



# REME ROADS

## Founder's Message



A third of 2010 is now behind us. 2010 has brought Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts continued growth in membership. We now have well over 700 member cars! Despite the positive growth in numbers, 2010 is proving to be year similar to the past 3. With slow to no economic growth and a continued National unemployment rate

nearing that of the Great Depression (exceeding it in many areas), members are forced to call their shots of what events they are able to attend. I know I miss all those multi-day events we had in 2005-2007 and look forward to a much anticipated recovery.

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### Have An Idea?

Have you been dreaming about the perfect activity or event for the club to pursue, thoughts drifting through your mind, with run maps in your imagination?

Do you know of the best unexplored road?

Turn your driving fantasy into reality and share it with your fellow Mini drivers!

Submit your plans now for inclusion in our event calendar.

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Mappers are standing by!

Email [zied@redwoodempiremini.com](mailto:zied@redwoodempiremini.com) for details!





FOUNDER'S MESSAGE  
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Fortunately we still have relatively good attendance at most of our functions. Because we hold events scattered throughout Northern California, members are able to participate in runs and shows near to home and avoid the added cost of motel rooms and meals out. We



don't see all the regulars at every event but we do all meet up at some of the larger ones. With the runs scattered we have been able to enjoy a larger percentage of newer members' participation in each regional event.

Here is a brief highlight of REME planned events in the first four months of 2010 and where we are headed for the next few months. Since our newsletter has become solely distributed electronically, you will find many more hyperlinks in my messages and in future articles.

January 24, 2010 – [A Gold Country Run](#) from El Dorado Hills to Sacramento (the 150+ mile route)

February 14-15, 2010 – [MINI Thunder](#) at Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows ([Photos](#))

March 13, 2010 – [Fairfield to Berryessa and Beyond](#) a four county and 150+ mile run ([Photos](#))

April 3, 2010 – [SV-REME Folsom to El Dorado Hills](#) Breakfast & 58 mile run

April 10, 2010 – [MS-REME Coleman Picnic](#) and 120+ mile run

April 17, 2010 – [Auburn-Placerville-Jackson](#) 120+ mile run ([Photos](#))

We have a very busy last week of April, May and June planned, including both club planned events and regional car shows. Here is a highlight:

April 22-25, 2010 – Hot-Orama Car Show, Shasta Fairgrounds, Anderson

May 2, 2010 – [Marin Headlands Run](#) and Nike Site Tour and Picnic (146 miles)

May 8, 2010 – MS-REME Scott Mountain Run

May 15, 2010 – Mini Mania's Nevada City Adventure

May 16, 2010 – SV-REME Sierra Foothills Run

May 23, 2010 – UBSCC Woodland All-British Car Show

May 29 – June 6, 2010 – British Car Week (drive your car everywhere)

June 5, 2010 – MOASF Hayward British Field Meet

June 5-6, 2010 - Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival, Infineon Raceway, Sonoma

June 5-9, 2010 – MINIs & Mickey Coastal drive to Disneyland

June 12, 2010 – Healdsburg to Point Arena Run (180 miles)

June 25- July 1, 2010 - Mini Meets West, Penticton, British Columbia

There is absolutely no reason not to be present at one of the events above. We have at least one event that every member should be able to attend in the next 10 weeks. Visit our REME MegaBBS and review the calendars and forums for additional information. Please RSVP early for events to assist the organizers in planning. I look forward to seeing all of you at a future run or show.

By Peter Ziedrich, Founder





KOOL APRIL NITES WAS HOT!

On Friday, April 16, 2010, the Mt. Shasta Chapter of Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts gathered at the CVS Drug Store at the corner

all that "Horse Power", but Pynt Syz, Miny Me S, and Bruzer were crowd favorites. They sure got plenty of photos, looks, and cheers.

Pynt Syz just got a new Windup key, and added LED lighting under the car to sparkle on the route. Bob & Linda have been prepping and modding Mini Me S including a "taking horn"

"talk of the town". We had 21 MS-REME Minis in the corral, all polished and shined to sparkle as crowds walked by all evening taking a glance and asking questions. I think we even gained about 5 new members.

Looking forward to next year to be even Bigger & Better, but for now we have to start getting ready for Hot-ORama next week, where again several of our members will have their beloved Minis on display.

