

BLOG August 2010 : Written by Jerry Filor

Firstly, the best news for Motor racing fans, Donington Park has been granted its racing licences to hold bike and car racing, so it's back to business !



The Wheatcroft family have retaken over the running of race meetings starting with a weekend of Historic car racing (from the Masters Race Series) running from September 3rd to 5th. It is being billed as a commemoration of the late Tom Wheatcroft's life and during the weekend there will be track demonstrations of some of the Donington Museum exhibits.

I was hoping to speak to some club members who went to Mini In The Park in August, rumour has it, it wasn't as good as it could have been with not many of the big parts suppliers attending. I have been told at least 5 club members went so please let me know next time.

Simon and Jeanette turned up in their Chrysler PT Cruiser, opened their boot (or Trunk as the yanks would say.....) which was full of bits of mini, a veritable garage clear out.

Mark has been offered another mini kit, in bits, so he had a few select parts from Simon, some hubs from Clive and a selection of Wheels (minilites and steelies) from Jon.....deals a plenty ! This will help Jon finally refurbish his Compomotive TF alloys (rare alloy wheels from the late 70's).

Jon couldn't believe his luck when a single Compomotive wheel came up on the interweb, on a popular on-line auction site and to his

surprise his bid of £5 was the winner ! This means he now has a total of 5.....so a spare for the boot !



A big thank you to all that offered me advice on the correct fitting of my spotlights. I got fed up with looking at them in my garage so a couple of weeks ago I set too and fitted the brackets and lights without wiring. I then attempted to use the bought wiring kit without success. This I tried using the Cooper plugs and Simon S found a second plug hidden in the loom at the front, but again they were dead.....having got so close to having them work I had to run over to Gaulby to Clive, who managed to unravel the mystery and got them illuminated ! It seemed that when the previous owner had put things back together after the front end refurbishment six years ago, the wiring for the spots had not been made to work, so it was left...helpful !

I know they are only cheap lights, but it does now look like a "proper" Rover Mini Cooper.

It was an interesting convoy to Foxton Locks in about 3 elements.....By the time the back half of the queue got to the main road, the front half had disappeared, unbeknown to us, they had gone to Gary's to offer him a lift ! The back three of Chris, myself and Simon & Jeanette set off towards Foxton. This group split again with Chris going via the A6, whilst myself and Simon followed the A47 and across....

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MINI WANDERERS

Chris got there first, we were second, then we thought we must have gone to the wrong venue as no main convoy.....however, eventually we all arrived at Foxton Locks and a good chat was had by all ! We met Mark's Dad (who is embarking on a project Mini re-build with Mark) and it was also nice to see our major Customised mini "The Rat" with owner Carl one more. It certainly still looks menacing with it's fine two tone paint job !

SOCIAL BIT :

Sunday 12th September : Stanford hall, final "BIG" show of the year (that I'll be missing for the 3rd year running....). A club stand for 12 cars has been booked so all you members with something that resembles a mini its your last chance to get them on the road for 2010 ! Meeting point will be The Midland 8.0am onwards for an 8.30am leave to the venue (near Lutterworth).

Good Weather is always assured so lets go out with a bang (not literally) and "Up the Wanderers".

30th September : Club Night – The Badgers Sett @ Cropston. Usual time, 7.30pm at the Midland with leave prompt at 7.45pm.