

Morris Minor Owners Club

WING MIRROR



July 2009

WE WON AGAIN!!!!

Yes that's right the club won 1st prize for our stand at **Ballymena**, Chris McGregor has written this report as I was in England at the National Rally.

On Saturday 25 June the AOVC held their first large static show at Ballymena Showground's. There were approximately 1200 cars from a 1920's Rolls Royce through to a "Back to the Future" De Lorean, together with commercial vehicles on display. There was something for everyone with craft stalls, autojumble, antiques and food stalls. The weather was kind to us and there were lots of spectators enjoying the spectacle.

Our club stand had 50 members on the club stand making our the biggest entry showing their cars and the highlight of the day was winning the prize for the best stand display. The theme was Snow White and the Seven Minors. Seven members cars to be decorated to resemble the seven dwarfs, with Robert's white convertible acting as Snow White. Club secretary Joan, dressed up as the wicked old witch, complete with a basket of red apples. All the spectators stopped to stare and take photographs. Robert and Valerie are to be congratulated and thanked for all their efforts in producing a winning stand for us. Thanks also to the members who allowed their cars to be used in the display.

Each entrant received a Sealy inspection lamp in a commemorative presentation box, with the AOVC and Ballymena logos printed on them. Everyone agreed that it was an enjoyable and successful day.

National Rally, Somerset

The rally was held this year in The Haynes Motor Museum near Sparkford. Several members travelled over this year, Stephen Gordon, Chris Drummond and I flew to Bristol as it didn't suit to drive this year and hired a car at the airport. The weather was fine all weekend, just right for camping! This year was much smaller than last with only around 400 cars attending and fewer autojumble stalls as well, that said I picked up a few bargains for the lowlight! The Glastonbury Festival was only a few miles away and it must have put people off attending in case they were caught in traffic as 5 hours tail backs had been reported, thankfully we weren't caught up in any traffic. All in all still a great weekend, I'm already looking forward to next year and hoping its much further north!!!!

Photos from both events will be on the website shortly.

Topaz, which is the new name for Shell Oil have kindly sponsored the club this year. They will also do a special price for club members any where in the province looking for home heating oil. Please give them a call on 0800 460 046 for a quote, mentioning the Minor Club to get the deal, it may save you some money!



The club have held several events lately, the trip to **Scrabo Garden Centre** organised by Joan was a fine evening, 28 members attended and we had a hot supper and time to browse the nursery. Triumph Club NI hosted the **Ballyclare May Fair Run** once again and several of our members attended this, also on the same day was **Bangor Elim** and the club was well represented at this also. 17 members met and travelled in convoy to **Mosney**, this is an excellent show and well worth driving a few extra miles for. The **Festival of Champions** held at Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Rose Gardens in South Belfast was well attended with 20 cars on show from the MMOC as well as 3 Gold Wing motorbikes, thanks to all who attended. The new **Kilbroney Show** was held on 20th June by Newry Vintage Club and although not in the same league as other years was a good day out. The last club event was the **Jazz Train**, 26 members attended and had a great evening of fun and entertainment while travelling in style!

In future we will accept entries that are registered on or before 31st December 1988 in line with AOVC guidelines



In July we have a few events, it's not too late to enter Millisle yet so get your form posted off! The fish and chip run in August is sold out already. Entries are

arriving for the Regional rally on 15th August which should be a great day out without covering too many miles. Don't forget the end of Season weekend in October, a deposit will secure your booking and the balance can be paid nearer the date.



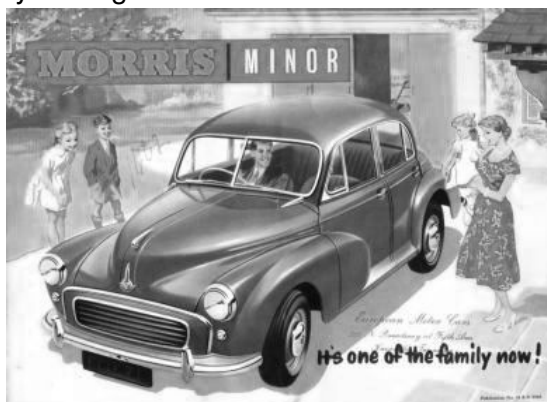
Dates for your Diary

Below are the dates for events that may interest you.

If you know of any other events that our members may enjoy please let me know and I will include them.

Fri 17th July	Millisle
17-18th July	Ballymena Steam Rally
18-25th July	MOTUK, Minors on Tour based in the Lake District
25th July	AOVC Summer Run
Sat 1st Aug	EAOVC Portrush Run
Thur 6th Aug	Club Night, Fish n Chip run, Antrim
Fri 7th Aug	Triumph Club Lisburn Run
Sat 8th Aug	Mountstewart Steam Rally
Sat 15th Aug	Regional Rally Stormont
Sat 22nd Aug	Classic Cars at Titanic Quarter
Thur 3rd Sept	Club Night
Sat 12th Sept	AOVC Autumn Run
Sat 19th Sept	Ballygowan Vintage Rally
Thur 1st Oct	Club Night
2nd-4th October	End of Season Weekend Donegal

Entry forms will be issued well in advance of the events. A more comprehensive list of events for all the AOVC clubs can be found by visiting www.aovc.co.uk



Can I extend a warm welcome to all our new members over the last few months. We look forward to seeing you at some of the up and coming events.

For Sale/ Wanted

Wanted, black or grey early Minor 1000 with red interior, prefer 4 door. Must be in excellent condition and need no repairs. Thomas 028 3085 0084

For sale, 1961 2 door Minor very good condition. Snowberry white with red seats. Phone Trevor 07903 173162

1962 4 door Minor, dove grey with red duo tone seats good condition. Also 1959 2 door clipper blue minor in need of some repair has disc brakes fitted. Phone Matt 028 9181 8640

Passenger door for 2 door or traveller good condition. Phone Ray 07732 259665

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Visit the club website www.mmoc-ni.co.uk which has recently been updated with some new pictures. If we don't yet have a picture of your car, or you've bought another one please email it to Stephen or me and we will put it on.

The National club has an excellent website with lots of photographs, events, technical tips and message board forum. www.mmoc.org.uk