

* EDMC Newsletter *

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The Year is drawing to a close...

As Summer ends, the Autumn rains and the winter frost threatens the Mini fun to filter away as we frantically try to protect our pride & joys from the harsh British weather! At EDMC though we try to keep up the spirits and give the odd helping hands to those who need it!

Regards, Josie.

Old Gits' Rampage Run!

As a celebration of the Old Git's **50th Birthday**, he's decided to put on a secret run for those who dare to follow his smokey exhaust!

The run will be on Jim's **Birthday, Sunday 15th, at 10-30am for a 10-45am start**. Starts from the lay-by on the A27, between Pevensy roundabout & Stonecross roundabout (West bound). You'll be given the first part of the route then, as it's his **50th** & has become mature, cos it's his **Birthday!**

The run is 60miles long, (not **50** like his age) & should take about 2 hours of driving with 2 planned short stops (second part of route to be given at one of them). **Birthday** boy Jim promises there is something for every one; with fast, slow, bendy straight & hair raising bits of road!

The run will then end in Hastings at Jim & Shirley's for **50** cups of tea, coffee & **Birthday** crisps!! Bound to be a great run to end the season & celebrate the **Old Git's** coming of age!
(Did I mention it's his **Birthday**?!)

Rolling Road – 2nd December

Places are filling fast for the Dyno power run, taking place at Gerald Dale Motor Sport. This event will be featured in the **Miniworld Magazine** with 'Monty Watkins' in attendance. The cost is **£20 per car** for a dyno run & printout.

See Gerald's web site (see below) & click on 'contact us' for the location. This will be an all day event. In November Simon will be able to allocate time slots for everyone across the day to be at Gerald's. If feasible, the club photo shoot will be at 12:00, but other photos will be taken

throughout the day.

A **£5 deposit** will secure your place, but book sooner than later. Paid up club members will have preference. If you cannot make a club meet to put down your deposit, please 'PM' or email Simon via the Forum to arrange sending a deposit by post.

The dyno run will be a ten/fifteen minute on the rollers (30minutes including set-up time) job. This will take your car through the rpm range to record the power (Bhp) and acceleration (Torque). The rpm will not exceed normal driving or your requested level. You'll have a printout to show your engines performance through the rpm range and a 20x 3cm feature in the mini world magazine... We hope anyway!

(For more information on Gerald Dale and his work, visit www.geralddale.co.uk)

EDMC AGM – 11th December

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the same meet place (The Pubb, Hampden) as usual on a Monday night. **If you have any ideas, comments and/or suggestions, (including ways to fundraise for club funds) please pass them to Daz prior to the December meet so he can create an agenda.**

Also, a 'brainstorming' session will be held prior to the AGM on Monday 27 November at The Pubb. This extra meeting is open to any member who wishes to actively contribute to the running of the club or has creative ideas to take the club forward again next year. There is no obligation to attend if you are happy just to come along to the monthly meetings & attend shows and events

Newsletter puzzle!

I've been meaning to do this for a while now! Only something silly, to fill the gap & to fill any boredom time you have; whether at work, at home, or on the toilet! What is the answer to this Dingbat?

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Please PM or e-mail the answer. First person to get it right wins a small prize! (More will appear in future newsletters!)





Castle Combe

A second year of the show season has draw to a close for our club. With the summer turning, Castle Combe track day was a

spectacular way to end the season.

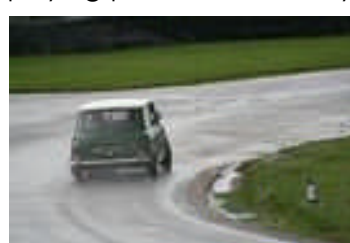
We've since been acknowledged by the organisers for the distance travelled, 'joining many of the regular clubs are newcomers from as far afield as East Anglia, Eastbourne, Cornwall and west Wales'. But boy it was a long way! Jim with the furthest miles under his belt had the most to say about it. Some travelled in convoy from



Sussex while some like myself travelled from local overnight stops; useful thing have family & friends all over the country!

We all arrived about 8am & found Mini's, thousands of em! We squeezed our cars into a club space including a stylish Lotus Elise & Darren's mini support Proton. The club pitch was just behind the traders, track office & food just as close. Winter essentials were found from splashguards to nuts & bulbs

Following a track brief, we dressed up with bone domes & skidlids. Sound checked & then lined up for our 15minutes on the track. We had a good wait while a recovery truck removed a remains of a mini from one of the corners. First on was the Mighty Minis taking paying punters on charity roller coaster rides



around the track. (Next year I'll have a go). I was first on the track & soon left many behind with the open track ahead of me... except for an odd

super mini flying past left & right! Wow, I was bouncing off the red line, over the rubble strips, feeling some over steer & a disconcerting

feeling of lifting up a wheel around some corners!

Afterwards I felt like I missed out; Dave, Jim, Shawn, Tony & John were in a pack, jostling for position & seeing each other wildly ruling the bends. Later Paul & John went out again just after the heavens finished watering the track. That looked fun! A few cars pushed the envelope too far, spinning off, but only a couple were damage. Fortunately we all lived to tell the tale. At midday we got back on for a parade lap. Even with the safety car, a bit of fun and games took place!

The next day on the forum this comment made my day.

'Wow you lot put on a good show, every one else was poodling round follow the leader, not you lot! Looked great 4 abreast and swapping and changing places That Cooper S going sideways out of corners with the clubby GT on his tail, GREAT STUFF.'

The words 'it's not a race' didn't dampen the spirit all day! Even 'mini less' Daz got behind the wheel for the parade lap thanks to Rachel. A fair trip, but an event that is already pencilled into the calendar of 2007.

Simon Bell, Aka 'Mininutter'

"If you would like to tell your story of a mini event or want to add your views on anything, please send your subject & write up to the contact details on the bottom of the page - Thanks"

Events coming soon...(plus organisers)

- **15th Oct** – Old Gits' Rampage Run! (*Jim*)
- **28th Oct – 3rd Nov** – Italian Job Run
- **3rd – 5th Nov** – Winter Warmer, Newquay (*Dave, although he isn't going himself*)
- **19th Nov** – EDMC Go-Karting @ Filching Manor (*Simon*) – [date may change]
- **2nd Dec** – Rolling Road Day @ Gerald Motor Sport (*Simon*)

