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Please submit articles by the 8th of the month for publishing

Club Captain's Report

Another month has past and before we know it, winter well be here, (if not already here). As of this month Karen and myself will be doing the monthly Newsletter (so bear with us) we hope to be able to bring out as close to the 15th of the month as possible.

MiniMeet 2011

I have had some people get back to me regarding Accomadation for this weekend. We have prices from several places and if any one else is interested please get in touch asap as we will be booking early next month.

Daybreaker™ Navigational Fun Trial

The date is set! 26th June, 6:00am. Put the date on your calendar, more details to follow.

Upcoming Club Events

AGM May 22nd Manawatu Car Club Rooms, Kawakawa Rd Feilding

June 26th Annual Daybreaker Fun Trial, 5.30-6.00 am

July 23rd Midwinter Xmas Dinner Venue to be confirmed.

August Raeleen & Peanut Event, More info to follow.

September, Nothing planned as yet, may look at having a Dyno day - if enough interest is shown.

October Mini Meet - Hawkes Bay Labour Weekend.

November Guy Fawkes @ Roo & Peanuts, If enough interest shown.

December - We are looking at doing a 2 day trip up to New Plymouth to view the 'Festival of Lights' - More details to follow.

Annual General Meeting

Another important event coming up is the AGM, which will be held on May 22nd, see newsletter for more details.

If you are considering joining the committee, please feel free to come along to the next couple months meetings to see what happens.

I have been informed that the club may be looking for a new Secretary for the next financial year, although I'm hoping our current will consider staying on.

That's all for now Girls & Guys. Hope to catch up in the up & coming events.

Russell Rankin

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Cereal Thriller

No words, unfortunately, but here's a couple of great "before" photos.





AGM

Sunday May 22nd at 2pm
Manawatu Car Club Clubrooms
Kawakawa Rd, Feilding

All Members and Non-members welcome. Come and have your say on how you would like your Club to be run.

Without your feedback the committee can't try to organise events. If we don't know what you want to do, then you will end up doing what others want.

We always welcome new 'blood' to the committee. Just because you attend the AGM doesn't mean you will be expected to become a committee member. This is not the case.

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MINI JCW Countryman enters WRC Rally



A huge result for an entirely new team and entirely new car. MINI's first factory supported rally in over forty years has resulted in a 6th place beating many WRC stalwarts in the process. And what better way to welcome new (and old) Senior Vice President of Brand Management for MINI, Dr. Kay Segler back into the MINI family. Next up will be the Rally of Finland July 28th. Look for the MINI JCW rally team to pour over data from this weekend and aim for even higher up the standings.

Official Release: The MINI WRC Team has taken a lot of positives from its first ever event. In Rally Italy, Sardinia Dani Sordo (ES) and Carlos del Barrio (ES) brought their MINI John Cooper Works WRC to the ceremonial finish in Olbia in sixth. Sadly Kris Meeke (GB) and Paul Nagle (IR) didn't re-start this morning, as the team felt it was safer not to risk a recurrence of the problem they had encountered on the first two days. However, the cars both showed a turn of speed that bodes well for the future.

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On the 1st May Dr Kay Segler was appointed Senior Vice President Brand Management MINI. The 56-year-old previously held this position between 2004 and 2008. Segler, a passionate Motorsport fan, visited the MINI WRC Team on Saturday in Sardinia and summed up his thoughts about this programme : "Sport lies in the genes of all BMW Group vehicles - regardless of whether we are talking about the BMW M3 or a MINI. Obviously it is fantastic that the MINI brand will be able to prove the sporting qualities of its products at the highest level via the MINI John Cooper Works WRC from this season onwards. I have followed the preparations for this project closely over the past few months, and am thoroughly looking forward to being with the team during its debut season in the FIA World Rally Championship. But we are realistic, our opposition has a massive experience advantage. However, in conjunction with our partner Prodrive we are able to compete with a team that knows rallying backwards, and has already proven it knows how to win. Add this to the MINI and the know-how of BMW Motorsport, and we have an extremely promising mix that should enable us to move up very quickly."

