



Monthly newsletter of the Seattle Area Mini Owners Association

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ABOVE: Ma and Pa Kettle's place. ABOVE RIGHT: Tom Springer's Mini. BELOW THAT: Bill's, Dallas' and Greg's cars.

The Bellevue beat

Western Washington All British Field Meet goes on, on, on

The Bellevue show went fairly smoothly this year despite the absence of long-time organizer Arnie Taub. The weather cooperated, too — a welcome break from the below-normal gray drizzle we'd become accustomed to this year. The Minis were relegated to a high end of one of the lots, which provided some much-needed shade but also isolated the cars somewhat. Still, about 20 of our cars were on display, and the crowd that did make the climb saw a healthy variety of LBCs.



RIGHT: In the Cooper S corner, Steve Gay's Mini alongside John Maloney's.

July meeting minutes

The July 16, 2011, SAMOA meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by President Tim Boyd at Steve Gay's home. Minutes of the June meeting were corrected to include the following items:

- 25 Minis were at Chuck Heleker's home for the June meeting photo session.
- Dave Baughman was looking for 'S' disk brakes.
- It's important to note the comment about Don Dixon's car was a good-natured joke.
- That life-member joke was twisted beyond recognition.

With changes, the minutes were approved as published in the July newsletter.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dan Berglund reported no correspondence, but thanked Patti Boyd for capturing the minutes while he was away at Mini Meet.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chuck reported an ending balance from the June meeting of \$5,660.34. Expenses of \$9.95 covered a month of web hosting, and income of \$120 from membership and \$169 from regalia left an ending balance of \$5939.39. The report was approved by a voice vote. The bank statement has been balanced through June 30th. Note that the insurance does not cover us for speed events or events open to the public.

Committee Reports

Membership: Chair Ed Sauer was absent, so there was no report. Two guests, long-time Mini owner Merlin Staatz and his daughter Shelly Staatz Thiessen, were in attendance. Long-time (and lapsed) SAMOAn Bert Lobbergt has a new car and has re-upped, and was introduced.

Newsletter: Editor Dan reported sending out only 13 hard-copy newsletters for the month and thanked those members who get their newsletters online and via e-mail. They save the club considerable cost and the Editor effort.

Dan also mentioned connecting with Willie Murphy, a member who has belonged to the club for some time but lives in Eastern Washington and is out of range for many of our events.

Tool/Part Library: Chair Kelley Mascher said all tools are present and accounted for.

Events: Chair Don Dixon reported the June 25 Greenwood Show drew 700+ cars and 21 Minis. George Thompson won the trophy for Best 4-Cylinder and Chris Miller won Best British Car of the 60s and 70s.

Several members reported on the June trek to Lake Tahoe and Mini Meet West. Highlights included beautiful weather, challenging roads, lunch at the Samoa Cookhouse, a scenic meet location with about 130 cars, and an auto-cross at 8,000 feet. Lowlight certainly was Don's grenaded motor in Northern California.

Nine SAMOA Minis showed up in the car corral at SOVREN's NW Historics over the Fourth of July weekend. Participants got their fill of vintage cars (including a pair of California Minis) and vintage-car racing, along with parade laps around the Pacific Raceways course.

Upcoming events include tomorrow's Vashon Island Strawberry Festival car show and parade, the July 23 Western Washington ABFM in Bellevue, the Aug. 6 Belfair/Hood Canal Run, the Aug. 14 Port Orchard Cruz, and the Portland ABFM over the Labor Day weekend. On Sept. 25, PS MINI hosts a car show at the Issaquah Triple X, and on Oct. 2, the Maryhill Hill Climb will take place overlooking the Columbia River.

Noreen Cloft plugged the Vintiques Northwest Nationals hot rod show that will be held the first weekend in August in the Yakima Sundome. The event will include concerts and games.

Watch the club's Web forum for more info on these and other events.

Regalia: Other Chair Patti Boyd had no regalia at the meeting, but promised to have it all at the Bellevue show. She reported selling \$169 worth of regalia at the Greenwood show. Other Chair Dave Baughman is still working on a new crop of hats, jackets, etc.

Website: Website is all good. The web committee needs to meet with Rodney Bullington and is arranging a time.

Photo Site: Chair Tim said the Flickr site is getting new images. Stop in some time. If you have photos for the Flickr site, e-mail them to the President/Chair at qwickmini@gmail.com.

Mini Cooler: Mark Hurston had no news.

Old Business: No movement on new MiniMania discount cards. If you order something, tell 'em you're a member to get a break on the price.

New Business: None. BBQ was waiting, apparently.

For Sale/Wanted: Jeff Van Hurston is looking for reclining bucket seats.

Technical Discussion/Questions: None. BBQ was waiting.

Reminder: Pick up some free stuff on your way out — calendars, pads, fobs, etc. The ABFM is next Saturday.

Next Meetings: The August meeting will be held Tuesday the 16th at 7:30 at Mark Hurston's.

The meeting was adjourned and the BBQ commenced.



Cruisin' the Canal

The shores of Hood Canal beckoned and eight Minis responded to the call Aug. 6. Under brightening skies, the drive combined stretches of 106, 101 and 104 with an exciting network of scenic backroads (not to mention stops at the Hoodsport Winery and the Geoduck restaurant near Brinnon). Thanks to Carl Barfield for planning the run and to George Thompson for hosting a post-cruise potluck seafood soiree at his place on Maggie Lake.



TOP: A stop at the Hoodsport Winery provided a fleeting taste of local fruit. BELOW THAT: In the parking lot at Alderbrook. BELOW THAT: Assembling for departure. BOTTOM: Barth, Peter, Don, Carl, Chris and Ed at a stop near Seabeck.

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Coming events

9/3, 4, 5 Portland ABFM
9/25 PSMINI show at the
Issaquah Triple X
10/1, 2 Maryhill Hillclimb

August SAMOA meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m.
at Mark Hurston's home,
29 172nd Place SW, Bothell, Wash. 98012

To get there from I-5:

- Take Exit 183 and head east on 164th St. SW.
- Take a right at North Rd.
- After about 10 blocks, take a left onto 174th St. SW, toward Gravenstein Rd.
- Turn left onto Gravenstein, follow it for four houses.
- Turn left onto 172nd Place SW. The top right corner of the cul de sac is #29.