

Carlisle MINI's 2015 Year in review

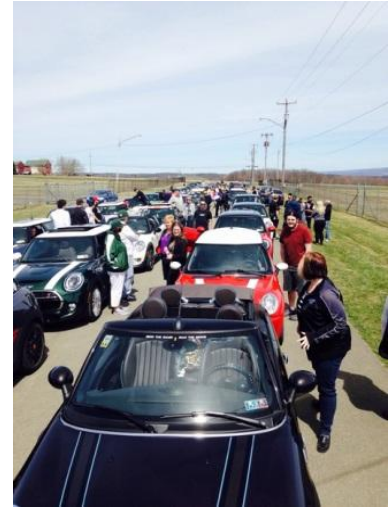
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March Pi Day 3.141592



March Watkins Glen Opening Day



April Fool's Errand Run



May Wine & Dine Mystery tour



June Hershey Hill Climb



July Minis at Lime Rock Park



August Run to Mecca



September CM/Swedish Motors Covered Bridge Tour/ Rallye



October Howl at the Moon Run



October Perry County Halloween



December 2015

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January 2015 kicked off with one CM's patented Winter **CABIN FEVER** runs. 39 MINIacs attended this event. Starting in Dillsburg, motoring through scenic Northern York and Adams counties, ending at "Logan's Garage" (a great place we will visit again). This place offered great fare which in **Paul's** words were "pretty darn tasty", Shout out to **Paul Snell** and former CM member **Tom Long** for making this event the success that it was.

February brought with it the first ever **Cupids RUN**. 28 Motorists joined up for this Run put together by **Randy McNew** and started in Dillsburg winding up in Hampstead, MD. Once again, quoting Paul, "What a great...and long...run today...Lots of fun!!!!"

March offered CMs **Pi Day Run** (3.1415926). Beginning with Pizza Pi and ending in Carlisle with Ice Cream and a Birthday Cake for **Randy** ...28 MINIacs got together for this event. Once again thanks **Randy!**

April offered many great events and really kicked off the year...First were **Paul & Joyce (the Hotdog)** putting together their infamous **Fool's Errand Run** 30 Motorists started in York then took a leisurely cruise through York County, along the Susquehanna River and through some nice countryside "twisties" concluding at The Great American Saloon in Red Lion. A great drive and lunch was enjoyed by all. Special commemorative pictures provided by **Joyce**...thanks to **Paul and Joyce** for your help putting this together.

Track day at Summit Point with our Porsche friends Riesentöter PCA Driver's Education (DE) Program. If you're interested in improving your driving skills and understanding the very special handling characteristics of your MINI, make sure to stay tuned for 2016 schedules.

Watkins Glen International Super Colossal MINI rallye Extravaganza. This event truly kicks off the year and your fellow CM MINIacs have traveled to "the Glen" for the grand opening weekend. For 2015 over 100 MINI motorists joined together for a weekend of fun that included paced laps at this world renowned race track.

For 2016 we anticipate this event could eclipse 300 MINIs...stay tuned for next year's details. Thanks **JimmyD & Cheryl**

Banter and Brew with Carlisle MINI's founder **Santiago Gabela** and his wife **Lois**. Traveling back to the US from Quito, Ecuador for a short vacation we were able to get together with 11 CM members for good eats and conversation at Battlefield Brew Works in Gettysburg. **Santiago and Lois** told us about the early years of Carlisle MINI and the struggles getting interest in South Central Pennsylvania...Thanks to **Lisa and Michael** for their help setting up a "creative" drive to the brew pub/restaurant.



2016 Marks Carlisle MINI's 10th Year...we hope to celebrate in style...stay tuned.

We're not done with April yet...20 motorists attended **Cool Cars for Cats and Canines** benefiting Castaway Critters. Castaway Critters has assisted and found homes for nearly 10,000 animals since 2000. Meeting in Linglestown for some coffee and goodies then motoring to AACA, enjoying the cool cars then off to lunch at Troegs in Hershey. It doesn't get much better than this.

Or does it...The end of April brings **MINI's on the Dragon** a hearty group (10) from Carlisle MINI joined hundreds of other MINI motoring enthusiasts for camaraderie, driving, motoring tips, swap meets and tours and good food! Motorists are already planning for 2016...this is a must do for all MINI drivers.

May featured three Carlisle MINI Runs starting with the **Wine & Dine Mystery Tour** This was one for the books...Thanks to **Marie and Ed Murphy** for putting together this Epic Event...18 Motorists enjoyed a

spirited drive through the Southern York area followed by a visit to one of Pennsylvania's best kept wine secrets...can't tell you more. **Lisa** comments "An excellent event! I highly recommend this excursion if we see a repeat!" **Let's do this one again!**

Carlisle Import Nationals is a regular May event attended by your fellow Motorists and this year was no exception. 15 members attended along with fellow motorists from Maryland, DC, Philly and NY.

May also brought us the **Cumberland Perry Vo-Tech Car Show Wounded Warrior Project** attended by 22 Carlisle MINI motorists. We partnered with the Cumberland Valley Corvette Club for this first ever event. Hopefully this will be repeated in 2016.

