



Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts

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Happy New Year to all Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts members and their families.

We ended 2006 with 180 registered members (plus spouses). That is about 110 more members than last year! Please join me in welcoming to our club our newest members joining in November and December. I hope to see you all at one of our upcoming events.

November

- Meredith Obenauer Sacramento, CA
- Larry Clemens Los Angeles, CA
- Manny Dumalag San Francisco, CA
- Patti Grimm Fair Oaks, CA
- Stephan McKeown Saratoga, CA
- Erin Brown Monterey, CA
- Dan Boyce Santa Rosa, CA
- Douglas Pryor Galt, CA
- Charlie Nancarrow Albert Park, Australia
- David Israel San Anselmo, CA
- Bogs Teves Dublin, CA
- Fred Bareis Roseville, CA

December

- Cheryl Stiles Pope Valley, CA
- Randy Wressell Santa Rosa, CA
- Ted Martin Gold River, CA
- Bart Bloomberg Santa Rosa, CA
- Will Anzenberger Alameda, CA

I want to remind our newest members to sign up on the [REME MegaBBS](#) to keep abreast on all current 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.

2006 Review

Our 2006 Christmas Run and Party afterwards was a smashing success! I believe we had 22 cars on the run (with one or two following behind the group trying to catch up) and 44-46 people joining us for dinner. We had to modify the run a little to keep on schedule, but we still reached Occidental right in time to enjoy a pre-dinner party in Norm & Jessica's hotel room. I want to express my thanks to Norm and Jessica not only for providing us with their room on a raining evening to house our party, but also for purchasing and preparing the Christmas stockings for the entire membership present. I also wanted to thank T.J. & Deni Marrone for bringing two cases of their wine to share. The wine was absolutely fantastic! What a wonderful way this was to end our very active 2006. Please review some highlights of our 2006 calendar below. You can view photographs from most of our events on our [REME MegaBBS Photo Album](#).

- 01/07/06 Graton to Point Reyes Run, Hiking, & Whale Watching (REME). 145 miles
- 02/12/06 East Bay – Mount Hamilton Run (REME / NorCal) 170 miles
- 03/05/06 Field Trip and Tour of the USS-Hornet
- 03/24-26/06 A MINI Vacation in Vegas (SinCity MINI)
- 04/08/06 Second Annual Sacramento Delta Run (REME) 126 miles
- 05/06/06 First Annual Santa Cruz Mountains Run (REME) 152 miles
- 05/21/06 Dixon All-British Car Show (UBSCC)
- 06/23-25/06 First Annual MINI Mountain Tour Part 1 (REME) 1200 miles
- 07/04/06 Fourth of July Parade in Mendocino
- 07/04/06 Fourth of July Parade in Roseville
- 07/09/06 Mel's (Auburn) to Mel's (Placerville) Run (REME) 145 miles
- 07/23/06 MINIs meet the Giants. First Annual field trip to a Giants game. (REME)
- 08/18-20/06 Monterey Historics
- 08/21/06 MINI Takes the States (MINI USA)
- 09/01-04/06 First Annual MINI Mountain Tour Part 2 (REME) 600 miles
- 09/24/06 Valley of the Moon Festival & Parade
- 10/07/06 Windsor – Napa Run (REME) 144 miles
- 10/21-22/06 California Classic Car Show in San Juan Bautista
- 11/05/06 Napa – Lower Lake – Saint Helena Run (REME) 116 miles
- 12/09/06 Fairfax – Occidental Run & Christmas Party (REME) 112 miles

In addition to the major events listed above, we participated in events organized by other clubs, have had regional dinners, BBQ, and participated in regional car shows.

I want to thank those that are very active in the club... the short list of the movers and shakers. Although many of us on the short list have planned specific runs and/or events, Howard Canfield has had his hand in almost every run in the past 18 months. Howard usually comes up with the locations and general routes of the runs as well as drives most of the recognizant-runs to see if the roads are drivable. Howard was also the catalyst in defining the direction the club has taken, turning this into a driving club. "If you want your membership to drive 1-3 hours to get to the start of the run, you have to make the run worth the effort". That is why most of our runs average about 150 miles on country roads, thanks again to Howard's insight.

Everyone in the Club that has even made a single run likely knows Norm & Jessica. Whereas Howard and I tend to be less visible, Norm and Jessica succeed in representing the club publicly and are very approachable by both new and existing members. They do much of the planning and organizing behind the scenes. They single handedly organize the club's biggest yearly event, The REME Mountain Tours - Part One. Norm is currently planning our Lighthouse Tour scheduled in April as well as the Second Annual MINI Mountain Tour Part 1.

