Carlisle MINI’s 2016 Year in review

February 12  It’s a Small World

March 20  Hershey AutoX

April 29  Cars for Critters AACA

June 5  T&D Big Cats

February 21  Cabin Fever Run

April 9  Lime Rock Track Day

May 10  Sled Fest

June 20  Easy Way Out Run

March 19  MAD Patrick

April 20  The GLEN opening day

May 24  Carlisle Import Show
June 30  LAP Motorsports WGI

July 30  SuperCars on State Street

July 10  MINI Takes the States

August 20  Carlisle MINI’s 10th Anniversary Picnic

October 15  Penn’s Cave Run

October 29  Raab Park Ghost Walk

December 3  Deck the MINI’s

December 10  Cledus Snow Show

December 21  Christmas in Paradise

July 21  LAP Motorsports LRP

September 25  Jim Thorpe Run

November 12  Dramamine ‘16

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January ‘16 This Just In... Jaw-dropping snow measurements tallied across the state. Much of Cumberland County, including Carlisle, reported 27-32 inches of snow on the ground per the readings.

So we hunkered down for our long winter’s nap...visions of Spirited Runs in our Carlisle MINIac heads!

February 2016 kicked off with 2 Events...First It’s Small World MINI and Macro Cars at the AACA museum attended by 15 MINI lovers.

This was followed by Carlisle MINI’s Famous “Cabin Fever Run.”

March offered 3 Events. An Intro to HPDE and AutoX presented by our friends at Sun Porsche was attended by 5 CMers. Then 25 MINI Motorists attended MAD Patrick...the first ever Round Ball and St Patrick’s Day celebration in a format that only the devious minds of Carlisle MINIacs would envision. Thanks to Paul, Ed and Bob for your help.

April had 5 Events...the First Track Day of the year at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut...You gotta try on of these!

4 Motorists attended a South Central PA Porsche Club AutoX in Hershey to round out the month.

May is the month that MINI motorists love, why? MINIs on the Dragon and Carlisle Mini did this event in Reverse. This was another Jimmy D Special. Motorists stayed at the Dragon Pitt at the opposite end from Fontana. As a matter of fact you had to Motor the Dragon every time you wanted to go to Fontana...isn’t that why we make this trek...think of it...forced to run the Dragon just to get to the Dragon Party. A MINI dream comes true. Carlisle Import Show attended by 17 Motorists later this month. Hopefully we will get better placement in 2017. Let’s make this real Party!

June Time for the Big Cats, CMers, led by Marie and Ed Murphy, enjoyed a great run to T&D Cats wild animal refuge, this was a great outing! Mid-June offered the Grand Ascent and Elegance at Hershey. We enjoyed breakfast in the Circular Dining Room follow by racing cars and fine cars, attended by 25 enthusiasts.

The Glen Weekend is a must do for Carlisle MINIacs with 200 MINI’s from all over the NE and Canada attending...2017 promises to be bigger and better! Another AutoX at Hershey and Cars for Critters at AACA. Thanks Matt & Kaitlin, along with the last event for April, a short run to Duncannon to attend Sled Fest 2016!!
In Mid-month June 9 members ran The Easy Way Out to Newville for their Fountain Fest. Thanks to Lisa & Michael for this one. Months end had 7 MNIacs running north to the Glen, this time for IMSA Racing that includes our favorite MINI Racing Team LAP Motorsports. MINI USA sponsors these events at a discount…see you in 2017?

July had multiple events that coincided (BIG) British Invade Gettysburg (15 Motorists) and (MTS) MINI Takes the States (12 Motorists). Whether you join in MTS for just one day or go the distance, consider adding motoring across America with a thousand other MINIs to your list of goals for 2018. Not done with July yet, later in the month 5 MINI racing fans followed LAP Motorsports to Lime Rock Park in northwestern Connecticut. Another MINI USA sponsored event! Not done with July just yet…8 MNIacs headed to Harrisburg for Super Cars on State Street and a tour of our State Capitol Building.

August This was a very special Month for Carlisle MINI. It’s our 10th anniversary as a loosely organized bunch of car nuts that happen to enjoy all things MINI. Santiago and Lois had a vision that became the impetus for our little (MINI) club. Thanks Santiago and Lois!

Well…we had a 10th Anniversary Picnic in Carlisle (where else?) that was attended by 29 MNIacs. Special thanks to Bob and Paulette Soergel for their hard work putting this together. Two CM members (Steve and Susan) traveled to VIR for another round of IMSA racing LAP Motorsports and MINI USA style. August was rounded out with The Taste of Britain Car Show and Polo Match sponsored by the LancoMG Club…Thanks Steve!

September had 2 Events…The Cumberland Perry AVTS Wounded Warrior Car Show that was postponed earlier in the year and the not to be forgotten Fall Run and Rail in Jim Thorpe. This was a joint run with the (LVBB) Lehigh Valley Backroad Bulldogs. 22 motorists from CM attended along with the LVBB contingent. Special thanks Traci & Randy, Matt & Kaitlin.

October CM had 2 Events…our Penn’s Cave Fall Foliage and Ice Cream Run. After the cave we visited State College and the Creamery…doesn’t get much better.

Or does it, how about a Ghost Walk Run? 14 Motorists enjoyed a back road run to Raab County Park for a guided walk into the woods to an abandoned Iron Ore Mine. Spooky indeed!

Thanks Marie and Ed.

November ONE Run, Dramamine ‘16, was enough…just ask those (11) who attended. Simply put….late Breakfast in Shippensburg and early Lunch, 90 miles later, at Roy Pitz….We went the back way (wink wink). Strap in for this one next year!

Now what did our little (MINI) club accomplish in 2016? It turns out quite a lot. Some events were bigger than others, some included only a few motorists and some were grand events (by our standards). Consider this, they were all designed by individuals trying to address passion for our cars.

We are proudly unsophisticated but we are fanatical…we are different but we are akin…we are curious and we are adventurous. We now we have close to 250 members. One imperative is a love of MINIs.

If you have an interest in getting more involved please let us know. We can only improve if we all help each other. Do you have an idea for an event, are you interested is sharing a special drive that you have taken, do you have social networking skills and are willing to help us get the word out to other likeminded MINI lovers?

But above all join us when you can as we collectively share the passion for MINIs.

Now MOTOR ON into the New Year!