

# REME ROADS

## Mini Thunder II Slated for February

*Sign Ups Now Open.*



Mini Thunder II, Northern California's featured driving event for Mini Coopers, will take place February 19th and 20th at Thunderhill Speedway in Willows, Ca.

After the success of the original Mini Thunder event last year, there is high demand for another. The festivities will begin Saturday night with a special BBQ dinner and casino night.

Sunday, participants will be treated to a lot of track time on the popular course at Thunderhill.

Seven Time SCCA National Champion, 24 hour Daytona winner, IMSA sedan Champion and founder of Comptech Machine (builder of Juan Montoya's 2000 Indy 500 engine), and many more accomplishments, Doug Peterson will be on hand at MINI Thunder II driving the Seven Enterprises Fortech Mini. Doug will be giving demo laps and driver instruction throughout the day.

Jan Brueggeman of Revolution Mini Works <http://www.revolutionmini.com/> will be on hand at MINI Thunder II. He will be bringing Ian Stewart out from Florida to drive Revolution Mini Works 400 HP GP MINI. Ian Stewart is quite an accomplished driver with NASA National Championships (2009) Time Trial C Mini Cooper S (1st) and a long list of racing accomplishments.

Ian will be doing demo rides and demonstrations for those interested in seeing what a 400HP GP MINI can do on the track with the right driver at the wheel.

There will be three run groups (Beginners, Intermediates, Advanced). The schedule should be very close to what was done last year with 5 each 20 minutes track sessions (perhaps 6), followed by classroom sessions. These will alternate throughout the day. There will be instructors, and all the SCCA safety workers and equipment. The track opens at 7:00AM and we will start with registration, check in, breakfast, "All Hands" Meeting, car tech, empty cars, check wheels and tires, etc. First cars will go out on track at 8:30AM.

Guests are free but will need to purchase wrist bands for meals. There will be free parade laps/ride alongs during lunch. Sunday will include breakfast and lunch at the track.

There is more info and registration at [www.minithunderhill.com](http://www.minithunderhill.com)

**BY NORM NELSON**



## JERRY'S CORNER

**When Does The Road End?**

I sometimes wonder, how old will I be when I can no longer drive my Mini? I am sixty years old now, will I be able to drive ten, twenty or maybe thirty more years?

When do you say, that's it, I am not driving anymore?

Some people think you have a right to drive as long as you want, but that is not so. Nowhere in The Bill of Rights does it say anything about driving. I don't know about other states but in California it is a privilege, and it can be revoked at any time. Two years ago my Fathers license was revoked because he was evolved in four accidents within two years. He is eighty eight years old and he said only two were his fault. ONLY TWO!! For the past year and a half he has been trying to get it back.

He has taken the written test five or six times and every time he takes it he misses more and more questions. I keep saying to myself, he will never drive anymore. Well, was I ever wrong! He finally passed the written test. The next step was a behind the wheel test. I said to myself again, he will never pass this one because on our way over to the DMV I let him drive. I was in the passenger seat holding on for my dear life because he almost sideswiped a couple of parked cars! Well, as you can probably guess, he passed. The only way he could have ever passed was, the instructor was in worse shape than my Dad. The final step was getting his photo taken. But when he got to the window they were closing and they told him he would have to come back. This was on a Friday so he asked me if I could take him back on Monday, I told him sure, no

problem. As fate would have it, he fell and injured his leg and arm and was in the Hospital for five days. After he got out of the Hospital he had to spend the next three weeks

in a convalescent home recovering. Everytime I talked to him he would tell me how excited he was to be getting his license back. When he was finally able to come home, he called me and asked, can you take me to the DMV? I said, sure Dad. The next day we



were back at the DMV. He went to the window to have his photo taken and the woman told him she was sorry but he waited too long. She told him he would have to take the written test over again. My father was in shock, and I was thinking, there still might be a chance he won't drive anymore. He passed the written test again and they gave him a five year license!! That means, he will be ninety five when it expires! I can't believe it myself. My Dad grew up on a farm in Sacramento and started driving when he was old enough to reach the pedals. When he got out of the Navy, after the war, he was a Teamster and drove a truck for forty years. I am like my Father in many ways, I also love to drive. I hope that someday I won't be putting my Daughters through the same stress when they say, Dad, we think it's time to hang up the keys.