David Richards, Team Principal: "I think we have shown the performance of the car. We have proved what we can do and I think it has set the mark and set the standard. I wish Kris could have carried on the way he was in the early stages. If he had carried on like that I think we would have been in a very strong position, but that is life, this is

testing and we are learning as we go along. All signs are really encouraging and we have no real reliability problems at all that we are concerned about. We have to take a lot of positives from the event.

"This morning we had to take the decision not to re-start with Kris. We know what the problem is but we didn't have a solution to it here, and anything we did would have been compromised and may have resulted in a recurrence of the problem. I just didn't believe it was worthwhile taking that risk. We know how to fix it and it can be fixed in a few weeks' time with the right components.

“What has come out of this weekend very strongly is that we have a real team effort and all members of the MINI WRC Team have instantly gelled together. I want to thank everyone for the hard work to get us to this point. It has been an amazing effort and the outcome has been very encouraging for all of us. It was also nice to see our efforts recognised as the team has been given the Abu Dhabi Spirit of the Rally Award.”

Dave Wilcock, Technical Director: “Obviously from a team perspective we are very, very happy that we have got Dani home. Throughout the rally he has been performing competitive sector times and from that we can see where we are fast and where we need some work, which is all very positive. We are very disappointed for Kris. Having checked over the data last night, with Kris’s small issue we decided not to run him today. We really needed his data today so we could compare the two drivers. The special stages today were exceptionally low grip and Dani was struggling in the low grip sections, so with their two driving styles it would have been really nice to have Kris’s feedback and data as well. It is disappointing in that respect, but we are very pleased with the team’s performance and where we are right now for our first rally.”

Dani Sordo: “I am happy to finish, the car is good and so is the team. I think the weekend was very positive and after many kilometres on the rally we have learnt more about the car, which is important. Also the team has taken a lot of data and are now working hard for the future. In the fast parts of the stages we were close to the top times. The positive is the chassis is really good and it is really nice to drive on the fast road. If you have a good chassis this is most important. ”

Kris Meeke: “We said before the rally we wanted to see the speed of the car and we showed we have entered at a very good level in terms of speed. Obviously Dani’s car has worked faultlessly and he has had very good reliability. I have had a minor technical glitch and it appeared on both days and we didn’t want to take the risk running again today. We know the solution for that but we can’t do it this weekend but we will put that right in the coming weeks. Everyone is very positive so we just have to take it from here and go forward. We have to start our tarmac development now as we have three tarmac rallies coming up towards the end of the year. We have to start to learn the car on all different surfaces so we have a lot of development testing coming up. We just have to make sure we are strong in every area.”

Classifieds

Wanted to Buy

Mini Cooper S Mk II Australian. All conditions considered. Must be matching numbers car (original engine and body). Contact Roger, ph 027-555-3285.

Need that obscure Mini bit, but can’t seem to find it anywhere? Contact the Editor to place your ad here! Ads are FREE for club members, and run for up to 3 months, after which you will be contacted for renewal. Photos are OK too (will be cropped & resized to approx 4cm²).

Wanted to Sell

MG Metro engine and gearbox. Offers. Contact Bill, phone 027-279-9399.

Got a shed-load of obscure Mini bits? Need some cash? Solve both problems by contacting the Editor and placing your ad here! Ads are FREE for club members, and run for up to 3 months, after which you will be contacted for renewal. Photos are OK too (will be cropped & resized to approx 4cm²).

Write an Article

This is your newsletter too, so if you want to write an article, send in photos (preferably captioned), create a flyer or advertisement for your upcoming event, or just give me feedback, go for it!

Custom & Chrome Car Show

John Trewavas

This car show is the one which alternates between Palmerston North and Wanganui. This year it was held in the Square at Palmerston North on Sunday 20 March, so I thought I should go along, fly the club flag and all.

The day was not particularly successful as I believe there had been a hick up in the advertising. Anyway there was a total of 7 minis including a very nicely restored maroon one, which had its debut at last year’s Mini Nationals. There was a total of 30-odd cars, with the Mercedes Club having the most which I think was 12. One of the Mercedes got Best on Display.

