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Above: MCC Members assisting on Targa West. Syd & Jill Jenkins, Dave Currell, Krissie Dawson, Jim & Jeanette Newell (Sue Curr)  
Left: Al Munday. (Peter Clarke)

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# Presidents Report

Time is marching on, it seems only a short time ago that I was planning my holiday and thinking about Targa. Both have now been successfully completed. New York was great, on the Mini front the new MINI is certainly popular over there. There is just one car dealer in Wall Street and guess what it is BMW MINI dealer, I suppose that if you have a good day at the stock market you can buy a new Cooper S on the way home, it is just down the road from Tiffany's where you can get a jewelled key fob to match. There were a number of the new 4WD MINI's driving around town as well,

Out on Long Island the local MINI dealer was imaginative when it came to advertising the new MINI 4WD, makes you realise how big it is compared to the Classic Mini. This was just beside the highway so I had to stop in the trusty renta and take the photo. The renta was a very average FWD Chev, about the size as a Commodore but not nearly as good a car. We drove some 500Km without any troubles and despite the 55 speed limit which everyone seems to ignore, never had any attention from the local Police. Interestingly they have every-way Stop signs at most intersections which seems to work well, all the drivers seem to play the game, imagine that here in WA!

On a slightly sadder note a number of members drove to Busselton for the funeral of the late Al Munday, Al was a great fan of the Mini and a friend and mentor to many Mini fans. Al at one stage made a Mini with a Mazda 13B Rotary engine for Speedway, evidently you had to have big ones to drive it as turning was not its best attribute, not good in Speedway! He will be missed by all Mini fans.

Don't forget the National Motorkhana Championships are on the 1st-2<sup>nd</sup> October. The Mini Car Club is the host for this years Championship, if you haven't already volunteered you should consider helping out, even if you can't manage that at least come along on Sunday for the event which will be at the RAC Driving Centre near the airport. Any queries call Ted or Jim Newell.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Mini members who helped out at the recent Targa West, once again the MCC did a great job, the club has a well deserved reputation for doing a very professional job and did not disappoint, well done to all concerned.

Bets wishes

Ted Curr



## MEMORIES OF AL MUNDAY

I first came across Al Munday in 1974 when he was driving Minis in conjunction with Graeme Ibbotson and the Wigger brothers. We were all in Sports Sedans and it was a real hoot. Al had been racing at speedway and had a heap of knackered Mini stuff at his place, but he was already cleaning up his act and putting some good cars together. A plumber by trade, he turned his hand fairly easily to the intricacies of Mini gearboxes and motors, and was already collecting a retinue of Mini owners who valued his growing expertise and his ready willingness to help others. I knew even less about Minis then than I do now, and always found it rewarding talking Minis with him.

I then fell into matrimony and didn't see Al until the late 80s when he came back to Wanneroo, in an Appendix J Mini. Al didn't look or perform any differently. He was as irreverent, helpful and argumentative as always, and smoked just as much. He also kept two small Jack Russells who proved to be world champions at jumping up the front of visitors, in tandem, which was a bit startling at times. Little was I to know that Barb and I would be managing a very similar lunatic dog (Tenterfield Terrier) many years later, and I still recall those days at Al's place in Jarrah Road when it does its magical jumping act. Also, I was grateful to Al for his housekeeping skills as they were even less developed than mine, which I felt strangely comforting.

On the track, Al was an odd combination of gentleman driver and hard pedaller. On the occasions that we were in company out there I never found him to be an easy mark. Nor could I complain about his track manners. But if I felt that I was getting on top of him he would do something different and make me revise my strategy. On occasions, as a spectator, I was able to watch him in action. I well remember a Night Masters evening on the short track when he served up all those around him with what seemed to be comparative ease. It must have been quite humbling for some of the faster cars whose drivers doubtless believed they belonged in front of him rather than behind. If you keep your head down and don't ever give up, eventually you get to experience a day when everything clicks and you know you have done something memorable. For me, that was

Al's greatest moment, and told all who didn't already know that Al was well and truly capable of great stuff.

