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Calendar Spotlight: Victoria Celia

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Amish Rally Electrifies Lancaster

The Amish Rally on June 24th was full! It was a great showing to take on the windy roads of Lancaster and its surrounding areas! The landscaping, views and roads were as amazing as all the registrants. Contrary to popular belief of stepping back into Little House of the Prairie times, the area was pretty hip and modern - with the occasional horse and buggy.

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Amish Rally 2023

SHOW AND SHINE

by Barry Meyer
CO-MINIster of Logistics

It was a car show weekend June 3rd and 4th as PhillyMINI made appearances at several locations. First was the Cars and Motorcycles of England show at Hope Lodge in Fort Washington,Pa on Saturday June 3rd. It was an overcast but pleasantly breezy day as PhillyMINI had its usual contingent of new and classic Minis on display amongst the "sea" of Triumphs and Jaguars . This event has been a staple on the PhillyMINI calendar for about 15 years. We received quite a few compliments from show attendees and handed out several "brag tags". Hopefully we convinced a few people to become members.
Congratulations to Ronnie and Tony Gauker for winning first place, Michael and Marylin Tontoni for second place and Eric Zwirnmann for third place in the New Mini category.

Next up was Cars and Coffee at Steel Stacks in Bethlehem,Pa, on Sunday June 4th. This event's theme was European cars and there were quite a few awesome cars to view. PhillyMINI arrived onsite bright and early and was able to secure a prime parking spot in the main lot. Although there were a lot of European makes on display, it appeared that **Mike Marzo's dogs, Luca and Vito, were the stars of the show**. I think they received the most attention and requests to pet them were plentiful.

But PhillyMINI wasn't done with car shows that weekend. Vinnie Funelas and Rob Argila participated in the 28th Red Mill British car day in Clinton,NJ also on Sunday June 4th and a few PhillyMini members dropped by to check out the show. **Vinnie and Rob took a trifecta of prizes in the New Mini, Classic Mini and Picnic categories**. Congratulations to Vinnie and Rob on a job well done.

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PhillyMINI COOPER CUP

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T-Rex's Terrific Tour

Jurassic Park or Cooper Cup?

An annual tradition of PhillyMINI, the Cooper Cup is a great chance to combine your driving, navigation, and observation skills in one fun day of rallying! This year's rally, designed by last year's winners, **Shawn and Abbie T-Rexler**, is dubbed "T-Rex's Terrific Tour".

It will be just that; a terrific and, hopefully, stress-free tour of the beautiful and curvy backroads in Western Lehigh County... Don't miss the plot twist toward the end!

Want to attend but don't want the day to end in a breakup or divorce from your beloved driver/navigator? Consider switching up navigators from other participating duos for the day so your event doesn't end in competitive discourse!

As the winners, you take home the cup and create next year's route. We're also awarding "fabulous-ish" individual prizes for best navigator, best driver, and a few other categories. Come and join the fun on July 22nd!

Membership Spotlight

David Lugo

How long have you been a member?

Since 2019.

How did you hear about PhillyMINI?

Facebook

What are your MINIs' names?

Marley

What's your favorite rally? Why?

Slim Shady. Tracy came up with some awesome views

What's your favorite PhillyMINI memory?

Getting to the top of the mountain on the slim shady rallies. It was breathtaking and being with a bunch of awesome friends!!

What other clubs are you a member? Car- or non-car-related.

Lancaster Cars & Coffee.

What is your favorite part/thing/aspect of your MINI?

The speed.

How do you spend your time outside of PhillyMINI? What other interests do you have? (e.g., sewing, quilting, autocross, cooking, crossfit, etc. Describe your other passions.)

Bowling, Bonfires and Golf.

MINIS ON TOP

by Greg Bilton
MINIster of Technology

On Father's Day weekend a few intrepid members went up to New Hampshire for a wet but fun weekend at MINI's on Top.

The weekend began on Friday with lunch at MINI of Bedford and an informal rally to the hotel in Bartlett, there are some awesome roads up there. After checking in there were appetizers and meeting other attendees at the MOTORoom. Saturday was the big day initially meeting up at the Hobo Railroad Museum, and then choosing from several choices of rallies with varying levels of adventure.

After the rallies we all met back up at the base of Mt. Washington for dinner and the main attraction the drive up the Mt. Washington Auto Road. The ascent was very foggy with visibility less than a quarter mile at times and about a 25 degree difference from the top to the bottom. I've been several times and went up in different conditions each time, this was the most interesting of all of them.

To see the photos the trip click the link 2023 MINIs on Top | Flickr. If you want to go in the future let me know so I can photograph your car on top.

