



M.O.T.R. Meeting

The February meeting of Minis Of The Rockies (M.O.T.R.) was casual. It was casual Tuesday, and Karl Strauch of Mid-America Diehard Mini Enthusiasts Network (MADMEN) dropped in with a couple of friends. They presented their new 12-step program to get people addicted to Minis (not cured-addicted). He was preaching to the choir and the meeting was humming along.

Karl gave a little talk about why it was decided to hold the 2004 West meets East Mini meet in the Central time zone—it will be only the third in that time zone—and how much time the members of both clubs—Minis in Northern Illinois is the other—are already spending getting everything organized (remember how many meetings there were for Minis in the Mountains-99?). The 2004 West Meets East Mini Meet will be held in Rockford, Il (at least they have the city picked out), and the host hotel is being arranged.

Michael Playle announced that he has sold his classic Mini Clubman GT Woody—and purchased a MINI Cooper S in Omaha. He drove his SUV out and drove the MINI home—it's silver with a black roof.

Chris and Karen Cooley host their annual 'Drivers start you engines', first of the season Daytona 500 party on February 16—and flyers were passed around. There was also a list of items that Chris has for sale, and the group broke into a discussion about what a good mechanic Chris is and how buying something from him would be a no-brainer.

Kenn passed around the current members directory for those who don't already have one, and reiterated that one can always be sent by e-mail for those who would rather have it on line.

Kenn also put a Mini Magazine calendar into the pot for the 50/50 raffle—to join the MINI Coo-Coo clock donated by Ralph Schomp—the club will have to give Ralph Schomp an honorary membership and maybe a T-shirt or two.

Kenn showed off the latest T-shirt designs, and will get together with Paul Herrmann in the coming month to determine the cost for making the shirts. It will be a little expensive to do the silk screens as there are four of them, but it should be worth it.

The Hovsepian's are going to be in Colorado Springs the weekend of March 22-23, and would like to have a ride on the 22nd. More information will be coming soon—they will also be bringing some parts for sale if anyone is interested (a full set of Yoko A30s for cheaps). You will find the ride in the M.O.T.R. on sidebar.

The M.O.T.R. calendars are at the mail order printers. Fingers are crossed that they will be delivered by the March meeting (though the Chance brothers—Slim and Fat—are on the prowl). Luckily the calendars will start with March 03 and end with February 04, so it will be ok. All M.O.T.R. meetings will be listed each month on the calendar as well as the rides for the year, and the Mini Meets—East and West.

Bob Stanley was recognized and took the floor to ask if the T-shirts can have pockets? Paul says yes and takes the floor to ask if anyone has a set of Mini rear 1/4



A MADMEN original: Karl Strauch

windows—the opening kind. No one has any, but the editor promised to put the request in the newsletter.

Paul also reminded everyone that Monster Garage (the TV show) is going to do something with a new MINI on February 24—be sure and watch.

Since it was casual Tuesday, Kenn turned the meeting over to the members for stories.

Darren Haines showed off his two remote control Minis that he bought from the Discovery Channel store, and encouraged everyone to visit the store soon.

Bob Stanley told the story of the new MINI owner who heard a noise in the transmission while on vacation in France. The tranny finally stopped working so the MINI was towed to the BMW dealer for repairs. The dealer gave him an old Fiat to drive as a loaner while his MINI was being repaired, and put him up in way substandard lodging. He was steamed. His MINI is now fixed and back home, but it has taken several trips to the local dealer. Some MINIs have been recalled because of the wrong fluid in the transmission—very few someone said.

Karl Strauch took the floor with a story of a new MINI owner who had a loose battery cover. The acid leaked out right onto the transmission, and ate holes through it. If he'd bought a Cooper S, someone said, the battery's in the rear.

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**Tuesday, February 4,
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 is “planning Tuesday”, so bring a M.O.T.R. activities wish list and volunteer your garage for the “Mother” of garage tours.**



Then it was Tuesday at the video store. Karl had a tape of a segment of a show about new MINIs that was taped in St. Louis, featuring Karl and his Cooper S "Bruiser" (it's painted black and blue). Then Wayne whipped out the chase scene from "The Bourne Identity," followed quickly by the longest chase scene in the movies, Steve McQueen in "Bullit" over the hills and through the streets of San Francisco.

Letters from the South

11 Feb 03

Hello Miniacs:

Well, it looks like I am the leader freak for the July 27 ride. I hope your butt is ready for this one!