Regardless of the poor turn out the weather was good and I had a very enlightening day chatting to various people.



Constitution of Minis Manawatu Incorporated

1. Name of the Club

The name of the Club shall be "Minis Manawatu Incorporated", hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

2. Objectives of the Club

The objectives of the Club shall be to:

- i. Promote good fellowship between Mini motorists and their associates; and
- ii. To instil pride of ownership and technical understanding of the marque; and
- iii. To preserve the Mini and its derivative vehicles and to foster all its uses; and
- iv. To promote competitive spirit between Mini motorists and their associates.

3. Membership

The Club shall consist of those persons who are members upon the date this constitution shall be adopted and any such other persons who may become eligible for membership in accordance with this Constitution.

4. Types of Membership

The Club shall provide for the following types of Club membership:

- i. Full membership, which shall apply to any person providing a completed membership form and payment of the subscription and acceptance thereof by the Committee.
- ii. Joint/family membership shall apply to any joint/family providing a completed membership form and payment of the joint/family membership subscription and acceptance thereof by the Committee. Notwithstanding any other clause in this Constitution, a joint/family membership shall entitle the joint/family member to only one (1) vote at any Club meeting.

5. Cessation of Membership

A member shall cease to be a member of the Club in any of the following events:

- i. He or she tenders his or her resignation in writing; or
- ii. He or she fails to pay the membership subscription by the 31st day of May; or
- iii. The member conducts himself or herself in a manner which, in the opinion of the Committee, is prejudicial to the good order and conduct of the Club.

6. Subscription

The annual Club subscription, which will include subscription to the Club publication, shall be decided from time to time by members at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club.

7. Subscription Payable

The annual Club subscription shall be due upon application for membership and thereafter due by the 31st day of May in each year.

8. Management

The control and management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee.

9. Election of Committee Members

1. The Committee shall comprise of the following:

- i. A Club Captain; and
- ii. A Secretary; and
- iii. A Treasurer; and
- iv. Five other Club members.

2. The Committee shall be duly elected each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and in the event that a tie exists in the election of any Committee member the outcome shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

10. Meetings of the Committee

1. The Committee shall meet periodically, but not exceeding intervals of two (2) months.
2. The Committee Secretary shall call meetings of the Committee at any time if requested by three (3) Committee members.
3. Should a Committee member be absent for three consecutive Committee meetings, that member shall automatically cease to be a Committee member, unless a reasonable explanation has been received and accepted by the Committee.
4. A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall not be less than four (4) Committee members.

11. The Club Captain

The Club Captain shall be the Chairman of all meetings of the Committee, the Annual General Meeting, and any Special General Meeting. If the Club Captain is not present within twenty (20) minutes of the announced starting time of any such meeting, the chair shall be taken by the Secretary. In the absence at any such meeting of both the Club Captain and the Secretary, the meeting shall be required to elect a Chairperson for the purpose of that particular meeting.

12. The Secretary

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a register of Club members, and in addition the minutes of each Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting, and Committee meeting held throughout the year. The Secretary shall bring to the attention of the Committee any correspondence received or dispatched.

13. The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep true and accurate accounts of the sums of monies received and expended by the Club, and when required issue receipts for all monies received on behalf of the Club, and bank the same within a reasonable time to the credit of the Club.

14. Casual Vacancy

The Committee may fill any casual vacancy on the Committee by co-opting any financial member of the Club. A member so co-opted onto the Committee shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

15. Bank Accounts

A bank account in the name of the Club shall be kept as decided by the Committee, and any withdrawal of monies, including the drawing of cheques, from any such account shall be attested to jointly by any two (2) of the Club Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer as the Committee may decide.

16. Payments

The Committee of the Club shall have the power to make such payments from the funds of the Club as are from time to time considered necessary to the good management of the Club.

17. Financial

The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of March, and at the following Annual General Meeting, the Treasurer shall present the summary of the receipts and payments for the year together with an income and expenditure account and balance sheet.