Happy Birthday

Greg Bilton
Abdul Delati
Keith DuAime
William Ebert
Lisa Grabowski
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Theresa Kaymak
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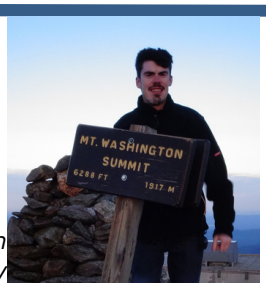

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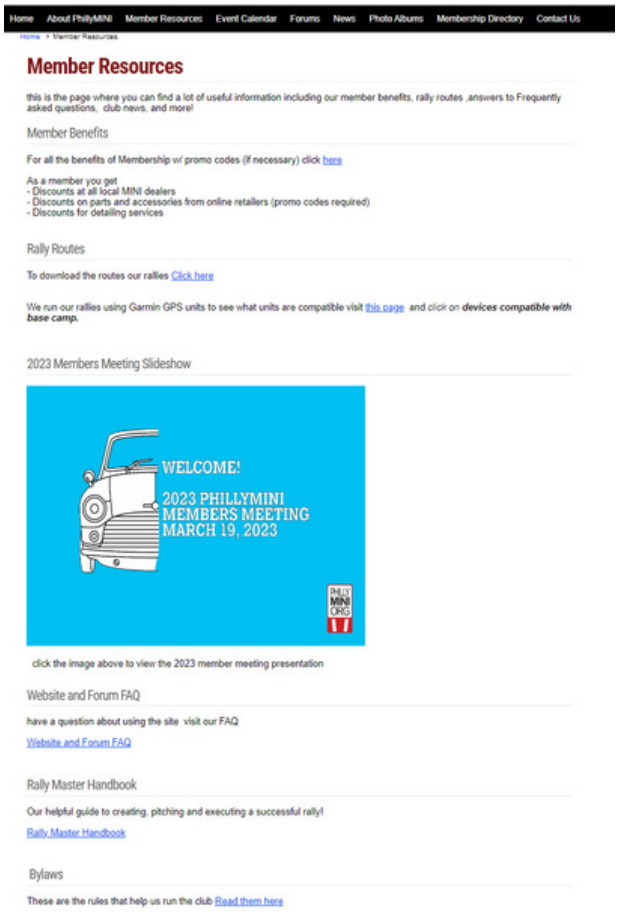


When you see this newsletter there will be some changes on the website. With feedback from you, we have combined some of your most frequently asked questions into one helpful page called Member Resources. Find it on the top navigation bar next to About PhillyMINI. On there you can quickly access the page with this year's member benefits with the promo codes (if needed) a quick link to find our route files (gpx files) and the link to the Garmin page with the list of compatible devices you can buy to run them. Want to see this year's presentation from the members meeting? It's there too.

The signup process for the monthly dinners is changing, they will now be treated like the lunch sign-ups are for rallies. They will be formally posted on the event calendar on the homepage and that is also where you will sign up for them. Also if you want to host a dinner that will now be handled by our new MINIster of Culinary Delights Joyclynn Reynolds. Reach out to her or us and we will make sure your dinner gets on the calendar.

As always, if you have any questions let us know, we're more than happy to help.

ON THE MENU

June Dinner @ Quips Pub

by Joyclynn Reynolds
MINIster of Culintary Delights

There's no quips about it, the June dinner hosted by Cynthia LeTeff at Quips Pub was a jolly good time! Everyone enjoyed their delicious fare and a pint or two! This is no traditional pub food. Here you will find English, Scottish, American, and even some Mexican vittles. Next time you're in Lancaster, stop in and tell them Cynthia sent ya! Just watch your step!

For those who might not know me, my name is Joyclynn and this is my fourth year with PhillyMINI. I have enjoyed so many rallies and get-togethers that I feel like I want to give back. When our Prime MINIster was talking about a new role as MINIster of Culinary Delights, I volunteered immediately. Let's get your favorite restaurant on the calendar. Reach out to me at twget@yahoo.com.

"People who love to eat are always the best people." - Julia Child

EMBERS SMOKEHOUSE AND TAP

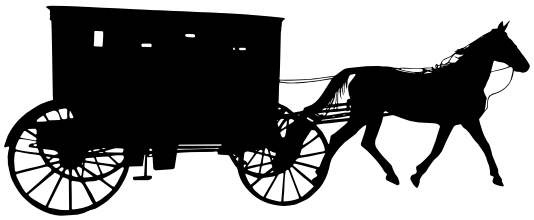
It's time for the July dinner. Join us for southern-inspired smokehouse creations, comfort food and locally-sourced wines, cocktails and craft brews at Embers Smokehouse and Tap!

