



PHILLYMINI

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Ready to Rally!!!

Greetings PhillyMINI and Happy 2023! Who's ready for a new year? The officers are ready to kick things off this year with our new monthly newsletter, The PhillyMINI Navigator!

Here you can keep tabs on future events, important club news and celebrate birthdays. Along with the newsletter, the officers are ready to kick things off this year!

Did you know 2023 PhillyMINI has something to celebrate? That's right! It's our club's 20th Anniversary Year and we are starting things off with Membership Renewals! Then shine up those MINIs, spring is around the corner and the Member Meeting will be held March 19, 2023! We have an all new location planned with great food, lots of great prizes and the big reveal of rallies and events on our schedule!

Meeting information and sign ups will be on the forum by February 15, 2023. We look forward to seeing everyone! Also this year, we brought back dinners and if you

haven't checked out the forums lately you might want to pop over and check out the new lists of National Events, Car Shows, Parades and Motorsport events!

We are not just a driving club, we hope to have a little something for everyone! We can't do all this without you though. We hope you participate and maybe help contribute to some events by hosting a dinner night or posting car events in your area.

Has anyone noticed the big count down timer on the home page of our website? October 6 though 8, 2023 - Save those dates and get ready for a huge weekend long celebration of our 20th Anniversary! We can't reveal all the fun just yet, but you are NOT going to want to miss it!



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2023 Member Meeting

It's that time of year! Let's kick this rally season off with a bang at the annual Member Meeting!

Registration will open for this year's Member Meeting on February 15, 2023!

If you are not a member of PhillyMINI and would like to come check us out and see what the club has to offer, this is a great event to do so!

Come meet the current officers, rally masters and ambassadors of the club.

Expect great food, raffles and club merch for sale!

We'll review the upcoming year's schedule of events!

-Tracy Krapf

Calendar of Events

March 19

Members' Meeting

This section will be reserved for a listing of upcoming PhillyMINI events, rallies and important dates.



The 2023 PhillyMINI Calendar is available for purchase!

Please click [here](#) to place your order and check out monthly MINI spotlights!

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Prime MINister Corner

...we wouldn't exist without you and your passion...

AS WE APPROACH the 2023 rally season, which by the way will be our 20th year as a MINI owners club, I would like to say I was honored and proud to have served as your Prime MINister for the last three years.

To say the last three years were challenging would be an understatement. The Year 2020 started with the Officers team facing an almost complete turnover of personnel causing us to learn the ins and outs of running the club on the fly. Then Covid hit and we were forced to cancel the 2020 members meeting and rally schedule thru June. With some out-of-the-box thinking, we managed to salvage the second half of the year with post rally meetups at state and local parks and required masking. We also held virtual dinners and a Zoom Trivial Pursuit night.

As we entered 2021 with Covid still a major concern, we held the members meeting at Paradise Farms utilizing a semi indoor/outdoor facility. As the year went by, we managed to return to some semblance of normalcy but still had to make some concessions to Covid. Monthly Get Together Dinners were suspended, but we did hold a full rally schedule.

Last year started off with a bang as we had to replan our members meeting with three days notice due to a conflict with our original meeting site. Due to the incredible resourcefulness of Tracy Krapf and Ron Lobb, we managed to secure a new location and the meeting was a big success. With Covid waning, we started holding post rally lunches and it seemed as if things were beginning to look up after a few tough years. Then we were faced with another challenge as gas prices rose dramatically. Although we held a full rally schedule, overall participation was down.

I am extremely proud of the PhillyMINI members for their continued support for Preston and Steve's Camp Out For Hunger/Philabundance as we have donated more than 20,000 pounds of food during my three year tenure.

Again I would like to thank all the members of PhillyMINI as we wouldn't exist without you and your passion for the club.

This year promises to be a banner year as we celebrate our 20th anniversary and we have quite a few awesome things on tap. So let's get ready to rally and I look forward to seeing everybody at this year's members meeting in March.



