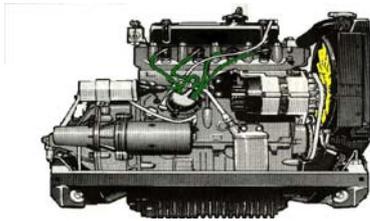


## BLOG 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 : Written by Jerry Filor

A good turn out of minis this month, plus Clive's motorbike, Neils Corsa and my Focus. We nearly lost Matt and Biker Clive but eventually we arrived at Normanton-on-Soar.



it...Callum has expressed an interest as he wants an engine to strip down to increase his knowledge and hopefully put it all back together.



There was a general moan about insurance costs for under 21 year olds and in particular Adrian Flux who are supposed to be offering competitive rates for mini owners young and old....

I asked about the second show of the year, British Min Clubs Himley Hall. This show is always a risk as it is all outside ! This year those that went were blessed with fine weather, but a general feeling that it was not as good as last year. It didn't appear to be set out as well, but all the expected trade stands were there for those bargains.....Gary also tried to sell our remaining fridge magnets to a trader as a job lot but negotiations broke down....



It seems that BMW are emphasizing the fact that they own the "Mini" name, bought with Rover before offloading the company to Re-launch "Mini" as a Brand in its own right – sold

through your friendly local BMW dealer. It has been pointed out that Huddersfield Mini Spares no longer trade with the word "Mini" in their advertising. Does this mean that we are going to end up with space Spares and space Sport as traders in the future !??

Neil is having further van troubles at the moment. He has a battery problem...it isn't holding charge for long ! On the plus side he has successfully installed a walnut dash. In typical fashion, what should be an easy operation turned into 2 days of intense work as the dash was too wide and the bodywork had to be prised apart to fit it in ! The bonus is a very tight, non-rattling fit, so worth the effort. Also the fuel gauge is showing full all of the time – of course this could be a fiendish Government trick to stop people buying petrol !



IMM news.....Matt asked for an IMM form so I sent that off, it looks like we have a reasonable number of members attending the whole weekend !

Matt is also impressed with his Mini's cool running in the current climate..

Former Shaun's stable mate on my back garden, Mini Rose has now been sold ("hurrah"). It was turning into a bit of a garden ornament. I am still getting enquiries for it 10 days after it was put on the web !

Carl showed around some pictures of his project in progress, now in its red and white final colour scheme. It has a

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front lifting flip front with faired in wings and lights, should make it look a real stunner !

**G**live intends to have a front lifting (clam shell) flip front on his Mini project as well. He showed us a picture of his mini right at the start of the project !



**C**hris said his Matchbox Mini with an MG metro engine is leeching oil out from a hole in the bottom of the engine...not desirable !

**J**ames G is awaiting a Stage 4 headed engine for his Clubman.

**G**eneral consensus was that modern semi-synthetic oils don't protect old engine seals as well as mineral oils do.

**L**ast, but not least...the Social Bit

**G**ary was trying to whip up some interest in the Chatsworth Rally Show on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are quite a few members going to Gaydon on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Gary has sent off his application for the Heritage run to the show.

Next Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June : Rutland Water.  
Meeting at the Midland 7.20pm for 7.35pm departure...

Melton posse to meet en-route at Wilton Road car park opposite the Kettleby Cross @ 8pm.

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Gaydon Mini Show. Departure time from the Midland to be discussed at next meet....