held on Mt Rose at some 8250 ft altitude. A challenge for all the Minis.

The concours car show was split into New & Old Minis of various classes, and there were plenty of Minis to choose from. The voting was done by the "public" so there were no "judges" to make the final decisions.

Plenty of vendors and sponsors supported the event, with O2 Motorsports, Boot2Bonnet, and the New MINI of Reno being the "Platinum" sponsors, followed by Heritage Garage, Mini Mania, Seven Enterprises, and Valley Motorwerks serving as the "Gold" sponsors.

Mini Meet West was held right on the north shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe, surrounded by snow capped mountains, jutting granite cliffs, and towering pine trees making for a spectacular setting. Filled with history and mixed with fun, this was an event to always remember.

Next year it's off to Prescott Valley Arizona.

Watch video coverage of this event at www.miniology.com!

By Norm Nelson

THUNDERHILL SPEEDWAY PRESENTS TEEN DRIVING & CAR CONTROL CLINIC

On Wednesday July 28th 7am-4:30pm, Thunderhill Speedway will operate a Teen Driving Clinic.

Thunderhill has created a great program to learn the basics and some advanced techniques of safer driving. Through classroom instruction, CHP demonstrations and from the driver's seat of their own vehicles, students will learn turning, braking, safety and defensive driving in a safe and controlled environment, while being coached by an in-car instructor on LIFE SAVING CAR CONTROL TECHNIQUES!

Parents are encouraged to attend with their student. Learners Permits OK with parent present! All students under 18 years old must have a parental waiver signed.



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Sue Greer Sebastopol, CA
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UPCOMING MINI EVENTS

- 7/17/2011 Cavalho Family Winery Tour and Run - REME
- 8/4-7/2011 Mini's In The Mountains – Cooper Mountain, CO. – Mini 5280
- 8/8-11/2011 Devil's Backbone Run and Yosemite – SoCal MiniManiacs
- 8/26-28/2011 Railroad Park Resort Run – Shasta Mini's
- 8/27-28/2011 San Francisco Twilight Run - REME
- 9/4/2011 Marin-Sonoma North Coast Picnic and Tour - REME
- 9/17/2011 End of Summer BBQ with Rob and Leeta - REME





FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

I can't believe that 2011 is over half way over. Fortunately we still have a handful of events planned and we are working diligently to fill up the rest of the 2011 calendar. Refer to the official [REME 2011 Calendar](#) to keep abreast of upcoming happenings.

REME had a fairly good showing of members at the 2011, [Mini Meet West](#) held at the Cal-Neva Lodge in Crystal Bay, Nevada (on the quiet north shore of Lake Tahoe). MOASF and its governing board and volunteers did an excellent job in planning an extremely successful regional event. You can see some photos in our own [gallery](#) or visit [Miniology](#) and the [MOASF](#) website for additional photos. If you have never participated in a Mini Meet West, I highly recommend considering attending it in 2012, to be held in Prescott Valley, Arizona on June 19th-21. More information about the 2012 MMW will be posted on the REME MegaBBS as it becomes available. On July 17, REME members will enjoy a [224 mile run](#)

beginning in Santa Rosa and ending in Glen Ellen driving through Sonoma, Napa, & Solano counties with a guided tour, tasting and catered lunch at [Carvalho Family Winery](#) in Clarksburg. Sacramento members can start and stop the run in Fairfield, reducing the run by about 80 mountain miles. On August 27th and 28th



we have planned a weekend in San Francisco, beginning with dinner and a Twilight Tour of the City, early morning breakfast, and then an exciting field trip at about 10am Sunday morning. Details are being worked out now, but be prepared for a fun and memorable weekend.

In September we will have a couple of REME annual events. On September 4th, please join us for our end of summer Marin-Sonoma North Coast Run and picnic and on September 17th is the REME End of Summer Party to be held at Rob & Leeta's home in

the Sacramento area. On September 25th, we will again be participating in the [Valley of the Moon Festival Parade](#). Applications are available online. In the past we have had as many as 15 cars driving the short parade route. It is a very fun event which may last the majority of the day with the festivities which follow.

Our October & November runs are still being planned, but for those who love to see and/or participate in British Car Shows, please consider the [California Autumn Classic](#) on October 15th-16th in Morgan Hill. This is one of the two or three remaining All British Car Shows held in Northern California, and it is arguably the most fun. Get your [registration](#) in ASAP and get hotel/motel reservations before rooms become unavailable.

If you have any ideas for runs or activities in your neighborhood, please [let me know](#). If you have a good idea, I am happy to map the route and help with marketing. I wish you all the best for the remainder of the 2011 driving season.

MINI NEWS FROM
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The Rolls Royce of Mini

\$65,742 will land you a MINI Inspired by Goodwood, complete with its deep lambswool fleece



carpets, walnut accented instrument panels, and Cornsilk leather stitched seats, steering wheel, center console and pillar trim. The Goodwood also features the latest in premium technology, boasting an on-board computer, satellite navigation system and Harmon Kardon speakers. The engine uses the same 1.6 liter turbo engine found in S-model MINIs, propelling the Goodwood from 0-60mph in under 7 seconds.

