



### M.O.T.R. Meeting

The October meeting of Minis Of The Rockies (M.O.T.R.) didn't start until around 8:00 – everyone was having to much fun to be interrupted by “bidness.” It's usually like that. Meetings are as much about social time with like-minded enthusiasts as it is about deciding the direction of M.O.T.R. It's also around this time of year that ideas for Mini outings start diminishing—the weather is very unpredictable and it's no fun to get caught in a snow storm on 10" tires—so the social time becomes more important. The gavel banged anyway.

meeting—always leave room for conversations to break out.

The upshot of the clamor was minimal. None of the designs for T-shirts were accepted, and Paul Herrmann suggested that we look into having the calendars done at Walgreens. It seems Walgreens does calendars for \$19.95, so everyone jumped on the idea, and Kenn asked all members to bring their favorite picture of their Mini to the next meeting and he will see about the calendar.

For the T-shirts, after further discussion the members thought that a shirt with the front of the Mini on the front, and the back of the Mini on the back would be a great design. It can be either a Mini or a MINI, or it can be a combination of both. The M.O.T.R. logo will be on the sleeve, and rainbow shaped Minis Of The Rockies will appear above the Mini. Kenn said he will try to get some graphics together for the next meeting.

Another suggestion was having Minis designed going up a mountain road on the front and going down a mountain road on the back, but no one volunteered to draw up the design (we miss Peter Stout).

A ride was suggested for the weekend, but it was vetoed because of inclement meteorological prognostications (bad weather forecast).

Vince passed around an article about the first serious crash with the new MINI, which has been reprinted in this newsletter for all to peruse.

At this point the new attendees were asked to introduce themselves: Ken and Cheryl Hay found out about M.O.T.R. at the Conclave and decided to check us out (they paid their dues—literally, not figuratively). Steve Huff had arrived late. He is building a great garage for his vehicles—he has one Innocenti and another on the way—he also paid up. His second one is coming from New Zealand, which prompted a discussion about shipping and import costs. Steve figures it takes about \$2000 to get a Mini shipped—including import duties and miscellaneous fees. If anyone is thinking of having one shipped over, add that amount to the price!

At this point someone made a remark about a garage for Kenn, and the meeting veered off into that territory (it will be some

time before Kenn can get a garage built). It also brought the announcement from Kenn that dues for 2003 are due (see flyer in this issue).

Pay up people. It's a cheap way to paste smiles on your kisser that last the whole year.

### M.O.T.R. Meeting

**Tuesday, November 5, 7:30  
P.M.  
Zang's Brewery  
23rd & I-25**

The meeting is in the back room. Members arrive around 7:00 and the business meeting starts around 8:00. The 50/50 raffle is the last order of business. Videos are optional—bring any motoring videos you would like to share. This meeting we'll be voting for the new M.O.T.R. T-shirts (again).

Vince Quick gave a report on the conclave (548 total cars, 31 Minis—classic and Bini) and relayed the message from Steve Kennedy that the organizers would like to find a new location for the Minis. The organizers noticed that there were way too many Minis for the area allotted for them. The move wouldn't be far, just to the end of the section where the group is already located. That way the Minis could be in a half circle around the end, giving more room. After much discussion to determine exactly the area suggested, the members voted for the change.

Kenn Lively passed around printouts of T-shirt designs: two from e-mails, and several he designed himself. He followed that up with a design for a M.O.T.R. calendar. Cacophony ensued. A typical M.O.T.R.

## WIN BIG

**Show off your design skills**

**Demonstrate your artistic side**

A new T-shirt design will be chosen  
**You may already be a winner!**



The winning entry gets a  
**FREE T-shirt**

Sharpen those pencils

Crank up that airbrush

## WIN BIG

The Christmas party this year will be December 7 at Bob and Saskia Stanley's house. The November issue of M.O.T.R. News will have a map and the particulars. Mark your calendars now for this great event. It's always way BIG fun and a good chance to hang with like minded folks, quaff some brewskis (or not) and celebrate the season.

As the Christmas party was being discussed, Kenn sold 50/50 raffle tickets. Steve Read won (finally someone other than Bob).

A table was sacrificed to the gavel as the meeting was banged to a close.