By Norm Nelson



of Cypress & Churn Creek in Redding to enjoy the 21<sup>st</sup> Kool April Nites Friday Night Cruise. It was a beautiful warm, clear night. We had an area on the grassy lawn reserved with canopies, blankets, and folding chairs. We had 21 MINI/Minis in our reserved corral and Tom & Kathy Zeh hosted a big Mexican dinner, complete with live music for nearly 100 people.. Three of our classic Minis were entered and participated in the Cruise. With over 1800 Classic American Hot Rods circling the Redding downtown, you would have thought our Minis would have been dwarfed by

which amused the crowd estimated to be near 30,000. Buzer, a beautiful Blue 1965 Mini Pickup Truck, owned by Steve & Stacy Lowery was just finished with painting and upgrades that morning was pulling a Mini Tears Teardrop Trailer built by Kurt Bowden. These three Minis were the





EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

It looks like the rainy season is drawing to a close here in Northern California. With that comes dry roads to explore and great BBQ's by the pool. It also means the coming of new things.

But before we hit the road, let's do a safety check on our autos.

Check all of the fluid levels (oil, power steering fluid, brake fluid, coolant, etc.) as well as the condition of the belts, brakes and



tires. Check your owner's book for suggested tire inflation levels and take a torque wrench to the lug nuts to make sure your wheels don't fall off in a fast curve.

If you are not the handy type, our great Mini dealerships, like [Niello Mini](#) in Sacramento, can help you get your Mini thoroughly inspected and road ready.

With time advancing comes change.

Technology marches on and I would like to note that this newsletter was completely prepared, edited, and designed on my new [Apple iPad](#) while sitting on the sofa in front of the big-screen TV (The A's are losing again!).

I am very impressed with this device. I can't wait to hit the road with it and finally have a large screen GPS map on my dash, as opposed to the tiny screen on my Garmin Nuvi.

Yes, I'm a geek.

Have a great Spring season and be safe on the roads!

Rob Saunders, Editor



MINI COOPER NEWS

US MARKET TO GET "ULTIMATE MINI"

Mini enthusiasts in the United States will, after all, get a chance to buy the hot-looking John Cooper Works World Championship 50. This so-called "ultimate Mini," announced last year at the Mini United Festival in England, is limited to a run of 250 vehicles, none of which were to be sold in the United States. But apparently dealers whined loudly enough that Mini now says 50 of the special-edition cars will be culled from the herd and sent to the United States. Deliveries begin in late spring. The World Championship 50 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the beginnings of John Cooper's motorsports successes, which included a world championship with Australian driver Jack Brabham. The new Mini is essentially an appearance package variation for the John Cooper Works model. Each car is painted in British racing green — "Connaught," it is called — with a white roof and racing stripes. The package also includes blacked-out 17-inch wheels, xenon headlights and black leather seats with red piping. The World Championship 50 is powered by the John Cooper Work's 1.6-liter, 208-horsepower turbocharged 4-cylinder, and has the same performance suspension package as the standard John Cooper Works model.

3 CYLINDER ENGINE COMING TO MINI LINE?

BMW's plans to develop a new family of 3 cylinder engines to reside in both BMW and MINI engine bays. This week BMW has taken the wraps off of that and a much larger project to develop an entire modular engine platform that will include the 3 banger. Automotive News is reporting that the engines will span the MINI, BMW and Rolls Royce brands by 2020. What does this mean for MINI? BMW now has the plans in place to put a 100% BMW engine under the hood of every MINI sold. It's a bold plan in that BMW has never built engines on this scale before. However if there's one thing BMW knows how to do, it's build award winning engines.

NIELLO MINI PLANS TRACK DAY!

This promises to be a great day! Sorry; limited to 30 MINI's only \$450 buys a day of instruction and fun at one of our Country's Premier Racing Venues! This event is for Enthusiasts that have "limited" track experience and likely will be repeated later in the year if we have enough demand. Contact Dave Bashaw, [dbashaw@niello.com](mailto:dbashaw@niello.com) or myself, [hdinse@niello.com](mailto:hdinse@niello.com) to register or for more information, or call 916-483-6464 and ask for Dave or Hans.

2010 MTTTS SLATED

26 March, 2010 ~ With the official release of preliminary information on MINI Takes The States 2010 released today, MC2 can confirm what we have suspected for some time. MINI Takes The States will be held August 13-15 with Denver, Colorado as the event headquarters.