June again offered three events starting with **The Elegance at Hershey Hill Climb** attended by 19 motorists. After Breakfast at the historic Hershey Hotel we viewed the finest vintage race cars fly up the historic back road to The Hotel Hershey. This is not to be missed and should be on your to-do list for next year. **Ken Regan** says "Once again the day was great with old friends and the breakfast was fantastic as usual. Good company and great cars. What more could a person ask for"

June also brought the return of the MINI brand to IMSA racing. Several Motorists attended **MINI racing @ Watkins Glen** seeing the birth of **LAP motorsports** MINI racing campaign that now includes 3 JCW factory cars. We can't wait for next year. **Steve** said, "Valiant effort by the JCW team"

Finally, MINI of Baltimore sponsored a June baseball outing to the **York Revolution**, 19 Carlisle MINI motorists attended this (what appears to be) yearly event. **Bob** says, "Terrific Event"

July brings with it the annual **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGPP)**. This is our sister club's (PittStop) annual event and a must do for all MINI owners. Hundreds of MINIs converge on Schenley Park for the only historic race run on public streets in the USA. 3 Members attended this years running.

MINI racing at Lime Rock Park.

This was the second and final Northeast venue that includes LAP Motorsport JCW MINIs. 4 MINIacs attended this event. Don said, “Steve, James, Susan and I had a very special weekend at Lime Rock and the surrounding NY and Connecticut countryside. Spectacular in every respect...if you love your MINI this is a Must Do event...See you in 2016”

August included the 25th annual “**Taste of Britain Cup**” sponsored by our friends LANCO MG Club, 11 Motorists attended this event.

Two more runs in August, **Crusin’ Night at the Markets of Shrewsbury**, (“Wow that was A. Packed, B. Amazing”) and a rerun of our infamous **Run to Mecca** (really the Yuengling Brewery). Amy said “Had an awesome time today! First run with this group was a lot of fun!” A total of 43 members attended these two runs. Thanks James, Erica & Ed.

September CM/Swedish Motors Covered Bridge Tour/Rallye. This tour started in Marietta at Swedish and ended in downtown Lancaster. Special thanks to **Audrey Kushner**, of Swedish Motors, for offering to host our gang again and for being such a great partner for Carlisle MINI! **Chris** said, “Great ride today through Amish country and the five covered bridges!”

We can’t forget another **HPDE** with our Porsche friends Riesentöter PCA...this time Pocono SE. Quoting **Dave**, Most fun I’ve had with my pants on”

October Started with a sputter. **Lisa and Michael** (recent newlyweds) organized their annual **Little Buffalo Music Festival Run**...forgot to notify the rain gods...this was a washout for CM but I have to report that **Lisa & Michael** were not deterred and completed the run solo...maybe next year!

Another Track day... this time @ **VIR with NASA Mid Atlantic**, 4 members attended. “Another great track day...weather cooperated and Sunday there was not a cloud in the Virginia sky”

Howl at the Moon up next included Meeting up in Columbia for some Italian fare followed by a run through Lititz winding up at the Wolf Sanctuary of PA. Bon fires, Edgar Allen Poe and Howling Wolves made for a special fall evening for 24 MINIacs. Thanks again to **Marie and Ed** for putting this together

Next up **CM’s 2015 Perry County Halloween Run**, 23 members attended this run through the countryside, covered bridges, fording of a creek, dinner at the Blain Hotel and a tour of several Perry County Cemeteries. Joining in were the Starship Enterprise and Captain Kirk!



Also in attendance, the Mad Joker, Cat Woman, Colonel Sanders, Hippies, escaped prisoners and the like. Thanks to **Janel at the Blain Hotel** for the great Halloween Dinner. And our friends from the **Lehigh Valley Backyard Bulldogs** who came all the way out to join us.

November 17 enthusiasts joined together for **Carlisle MINI’s first ever Run for Ronald**. The Ronald McDonald House in Hershey keeps children and families together by providing temporary housing, at no charge, to out-of-town families of seriously ill children who are treated at the Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital.

December offers **Carlisle MINI’s First Ever 9th Annual Christmas Party**. Join us for Dinner and a show at the Allenberry Playhouse. **Happy Holidays!**



You may be wondering why we are recapping our year at Thanksgiving. Well...we thought this would be a good time to evaluate what our MINI club really has been up to. We rarely look back...why take our eyes off the road ahead. We think it important to recognize that we are just a small portion of the CLUB that is all things MINI. We all exchange notes and ideas with other CLUBS MINI, we have common ground and are Thankful!

What has our relatively little (MINI) club accomplished...it turns out quite a lot!

Most of your eyes have already glazed over (IGO) if you have taken the time to read CM’s undertakings in 2015. Some events were bigger than others, some included only a few motorists and some were grand events (by our standards). Consider, they were all developed by individuals trying to address our collective passion for our MINIs.

We are proudly *unsophisticated* but we are *fanatical*...we are *different* but we are *similar*...we are *curious* and we are *adventurous*. We now have close to 200 members. One imperative is a *love of MINIs*.

What is a Carlisle MINI Motoring Club member? Whatever YOU want it to be! Our passion for our MINIs is a singular common ground that we all share, aside from that we are all individuals with many other varied interests. We are a loose knit bunch of MINIacs and that's the way we like it!

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 in sharing a special drive, do you have social networking skills and are willing to help us get the word out to other likeminded MINI lovers?

Above all join us when you can as we collectively share the passion for *MINIs*.

Now **MOTOR ON** into the New Year!

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