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## MINI TALE

# Mini Meets Tree

THE DEER LIVED, I BROKE A NAIL, BUT THE TREE IS REALLY HURTING...

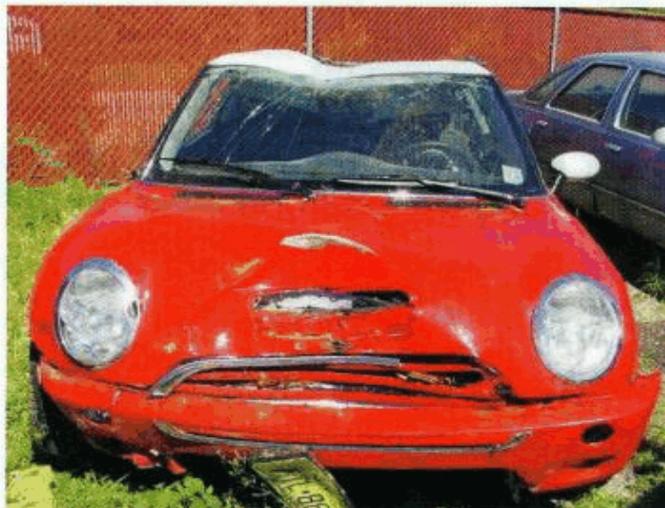
BY CHERYL L. BLAHNIK

SITTING IN THE POLICE car's back seat, I lifted my head and found my face bathed in red as lights flashed. An officer shined his flashlight on my face and told an EMT I was bleeding. He asked if I broke anything. I showed them my index finger and said, "a nail." They couldn't believe I was unharmed, especially in such a small car—the smallest car on sale in the United States.

The night had been going well: Left work with keys to a new Mini Cooper S and tickets to the Detroit Tigers game in my pocket. After the game (the Tigers won!) I set out for home. Weary of the highway I drive daily, I decided on a back road route. The roads are in good condition and include lots of twists and hills. I just wanted a change of pace.

The drive was great. There were no cars in sight and it was a clear, moonless night. I gunned the Mini S, anxious to see how the supercharged engine responded. I felt it surge and knew I was speeding, so I braked—I didn't want to get a ticket. Cresting a hill at about 60 mph, a set of eyes—big, tall eyes—in the middle of the road stared at me. I didn't have time to think but reacted on instinct, I swerved left, avoiding a deer and somehow missing a ditch. I managed to get back in the middle of the road but was losing control.

I turned the wheel left and right in a desperate effort to recover. I thought the Mini was going to roll. I've never been so scared in my life. To its credit the car remained upright, and I thank Mini engineers for outfitting it with every driver and safety aid under the sun: ABS, traction



■ **Top: The Mini's engine is designed to slide under the footwell in heavy head-on collisions. Above: Mini meets tree, tree meets roof, roof meets end. Left: Mini says this is the first known Cooper S airbag deployment in the United States. Thankfully, our assistant art director suffered only minor bumps and bruises.**

control, stability control and six airbags.

The latter was important because, even with all that help, I lost the battle with physics and ended up back

in the right lane but heading into a ravine. The Mini ripped through the foliage and small trees that usually make this route so pleasing of a commute. I don't remember the tree or the huge impact when I hit it. I knew I hit something, though: The front airbags deployed. I don't remember hearing any sounds, none from the airbags, none from the impact. I didn't even realize the tree split and fell on the Mini, crushing the roof.

Police and emergency crews were on the scene in minutes. After I was examined, the police officer pointed out the tree. Wow. Had it fallen differently, I may not have survived. I still can't believe I came out of it uninjured.

The next day I took photos of the car and e-mailed them to work. The consensus was amazement. (*Editor's note: And relief, Cheryl. We didn't want to have to replace our assistant art director.*) The photos were then forwarded to Mini—this turned out to be the first U.S. airbag "incident" with a Cooper S; they were relieved for my safety, but also interested in how the car performed. During the e-mail exchange they quoted a company engineer: "The Mini gives its life to protect the life of the occupants."