Enclosed you will find a map of the route I chose, along with an interesting description of each of the towns. Did you know Mr. Chrysler was a resident of Valdez, CO, and may have built his first automobile there? I may have seen it as there are several old cars used for river embankments! I believe you will find this book very entertaining.

Last weekend I toured this route from the back seat of a Durango. There are some very nice twistie bits and some good views. As you start out of Pueblo, you can see the Spanish Peaks (A.K.A. Twin Sisters). They look like two mountain breasts protruding from the desert. This ride encircles those mounds for some great views. We rode from Walsenburg over Cuchara Pass and into Trinidad. This is reverse from the book.

The route is long, so I suggest your come down Saturday night. If there are only 3 of you brave enough to come, you can stay at my house. Otherwise I can see if we can get some deals at the hotels right down the street.

The mileage goes something like this:
 Colorado Blvd/I-25 to Pueblo
 (Eagle Ridge exit): 102
 Pueblo to Walsenburg 50
 Scenic Highway of
 Legends to Trinidad 81
 Trinidad to Colorado Blvd/I-25 190
 423

This is a lot of miles to cover in one day. I believe it would be more enjoyable if M.O.T.R. heads could start from Pueblo on Sunday morning. You may want to have your wits about you on the twistie bits!

I suggest we leave Pueblo no later than 9 A.M. There is a great photo location in the mini village of Cuchara. With a half-hour stop there we should make it to the pass by 11 A.M. I suggest you all bring walkie-talkies if you have them because there are plenty of good photo-ops. I do not think we went through any stop lights for the whole tour. The pass is just under 10,000 ft., but it still

may rain in the afternoon. The average high in Pueblo on July 27 is 94° F. Expect higher.

There is a good Chinese restaurant in Trinidad if we want to do lunch.

Well, here it is. Give me some feedback. (Any interest in a Saturday reservoir party?)

Kind Regards,

Jeff Zissler

719-240-0253

P.S. I am expecting at least Paul, Bob and Kenn!

The map and description booklet mentioned in Jeff's letter will be at the next meeting, apropos of a planning meeting!

M.O.T.R. On



<u>Date</u>	<u>ADMINistrator</u>
March 22	Colorado Springs tour with the Hovsepians
April 20	Steve Read
May 11	Kenn Lively
June 6,7,8	Glenwood Springs
July 15	Paul's BBQ
July 27	Jeff Zissler-Pueblo
August 9	Mini Meet West
August 23	Breckenridge Hill Climbs
September 13	Conclave Ride the Rockies
October	Open
November	Open
December 6	Christmas party

While the videos were playing, Kenn sold 50/50 raffle tickets. The drawing was held at the end of the chase: Carolyn Quick won the Coo-Coo clock, Paul Herrmann won the Mini Magazine calendar, and Bob Stanley had to settle for the money (settle?).

Just as the president was traumatizing a table top with the gavel, the Treasurer spoke up with his very late report: "We have money!" The meeting was adjourned.

Mainly Minis Montreal

has been chosen to host

Mini Meet East 2003

July 1-4, 2003
Magog, Quebec

Hotel le Cheribourg
1-800-567-6132

www.mainlyminismontreal.com/mme2003e.htm



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June 6, 7 & 8, 2003

Be sure to put this weekend on your calendar and help the MG Car Club drive their way into the second half century of this milestone event. We may not set the town on fire this year, but we still promise a blazing good time.

For more information: www.mgcc.org/rmc

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2003 FIA Formula One World Championship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>TV</u>
March 9	Australia	Speed
March 23	Malaysia	Speed
April 6	Brazil	Speed
April 20	San Marino	Speed
May 4	Spain	Speed
May 18	Austria	Speed
June 1	Monaco	ABC
June 15	Canada	ABC
June 29	Europe	Speed
July 6	France	Speed
July 20	UK	Speed
August 3	Germany	Speed
August 24	Hungary	Speed
September 14	Italy	Speed
September 28	U.S.A.	ABC
October 12	Japan	Speed

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Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing 2003 Schedule of Events

March	22/23	Fire & Rescue School
April	12/13	Drivers' School @ Second Creek
April	26/27	Second Creek
June	7/8	PPIR
June	21/22	Pueblo
July	19/20	2nd Creek KIND Race
Sept.	6/7	LaJunta Race
Sept.	20/21	Pueblo Enduro



Minis For Sale (under \$10,000)

1963 Austin Cooper Mk1 - Modified Make us an offer. Runs good, needs some interior work. Vehicle is titled and registered in the US. (Eagle, CO) Green.