Although the official event takes place the second weekend of August, MTTTS 2010 actually kicks off the week before with a series of informal rallies starting from 5 different cities around the country — Atlanta and New York on the East Coast, Chicago in the Midwest, and Los Angeles and San Francisco on the West Coast. At each starting point, MINI owners will gather to participate in auto-cross events and organize themselves into convoys. They will then depart their starting cities and MINIs from each coast will head for Denver. As it is currently planned, the Atlanta and New York rallies will begin on 6 August, with Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco rallies starting on the 7th. New York, Chicago and Atlanta rallies will most likely converge at Kansas City and convoy enmasse to Grand Junction, Colorado, where they will meet up with the West Coast contingent for the big drive to MTTTS HQ in Denver. Los Angeles and San Francisco rallies will join forces in Salt Lake City, Utah and then drive to Loveland. The entire group will arrive in one huge caravan in time for the official opening of MTTTS activities in Denver.

Mini news courtesy of [miniology.com](http://miniology.com).



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## UPCOMING MINI EVENTS

April 28 – May 2, 2010 – MOTD MINIs on the Dragon

May 2, 2010 (Sunday): REME – Marin Headlands Run and Nike Site Tour, Picnic on the Headlands

May 15, 2010 (Saturday): MINI Mania Open House, Nevada City California

May 16, 2010 (Sunday): SV-REME Motherlode Run

May 16, 2010: Hospice by the Bay – Marin-Sonoma Concours d'Elegance, Marin Civic Center

May 29 2010 (Saturday): Niello Mini Driving Event, Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Ca.

May 23, 2010: UBSCC – Woodland All British Car Show

June 3-7, 2010: REME – Run to Disneyland

June 5-6, 2010: Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival, Infineon Raceway, Sonoma

June 12, 2010 (Saturday): REME – Point Arena Run

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## CHAPTER UPDATE: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

The Sacramento Valley Chapter of Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts has had new life pumped into it recently as local member Jen Petrali has stepped up to the plate to assist in the operation of the chapter.

Jen began by putting together an online survey (<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22ADUHY9PUP>) to gauge the membership interest in upcoming meetings, events and runs. Please take a moment to answer this survey.

Next, Jen hosted our very first breakfast meeting at the Lake Forest Cafe in Folsom. Members had a chance to eat some great breakfast while organizing two different runs. One, which took place on April 17th, from Auburn to Jackson, and another upcoming run on May 16th.

Afterward, several of the attendees went on a fun run in the area.

The May 16th run will take place the day after the MiniMania Nevada City Adventure.

We invite all members of REME to come on up to God's Country for this great Mini weekend, May 15th and 16th.

Don't forget that SV-REME has it's very own forum on the REME BBS.

Great driving weather is approaching. I look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming REME event!

Rob Saunders  
Chair, Sacramento Valley



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## CHAPTER UPDATE: MT. SHASTA



MS-REME has been very busy this early in the season. On April 10, 10 MINI's did a run through the twisty's of Oak Run, Whitmore, Shingletown, Manton, picnic lunch at Coleman

Fish Hatchery, then a Show & Shine at CR Gibbs in Redding. April 16, 17, & 18 was Redding's Kool April Nites with three of our local Classic Mini's on display. On April 23, 24 & 25 is Anderson's Hot-O-Rama with at least 4 local MINI's entering. May 8 MS-REME and Weaver City Street Rodders will have a Highway 3 drive through Scott Valley and a Picnic at Alpen Cellars.

Don't forget to plan for Captain Bob's Pink Thong Run, July 10. This is a two day event starting in Redding, 299 to Trinidad for lunch. Overnight in Eureka. Next morning breakfast at Samoa Cookhouse, then a twisty run back on Highway 36 for dinner in Red Bluff.

Come join MS-REME for more fun than you can handle!

Captain Bob Wilson  
Chair, Mt. Shasta



### SEND US YOUR STUFF

If you have a great story to tell, please submit your articles, photos, cool links, cartoons and art work to us for inclusion in a future edition of REME ROADS. Email your stuff to the editor! [Califzeph@mac.com](mailto:Califzeph@mac.com)

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## LAKE BERRYESSA BECKONS

It turned out to be a perfect day for my first run of the season. Yesterday I had my doubts about

today's weather but it turned out almost perfect. It was a little cool with the top down but most of us cabrio owners did the whole run toplless.

I meet up with my fellow REME member Rick at Smith Ranch Road. From there we

drove up to Fairfield together. We arrived about 8:20am and meet Tim who was the first one there. One by one the Minis started pulling into the Starbucks parking lot during the next 30 minutes. We ended up with about 27 cars by the time we all got started at 9:00am.