THE FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

Founder's Message, January 2011

Happy New Year REME Members! In the past, my first Founder's Message for the New Year has been centered around where the club had been in the past year and it also boasted of our continued growth in membership. We are no longer the "new club" in the neighborhood and we no longer need to prove our relevance. I encourage every member to visit the [calendar page](#) of our website and scroll down the list of archived runs (I am still in the process of including those from 2010). On the same page, look at the events that are planned for in 2011. This list is always being updated so bookmark it to stay abreast on upcoming events.

If you are a member that spends most of his available time on the [REME MegaBBS](#), we have an even more extensive list of upcoming events hosted by REME as well as by others. Our "Calendar" forum listed under the "Events" heading, contains hyperlinks to forum discussions, RSVP list, and run maps for past events as well as those planned for 2011. This is an ideal place for you to visit prior to planning your vacation time and weekends for the upcoming year. As new REME runs are planned and new events of interest surface, this is the location that we post all relevant information. A summary of some of our early 2011 events are listed below.



GOLDEN GATE FIELDS, CA	1/9/2011	<b>SPECIAL HOLIDAY</b>	BILLIE KLOKSTAD.....OWNER
JUSTENUFAPPEAL.....SECOND	6 FURLONGS 1:10.31	PURSE \$34,000	BUD KLOKSTAD.....TRAINER
LIFE'S A THRILL.....THIRD	REDWOOD EMPIRE MINI CLUB		JULIEN COUTON.....UP
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Our first event for 2011, an [REME DAY AT THE RACES](#) occurred on January 9th. A small group of club members spent a glorious Sunday at Golden Gate Fields watching the horse races as well as celebrating one of our board member's, Jerry Del Castello's birthday. There was no run associated with the event but it was an opportunity for a group of friends to get together for a very fun winter day. Although there is always a threat of rain in January, the weather held out and the day was bright and sunny.

On January 29th, the Sacramento Chapter is hosting a [four hour run](#) starting in Folsom. Past SV-REME Chairman Leeta Bell, plans a yearly run celebrating her husband Rob Cernohlavek's birthday.

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## **Green Roads: Paving the Way to a Greener Future**

Globally and locally, people everywhere are becoming more environmentally conscious. Californians lead this trend by recycling everything from bottles and cans to paper, batteries, computers, and even food scraps. Our state also recycles 75 percent of its waste tires every year.

Tires that are no longer road worthy are a valuable resource when recycled. In California, nearly 42 million waste tires were generated last year, and most were converted into new, higher-value products that help boost the state's economy. Unfortunately, the remaining 25 percent—about 11 million waste tires last year alone—ended up in landfills or stored illegally. When stacked side by side, that's enough tires to stretch the length of the West Coast from Mexico to Canada.

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) offers local governments grants and technical advice about how to put recycled tires to use as cost-effective and green alternatives to traditional paving and construction fill materials.

Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) consists of crumb rubber ground from waste tires that is mixed with asphalt and other aggregate. This mixture forms a durable alternative to traditional asphalt. RAC requires fewer repairs than regular pavement, is skid resistant, reduces noise, and is a "green" alternative because it uses 2,000 waste tires for every paved lane-mile.

Because rubberized pavement lasts longer, RAC roads also result in fewer greenhouse gas emissions associated with

repairs, and less noise pollution due to long-lasting noise reduction properties.

"RAC is truly a green alternative that makes sense economically and environmentally," said Jerry Dankbar, Street Maintenance Superintendent. "Our community has benefitted from roads that need fewer repairs, and are safer. The city of Roseville is pleased our RAC roads reduce waste and save resources for future generations."



Tire-Derived Aggregate (TDA) is another ecologically friendly product made from shredded waste tires. It is used in a variety of public works projects to replace naturally mined materials like gravel.

TDA is cheaper and lighter than gravel, has superior drainage properties, and reduces noise and vibration when used in light-rail projects. Not only does using TDA reduce costs, it also keeps thousands of waste tires out of landfills with every application. When used in place of mined aggregates, it preserves natural resources and landscapes. In addition, twice as much TDA can be transported in a single truckload, when compared to gravel, requiring fewer trucks, less fuel and lower emissions with every TDA project.

Because we live in a world with a growing population and limited resources, it makes sense to make use of tires that would otherwise pollute rural and urban areas, or languish in landfills or stockpiles. Learn more about RAC and TDA, as well as other uses for recycled tires, by visiting [www.PavingGreenRoads.com](http://www.PavingGreenRoads.com). Organizations interested in promoting the use of recycled tires will find local government contacts at the Green Roads website.