Barry Meyer
Outgoing Prime MINister

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January

Debby Berlin
Ed Boudman
Joshua Brody
Avery Brown
Traci Bugosh
James Danner
Albert Eschert
Stephen Faha
Darci Galie
Charlotte Hoskins
Jake Hufner
Andrew Kline
Cynthia Leteff

Sandra Lombardo
Mark McIlvaine
Marley (Marlene)
Mermelstein
Rob Morris
Paige Popp
Lin Primrose
Simon Redman
Craig Staley
Craig Staley
Tom Verdi
Kristi Wenrich
Bryan Wenzel
Martin Zak

February

Bob Acri
Michael Lalock
Bonita McCloe
Fred Pacolitch
Katelyn Patrick
Don Primrose
Tom Reynolds
Orlando Salvato
Derek Snowten
William Trexler
Paul Uhrig

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



January Dinner Night Out - PHO TAI NAM



Twenty five brave MINIacs ventured out on the treacherous, rain-drenched roads in the dark of the night to come together for the first monthly dinner of the new year.

Maybe I am a bit dramatic, but that's me. It was a fun night at Pho Tai Nam in East Norriton and many noodles were consumed.

Thanks all for coming out, it was a blast seeing everyone and I look forward to having the monthly dinners more regularly again.

Anyone who is interested in hosting one please reach out to one of the club officers.

- Josh "Isy Vibes"

Membership Update

It's the time of year that we have all been waiting for! Registration renewals for the 2023/2024 rally season open on February 15th. All current members should receive an automated email reminder from our host, ClubExpress, to renew your membership. Membership packets/badges/clings/swag for new and renewing members will be distributed at the Members Meeting. For anyone that cannot attend, we will mail them to your home the following week.

A reminder that our motoring year runs April 1 through March 31 of the following year rather than a rolling calendar. We do not pro-rate membership dues. It is the same price no matter when in the year you renew. As a club, we have also been hit with rising costs and inflation like everyone else. Membership dues for both Motoring Drivers and Navigators will increase by \$5 this year.

What are the benefits of being a paid member besides getting to know and hang out with other really cool and fun MINI friends? Paid members get full access to the PhillyMINI.org website, discounts with the local MINI dealerships as well as a host of other vendors that offer discounts. As a new member, you will receive a badge holder and lanyard to wear at events as well as the yearly swag that all members receive including a badge, cling and vinyl decals for your car, a yearly button and a stack of brag tags to tag other MINI friends that you come across.

- Avery Brown

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Membership Spotlight

Abbie & Shawn Trexler



How long have you been a member?

Since 2020.

How did you hear about PhillyMINI?

Trying to find outdoor activities for our family during the early stages of the pandemic, Abbie joined the LV Mini FB page. We attended a rally, not knowing anything about rallying other than rally racing, organized by Tracey in the Lehigh Valley in 2020. We had so much fun, she told us about PhillyMINI and we knew we wanted to join.

What are your MINIs' names?

Shawn's R53 is Stitch and Abbie's R57 is Bolt (we have a habit of naming our cars after Disney characters).

What's your favorite part of being a member?

The rallying! We also enjoy meeting other MINI faithful.

What's your favorite rally? Why?

We enjoy the fast paced, twisty rallies. Our favorite holiday is Halloween, so we really enjoy the Tri County Terror Rally (our daughter loves the ghost stories).

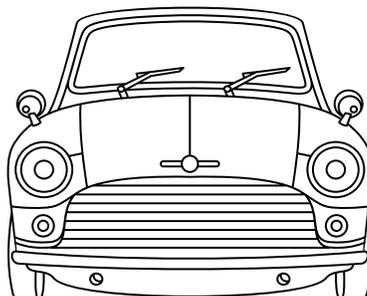


What's your favorite PhillyMINI memory?

Shawn's favorite is the ice cream that seems to appear at all rally stops.

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

We both love the quick bursts of speed on our S models and how well they handle in the corners. Abbie loves the noises her R57 makes since it was tuned.



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.)

We both love Formula 1 racing. We camp a lot with our kids in the summer and fall. Abbie enjoys cooking, reading, painting, photography and fishing. Shawn enjoys off-roading his Bronco and is a big fan of tech (always and forever).

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

Abbie runs a non-profit membership organization, The American Driving Society, Inc., which is a 2,000 member club devoted to carriage driving (horses, not cars). Interestingly, it runs on the Club Express web platform, too.