



Calendar Spotlight: Tracy Krapf

Rewind: A 2023 Rally Season Recap

PhillyMINI celebrated 20 years as a club last year! Over those 20 years of events, rallies, dinners and lots of great times, the club stood strong bringing in new members, and seeing those new members get more and more involved with the club activities. Some of our veteran members have since retired from club activities but they have always remained in our PhillyMINI memories and friend groups, supporting our efforts as we continue the PhillyMINI legacy for the next generation of MINI enthusiasts.

Junior ambassadors, participating with their parents, are our next generation that will welcome MINI enthusiasts to PhillyMINI and wish those of us remaining a happy retirement. We need volunteers, club members to keep the club strong and moving towards the future PhillyMINI. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Host a dinner – all it takes is making a reservation at your favorite restaurant and our

MINIster of Culinary Delights, Joyclynn Reynolds, will help promote your event. Then sit back and enjoy your dinner with PhillyMINI friends.

- Become a Leader, Sweeper or Marshall – talk to MINIster of Logistics, Josh Markovitz, or MINIster of Finance, Ron Lobb, about becoming a leader, sweeper or marshall. You get extra road time running rallies, in smaller groups, during a dry run. Also, new this year you will get a special day just for leaders, sweepers and Marshalls! (Announcement and more info coming at the Membership meeting).
- Become a Rally Master – Have great roads or locations you wish to share with the club?
- Consider becoming a rally master. We also have a list of retired rallies waiting to come out and play again. Speak to MINIster of Logistics, Josh Markovitz, for more information.
- MINIster of Art – We are still looking for a person to fill the

position. Duties include creative collaborations with rally masters to come up with art ideas for the buttons and clings we sell at every PhillyMINI rally. Most of the work is done between December and February each year in prep for the March Members Meeting. Applicants must have computer knowledge of Adobe Illustrator (AI) or similar program working with vector art. Please see any of the club officers if you wish to apply.

Election year is coming! 2025 will be our next election year for Prime MINIster (president) of PhillyMINI. You must be a member in good standing for at least one year and a current MINI owner and club member to run for Prime MINIster. It is not a lonely job, there is a great team of MINIsters, all with specific job duties, to help the club operations run smoothly. We love our club and want to see it succeed for many years to come. We need PhillyMINI members to step up and get involved. Please consider volunteering.

Members Meeting 2024

DON'T FORGET

**March 9, 2024
12pm
Franconia Heritage Banquet Center
508 Harleysville Pike
Telford, PA**

Membership packets will be distributed at the annual Member's Meeting on March 9th for anyone who has joined or renewed on or before February 29th.

For anyone who will not be attending the meeting, packets will be mailed directly to your home the following week. Please be sure to update your home address if you have moved so that we can ensure you receive your 2024 membership packet. This can be done under your profile after you log into your PhillyMINI.org account.

For anyone who renews or joins after February 29th, I will get your packets out to you as soon as I can after the Member's Meeting.

Happy Motoring!
Avery
MINIster of Membership

MINI Maintenance



Under the Hood: MINI Maintenance

Greetings Mini Enthusiasts!

Welcome to "Under the Hood," which is dedicated to keeping your beloved Mini running smoothly. In this edition, we've compiled some essential maintenance tips and tricks to ensure your Mini stays in peak condition. Let's dive in!

1. Regular Oil Checks and Changes:

Ensure your Mini's engine is well-lubricated by regularly checking the oil levels. Aim to change the oil as per the manufacturer's recommendations, typically every 5,000 to 7,500 miles. Fresh oil keeps your engine running smoothly and prolongs its lifespan.

2. Tire Pressure Monitoring: Keep an eye on your Mini's tire pressure regularly, including the spare tire. Properly inflated tires not only improve fuel efficiency but also

enhance handling and safety on the road. Refer to your Mini's manual for recommended tire pressure levels.

3. Brake System Inspection: Don't overlook your Mini's brakes. Regularly inspect brake pads, rotors, and brake fluid levels. Replace worn-out brake pads promptly to avoid damage to other braking components and ensure optimal stopping power.

4. Fluid Checks: Beyond oil and brake fluid, don't forget to inspect other vital fluids like coolant, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid. Maintaining proper fluid levels helps prevent overheating, transmission issues, and steering problems.

5. Air Filter Replacement: A clean air filter is essential for efficient engine performance. Check and replace your Mini's air filter as needed, typically every 12,000 to 15,000 miles or if it

appears dirty. A clogged air filter restricts airflow, leading to decreased fuel efficiency and power.

6. Battery Maintenance: Ensure your Mini's battery terminals are clean and free of corrosion. Regularly inspect the battery's condition and consider testing its voltage periodically, especially before long trips. Replace the battery if it shows signs of weakness or struggles to start your Mini.

7. Exterior Care: Protect your Mini's exterior by washing it regularly and applying a coat of wax to maintain its shine and protect the paint. Check for any signs of rust or damage and address them promptly to prevent further deterioration.

8. Interior Cleaning: Keep your Mini's interior looking sharp by vacuuming regularly and using appropriate cleaners for surfaces. Protect leather upholstery with conditioner to prevent cracking, and use sunshades to shield the dashboard and seats from UV damage.

9. Scheduled Maintenance: Don't skip your Mini's scheduled maintenance intervals. These checks are crucial for identifying potential issues early and keeping your Mini performing at its best. Refer to your owner's manual for the recommended maintenance schedule.

10. Drive with Care: Last but not least, drive your Mini with care and respect its capabilities. Avoid aggressive driving behaviors like sudden accelerations or hard braking, which can wear down components faster and reduce fuel efficiency.

Remember, a well-maintained Mini is a joy to drive and ensures years of motoring pleasure. Stay tuned for more tips and tricks in our next edition of "Under the Hood." Until then, happy motoring!

MONTHLY & YUMMY



Ready to take your taste buds on a wild ride? Head over to Volcano Hot Pot & BBQ PA and prepare for a flavor explosion! Our Hot Pot & BBQ offerings are sure to leave you craving for more!

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Time: 5:30PM

Location: Volcano Hot Pot
1200 Welsh Rd Ste B
North Wales, PA 19454



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Happy Birthday

Michael Attiani
Aaron Auten
David Carter-Lemos
David Geiger
Tracy Krapf
Ron Lobb
Joseph Madeja
Kevin McLemore
Spring O'Mara
Sherry Pace
Bill Penglase
Wendy Reside
Bill Rhoads
Abbie Trexler
Gina Verdi
Susan Wells

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- 13 Social Dinner @ Volcano Hot Pot**
- 16 Conshohocken St Pattys Day Parade**
- 23 Leaders and Sweepers kick off rally**