

BLOG November 2010 : Written by Jerry Filor

A small but beautifully marked of Mini Wanderers gathered at the Midland for our November chin wag. Due to the inclement cold weather we didn't stay outside for long, but just long enough to investigate Calum's mini, a seven month time span from complete strip down to a complete recreation in Transit van white. The transformation from blue mini city to low slung retro racer is not quite complete, with a few small issues to iron out – a sticky throttle and the replacement of a rear wheel arch, because it was rubbing on the tyre.....

Chris almost has his Matchbox mini ready for the road, it's at the point of M.O.T'ing. Once he has the all important "ticket" in hand it'll be all systems go for IMM 2011 in May...and Switzerland looms ! Chris already has his IMM ticket and ferry tickets booked but there is still time to book your own and go in convoy with him.

Clive is almost ready to put another Mini on the road as his late model Cooper MPi is now almost finished. It is now sporting many replaced features including a Mk 1 Grille and surround, 6x10" minilights – once destined for ST'elf, Black alloy callipers to allow the fitment of the 10's....third time lucky ! and quite a bit of new metalwork to keep the tinworm at bay.

Clive is already planning ahead and is hoping to go 16v for the MPi at some stage, but not using a KAD or BMW K1100 cylinder head....but considering a 1275cc Nissan Micra engine. Not the first choice you would think of, but apparently small enough to fit and also the advantage of 5 speed box ! if he is able to modify a standard Cooper air box you would find it hard pushed to tell the difference !

It was an interesting evening at the pub, there was entertainment in the form of a live singer and a karaoke, so as well as shouting to one another all night, we also had the pleasure of one female

singer not managing to hit any of the correct notes, lovely !

Informative section....who says this isn't public service media !

Under a new law owners of classic cars which are off the road could face prosecution if their cars are not insured, or have not declared SORN.

The Continuous Insurance Enforcement (CIE) law, which comes into effect from January 2011, will put owners whose cars are temporarily uninsured, but still taxed, in danger of being fined up to £1000 or having their cars impounded.

The CIE law is intended to cut the number of uninsured drivers on the road. If SORN has been declared on your car, then it doesn't need to be insured.....but is obviously at your own risk !

Notice to car buys.

The DVLA may refuse to register vehicles that are without a vehicle identification number and / or an engine number. The DVLA may ask the police to inspect cars without either one of these identification numbers.

SOCIAL BIT :

Out Christmas Do will be at the Wheel Pub and Indian restaurant in Rearsby on Wednesday, REPEAT Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm for 8pm eating. Thanks in advance go to Pete for organising it.....

A very merry Christmas to all and here is hoping for more mini's on the road for our first outing in January.....