That's by design, and it is testimony to the measures BMW engineers took, knowing that safety would be a chief concern among those buying such a tiny car. If the car hadn't given its life, I would've suffered more than just a couple of burns (from the airbag) and bruises. I might have seen those flashing lights all the way to the hospital, if I'd seen them at all. —Mac Morrison contributed to this story



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Hey Nitehawk,  
Why not buy a proper Mini, or a proper BMW. What you have is stuck somewhere in between, but as a small-ish car I'm sure it's OK, it just has the wrong badges on it,  
Peter

And finally Nitehawk answered:

Jeez...I didn't think

after posting this I'd get the replies posted here by idiots. For your info and in response to the jerks who said why don't you have a real BMW, I own a 2002 M5 (now with over 400HP) as well as a 2001 Z3 and a 2002 X5, so keep your dumbass responses to yourselves. This was a serious post. With the long waiting list for Mini's I thought some reasonable person might jump at the opportunity to pick up a car that is a lot of fun to drive. 163HP, supercharged I-4 with 3500mi. in immaculate condition, no accidents, no dents, no dings. So Peter, if you'd like to try and catch me when I'm

### On The Net

There is a newsgroup on the internet (started by Rocky Frisco) that is for Mini enthusiasts called alt.auto.minis. Minis are listed for sale (sometimes), questions are asked and answered, and experiences are exchanged. The participants sometimes appear a little rabid on the subject of the new MINI—unlike the open embracing attitude of the M.O.T.R. membership. Check out this exchange that took place last week—I've included the screen names, which don't usually appear in the message:

Nitehawk wrote:

If you are interested in taking over the lease on a 2002 Mini Cooper S, Dark Silver with black top, approx. 3500 miles on it, current lease payment is about \$350/mo., call 740-350-6212 and ask for Tony. This is in Ohio.

Splam replied:

"hahahah" comes to mind.

Fitz replied:

Sorry I have already got a BMW--- 1990, 325i E30 M20 Slightly abused by a 4x4 :-)  
Peter

Barspeed replied:

It would appear that this American has already realized what a hunk a junk the BMW 116 is! (BMW's development desination--ed.)

jono

Then Fitz replied again:

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**Let's Go M.O.T.R.ing**

<u>Date</u>	<u>ADMINistrator</u>
November	Open
December	Open

**Hey—lets get some rides going—we aren't gonna have Winter this year anyway! Planning session for rides at the next meeting**

driving my M5 (LeMans blue by the way), I'd welcome the challenge.  
Tony

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It doesn't appear as if the alt.auto.mini folks are going to invite the new MINI owners to join them on a ride soon, does it? The whole exchange brought to mind a quote from Rodney King:  
"Why can't we all just get along!"

Kenn Lively, editor

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## Minis Of The Rockies Membership

**Dues for 2003: \$25.00** Please make checks payable to **Minis Of The Rockies** or **M.O.T.R.**

### Member Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want your newsletter sent by e-mail? Yes**  **No**  **Both**

**Vehicles:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a few minutes to answer some questions so that the club may better reflect your needs:

- Activities in which I participate:
- |  |   |                                      |                                   |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Meetings   | <input type="checkbox"/> M.O.T.R. rides | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Meets  | <input type="checkbox"/> Conclave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car Shows       | <input type="checkbox"/> RMVR Racing    | <input type="checkbox"/> RMVR worker | <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas party | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____    |                                      |                                   |

New activities are being planned for 2003. Please check the ones in which you might participate:

- |                                      |   |   |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Charity car show | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend overnigher | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine tasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |   |                                       |

**Instructions:** Either tear out this page or copy it and fill in the information. Be sure and check activities of interest  
Tri-fold and place in envelope with check

Mail to: **M.O.T.R.**  
**1595 S. Hudson St.**  
**Denver CO 80222**

If you paid your dues at the last meeting, or if you paid your dues during the month of September, just fill in the information so that the members list can be updated. M.O.T.R. on.



## Minis For Sale

**1970 Mini Clubman Estate** - \*\*\* MUST SELL SOON \*\*\* The car has a 1275GT spec engine and interior and has been converted to a Woody. Has many upgrades including disk brakes, 12" wheels, Stage 1 kit, nice red paint, new tranny and more. Call or email for full details. Work number: (970) 407-6483 Was asking \$9500 Now has all new tires (including the spare): Kumho 771 145/70/12 All Season. Great Mini.

