

### **Better late than never!**

**SORRY!!!** Fashionably late as ever, but I'm not going to mention about 'fashion', I had enough of it at SMD! Therefore, I'd better leave you to read about the fun stuff EDMC have been up to...and what's still to come before the year is out!

*Regards, Josie.*

### **Meeting 'Pubb' Changed!**

For those who may not know, and for those just to remind you, EDMC no longer meet at the British Queen pub, as we have 'grown out of it!' Instead, we now have a new venue, called 'The Pubb'! This is situated on the round-about in Lottbridge Road, Hampden Park. The landlord reserves us the 'Saloon bar' area, which also has a computer for access to the Web. The 'Pubb' does not serve food, but are happy to let you bring in a take-away! I'm sure you will agree it's a good choice!

### **Castle Coombe – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Said to be a great day out especially for those how are going on the track! All track passes & free entry passes have been taken but those who are still interested in going can still coming along. EDMC will be taking their track time between 9 – 11am so please be ready. A good service of your mini is recommended (by John) if you are to go on the track, even for the parade lap.

*"Just an oil & filter change, points & condenser (if you have them!) & a set of plugs if you can stretch to it!"*

Even if you don't want to take to the track there is plenty of show cars & traders to keep you busy. A convoy will be taken first thing Saturday morning to get to Castle Coombe (situated just off the M4 near Chippenham). For more details contact Dave or read the posts on the forum.

### **Rolling Road Shoot-out**

As a club, EDMC have been talking about this for a while – well, something's going to get done about it! Simon is in discussion with Gerald Dale in Hastings to get good price for a shoot out with another club, possibly Brighton, but also involving 'Mini Magazine' to do an article on it. Lots of names have already been given for taking part,

but if you are still interested or would like to find out more, please see Simon or leave a message on the forum. Currently the date set is towards the end of November.

### **Sports Day for Charity – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.**

Rachel is taking part in a Co-op inter-store charity school sports day at Ninfield Gentlemans Club, Ninfield, from 1pm to 5pm. Her Co-op store has got together a team of 5 to take part, but have been told they are allowed non-staff substitutions for the games, including races such as egg & spoon, fancy dress, three-legged race etc. If you would like to come along & have a laugh or even take part, Rachel would be grateful of the support! There is a bar available & there will also be a BBQ & bouncy castle. All money raised is going to BBC Children In Need.

### **New Club Photo**

Ideas are going around for organising a new club photo for the main website page. **At the next club meet in September there will be a photo taken outside the pub with members & cars, so please make it if you can!** Another idea was for a photo to be taken on a Sunday morning somewhere that 'says Eastbourne' (i.e. the pier) with as many members & cars there, then after the photos, go on a local cruise & end up somewhere for lunch! Sounds like a plan! (If you have any more ideas or comments, please let Rachel know).

### **Ace Café – 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Simon is organising a trip to the Ace Café, for the Mods 'n' Minis night, held every first Thursday of the month on the out skirts of northwest London. This time it is the 'Italian Job' special. It's a great night, great atmosphere with a charity auction (Lots of cheap bits!!) & just worth it for the Ace Café window sticker! It's a 2hr journey from Eastbourne; round the M25, M4, & A406. A nice 60mph pace around the motorway unless voted otherwise. Simon has said we would be aiming to leave Uckfield about 6pm. Last year, we left the café about 10pm, to get home for midnight. If you are interested in coming along, log onto the forum & leave a message or e-mail me on the address below.



# Southern Mini Days

*An account of the weekend!*

I wasn't too sure about southern mini days; spending a weekend in the company of Daz with a full karaoke set-up. Well I was proven wrong – I should have been more worried about the hangovers!!

With only 1 hour to pack everything into the car for the weekend Josie & I arrived in style (late as usual) to meet up with the lads & lasses, including new members John, Alison & Jack; the 'Gorilla hunting' collie! Tony's trusty stead was pumping fuel out of the over flow so tinkering started even before we got there!

Not long after we arrived. Rob arrived, family & fiends in tow (The clan). Daz picked a prime spot, crosswind from the cesspit stench, in view of the visitor's car park. Soon camp was a ready, borders marked, lights up, drinks opened & amps blazing 60's tunes. A passing Gorilla was warded off by the new EDMC guard dog; well-done Jack! Rachel led the evening with a Birthday Buffet for Shawn's 40<sup>th</sup>; the party had started! As the sun disappeared behind the horizon, EDMC lit up the night. Stephanie & family arrived after dark, with a bit of mini light soon settled in. From most of the site only one pitch could be seen to celebrate Xmas! The Karaoke arrived & stayed with us late into the night.

Saturday for many of us started with reminders of red wine & evidence of a stampede passing through the camp. Eventually we found our way around the traders & concours. As ever some of us drawled our way around some of the show cars, & brought the few essentials & china tack ('bling'!)

