



## \* EDMC Newsletter \*

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> month in, & the events are rolling!!!

Yes...already people have been booking themselves for different events that are coming soon...and if not, why not???

You can gain details of events from looking on the website or contacting our events co-ordinator Dave Ward. Some events have only certain amount of places so bag yours sooner rather than later. However, if you are too late there's always the chance that someone may have to drop out last minute...but don't bet on it!

Anyway, I hope this second edition Newsletter is to your liking. Each edition can be found on the EDMC website if you want to look back on any. Remember, if you have anything to shout about & tell the club, don't hesitate to e-mail me on the address at the bottom of the page, or catch me at the club meet.

*Regards, Josie.*

### Brooklands Mini Day, 26<sup>th</sup> March

This is a good event (according to club members who went last year) situated at the Brooklands motor racing circuit, aerodrome and museum. It takes place on Mothering Sunday, so bring your mothers out for a great day out!! Certainly won't forget it this year!

The plan is to be leaving, in convoy, from The British Queen pub about 8am. Entry is £7 at the gate. There are about 15 spaces for the club stand and hopefully we'll all get there in time to claim our state!

Boss man Darren is organising this event so if you are or want to come along, check with him to make sure you're name is down.

### Club Membership...again

Just a quick note to new members who seek a membership form/card...and a reminder to current members who need to pay up & hand in their forms! Membership forms can be found on the website [www.edmc.co.uk](http://www.edmc.co.uk), or ask Ian Wright at the club meet.

### AC Dodd; Technical Q&A Evening, 10<sup>th</sup> April

AC Dodd is the engine builder from ML Motorsport and has been invited to our April club meet for a Mini technical questions & answers evening to aid the lovely mini owners in the club with their

He is quite knowledgeable and builds race and road mini engines of all types, some of which have been in cars that have been magazine features. The evening will involve a technical session, with a Q & A session following after.

So whether it's a question about the points gap on a 850, or a problem with a race engine he will answer the questions. He is currently answering similar questions daily on the ML Motorsports forum, as is Andy the boss of ML.

In preparation, AC Dodd has asked for specific areas we are interested in. If you have a subject you want AC to cover in his session, please let Dave Ward know either in person, e-mail or on the website forum before the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Only one thing to remember though...this evening will **NOT** be held at The British Queen pub, due to lack of space & noise reduction of a busy pub. Instead, we will be meeting at **The Smugglers Inn**, Pevensey, off the A259. It would be awful if our members turned up at the Queen & no one was there, so **PLEASE REMEMBER!**

### Events coming soon...

- **26<sup>th</sup> March** – Brooklands Mini Day, Surrey. (8am start from 'British Queen')
- **10<sup>th</sup> April** – AC Dodd Technical Q&A evening, The Smugglers Inn, Pevensey. 7.30pm
- **23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Charity Auto Test, Asda car park, 4pm onwards.
- **29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Magnificent Motors, Eastbourne
- **28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Miniworld Riviera Run, Newquay

*Remember, if you're not going to Newquay, join the club stand at Mag Motors! Plenty to do for the Bank Holiday!!!*

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## Sussex Mini 'Cruz', 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

An Account of the Day

It was a fresh morning with the typical British weather backing us up for a potentially fun & 'relaxed' cruise around the country roads of Sussex....

Simon organised a route to fulfil a full day of mini adventures, with pauses for photos & a stop for pub lunch on route. After taking weeks to decide the best roads, he suddenly found himself on a plane heading to Kuwait (work not pleasure, I hope!) leaving me with a map, a time schedule & the keys to his car, Yay!

For the strict '10am' start, 11 minis gathered at the British Queen carpark including the 'L' plated Bean Machine, (practicing his mini driving skills before that fateful day), and set off in convoy down the A27 for a petrol stop, for the minis who can actually tell you when they need fuel! The route took us along narrow lanes through Wartling, past Herstmonceux, Bodle Street Green before stopping at Rushlake Green for a quick food order for lunch & retrieving 2 lost minis!

From there we trugged along towards Cowbeech; however, I'm not sure we made it that far as we took a short cut to Horam somehow, including the miss-hap at the cross roads! (I would like to point out at this time that I didn't have a co-driver, & driving whilst reading a map isn't a talent I own!)

With a tricky drive through Horam and holding up the traffic, the time was 11:45, so the route had to 'change' as Lunch was due for 12! By this time almost everyone had thrown away the maps anyway so we played follow the leader up through Cross-in-Hand, along the back road via Blackboys & Framfield, a quick skirt around Uckfield (passing a few confused faces) & finally made it to The Laughing Fish pub, Isfield. The minis parking up out the front pulled lots of attention & the sun came out at just the right moment! After scoffing lunch for 19 people around a 12 seater table (work that one out!) the convoy downed the rest of their drinks to pose for photos, have a chat & enjoy what sun was out before jumping back the Minis for the continuing journey.

The rest of the route took us through Piltown, Barcombe, cross over to Ringmer (were we almost lost Mingie2 due to gear problems), through Glynde and heading towards Firtle Beacon...this route also included a 'fuel crises', including missing syphen kits, no petrol cans at hand & a sheepish voice message from Dave saying... "err...hold up guys, I've run out of fuel" .

With Rachel & Tony on a mission for petrol, the rest of the Minis were gathered up for the long haul up to the top. This would have been a great spot for more photos...if it weren't a gale force wind! (Who's idea was that then, Simon!)

After a couple of windy photos for those you could brave it, the trip back down was short lived compared to going up but was great fun! Dave over did a little whilst trying to show that mini's can fly...with a belly flop on landing!

For the trek back homeward some cars went their separate ways. The journey took us down the A27, then off the main road towards Afriston, Excent, Friston then turn off towards many a favourite: Birling Gap. A lovely winding route round Beachy Head, then Daz took us home to the pub! A cold windy day but thoroughly enjoyed and no serious casualties!

(Photos by Rob, visit the website for more, plus video filmed on route!)



### **Congratulations 'Bean Machine'!!**

**Well done mate for passing your test, now you can have many more 'Mini Adventures'! (From all in EDMC)**

**Coming soon next issue.....**

**Mingie2 Memoirs, Brooklands report, and 'When Should You Fill Up With Fuel? A personal account retold!!'**