\$ 5,000 obo CO Sam Sandoval 970-328-8005 racefande3@msn.com 17-Feb-03

1964 Mini 1275GT - Sunroof, 1275 engine with twin SU carbs, black Mambo wheels, yoko A008 tires, front disk brakes, clean interior, 4-speaker CD player, Optima dry-cell battery, Spax adjustable rear shocks. Two-tone blue. Pictures available

\$ 7,250 obo UT Ted Naanes 801-966-2957/801-557-0407 tedn@heritageconsulting.com 18-Feb-03

1972 Mini Clubman - Mini Clubman with a 1988 MG Metro 1275 engine. 25th anniversary seats, grey with red piping and pockets on the front, reclining. Runs great and in good overall condition. Reversible rims. Drives great! email for more information. Located in Chicago. Blue w/ white stripes

\$ 3,600 IL David Ash 773.251.0053 minichicago@ameritech.net 22-Feb-03

1974 Mini Clubman Convertible 1275 - new battery. Minor dent in paint - new top, radio, custom interior Nice Mini for price e-mail for pictures at artsminis1005@juno.com Black RHD

\$ 6,995 GA John A. MacKenzie Sr. 770.614.6067 artsminis1005@juno.com 22-feb-03

1966 Morris Mini Mk1 - Modified. This is a registered 1966 Morris Mini, however it appears to have been upgraded completely to a 1980's Mini. It has a 1275 engine, right hand drive. Has a heater and rear defogger. The paint is good with Cooper racing stripes and Monte Carlo stickers. There is some rust below the right hand side door and a fist size rust spot underneath, but it is not through the floor. This car is fun to drive and real tight. Front disk brakes and rear drums. Stops on a dime. Red

\$ 8,500 obo PA Brett Cohen 717-285-3474 (H) or 717-222-2927 ©). mini@cyberspaceadvisor.com 22-Feb-03

1970 Mini Cooper 1.3 - Carb Mini. This is a European car, speedometer in Kilometers. Cloth seats, sun roof, Great condition. Although it is registered as a 1970, it is probably more like a 1990 car. Has 2 sports lights. Left hand drive. Email me and I can send you some pictures. Red w/ only 22,000 miles.

\$ 9,500 CA Marc Vallancey 408-455-0900 britishrower@hotmail.com 21-Feb-03

1966 Austin Mini 1000 Pickup - RHD Original for someone looking for a rare pickup. Car in excellent condition, has some rust under right hand door sill. Drive away. Dk. Green

\$ 4,500 TX Gary 817-279-8546/561-306-1029 zamboons@msn.com 19-Feb-03

1974 Austin Mini 1000 - in EXCELLENT condition! Virtually no rust, runs great, just gone over by specialist. If you're looking for a clean classic Mini, this is it. Pics and details at <http://home.ceinetworks.com/~ron/miniforsale.htm> Green.

\$ 5,500 PA Ron tech@busdepot.com 20-Feb-03

1975 Austin Mini Roadster - deseamed This car is a blast to drive, with a 1275cc engine and no roof it feels like your flying. The car is almost brand new. Every thing has either been bought new or rebuilt. It has custom paint, custom interior and a custom made toneau cover. The car has been deseamed, the door and side mirrors have been shaved off along with emblems. The car is worth over \$15,000.00 US I am willing to negotiate. Make me an offer!!! Call for details and pictures. Competition Orange

\$ 9,950 obo CA Josh 310.842.9400 JoshSSands@aol.com 20-Feb-03

1977 Mini 1000 - Great daily driver, 998cc engine in good running order. All rust cut out and new metal welded in, incl. New front floors. The car has "NEW" bucket seats , brake master cylinder and brake shoes all around , carpets , Mountney steering wheel , and new Kuhmo tires as well !!!!!!! This car is currently awaiting it's appointment at the spray shop, so it will have nice shiny new burgundy paint as well..... This will be a very nice little car when complete and the price is quite the deal. It will sell fast , Thank you and Good luck !!! Please e-mail me for pics.

\$ 5,300 WA Gunnar Gordon 206.213.0224 gunnargordon@qwest.net 16-Feb-03

1979 Austin Mini 1000 - LCB header, Mamba wheels, Mountney wood steering wheel, Rokee dash, excellent original interior, converted to RHD (Canadian spec) runs great, needs valve stem seals to pass local emissions (exempt in January) left front fender wrinkled some. can send pics to your e-mail address Russet brown.

\$ 5,500 WA Todd Fitch 206.878.1768 rshadow2@yahoo.com 18-Feb-03