The run was put together by Peter and Howard of REME who guided us though some of the most beautiful scenery in Northern California. Lake Berryessa looked fantastic in the morning sunlight. It still looked a little low for this time of year but I assume as winter comes to a close it will fill up some more. On the way to the lake we drove by a group of Harley riders stopped at a country

market who seemed to enjoy our parade of minis pass them by. They waved and gave us a big thumbs up. We stopped for



a quick relief break and returned the enthusiastic waves as the Harley riders passed us by.

Once passed the Lake, the road started to get really narrow and a little rough. So we all slowed down a bite to navigate the terrain. Then we came to places were the streams were crossing the road. So we slowed down more to cross the waterways. Except Rick who liked to go through fast. He said he got water inside his Mini.

After all the water ways and one lane road we came up to a nice paved two lane road we could speed up again and start moving. We stopped at Langtry Winery

([www.langtryestate.com](http://www.langtryestate.com)) for a quick rest stop and a little wine. This winery sites up on a hill with gorgeous views of

Detert Reservoir and the surrounding hills. I had a taste of the Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc before we had to continue on our journey through Napa and Lake counties. I must go back to that winery with my wife for a nice afternoon picnic.

We continued on to Saint Helena and had lunch at Taylor's Refreshers. The placed was packed with a long line waiting to order. We all eventually ate and had a great time catching up on everyone's life since we saw each other last year. From there it was on to Santa Rosa through the beautiful hills between Napa and Santa Rosa. We ended up with only about 8 of the original 27 cars that started by the time we got to Bad Ass Coffee in Santa Rosa.

It was a perfect start to a new season of runs with my REME friends. It was good to see you all again and I look forward to more runs.

By Bob Gingg

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# Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

## December, 2009

- Patrick Wong Sacramento, CA
- Phil Wong Foster City, CA
- Darcy Marchetti Windsor, CA
- Norman Lee Alameda, CA
- Michelle Griswold Yuba City, CA
- Kellie Hoffman Folsom, CA
- Daniel Coutts Durham, CA
- Scott Harris Shasta Lake, CA
- Laina Dicker Fair Oaks, CA
- Mark Neely Sebastopol, CA

## January, 2010

- Phillip Yee San Francisco, CA
- David DeMasi Concord, CA
- Rey Alamares Woodland, CA
- Bob Gilmore Santa Rosa, CA
- Alan Ricioli Gualala, CA
- Mark Nelson Folsom, CA
- Billiejean Snyder San Anselmo, CA
- Pat Viera Roseville, CA
- Priscila Ibarra Sacramento, CA
- Sheila Dey Sacramento, CA
- Audrey Tedore Reno, NV
- Steve Tschacher Folsom, CA
- Tammy Rink West Sacramento, CA
- Tim Vieth Sacramento, CA
- Lisa Jean Mann Downieville, CA

## February, 2010

- William Osborne North Highlands, CA
- Robin Borden West Sacramento, CA
- Mike Eltiste Greenwood, CA
- Sean McLaughlin Lodi, CA

- Carl Gonzales Petaluma, CA
- Emily Bosco Sausalito, CA
- Hallie Drida Roseville CA
- Rae Heselbach Elmira, OR
- Mary Holt Plumas Lake, CA

## March, 2010

- Ryan Selsor Sacramento, CA
- Bryan Hutter Napa, CA
- Lou Figone San Jose, CA
- Robert York Oroville, CA
- Colin Urquhart Santa Rosa, CA
- Tamara Watson Sacramento, CA
- Mark Scheffer Fort Bragg, CA
- Larry Stevens San Francisco, CA
- Jason Chalmers Sacramento, CA
- Matthew Disbrow Rohnert Park, CA
- Leland Dionsio Fairfield, CA
- Jacob Brown West Sacramento, CA
- Gene Garbutt Granite Bay, CA
- Scott Nelson El Dorado Hills, CA
- Linda Livasy Fieldbrook, CA
- Tyler Stanley San Rafael, CA

## April, 2009 (as of 04-17-10)

- Winston Bautista Fairfield, CA
- Christine Keel Windsor, CA



## JERRY'S CORNER

It was 1969, the summer of love was over and the winter of love was just beginning.

And in San Francisco it was always cold. I was living with some friends on Ashbury St.