Meanwhile our neighbours had fun demonstrating mini exhaust back pressure; they shot a strongbox bottle 53 paces from the big bore mortar!

An afternoon cruise organized by SMOC lead to squeezing Dave, Rachel, Josie & I in the Equinox with John & Alison in their Racing Green tagging behind. Off we went on the Mystery Kent tour; a pleasant trip around the local area of which included a fun hump back bridge!

As the evening drew in, many of us had already parted with cash on essentials or like Daz - a centre consol. Rachel, Gemma & Josie prepared food for a BBQ & I took the honour of burning it on the BBQ! After some food & drink we regrouped in our 60's fancy dress & made our way to the bar & entertainment. Josie & Daz entered the catwalk fancy dress & made a proud club representation!

After, we all made an escape to the glow show; many fancy lights & interesting inspirations for next year! Que more drink & some dancing. Stephen proceeded to empty his litre bottle of Baileys....

Meanwhile the club camp, powered by two generators now, light up the beacon to guide home the clubbers, those too blind to see the lights drawn in with Elvis – & a good job of it too Paul!! The club tent drew in the crowds & many clubs came to join in, including some from LA (Little-'Ampton)!!

Sunday morning bought more evidence of a stampede & a tornado through the club camp. Jim & extended family arrived in force with more support from Stephanie's household. Without a doubt this was EDMC's biggest ever turnout; at least 23 cars!! Tony's stead was treated to a carb overhaul from the auto jumble & Stephen tried his luck in the sound test. Dave sneaked off with Josie to claim a prize in the concours for his mint surf blue mk1.

Eventually the camp disembarked: 14cars made an attempt to convoy home! Someone lost their hubcaps, Stephens grass tracking lead to another carb overflow blockage & Sarah separated from the crowd detoured via Lewes on her way to Hastings! All in all an uneventful return home from a great weekend with superb company!

**Simon Bell, 'Aka, Mininutter'**



## Minis By The Sea - Worthing

By Stephen

Minis by the sea was a relatively small but laid back show attended by some of the EDMC members on Sunday 13th August. There were six of us on the club stand in total with a few more cars scattered about elsewhere. Although the weather was a bit dodgy, I don't think it put too many people off; it was more sunshine & showers than L2B 2006 style. When the sun did come out it was a good chance to have a wander about the show & head down to the town centre for some grub. Strangely enough there was no food on site in order to 'look after local businesses' or something so I headed down to a restaurant called KFC to taste the local Worthing delicacies. And it was good!

There were quite a few decent cars on show including a supercharged van, a selection of cool clubman estates & some original looking classics. The club stand looked as good as most & hopefully we might have picked up a couple more members. There were only a couple of trade stands & one or two stands of auto jumble but it was nice enough to just sit around chatting & breaking the occasional table (Sorry....) I think it was of poor build quality personally, & what with the uneven ground & that...

Anyway, in all it was a good day out & more relaxed than some of the larger mini shows on the calendar. The journey back was a nice drive in convoy along the coast past Shoreham, Hove, Brighton etc and we all made it back without any breakdowns!



### Mini Factory Tour Visit

Simon has been planning on a BMW Factory tour visit & so would like people to put names down so he can book it. Also in the pipeline is a Go-karting session at Filching Manor. If you are interested or would like to know more catch up with Simon at the next club meet or call him on 07875056610. Thanks.

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## Success for the Hastings Fish & Chip run!

Rachel & Tony's cruise the other week was a great success with plenty of winding roads and laughs! Simon, as usual, decided to make his own inventive route to Hastings but apart from that little 'miss guided' mini, all convoyed safely & ended up at the sea front at Hastings, just in time for fish & chips for dinner! The cold windy weather at the seafront prevented the club from participating on the crazy golf, but a few 'kids' did get their chance on the go-carts! Well done Rachel & Tony! **(There is further talk for another run to be planned called 'The Nansie Tea run'...more details to be revealed further in the year!!)**



### Events coming soon...(plus organisers)

- **1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – Goodwood Racing circuit Revival
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – British mini Days, Stafford
- **7<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Ace Café Italian Job special, 6pm, London (Simon)
- **10<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Mini World sponsored Nation Mini Owners Club show, Stanford Hall
- **17<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Sainsbury's Mini Run
- **30<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Mini World Action Day, Castle Coombe Racing circuit (Rachel/Dave)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Winter Warmer, Newquay
- **19<sup>th</sup> Nov** – EDMC Go-Karting @ Filching Manor (Simon) – [date may change]

#### TBA:

*Rolling Road – end of November – (Simon)*

*Treasure Hunt Cruise – (Viv, aka 'Mumsie')*

*The Nansie Tea Run*