



# Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts

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## REME August, 2007 Newsletter

We have hit record growth this year with membership increasing each month by 10-20 new member cars! We now have 274 members plus spouses! I want to warmly welcome our newest members joining the REME family since June. I hope to see you all at our upcoming events!

### June

- Pete Day Eureka, CA
- Elena Schmidt Nevada City, CA
- Gary Anderson Los Altos, CA
- Richard Murphy Brentwood, CA
- Michelle Hughes Sacramento, CA
- Linda Roberts Redding, CA
- Mason Carlin Novato, CA
- Andy Adsetts Sacramento, CA
- Jeff Ridley Redding, CA
- Derek Dunlap Redding, CA
- Rian Sommerfield Lakeport, CA
- Cindi Buell Santa Rosa, CA
- Monique Campbell Sacramento, CA
- Nicholas Upton Woodland, CA
- Kimberly Fuentes Salida, CA
- Laura Gier Manteca, CA
- Joe Iacono Livermore, CA

### July

- Rick Molinari Napa, CA
- Mario Garcia Elk Grove, CA
- Dean Stroope Rohnert Park, CA
- Carol Clinger Sacramento, CA
- Craig Schorr Sonoma, CA
- Lisa Staikoff Carson City, NV
- Randy Davis Yuba City, CA
- Larry Wilmoth Citrus Heights, CA
- Martin Mathews Belmont, CA
- Ken Sears San Ramon, CA
- Ed Georges Sacramento, CA
- Julius Griffith San Jose, CA
- Jay Sittler San Francisco, CA
- Dan Meister Napa, CA
- Tony Obando Fairfield, CA
- George Hewitt Napa, CA
- Terrey Robinson Grizzly Flats, CA
- Al Wight Petaluma, CA
- Chris Dumas Napa, CA

## August *(as of 08/04/07)*

- Tom Eddy Windsor, CA
- Sean Tal Alameda, CA
- Jonathan Kramer Mill Valley, CA

I want to remind our newest members to sign up on the [REME MegaBBS](#) to keep abreast on all current events. I want to encourage you to post your email address and location in your profile on the BBS so that other local members can contact you regarding impromptu activities or caravans to out of area events. Additionally I would like to encourage all members to sign up on the [REME Frappr](#) map site. The REME Frappr site shows the location of REME members throughout the state (and elsewhere). This is a great place to host your personal web page or photo album at no cost. Many members are also posting personal web pages at [Motortopia](#), a location full of car, boat, plane, & bike enthusiasts. For MINI news, rumors, and REME movies, please see Starlord's [Miniology](#) on a computer near you.

### Current Club News:

As I am writing this newsletter, about 20 members are enjoying this weekend's trip through the Motherlode I hope you are having a great run and I look forward to the photos and movies upon your return.

If you feel that you have missed out on a lot of fun driving and socializing, you are right, you have. Fortunately you have time to sign up for our upcoming events for the remainder of 2007. Many of our upcoming events are extremely time-sensitive, so I encourage you to RSVP and make hotel reservations as soon as possible to guarantee lodging and participation in those events. Additional information regarding upcoming events is discussed later in this newsletter.

The following events require your immediate attention if you want to participate. Although the cutoff for guaranteed hotel reservations may have lapsed, it's not too late to participate in the events if you are willing to locate accommodations nearby.

08/31/07 thru 09/02/07 REME Mini Mountain Tours Part Two – see the [REME MegaBBS thread](#).

We will be starting our trip on Friday morning, August 31 returning on Monday, September 3, 2007. Make reservations for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights (Monday is the driving day back home). Because this is a holiday weekend, you have to make reservations early.

We have reserved a block of 20 rooms at [Yosemite Gateway Inn](#), 40530 SR-41, Oakhurst, CA for Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights (08/31 thru 09/02) departing Monday morning, September 3. [This is a nice Best Western Motel](#) not part of the Bates chain.

Rooms are non-smoking with 2 queen beds (smoking rooms available by special request. Cost \$98 per night. Reservations must be made by July 31. Call 800-545-5462, let them know you are with Redwood Empire Mini Cooper Enthusiasts, and make your reservation in the "Redwood Block".

10/20/07 thru 10/21/07 [California Classic in San Juan Bautista](#) – refer to the [REME MegaBBS thread](#) for details.

- Posada de San Juan (these rooms will go fast)
- 310 Fourth Street
- P.O. Box 820
- San Juan Bautista, CA 95045
- (831) 623-2378

Room rates run from \$108-\$185 per night. These are luxury rooms with fireplaces and whirlpool tubs. For less expensive rooms, here are a couple of additional options:

- San Juan Inn : 831-623-4380
- Hilton Gilroy Garden Inn : 408 846-7600

Janet and I are currently hard at work locating a proper roadhouse for our December Christmas Party. The Occidental Hotel has housed our Christmas Party for the last two years providing wonderful food and atmosphere, but it seems like we should try something new. It will likely again be on the Marin or Sonoma Coast, but we are also investigating locations in Napa, Suisun and Crockett. If anyone has ideas, please forward them to me. I need to make reservations and develop a run by the end of September.

It may feel like we are in the heart of the 2007 REME activities, but it's already August! Believe it or not we are already beginning to plan our 2008 calendar. We learned a lot from our arguably over-zealous 2007 calendar. We will try to limit the number of multi-day REME planned events and have a lot more regional monthly social gatherings. This year we were competing against our own runs!