18. Meetings of the Club

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the 31st day of May in each year.
2. A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Committee for the purpose of considering special business.

19. Notice of Meetings of the Club

1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings shall be given to all financial members of the Club.
2. The Notice shall be in writing and specify the business to be transacted at the meeting.
3. Notice shall be served on Club members a minimum of fourteen (14) days before the meeting by being mailed to the last address of that Club member notified to the Secretary, provided, however, that the accidental omission or non-receipt of such notice shall not invalidate such meeting.

20. Voting Rights of the Club

1. Subject to clause 4(ii) of this Constitution, all financial members of the Club shall have one (1) vote each.
2. For the purpose of electing Committee members, voting shall be carried out by way of a show of hands.
3. In the event of an equality of voting at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting, the Club Captain shall not have the casting vote, however, the resolution shall be put to another vote, and in the event that there is still an equality of voting the resolution shall be lost.

21. Quorum for Club Meetings

A quorum for the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting of the Club shall be not less than ten percent (10%) of the Club's financial membership, with not less than ten (10) members being present.

22. Common Seal

The Common Seal of the Club shall be held in the custody of the Club Captain, and shall not be affixed to any document unless authorised by a resolution of the Committee, and shall be affixed only in the presence of two (2) members of the Committee, both of who shall sign the document so sealed.

23. Winding Up

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or body having objects similar to the Club, or for some charitable purpose within New Zealand.

24. Interpretation of the Constitution

The Committee shall be the sole authority for interpreting the Constitution, and upon any matter affecting the Club not provided for by the Constitution.

25. Alteration of the Constitution

1. This Constitution may be added to, repealed, or amended by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of Club members voting thereon at the Annual General Meeting or any Special Purpose Meeting of the Club. Before the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting where a proposal is to be made to amend the Constitution, notice in writing shall be given to the Secretary, who shall be required to advise all Club members in writing of the motion a minimum of fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The inclusion of this notice in any form of bulletin or publication of the Club which is forwarded to all financial members shall be considered as satisfactory notice.
2. No addition to, alteration, or revision of the Rules if it affects the personal benefit clause or winding up clause in this Constitution.

26. Personal Benefit

1. No member of the Club, or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the Club in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever.
2. Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in any arms length transaction (being the open market value). The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this Constitution, and shall be included and implied in any replacement Constitution.

27. Liability

The signing of a form of application for membership and the acceptance of membership with the Club by any person shall be deemed to:

- i. Represent full and complete acquiescence in the Rules of the Club and any amendments thereto; and
- ii. To fully and completely exonerate the Club from any and all liability for personal injury, loss or damage to property of any person contingent upon any activities of the Club, or the occupancy of any premises of the Club by any person.

28. Investment

Any surplus funds or monies not required for the day to day running of the Club may be invested or placed on term deposit at any reputable trading bank with the approval of the Committee.

Events Calendar

Date	Event	Venue & Time	Contact
2011			
Sunday May 22 nd	f Annual General Meeting.	Motorsport Manawatu Clubrooms, Kawakawa Rd, Feilding, 2:00pm.	any committee member
Sunday June 26 th	f 16 th Daybreaker™ Fun Trial.	To be confirmed, 6:30am.	Russell Rankin, 06 323 1408
Saturday July 23 rd	Mid Winter Dinner	To be confirmed	Any committee member
August	Raeleen/Peanut Event	To be confirmed	Raeleen/Peanut
September	If enough interest, Dyno day	To be confirmed	Russell
Labour Weekend October 21 st - 23 rd	f Hawkes Bay Minis - 17 th Annual National Mini Meet.	Hawkes Bay.	www.mini-hb.co.nz
November	Guyfawks evening	To be confirmed	Roo & Peanut
December	Festival of Lights Date/s to be confirmed Overnight Stay	New Plymouth	Raeleen

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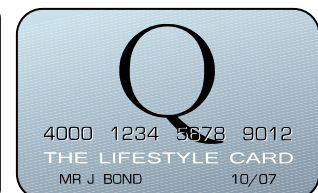
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