Robyn & Alice Saunders are the newest members on the short list of movers and shakers. Although officially joining early in the clubs life, they were active members in another car club prior to fully committing to REME. In fact Rob was the 14th registered member of REME in early 2005. Rob and Alice plan all of the monthly dinner meetings in the Sacramento Valley. With the help of a handful of other Sacramento Valley members, they are planning our third multi-day event in 2007. Please mark August 4-5, 2007 on your calendar for the Mother Lode Run. This is sure to be an exciting run. Rob and Alice are also responsible for most of our REME Mini Movies.

There are many active members on the long list. You know who you are, and the club could not function without your input, participation, and financial donations. Thank you for supporting the club. Anyone wishing to get more involved with planning events and activities are 100% welcome to become more active. We appreciate all levels of club membership involvement.

I also want to thank all the members who have limited participation. A club can not function without active or semi-active members. You can see by both our 2006 and 2007 calendar that we have a very active membership. Thank you all.

I placed a club shirt order on September 20th. All pre-ordered shirts have been delivered to the membership. We do have a limited supply of shirts available in a variety of styles. I ordered two graphics on the shirts, our standard black shirt with the yellow MINI and red Mini in a Redwood grove, and our new summer "lighthouse shirt". Please refer to the [Fall 2006 Shirt thread](#) for available shirts styles and sizes. This will likely be the last shirt order I make prior to AMIV4 in March, 2007. Email or PM me with your shirt requests.

We have a new REME product available in the REME online store. We ordered 50 pairs of REME - MINI Parking Only miniature cones, similar to the ones that Norm has been using on the last few runs. We have the cones available at the very reasonable cost of \$12.50 per pair, plus shipping if you want them shipped to you. Shipping and packaging will be \$5.50 for one or two pairs. I encourage you to take delivery on one of our future runs. You can pay by check and mail it to:

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or make payment using the [Make a Donation](#) link through PayPal on our membership web page. PayPal does charge for using their services so a check or cash is preferable.

I also want to thank all the members (and non-members) that have already purchased our club attire and MINI cones. These sales are our only source of income to the club with the exception of voluntary contributions. With both increased sales and donations from some dedicated members, the club will continue to provide all existing services as well as hoping to expand the services to the membership.

Important information:

We have a field trip to Huffaker Engineering on Saturday, January 13 after a short run and lunch in Sonoma. There will be two runs, one starting in Santa Rosa and the other in Davis. The two groups will converge at Lake Hennessey in Napa County at 11am. We will be joined by the Delta Miata club for the run, lunch and our field trip to Huffaker. [RSVP on the club calendar](#). You can start at either starting points. Run maps are posted on the calendar.

We have planned our [club calendar](#) through November of 2007. Please review it now to request time off now from your place of work. We have 4 REME planned multiple day events in 2007. Details will be posted as they are developed regarding AMVIV4 in March, 2007; the REME Lighthouse Tour in April, the REME June MINI Mountain Tour 2007-1, the August Mother Lode Tour, and the REME MINI Mountain Tour 2007-2, and many single day events.

The Sacramento Valley REME members meet monthly for dinner, drinks, and socializing. Please refer to the calendar for scheduled dinner meetings.

MINI CLUB EVENTS, RUNS and ACTIVITIES 2007

January 13, 2007 (Saturday): [REME](#) - Run & Field Trip to Huffaker Engineering's race shops at Infineon Raceway, Sears Point, CA ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP1](#)) ([MAP2](#))

January 13, 2007 (Saturday): Nor Cal Livermore Wine Tour ([INFO](#))

January 20, 2007 (Saturday): [SV-REME](#) - 6:00PM Fiesta Night at Carmelita's Restaurant 204 Riverside Ave, Roseville, CA. ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

January 21, 2007 (Sunday). **MINI of Mountain View** is hosting **MINI Motoring Hearts** with a Pie Plate Rally and BBQ Time TBD. The charity: [One Warm Coat](#) is a nonprofit organization which gives those in need warm coats for free. Drop off warm coats to MINI of Mountain View through Jan 21, 06 and join them for the Rally

February 3, 2007 (Saturday): [REME](#) - Healdsburg-Point Arena Run ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

February 11, 2007 (Sunday): Nor Cal Keith's run #3 (Third annual memorial run with raffle prizes/all proceeds to the American Cancer Society. ([INFO](#))

February 18, 2007 (Sunday): [SV-REME](#) - 6:00 PM Dinner for Sacramento Valley area members ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