So here are some of our ideas for the "big" events for 2008:

1. Early July, 2008: Joint "Ring of Fire" run with PDX MINI. Howard, Janet and I have been talking about this run for awhile. Then Norm got an email from PDX with similar ideas... thus "Ring of Fire" was born. We will not have an early summer and early fall event like past years (REME MINI Mountain Tour Part 1 & 2) but have a single one week (7-9 days) event during mid-summer. This run will possibly include the Avenue of the Giants (Humboldt Redwoods State Park), Six Rivers National Forest, Klamath National Forests, Klamath Lake, Oregon Caves, Crater Lake, Mount Bachelor, Deschutes National Forest, Mount Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, the Olympic Peninsula, and maybe Vancouver Island, the City of Vancouver and E.C. Manning Provincial Park, B.C., traveling back home through Eastern Washington. We will have to stop in McMinnville, OR to visit the Evergreen Airplane Museum, home of the Spruce Goose. It is early in the planning stages but once we have the dates set you should mark them on your calendar.
2. Early September, 2008: MINI Magical Mystery Tour. Norm is tirelessly investigating the feasibility of whether this is just an REME event or whether it grows into National proportions. Early polls indicate interest from a variety of out of state clubs and individuals as far away as Great Britain. Stay tuned on this "bat station" for additional information.

We are always welcomed to new ideas from new members. If you have any good ideas or you just want to be heard, speak up. You can post any ideas openly on the REME MegaBBS or email me with any ideas and suggestions.

For an updated listing of Mini-MINI events please visit the [REME MegaBBS calendar](#).

## MINI CLUB EVENTS, RUNS and ACTIVITIES 2007

**August 4-5, 2007** : [REME](#) – A MINI Weekend in the Motherlode ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP Day 1](#)) ([MAP Day 2](#))

**August 10-12, 2007**: PDX - Crater Lake Tour PDX Minis of Oregon ([INFO](#))

**August 17, 2007** (Friday): [REME](#) - NAPA Downtown Chef's Market: REME MINI/Mini Coopers are the featured marquee for the Friday evening summer market in downtown Napa. 5:00PM ([INFO](#)) ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#))

**August 17-19, 2007**: Monterey Historic Races, Laguna Seca CA

**August 19, 2007** (Sunday): [SV-REME](#) – 1 PM In and Out Burger 3055 Forni Rd. Placerville, CA. ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#))

**August 29 - September 5, 2007**: Brands Hatch to Nurembergring Run for classic Minis to benefit Macmillian Cancer Relief Charity ([INFO](#))

**August 31-September 3, 2007:** [REME](#) - 2007 MINI Mountain Tour Part 2 in Yosemite ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP Day 1](#)) ([MAP Day 2](#)) ([MAP Day 3](#)) ([MAP Day 4](#))

**August 31-September 2, 2007:** SFR-SCCA Regional Race #7/8 Double Regional Races Infineon Raceway Sonoma CA

**August 31-September 3, 2007:** Portland All British Field Meet 2007 Portland International Raceway All British Field Meet, join over 800 other British car owners for this 4 day event. ([INFO](#))

**August 31-September 3, 2007:** Columbia River Classic Vintage Races Portland International Raceway Held at Portland International Raceway in conjunction with the Portland All British Field Meet. ([INFO](#))

**September 9, 2007:** Palo Alto All-British Car Show ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#))

**September 9, 2007:** Chico Concourse d' Elegance car show ([INFO](#))

**September 15, 2007:** [REME](#) - End of Summer BBQ in Sacramento, hosted by Rob Cernohlavek & Leeta Bell ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#))

**September 28-30, 2007:** SFR-SCCA Regional Race #9/10 Double Regional Races Laguna Seca Raceway Monterey CA

**October 6, 2007** (Saturday): [REME](#) - Pack Saddle Pass Sierra Foothills Run ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

**October 12,13,14 2007:** PDX- Fill the Ferry to Orcas Island PDX Minis of Oregon ([INFO](#))

**October 14, 2007:** VBAC - Clovis British Car Roundup ([INFO](#))

**October 18-21, 2007:** ALMS (American LeMans) Sport Car Races Laguna Seca CA.

**October 20-21, 2007:** Autumn Classic British Car Show San Juan Bautista ([INFO](#)) ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#))

**November 4, 2007** (Sunday): [REME](#) - Sonoma-Lake-Mendocino Run ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

**December 8, 2007** (Saturday): [REME](#) - Christmas run and Dinner ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

## Clubs & Organizations

- [REME](#) = Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts (<http://redwoodempiremini.com>)
- [CSRG](#) = Classic Sport Racing Group (<http://www.csgracing.org>)
- [MCM](#) = Mid Cal Minis (<http://www.midcalminis.com>)
- [MOASF](#) = Mini Owners Association of America - San Francisco (<http://www.moasf.com>)
- [MM](#) = Maverick Minis <http://maverickminis.com>
- [NorCal Minis](#) = NorCal Minis (<http://norcalminis.com>)
- [PDX](#) = PDX Minis of Oregon (<http://www.pdxmini.org>)
- [PSMINI](#) = Puget Sound Mini, Washington (<http://www.psmiini.org>)
- [SCMM](#) = Southern California MINI Maniacs (<http://www.scmm.org>)
- [SFR](#) = SF Region of SCCA (<http://www.sfrscca.com>)
- [SNMC](#) = Sierra Nevada Mini Cooper Club (<http://www.northamericanmotoring.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=140>)
- [UBSCC](#) = the United British Sports Car Club of Sacramento (<http://www.ubsc.org>)