I am reminded of an occasion that was a part of the great bonhomie that existed in Appendix J. It was a Skywest Cup event in, I think, 1990 and we had competitors from over East, so we were keen to present and maintain a full grid. Ian Sharp, an EH driver, got tangled up in a first lap, first corner skirmish and finished up clouting the fence outside the Esses. He had damage to the boot and the front left wing, and the triple Weber carburetors and one carburetor got damaged. Sharpie disappeared somewhere to sulk but Al and a few others had an appraising look at the EH. It was decided that it could be repaired sufficiently to get back on the track, so Al got the carburetors back into good nick and others repaired this and that. Finally, with only about 10 minutes to the start, someone asked where Sharpie was, and eventually he was brought back and belted up in the EH. He was more surprised than anyone to discover that his car was ready to go again, thanks to Al and a few others. Sharpie went out and drove over a second lap quicker than previously, which nobody could explain – until he owned up to having downed a couple of quiet Swan Lagers when he thought his day was all over. And without Al being there, perhaps the car wouldn't have even made it back on to the track. Al applied this never say die attitude to his own racing and, it seems, to how he lived his life in general. I am glad I knew the guy well enough to appreciate his qualities. He'll be missed.

*Phil Davenport*



# AGM & Inspection, 2011



## Sports Torque

Another MiniScript and another Sports Torque.

Just a short one this time; basically a reminder about the Australian Motorkhana Championship on the weekend of October 1 & .

Entries are flowing in and there is a good number of eastern state competitors coming over. I haven't seen the current list of entries but I believe that there is a Cooper S from NSW and there is a chance that Craig Williams (Victoria) will be entering his Moke. Class A will certainly be very competitive.

Jim Newell and his AMC organising committee have been busy over the last months planning what should be a fantastic event. There is still time to enter (supp regs are available from [www.motorkhana.info](http://www.motorkhana.info)), but even if you just come along to watch (it's free), you'll be in for a treat.

I'm afraid I haven't had a chance to visit any of the Speed Event Series events this year, but I know that about 4 Minis have been competing regularly with Michael Bowden currently leading the class. Kevin Donovan hasn't been out much this season and rumours have it that his Yamaha R1 power Mini is almost ready for competition. I guess he's been very busy in his garage instead of on the track. It will be an interesting season for Minis next year.

A sad note to end. Many of you will have heard that Al Munday passed away after a very long battle with cancer. I was lucky enough to have met Al when he volunteered to be our official motorkhana photographer for the 2004 and 2005 seasons (he also covered the 2005 AMC for us). Of course he is also remembered as an Appendix J Mini racer and original proprietor of Mini Central. He also shared a great deal of valuable mechanical information on the Mini Car Club forum (<http://www.minicarclub.com.au/forum>)

I thought you'd like to see some of Al's photos.

Cheers,

Dave

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# Mini convoy pays a moving tribute to former racer

BUSSELTON residents were witness to a curious sight last Tuesday when a convoy of 20 Minis drove into town.

The procession was a moving tribute to popular Mini enthusiast Alan Munday, organised by the Southern Districts Mini Club.

His sister Margaret Toolin said more than 160 people attended the tribute service at William Barrett and Sons funeral home.

Born in 1953 in the Wheatbelt town of Kondinin, Mr Munday picked up his early interest in cars from his father Hubert, a self-taught mechanic.

Mrs Toolin said his first job was in irrigation and he later owned a reticulation business before moving into repairing and restoring Minis.

She said Mr Munday raced various cars, including Mini No. 97 at Wanneroo, a car brought to the service by its current owner Mike Kozieradzki.

Mr Munday was club president and 1994 State Champion of Appendix J (now the WA Historic Touring Car Club), a member of the WA Mini Car Club and was actively involved in the SDMC.

Mrs Toolin said SDMC members were almost like a second family to him, and family ties also remained strong throughout his life.

Mrs Toolin said Mr Munday and the family received wonderful support after his lung



A congregation of Minis paid tribute to enthusiast Al Munday (right).



cancer diagnosis in 2009, with thanks given to Dr Caldow and Associates, Silver Chain, the Hospice and Cape Care Ray Village.

"He will be sadly missed by his brother and sisters, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephew, and many friends," she said.



MCC at Targa West.



## Karts n Curry

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> saw us run our annual kart challenge versus the Fiat-Lancia Car Club.