February 23 2007 (Friday) - '**Hooked On Minis**' Presented by: **Mini Mania - Minis Only! Thunderhill Raceway** - Modern AND Classic Mini Drivers Unite!! Presented by Mini Mania, Hooked On Driving is proud to host this special Mini's only track day. With our normal high quality coaching, a great lunch - a very cool event T-Shirt, and all your friends to run with, this event will be a highlight of your year. Caravan to the track on the night before and make it a two-day happening! Thunderhill Raceway Park is conveniently located near the friendly city of Willows California. Just 7 miles west of Interstate 5 on Hwy 162. ([INFO](#))

March 3, 2007 (Saturday): [REME 2007](#) Santa Cruz Mountains Run ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

March 17, 2007 (Saturday): [SV-REME](#) - Saint Pattie's Day Dinner for Sacramento Valley area members ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

March 18, 2007 (Sunday) Nor Cal Big Sur (Lighthouse/picnic) ([INFO](#))

March 22-25, 2007 Sin City MINI: AMVIV4 Las Vegas -The dates are March 22-25, 2007 Palace Station - the group rate is now open. Call Palace Station on 1-800-634-3101. You can tell them you are part of the MINI group in March, but the rate code is PCIMIN7 The rates have gone up slightly from this year, but still very good for a "near Strip" location. Apparently, the tower rooms are all going to be renovated by March. ([INFO](#)) ([FORUM](#))

April 07-09, 2007: [REME](#) California Coast Lighthouse run to include visits to lighthouses at Crescent City/Battery Point, St. George Reef (near Crescent City), Trinidad Head, Humboldt Bay, Cape Mendocino (Shelter Cove)Punta Gorda (Lost Coast), Point Cabrillo (Mendocino/Ft. Bragg), Point Arena, Point Reyes. Fort Point (Point Pinos), Point Bonita, Pigeon Point, Pt. Sur, Point Montara. with maybe a non-mini visit to Alcatraz Island lighthouse. ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

April 14, 2007 (Saturday): Nor Cal Delta Run. ([INFO](#))

April 18-22, 2007: KOOL April Nites Classic Car Show- Redding CA. details: <http://www.koolaprilnites.com/kool.cfm>

April 22, 2007 (Sunday): [SV-REME](#) - Sacramento Valley area members dinner ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

April 22, 2007: SFR SCCA Regional Race Laguna Seca Monterey CA Vintage Races

May 6, 2007 (Sunday): [REME](#) - Marin Headlands - Mount Tam - Nike Missile Site - Point Reyes Station Run, Picnic, & dinner ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

May 19, 2007 (Saturday): [SV-REME](#) - Sacramento Valley area members dinner ([RSVP](#)) ([FORUM](#)) ([MAP](#))

May 19, 2007 (Saturday) Nor Cal Chico Run. ([INFO](#))

June 8-10, 2007: Golden Gate Austin Healey Club again hosts Open Roads British Car Show in Stateline, Nevada. ([INFO](#))

June 15-17, 2007: [REME](#) - 2007 MINI Mountain Tour Part 1- 2nd Annual Shasta Run - This will be a modified repeat of last years Trinity-Shasta-Lassen run. We will be taking different routes and seeing different attractions. (RSVP) (FORUM) (MAP)

June 24, 2007 (Saturday): [SV-REME](#) - Sacramento Valley area members dinner (RSVP) (FORUM) (MAP)

June 28 - July 1, 2007: Mini Meet East in Alcoa, Tennessee ([INFO](#))

July 10-12, 2007: Mini Meet West at the Columbia River Gorge, Oregon ([INFO](#))

July 14, 2007 (Saturday): [REME](#) - Giants Day at AT&T Park - Giants vs. Dodgers. Last year we had 50 attend this popular event. Hope to have that and more this year. Who knows, Barry might be at 754 or 755 by this time. Plan to take the Golden Gate Ferry Boat and make a day of it. (RSVP) (FORUM) (MAP)

July 27-29, 2007: San Jose Grand Prix Champ Cars, San Jose CA.

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

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

August 19, 2007 (Sunday): [SV-REME](#) - Sacramento Valley area members dinner (RSVP) (FORUM) (MAP)

August 31-September 3, 2007: [REME](#) - 2007 MINI Mountain Tour Part 2 in Yosemite and Kings Canyon (RSVP) (FORUM) (MAP)

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

October 20-21, 2007: Autumn Classic British Car Show San Juan Bautista (INFO)

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

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

Clubs & Organizations

- [REME](#) = Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts (<http://redwoodempiremini.com>)
- [CSRG](#) = Classic Sport Racing Group (<http://www.csrgracing.org>)
- [GCM](#) = Gold Country MINI Club activity (<http://goldcountrymini.com>)
- [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.psmi.org>)
- [SCMM](#) = Southern California MINI Maniacs (<http://www.scomm.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>)