



Monthly newsletter of the Seattle Area Mini Owners Association

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It was tough to determine exactly how many Minis were at the show. Cars were coming and going, and some were parked off to the side of the event. Easily, there were more than a dozen present at any one time. For more photos, turn to Page 3.

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Minis and Binis turn out at the Issaquah root beer joint

The Issaquah Triple X hosts weekend car shows throughout the year. On any Sunday, you're likely to see a collection of muscle cars, orphan cars, hot rods, rat rods, tuners or European iron there. Regular showgoers see a broad range of interesting cars, but they always seem to be particularly intrigued with our Minis. This was the third Mini/Bini show at the venue, and the crowd's enthusiasm — gauged by the questions, conversations and snapping telephones — hasn't diminished.

Thanks very much to the members of PSMINI for the hospitality shown to us Mini owners at their Sept. 25 gathering.



September meeting minutes

The Sept. 20, 2011, SAMOA meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Tim Boyd at Noreen and Jerry Cloft's home. Minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dan Berglund reported no correspondence in or out.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chuck Heleker reported that the club bank account was up to date and balanced. Beginning balance from July was \$6,100.41. Expenses of \$105.95 covered a month of web hosting and a club P.O. Box for another year. There was no income for the month, so the ending balance was \$5,994.46. The report was approved by a voice vote.

Committee Reports

Membership: Chair Ed Sauer reported 92 paid members. Guests were Todd Kingston (friend of the Clofts), Pat Derouin (new member who was headed to Vancouver, Wash., to pick up five Minis), and Alain Calle (bought Jamie's van *Ecuadorito*).

Ed also mentioned that Toby May had renewed his membership — all the way from Indiana.

Newsletter: Editor Dan lost access to his usual multifunction printer for several days, so all but two members got their copies of *The SAMOAN* via email or from the web forum. Those two (no email addresses on file) got individually printed and hand-stapled copies sent to their homes. He thanked those members who get their newsletters online and via e-mail. They save the club considerable cost and the Editor considerable effort.

Chuck suggested setting up a time when he and Dan could get together and assemble a complete catalog of club newsletters.

Tool/Part Library: Chair Kelley Mascher reported no recent activity in the club tool collection, and then took a minute to explain the function of the library — those Mini-specific tools that are available to member-borrowers. Talk to Kelley if you need a special tool — a cone compressor, for instance — and don't want to spring for a purchase.

Events: Past events include the Portland ABFM that drew about 30 Minis over the Labor Day weekend; the Skyway Plaza show Sept. 10 (no one went); Victoria, B.C.'s Sept. 10 and 11 *Affair in the Park* (no one present went); and the Edmonds car show Sept. 11 (Chris and Ed Sauer went to ogle the Morris Minors and enjoy the downtown venue). Upcoming shows include the Christ the King gig in Broadview Sept. 24; the Sept. 25 PS MINI Mini/Bini show at the Issaquah Triple X; the Sept. 25 Snohomish car show; and the Oct. 1-2 Maryhill Car Show/Hill Climb overlooking the Columbia River. Oct. 2 is also the date of the Shoreline They Shall Walk benefit cruise and show, and the KING5/NW Harvest/SAMOA Food Drive will be along in December.

Tim would like to organize a tour or tours of SAMOA garages sometime. Think about it if you'd like to participate.

Regalia: Other Chair Patti Boyd brought some swag to the meeting and reported some stocks, such as hats, were running low and may need replenishing soon. Chuck asked about progress on getting new hats done, but none's been made.

Website: Kelley says the site is working well but is ugly right now. He says website committee members will need training on the new functions with Rodney, and that hasn't been arranged yet.

Mini Cooler: No bids were submitted, but James Thompson is interested in buying it. Sold.

Photo Site: Peter Larsen sent some photos in for the Flickr site recently, but Chair Tim would like more. If you have photos for the site, e-mail them to the President/Chair at qwickmini@gmail.com.

Old Business: MiniMania 10 percent discount cards will be available at the October meeting. If you order something before they're distributed, tell MM you're a member to get a break on the price.

Paul and Priscilla Woods reported they're slowly repairing Priscilla's car, and brought a cylinder head for show 'n tell.

New Business: Chuck asked about the desirability of occasional Saturday night video sessions. Recently recovered footage from the first Mini Meet, held in Reno in 1973, could be very compelling.

Ed brought his most recent purchase — the pale blue cabrio that was at the Greenwood show.

For Sale/Wanted: Chris Sukimoto is selling a set of 10x6 GB wheels with old 008s, a set of 165 Falkens, and arches. Chuck is looking for a Mk IV steering wheel. Mark is selling parts on the web forum. Alain is looking for sliding-window latches, a starter and other stuff.

Technical Discussion/Questions: Jerry mentioned his choke cable no longer locks. He was advised to replace it. Chris asked if a four-core radiator would fit in his Mk I car. Nope was the answer. He was advised to pick up a super two-core.

Next Meetings: The Tuesday, Oct. 18, meeting will be at Chuck's. The Tuesday, Nov. 15, meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Garagetown car condo in Federal Way. Pat has several cars there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29.

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ABOVE: They couldn't take their eyes off the root beer. LEFT: Ed's car on the lot. BELOW: Carl's car. BOTTOM: Doug and Mike's cars.



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October SAMOA meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m.
at Chuck Heleker's home
13422 80th Ave. S., Seattle

From Southbound I-5:

Take Exit 157, Highway 900/Martin Luther King Jr. Way S.

Go through both the 129th St. and the 68th Ave. S. intersections.

Keep an eye open and take 135th St. on your left.

Continue down 135th to the 'T' intersection and turn left.

Chuck's is the house on the right with all the Minis parked at the bottom of the steep driveway.

From Northbound I-5:

Take Exit 154, I-405 N./Highway 518.

Keep right at the fork in the ramp.

Take Exit 2, Highway 167, toward Renton/Auburn.

Keep left at the fork in the ramp, then keep right at the next fork.

Merge onto the Valley Freeway and go straight on Rainier Ave. S.

Turn left onto Sunset, then right onto Naches Ave. S.W. (80th Ave. S.). Look for Chuck's house on the right.

If you lose your way, call (425) 226-2783.