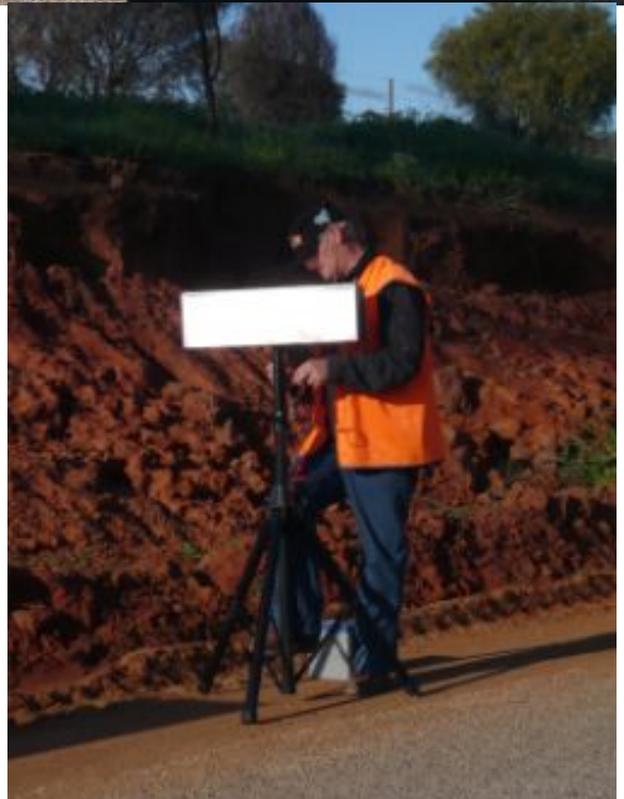
Usually, the MCC contingent well outnumbered the FCC but this year the numbers were fairly even due to a big FCC response to the event. We kicked off the night at the O'Connor kart track – indoor but with all the doors open, dress required was for outdoors. We had such a good turnout, that track time for some was a little lighter on then they might have liked, so in future we may have to limit the numbers to ensure 3 goes for all. We had a good turn-out of kids too – always great to see them honing their driving skills as early as possible.

Fiat Car Club recruited some of their harder core drivers for the night resulting in a win for the Fiats over the MCCers. Luckily there were no sheep stations for grabs.

Afterwards we, conveniently for Sue and Dave, went to Mother India, at the end of their street. Due to some staff miscommunication we were a little spread out, but there was heaps of food – next time bring the doggy bags and not as spicy as last year's Vietnamese 😊

Hope to see you all out again next year to defend our MCC honour.

Sue



## **BATHURST BREKKIE**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**TED N' SUE'S**

**3 Ketch Place**

**Waikiki**



***7am – 9am Brekkie – all day – bbq lunch***

*All members and friends are welcome to the Bathurst Brekkie. Spend the day enjoying the Great Race with fellow motoring enthusiasts.*

***Breakfast will be provided.***

*If you can't make the brekkie come along for a BBQ lunch (BYO drinks and meat).*

***Salads will be provided.***

*Once again we will run some sweeps so be there early to get your name down. If you can't get there for the start just come along for the BBQ lunch. If you can't make either and want to be in the sweep, let us know beforehand and we'll enter your name down.*

*Put your favourite team hat on and enjoy a relaxing day with other V8 fanatics.*

***For catering purposes for both the brekkie and BBQ salads please phone***

***Sue on 9592 8292***

## **INTERNATIONAL MOKE DAY:**

Perth Sept 25th: This is a worldwide Moke Event, and has been run for several years. The idea is that if you have a Moke, get it out on Sunday 25th September.

For Members who own and have a drivable Moke, and would like to meet up with other Mokers, then an organised run is available. Every capital city in Australia participates. See you there in your Moke.

**DETAILS:** Meet at Midland Centrepoint Car park at 10.30.

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## SEPTEMBER

11 <sup>th</sup>	Yarloop Run	SDMC	Contact Chris Vernon 9592 2227
18 <sup>th</sup>	Come & Try Motorkhana	TBA	Contact Dave Elliott 9336 7037
20 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Chez Elliott	7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Fish n Chips run	SDMC	Contact Chris Vernon

## OCTOBER

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Australian National Motorkhana	RAC centre Grogan Rd Perth International Airport	Contact Jim Newell or Dave Elliott
8 <sup>th</sup>	Midland to Caversham Run	1- 3pm Show n Shine 3- 4pm Cars driving thru streets of Swan Valley	Midland Oval VSCC
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bathurst Brekkie	Currs 3 Ketch Place Waikiki	7am onwards Phone Sue 9592 8292
18 <sup>th</sup>	Committee	Chez Elliott 11 Forrest St East Fremantle	7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Waroona British Auto Class Day	Waroona	

## NOVEMBER

5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Bird & Pussycat Run	Wagin	Contact Alan Miles
6 <sup>th</sup>	Manning Park		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Committee	Chez Elliott	7.30pm

## DECEMBER

11 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas Run & BBQ	TBA	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas lights run	SDMC	Contact Chris Vernon