UPCOMING REME AND MINI EVENTS

- 2-13-11 Graton to Pt. Reyes Run
- 2-20-11 Mini Thunder II
- 2-27-11 Breakfast Meeting in Auburn
- 3-12-11 Wine Country Run and Wine Tasting
- 4-03-11 Breakfast Meeting in Fairfield
- 4-10-11 Delta Run

[You can sign up for any of the REME events at the REME BBS](#)



**Club Sponsor Spotlight**

**Valley Motorwerks**



Valley Motorwerks is a full service BMW and Mini Cooper repair facility serving the greater Sacramento area. Their staff is highly trained and can answer any questions that you may have about your car. Nicholas White, the service director, is BMW master certified as well as ASE master certified. Nick has over 10 years experience with BMW dealerships. They are all BMW enthusiasts and understand the pride that comes with BMW and Mini Cooper ownership.

11401 White Rock Rd.  
Rancho Cordova, Ca. 95742  
916-636-9526

**Bavarian Performance**



Bavarian Performance is a full service BMW and Mini shop in Santa Rosa, run by Mini enthusiasts and very supportive of REME. Bavarian Performance suggests shopping locally for all of your Mini needs.

Bavarian carries a full line of tuner parts and kit including M-7, Sparco, Alta Performance and Dinan.

3069 Wiljan Ct.  
Santa Rosa, 95407  
707-545-2002

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

This year the run will also celebrate Jeff Clayton's birthday. Happy Birthday guys! Are you looking for a great way to spend your next birthday? If so, help plan an event and invite the entire membership! I will always assist with run maps and marketing of the event.

Dates to put on your calendar now includes our February 13<sup>th</sup> [Graton to Point Reyes Run](#), our March 12<sup>th</sup> Wine Country Run and Tour of [Castello di Amoroso](#), our 2011 Sacramento Delta Run on April 10<sup>th</sup>, a 260 mile [Auburn to Auburn run](#) on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Mini Meet West – REME MINI Mountain Tours held on June 22-26.



Additionally REME plans to send members to: Mini Thunder 2 on February 20<sup>th</sup>, Pacific Coast Dream Machine in Half Moon Bay on May 1<sup>st</sup>, AMVIV8 on May 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, The UBSCC Woodland All British Car Show on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Mini Mania's Nevada City Adventure on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Does it sound like a busy first half of 2011? You bet it is! That was a quick summary of major events from January 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of June. For a more extensive and ever updated list, please visit our club calendars and forums dedicated to specific events. To assist in planning, please RSVP to events as soon as possible. Often we need to make special plans for extra-large groups. I look forward to spending time with each of you in 2011.

**BY PETER ZIEDRICH**



## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Sue Greer  
Kenneth Peters  
Arland Hensler  
Jim Ward

Sebastopol, CA  
Roseville, CA  
Cameron Park, CA  
San Francisco, CA

The Mini is known for its pint-sized proportions – but for one mechanic it was still too big... because he wanted it to fit INSIDE his motor home



As a result Lester Atherfold spent three months shortening his cherry red version of the 1964 Mini 850 from 10ft long to just 7ft 10ins.

That means the car – which still manages to reach speeds of 75mph – can now be

transported in his AEC Reliance coach as he tours the world. Speaking of his mini Mini, Atherfold said: "People often laugh at the car, especially young girls for some reason." The retired mechanic added: "The Mini was the only car in the world that would fit in the motor home, all the others were too big and tall."



THE EDITOR'S  
NOTEBOOK

Ah, Winter!  
Basically, you have two choices: Stay at home by a roaring fire with a hot-buttered rum in your hand and football blaring on the tube, or tooling around in a toasty Mini with heated seats, ruling the bends and soaking up the scenery.

Or a bit of both!

Certainly, if you are enjoying a good Jamaican rum, it's best not to get behind the wheel. But if

you are of clear mind, you should turn off that TV set and go outside and wander in the glorious Winter weather that is so unique to Northern California. No where else in the world can one take a short drive and either wind up in snow country, at a warm beach, in a booming metropolis or a scenic little country town.

We are lucky to have such diversity in our area and for the most part, good roads to get us there.

That being said, before you hit the road, here are some Winter driving tips for you to keep in mind:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

As you start off on a Winter Wonderland trek, keep these tips in mind. They can save a life, your's or some other driver's.

Enjoy your journeys, take lot's of pictures and have a great time! We'll see you again during the Spring thaw! In the meantime, you can keep up with all of the Mini news and fun at [MINIOLOGY.COM](http://MINIOLOGY.COM). Also, you can subscribe to [Miniology TV and Radio at the iTunes Store](#).

Motor on!

**ROB**

