

BLOG 29th January 2009 : Written by Jerry Filor

A good turn out for a club night, and a welcome to Steve and Sarah, former long standing members, sadly no longer have a Mini in their lives. Steve said he just didn't have the time to lavish affection on one. One positive note they still pull on the leathers for motorcycling.

A good day out at Bingley Hall, as the first big show of the season it was very well attended, and well organized. Good to be out on the road in a Mini convoy, battling down the A50, trying to keep up with the front three as they disappeared into the distance. Great to see Shaun again, roadworthy and working, I've spotted it twice with Matt his new minder since, in and around Leicester.

Someone must have been listening to John as this year they segregated non Minis from Minis in the parking area. Highlight was a very nice Paul Smith Mini for a £1 if you were lucky, and the unveiling of the Margrave Mini, one of 50 which will be built for this 50th year. Some nice club exhibits on the upper floor on a Sixties Theme and a good gathering of Paul Smith minis downstairs. There were two very innovative mini back ends turned into catering or music centres, in stunning colours.

James G. is selling his supercharged engine to

replace it with a VTEC arrangement, which will shoe horn into the front of a Clubman, rather than the usual Z type rear



arrangement on round fronted minis.

Chris hasn't had a lot of time to look at his Matchbox mini but it is early in the year yet. I spent a lot of time asking about the fitting of auxiliary gauges as I had them fitted and working on Shaun, but haven't managed it on my Cooper. I have copious diagrams and loads of advice so when the nice weather comes I shall have another go. I also want to restore full Cooper credibility by fitting two spots which again will enter the scary world of car electrics. I picked up a fitting kit from Bingley with relay, line fuse and wiring diagram so I just need lamps and a switch and a spare weekend with subtropical temperatures to do it.

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Neil has purchased his damaged Cooper back from the insurance company, and intends to transfer the engine into his van.

Carl showed around pictures of his project in progress. It is now up to primer stage with very nice wing fairing in and a different side exhaust exit through the Body kit. It will be red and white when finished and very imposing it should look with its wide track and electronic etc. and dials etc

26th FEBRUARY WILL BE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE PAYMENT TIME.

A mere £10.00 per person or £15.00 for a family ticket, a bargain as you can soon recoup that with your 10% off Parkers Car Spares.

Also February 26th will be the planning of events meeting, we didn't seem to do too much last year as a Club so hopefully this can be put right at February's meeting.