

## BLOG 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 : Written by Jerry Filor

Venue – outside the Badgers Sett at Cropston. We keep going to these very popular drinking establishments and the great thing is the good turn out of club members and minis. This often means we are either banished to alternative bars, like at Foxton Locks evening or sitting outside at Cropston.

For the first time in many years the club attended the Syston carnival, seven cars took part and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the parade competition. A BIG thanks to Jeanette for the



car dressing – Michael Caine glasses (not alot of people know that...) And thanks to attendees on stand at the Carnival with information about

the club etc... Also some mini fridge magnets were sold, and club members won prizes in the raffle, so a good day was had by all !



Stanford Hall 13-9-09. Another glorious day, 12 minis on stand (14 in convoy to Stanford as we were joined by 2 members of Linc Mini Chaos). This year we were a lot nearer the central area, just behind the Miniworld stand. The secret must be to book early, as soon as the date is known ! Club members felt it was a bit



quieter than usual, but preferred the charge per



car rather than per passenger. As Glyn pointed out, it was expensive at Mini in the Park, as this was charged per person.

Ashley did a stonking

job of selling fridge magnets, an obvious Richard Branson in the making, taking the magnets to the punters and selling all of them ! What a Star ! Simon spent money (and had a go on the travelling Dyno), Ryan spent even more money on a stage 3 head and roller rockers (whatever they are) but Glynn said is still runs like a bag of spanners, or more anglo saxon words like it ! Not bad for an 850cc ! I think Simon had his car Dyno tested at Stanford, and also heard Pete say the people doing it have a rolling road in Melton.

I think after Ryans sorted his engine out he will be looking for a Banzai pant job and full body kit....because He can !



Jon has picked up a Speedwell rev counter, at last ! the well known internet auction site proved it's worth with a bargain £50.





He now has his Smiths RVI 8000rpm rev counter to sell if anyone is interested. At Stanford hall he bought some new carpet and a nice stainless period fog light.

Out came the laptop and pictures from Jon's Goodwood Revival weekend, evoking sights and sounds of the bygone racing era. The highlight of the day was a 30 strong field of pre '65 Mini coopers and a lone Wolsley Hornet.



The St Mary's Trophy was eventually one by Oliver Gavin and Owner Nick Swift (of Swiftune racing fame) in a Morris Mini Cooper S.



My driver at Castle Coombe was saying that he thought all the front row had engines prepared by Slark Engineering.

Tale of woe corner starts with Calum, saying he has gear selection problems, with it jumping out of gear once selected.

Jon's mini is being treated by Brooksby's finest (under the best tuition of course...) to a new CV joint, ball joint replacement and the hand brake sorting (which has decided to bake free from the floor....).

Mark is presenting his Mini HL to the students at a later date to in the hope they will spot that

it needs a new steering rack. He's hoping to source this from Rutland Minis for fitment !

And now to the social bit....

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October : Gary is looking to sort out some Karting for a week on Saturday. He is looking for about a dozen members to make it worth the companies while...

## **VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE SOCIAL DIARY :**

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Club Night at the Midland in Syston. Usual 7.30pm – 8.00pm meet

November 26<sup>th</sup> – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wreake Mini Wanderers Slot car Cup (currently held by Jon). Meeting at the Station Inn, Loughborough. Cost is £5 per person for a good competitive night out. As Vic and Bob would say “ Lets see those fingers”. Those meeting at the Midland need to be there 7.15pm for prompt departure at 7.25pm. Jon, get practicing !