Is \$65k a justifiable expense for a MINI Cooper (albeit one that is undeniably luxurious and unique)? This remains to be seen. However the passion of MINI enthusiasts should not be underestimated. The bond between driver and MINI is both strong and enduring. Wealthy MINI drivers, who originally fell in love with the 60's classic, will perhaps view the success of MINI and the creation of the Goodwood to resemble their own ascent into rarefied air. "Modest overachiever rises to fame and opulence without compromising his core values." The story reads like a movie script.

Conjecture aside, it must be assumed that MINI considered its consumer base before putting this vehicle into production. The

Goodwood will be produced in limited quantities (1000 total vehicles) which seem an intelligent choice for two reasons: It enhances the vehicle's exclusivity (as if price weren't enough) and there should be less problem clearing inventory with so few vehicles.

The MINI Inspired by Goodwood will undoubtedly become a collector's item, particularly among enthusiasts. I see a good number of these sitting next to other collectibles in a garage, rather than driven on the road as a daily driver.

Mini COUPE Revealed

After months of rumors and spy shots, MINI has officially unveiled photos, details, and pricing of its 2012 Mini Cooper Coupe. The two-seater will go on sale this fall, priced from \$22,000 for the base model.

The Coupe looks and feels



unquestionably MINI, but with a few twists: the face clearly resembles any other mini you've seen, but the low roofline that MINI is calling a helmet roof adds unfamiliar curves to the iconic shape. Additionally, there's an active rear spoiler that automatically rises at 50mph and hides again below 37mph. The whole car is built on a "three-box" design which means the roof, wraparound glass, and body are

designed as individual "boxes" resting one on top of the other.

Enthusiasts will be happy to see that what it lacks in familiarity it gains in sportiness. Not only is the silhouette dripping with sport, the new Mini is also notable for being the fastest and fastest-accelerating model that the brand has ever made.

The 2012 Coupe comes in three trimlines: the Cooper Coupe (base model), Cooper S Coupe, and the Cooper Coupe John Cooper Works (JCW) with several variants offered on a 1.6 liter 4 cylinder engine. If fast is your flavor, go for the JCW with a tricked-out engine: 208 horsepower, zero-to-60 in 6.1 seconds, and a top speed of 149 mph. If fun is your flavor, go for any of them.

Mini S 1.6 Turbo Named International Engine Of The Year

BMW recently won the International Engine of the Year Award in the 1.4 – 1.8 liter division for their turbocharged, 1-6-liter engine featured in MINI S-model performance vehicles.

The International Engine of the Year Award is presented to 8 different engine-capacity classes, with additional award honors presented to the "Green Engine of the Year," "Best Performance Engine," "Best New Engine," and "International Engine of the Year 2011." Winners are chosen by an extensive panel of 76 motoring journalists, from over 30 different countries worldwide. Engine evaluation is largely subjective, with panelists using their extensive knowledge and experience to score each vehicle. Specific criteria such as smoothness, performance, fuel economy and engine noise are

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considered in scoring.

Judges were most impressed by BMW's combination of performance and fuel economy. "It's the energetic heart of one of the world's friskiest and most fun-loving cars," noted panelist Frank Markus from Motor Trend magazine.

BMW edged tough competition from Alfa Romeo, Toyota and Audi to take top honors for the 5th year in a row.

Mini Rocketman Slated For Production

MINI had recently announced that its highly anticipated Rocketman concept car will be slated for production in 2014.

Much remains unknown about the details of the production Rocketman, though it is believed that many of the concept version's futuristic features will not be included (e.g. glass rooftop with optical fibers, 3D



speedometer, and oblong rear tail lamps). The Rocketman production model will feature the concept's 3-1 seating arrangement, as well as the two-part tailgate.

Engines for the Rocketman are still being considered, with rumors of 3-cylinder variants as well as an electric version. Fuel efficiency is projected to range between 78-98 MPG.

For all the latest news about Mini Cooper and the Mini Community, go to www.miniology.com.

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Editor's Notebook



We began the Summer of '11 with a beautiful trip to Lake Tahoe to attend Mini Meet West, sponsored by one of our sister clubs, Mini Owners of America San Francisco Chapter. This event not only provided us with a break from the hot sun and blistering temperatures of the Sacramento Valley, but also afforded us the breathtaking views of Tahoe and the friendship of our fellow Mini enthusiasts.

We had a great time mingling, taking photos, chasing ghosts in the underground tunnels and

finding the ultimate breakfast deal at the Crystal Bay Club. If you missed MMW 2011, be sure to plan to attend MMW 2012, slated to take place in Arizona next year.

There are many more upcoming events for us to savor this Summer. Join us for trips to wineries, the great City By The Bay and drives along twisty roads. There is a complete list of Mini events posted elsewhere in this issue.

Take time out to enjoy your Mini and the great roads we have to play on. All the while, be mindful of the safety rules in force. Watch your speed, keep your seat belt buckled, and make sure your fluid levels and tire pressure are up to factory specs.

A safe drive will make it all that more enjoyable!

A special thanks goes out this issue to the great REME folks who contributed to our newsletter.

Happy Motoring!

Rob Saunders, Editor

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