

BLOG May 2011 : Written by Jerry Filor

A small band met up at the Gate hangs well before setting off cross country to Foxton.



Chris arrived in his Nissan, which we thought was a bit odd, as he is due to go to the IMM in Switzerland very soon ! All was soon revealed as Chris told us his tale of woe...the head gasket had blown, but looking on the bright side, at least it went close to home instead of in the middle of France or Germany ! Chris' brother said he could go with a friend of his in his mini, but 3 grown men in a mini with all their kit would mean it's a bit cosy ! This was incentive enough for Chris to get the head gasket fixed. Chris also said previously that the LeMans classic was the same weekend, but has now found out that it is in fact next year !

Clive has been rather busy on both mine and Jon's minis lately, so much so that he is going to employ Trevor the welder to work on his MPi Cyril, which needs sills, A-panels and much of the front end.....

Jon's mini is running rather well at the moment (thanks to Clive's endeavours and a much needed head gasket) and he would like to get it on a rolling road, or at the very least a gas analyser to have it set up. The only downside is his heater, which didn't rattle

before....but does now ! a small price to pay for added performance.....

We think Mark has now finished putting his HL back together, following the completion of the front end bodywork and spraying. It is also reported that it now sports a 1030cc engine, so could now be quite the street sleeper !

Robin's mini had it's front wheels off at the time of writing, with work being carried out on the clutch and gearbox, so isn't being driven very far at the moment ! he also has an MOT pending as well, just to add insult to injury....

Matt and Steve went down to Crystal Palace for the L2B and by all accounts had a good few days ! Steve has invested in a frog eyed sprite to play with...just to keep his hand in.

Clive is putting up for sale a square arched MG Midget, in pieces but basically all there at £400....storage of the said Midget is being lost so it's gotta go ! Since this meet, Matt's dad has secured a deal on Midget, so it is now in new hands and now waiting for the restoration to start !

Unfortunately for Clive has now lost the storage facility for St'elf so is looking for alternatives, or he will have to sell it on...



A.O.B

Robin has been looking into rolling roads close(ish) to Leicestershire and Southam Mini and Metro Centre seems to be the best bet in terms of distance and cost..... If we are interested as a club having either a tuning session or Dyno shootout (a club first !) then typical costs are :

- single car going for a tuning session will cost £80/hr + VAT and parts (usually just a needle change at about a tenner),
- A " Dyno Shoot Out" will cost £25+VAT per car with the cost coming down the more cars we can get on the day.

Southam also said that if people were wanting any tuning done on the dyno day it would cost £60+ parts and VAT.

Any interested parties can open discussions at the next club meeting !

SOCIAL BIT :

26th June : Chip run to Cromer. Please let Gary know if you are interested.

30th June : Mystery Club run : The Gate Hangs Well 7.20pm for depart @ 7.30pm. A magical mystery tour of the county.....

3rd July : Gaydon Mini Festival, club stand has granted with 12 free entries + 6 "support" vehicle passes. www.minifestival.co.uk