In a three story Victorian. There were eight of us there and we were like a large family.

My friends Tom and Dixie owned the house and they were a few years older than the rest

of us. We all helped out doing chores and with the cooking.

Christmas was approaching and we wanted to do something special.

We all decided to have a huge feast and everyone volunteered to make something to eat.

I said, I'll make dessert!

Well, I thought, how hard could that be?

I was nineteen at the time and never cooked anything before, but if you can read directions you should be able to cook...yea, right..Well, I thought, what would be good to have for dessert? Just then it came to me, BROWNIES!! With something special in them..Soooo, off to the corner store for some mix.

When I got to the store, they were all out of brownie mix.. DANG!!!

What to do? what to do? Just then I spotted some blueberry muffin mix.

Hmmmmm I thought, that might be good, so I bought it. Maybe we could have them for breakfast instead.

When I got home I was ready to cook! Or so I thought. Well, in order to make muffins, you need a muffin pan and muffin liners.

After searching the kitchen for awhile, No pan and no liners.. Dang!! So back to the store for a pan and liners. When I got back home I thought, now I'm ready!!

Not so fast! On the box it said to use one egg. Hmmmmm I thought, do

we have any eggs? Of course not!

So back to the store for a dozen eggs. You can't but just one egg.

Dang, again! Well, now I hope I have everything I need. As I read further down on the directions it said to coat the pan with butter.

Hmmmmm do we have any butter? Of course not! I already new that because when I was looking for an egg I didn't see any butter either.Dang!

So back to the



store..

By now the store owner new me by name and said, why don't you just buy some blueberry muffins? I said, I'm in tooo deep now to quit. Well now I had everything, or so I thought! I found a large bowl and dumped everything in. The dry mix, the egg and the milk. Then I added some "special" ingredient. When I did that the mixture got real stiff, almost like cement, so I added some more milk. Still too stiff. So I added some more milk. Still too stiff..So I added some more. Well, all of a sudden it looked like soup.Dang!!

So I added some flower and mixed it again. It suddenly dawned on me

to taste it. Yuck!! Did it ever taste funky. I thought, maybe I should add some sugar to it. That should make it taste better. Well, the only sugar we had was brown sugar, so back to the store I went. When I got there it was closed and on the door there was a note that read, Jerry, in case of emergency dial "O" for the operator! Ha,Ha, very funny. I went back home and added the brown sugar. Well, it was sweet now but didn't really look like blueberry muffin mix. That's when I saw a can that said, BLUEBERRIES. So I dumped them in. Well as I was mixing them in they kind of broke and turned everything a shade of blue green.

YUCK! I poured the mixture into the muffin liners in the muffin pan and slid it into the oven. Well, by now everyone was wondering, what was I cooking? When they came in to look I told them what I was making. They wanted to see them so I opened the oven door. A huge cloud of smoke came out and everyone said, FAROUT MAN! When we looked at the muffins they all had little craters in them and the brown sugar was bubbling out. They looked like little volcanoes.

FAROUT! Well, it seemed like it took forever for them to cook and around midnight they were finally done. I put them on the kitchen table to cool and went to bed. The next morning I said, lets have muffins for breakfast! When we got to the kitchen we saw the muffin pan on the floor and no muffins! Tom and Dixie's two dogs, "Peace" and "Love" had eaten them. For the next week or two all they did was lay on the floor on their backs with smiles on their faces. FAROUT MAN..

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The patrons and employees at Ikeda's in Auburn were met with much fan fair ..... well we thought

so at least. Ikeda's is a fantastic jumping point for a fun filled trek into the Motherlode . Howard Canfield lead our spirited drive into

the American River Canyon with a slight detour down the Old Foresthill Road to the river crossing. From there we headed to up Cool and then to Greenwood heading up Hwy 193. Mosquito Ridge Road should always be part of the route on this trip. Fast, strong turns and steep cliffs that scare the beegus out of the person in the passenger seat and what fun crossing over the suspension bridge. Arriving at the Boeger Winery for a leisurely and very enjoyable break. Then we are off to Starkes Grade Road for more great twisties. From there we turned south to the familiar Mt. Aukum, Fiddletown and Volcano. The California wildflowers were absolutely beautiful. There was a small water crossing on Hale road where our MINIs got their feet a little wet. We paced ourselves to Pine Grove and then onto the Rancheria.

It was great to see old friends and meet some new ones. Our thanks to Howard for another fabulous run!

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