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023
Time: 6:30 pm
Where: Embers Smokehouse and Tap
Location: 237 W. Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914
https://www.emberssmokehouseandtap.com

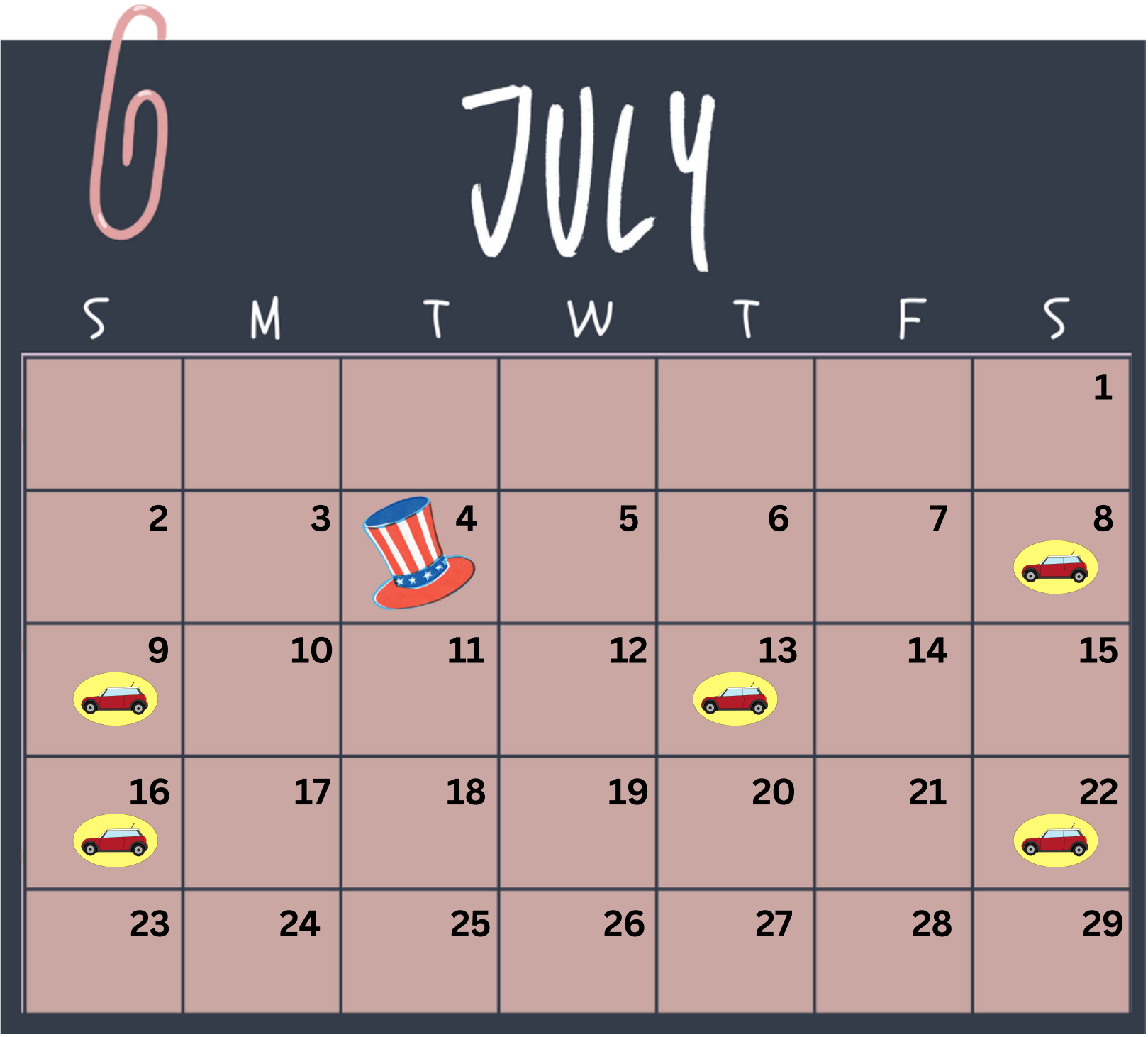
Embers does not accept reservations, but they're going to do their best to accommodate our group, so we're capping the registration at 20 people.

Please RSVP here https://www.phillymini.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=22021&item_id=2022245 by Wednesday, July 12. We hope you'll have a seat with us and your fellow PhillyMINIacs at Ember's table for some delicious food, good times, laughs and the meat sweats!

Hosts: Tony & Ronnie Gauker



Amish Rally



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