**\$8,900 obo** CO Michael Playle 970-207-0804 [mplayle@earthlink.net](mailto:mplayle@earthlink.net) 30-Oct-02

**1964 AUSTIN MK 1 1275GT** - Sliding side windows, pop-open back windows, vinyl sunroof, 1275 twin SU carbs, 4 core radiator with aux fan, black mambo wheels, yoko tyres, 'S' front disk brakes, 'S' speedometer, CD player, leather steering wheel, Optima battery, Spax adjustable rear shocks, runs GREAT. Two-tone blue.

**\$7,500** UT Ted Naanes 801-966-2957 (msg) [tedn@heritageconsulting.com](mailto:tedn@heritageconsulting.com) 30-Oct-02

**1974 Austin 1000 Convertible** - The car has been fitted with a nice running 1275cc engine with dual carbs and the engine compartment has been detailed nicely. This one really flies! The car's interior is all leather with Burr Walnut dash and leather covered steering wheel and new carpet. The top is brand new. The car rides on a nice set of 10" Star five spoke alloy wheels color coded to match the car (Midnight black) and stops with a set of 8.4" disc brakes. The windows are tinted and the windshield is factory tinted glass. Pics on request or look at: [www.bluegrassminis.com](http://www.bluegrassminis.com)

**\$7,850** KY Roger Baton 859-223-0917 [roger1224@insightbb.com](mailto:roger1224@insightbb.com) 29-Oct-02

**1974 Austin Mini** - This is a 1974 Mini 1000cc, which has been retro fitted with Cooper S wheels, Cooper wheel arches, MK1 grille and mustache, it has four front spot lights (Cooper style), Cooper half leather interior and leather rim steering wheel. Red w/ white roof and black half-leather interior. This car has a Florida title and is legal in any US state.

**\$6,250** FL Sarah Platt [res196yo@verizon.net](mailto:res196yo@verizon.net) 29-Oct-02

**1960 Austin Mini Mk1**- Modified. New tires, all new brake system from master cylinder on down, new windshield, paint, custom grille and interior. Cobra seats, Simpson seat belts, new subframes new front body panels and door skins. Autometer gauges, new tires, 1098 motor, Nikki carb. White paint.

**\$5,000** KY Dann Fenwick 270-278-5608 [fdtmm@vci.net](mailto:fdtmm@vci.net) 28-Oct-02

**1962 Austin Mini Mk1**- Modified. Mini Spares 5 speed, Disk Brakes, Pop-up Sun Roof, Corbeau GTA seats, 9 gallon gas tank, knock-off Minilite wheels, New LCB header pipe. I have led the SFMOA Banzai Beach Run to Halfmoon Bay the last two years with this car. I have owned it for the last 18 years. Orange.

**\$6,000** CA Robert Van Wandelen 650-799-1839 [rvanwandelen@yahoo.com](mailto:rvanwandelen@yahoo.com) 25-Oct-02

**1965 Austin Mini Cooper 1275** - dual SU carbs, performance cam, headers, disk brakes, 25k on engine, Dunlop mag racing wheels, sliding windows, reclining sport seats. Work done by Brititalia – have most receipts. New or replaced carpet, dash pad, c/v joint, shocks, heater, oil cooler, headliner, oil cooler, door panels, stripes, steering wheel, alternator and starter, electrical, clutch, carburetors -runs good and strong, some rust, was daily driver until got new truck -college students without enough time or money to finish. email 4 pics and more info Copper colored.

**\$5,850** CA Rick 714-779-2156 [saphera99@hotmail.com](mailto:saphera99@hotmail.com) 23-Oct-02

**1968 Morris Mini MkII** - Beautifully restored car, original LHD, NO RUST, this car is perfect in every way—needs nothing, just drive it and smile! 20.000 miles on new 1275 metro motor. New: stage one kit -alternator -front brakes -radiator -fan -belt Very reliable daily driver. Email for more info/pics. Silver.

**\$8,495** CA Anatoly 925-413-8676 [bmws4all@yahoo.com](mailto:bmws4all@yahoo.com) 22-Oct-02

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**\$7,500** WA Callie [calliel@hotmail.com](mailto:calliel@hotmail.com) 22-Oct-02