

## BLOG 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009 : Written by Jerry Filor

**D**ear all, there we are, almost now at Summers end, where has all the time gone ! and like Buses, Mini Shows are well spaced out, then 2 great shows IMM 2009 and Mini in the Park on consecutive weekends.....Hopefully with less choice next year we will all be going to Mini in the Park, hopefully still at Santa Pod.

However, both shows were in August so I can't officially talk about them until next time !

**A** good meet up at the Midland for an unusually large mini convoy of 11 cars, the best number mustered this year, plus Chris (in Volvo) and Clive meeting us at the Griffin Inn at Swithland. The 11 cars soon became 10 as a potential new member (owner of a very well presented Primula yellow mini) came to the pub but then mysteriously disappeared ! Clive, although he was late, made up for it by buying chips (a club tradition !).....

**I**t was the first time I have seen "the Rat" on the road, and very impressive it looked too with the two tone white / red paintwork. I didn't have a chance to look at the trick bonnet opening



arrangement or side exit exhaust...maybe next time !

**P**ete, Calum and Mark made the trip to Crich for the Mini Day. There were a few trade stands and Mini parades up and down the main street. Looking at the movie Katie took while in the parade herself, I picked out Pete's Clubbie estate, Mark was in front apparently and my brother was there somewhere... It

sounded like a good day was had by all, and would be worth looking at for next year !

**C**live has been able to spend a bit more time on his K-series project and showed some more progress made in pictures from his mobile phone (the wonders of technology !). At the IMM there was a complete K-series conversion on show (from Watsons rally) with a bespoke front subframe at a cost of £800. There didn't seem to be an awful lot of room left in the engine bay though !

**A**t Ashby Folville Classic Car and Bike meet on 14<sup>th</sup> July Mark spotted James G smoking his mini down the main street from what seemed a very well attended meet. It seems that James has now sold his Supercharged A



series engine and intends to have a Honda VTEC (already bought) installed, once a suitable subframe is purchased. Big engine, lighter car, 5 speed gearbox, effortless performance straight out of the box rather than a screaming A-series.....it says it all really !

**J**on unfurled the new club banner, a striking addition to the clubs assets, and we never got lost once at IMM because we had it !



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# MINI WANDERERS

It was brought up again about a Powder coating machine for a club purchase, and the possibility to coat items as big as wheels etc..

And now to.....the Social Bit

Next Club Meeting August 27th – Run to Foxton Locks. Meet at the Midland for 7.20pm for 7.30 departure....

September 5<sup>th</sup> – Syston carnival ! Lets do it in Minis' 50<sup>th</sup> year !

Septemebr 13<sup>th</sup> – Stanford Hall, Lutterworth. Club stand is booked, entry is £11 per car, on the day.....Meeting time to be arranged at next club night.

Septemebr 24<sup>th</sup> – Club meeting at Cropston Reservoir Pub. Again, 7.20pm meet for 7.30 departure...

Swithland runners.....



The Mysterious disappearing mini....

