

BLOG June 2010 : Written by Jerry Filor

Apologies for lateness, am having my own employment problems at the moment, not quite as bad as Neil's or Gary's (which are both now hopefully on the mend...), but worrying all the same.

6 Minis, including new member, Leigh, who paid his subs on his first visit (does he know what he's let himself in for....). This must be a record ! His Red and white Sportspack MPi sported the largest Spot lamps I have seen, which had attractive



paralleled glass units. They looked like Cibies, but I wasn't sure...but I am certain that they would certainly improve the night time driving experience somewhat, over sealed beam headlights....

Which prat organised the Chip Run on the day of the (last) England World Cup Quarter final against Germany.....Oh, it was me ! Oh well, they lost anyway and it will only be the European Championships next year....so it might go ahead then !

Clive passed around yet more pictures of bits of St.Elf, which is now more recognisable as a potential vehicle. He is creating his own rear subframe substitute at the moment and the central monocoque is looking more car shaped each time new pictures are provided....one day soon, who knows, it may appear from the garage sporting a wheel in each corner !

Mini-less Glynn rode shotgun with Pete.

Glynn's son Ryan, having sold his mini, has now purchased a Polo GTi, with luxuries such as leather upholstery and a heater that actually works. It's amazing what bells and whistles you get "as standard" in modern machinery.....think back to the days when mini appeared in 1959, even a heater was an optional extra ! Glynn was trying to be persuaded to buy a mini just for playing with.

We set off in convoy to the Grain Store in Oakham then convoyed off around Rutland Water. Somehow, Chris and I were out-guessed as to whether the main group (led by Jon) went North or South shore as we were held up at traffic lights in the centre of Oakham. We eventually exchanged gestures travelling in opposite directions at Manton and then all met up again at the grain store. It bodes well for a 750mile journey to Switzerland next year, the fact we can't even get round 20 miles of inland lake without losing someone !

Thanks to Mark and Clive for providing the chips. Leigh hadn't quite grasped the tradition of Newest member gets the chips in...

Chris said his mini is almost back on the road. He has to pull his finger out as tickets to IMM Switzerland are now available and planning for the road trip will have to start soon. Mark has shown interest as well...

Clive, we believe, has bought a "complete" mini so that he can attend mini club meetings actually in a mini ! perhaps it could also be

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MINI WANDERERS

used as a back-up to project St'elf....assuming it's not ready for a potential Swiss debut ?

! bullied the Gaydon Organisers to send me some free tickets for the 4th July Mini festival. Pete was the only member to take up the offer of one of the 12 free tickets that I had managed to negotiate for the club. I hear on the grape vine that the dreaded hub nut saga continues...more next month I am sure !

Tickets for the Crich Tramway museum Mini Day have already been distributed. Glynn may now be looking for a ride....and he has 2 free entry tickets.

I am not going to attempt to book anything on a club level for Mini in the Park on Sunday 15th August. There are many permutations, but the



best deals are basically for pre-booking. It looks as if it could be as cheap as £6 for a mini and driver, and £8 for a

passenger for pre-booking but up to £15 on the day....Under 14's are free. If you are interested in Camping on the Saturday (14th August) then a further £5 to be paid on the day is available. This includes a party and live music.....if you need further information you can contact :

E-mail : info@miniinthepark.co.uk

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SOCIAL BIT :

25th July : Crich Tramway Museum Mini Day : Club stand (Free tickets already allocated).



Suggested meeting point : layby on A46 / A606 roundabout (heading toward Nottingham) 8.30am (for arrival ~ 9.30 – 10am @ Crich).

29th July : Griffin Inn - Swithland, be at the Midland for 7.30pm and depart @ ~ 7.45pm.

15th August : Mini in the Park, Santa Pod raceway. Convoy to be arranged for those attending

5th August : Ace Café Mod "n" Mini night

