

# Morris Minor Owners Club

## WING MIRROR



## September 2009

The Club has ran several successful events in the last couple of months and attended several others. Our July club night was a trip on The **Jazz Train** and everyone who attended had great fun. This year the train left from Central Station towards Lisburn where the Apex Jazz Band played on the platform, then back on the train to Portadown where once again the band played. While we were travelling everyone enjoyed the mountains of food that all the members had brought along, some even had the odd glass of wine..... We arrived back at Central around midnight, a really different and fun evening!

The next event on the club calendar is the **Millisle Rally** held at the seafront car park. We had almost 100 entries and a lovely summer evening for our short drive around County Down. There were also plenty of spectators that evening and the Mayor of Ards presented the entrants with a finishers award. Stephen Gordon and I missed this event as we travelled to The Lake District for the MOT UK (Minors on Tour!) a full account of this adventure is posted on the club website.

The **Fish and Chip Run** was in place of the August club night, this event was over booked. There was a short drive from our meeting point in Templepatrick, then 46 members sat down to a great meal at the Coffee shop at the Blackwater Marina in Antrim. Once again no one went home hungry, the owners donated a prize for the raffle and we hope to return again next year.

This year the **Regional Rally** was held on 15th August. 41 cars, 26 of them Minors met at IKEA at Hollywood Exchange. Thanks to Dora for arranging the free breakfasts with the store! Everyone then had plenty of time to browse the store, look at the cars on display or just have a good chat. The weather didn't look to promising first thing but cleared up nicely. We travelled in convoy the short trip to The Stormont Estate where we had our picnic lunch. Club member Kieran McCarthy JP MLA had arranged special parking in front of Stormont buildings and then a guided tour of the main rooms. This was followed by a refreshments in the long gallery.



We then set off in convoy to The La Mon Hotel for 4 course carvery, as with other years this was an excellent meal.

After the meal we had the usual raffle and presented the finishers awards, a special plate was presented to Kieran for arranging the tour of Stormont. Each year at this event we present the trophies for most events attended in your Minor, the main Cup went to Bert Lyttle and runner up shield to John McLorn. The shield for most assistance to the club from a non committee member went to Jim McConachie. A very relaxing and enjoyable day out, big thanks to Chris and Joan for organising the event.

**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 460046 and ask for Roz for a quote, mentioning the Minor Club to get the deal, it may save you some money!**

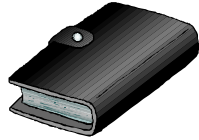


For the club night Thursday 1st October we return to Cregagh Library where we will have a guest speaker. The following afternoon quite a few of us will be going off on the End of Season weekend to the Mill Park Hotel in Donegal Town. We meet at Corrs Corner Hotel at 2pm and travel together to the Hotel. This is an excellent hotel and the weekend offers great value for money, it includes 2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, lunch on Saturday and a meal on Sunday. If you haven't already booked and want to go please contact Trevor immediately as he may be able to secure some more rooms.

**Club member Wilbert Patton's Volvo is featured in a 4 page article in this months edition of the magazine Irish Vintage Scene.**

**In future we will accept entries from vehicles for club events which were first registered on or before 31st Dec 1988 .**

**Several of our events for 2010 are already listed on the Events Page at [www.aovc.co.uk](http://www.aovc.co.uk)**



## Dates for your Diary

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

Thur 3rd Sept	Club Night At the Public Record Office
Sat 5th Sept	Garvagh Vintage Rally and Horse Show. Seaford Vintage Rally. Parkgate Donkey Derby!
Sun 6th Sept	EAOVC Static rally at Abbeycentre from 12.30
Sat 12th Sept	AOVC Autumn Run
Sat 19th Sept	Rathfriland Vintage rally Ballygowan Vintage Rally
Thur 1st Oct	Club Night in the Library
2nd-4th October	End of Season Weekend Donegal
Thur 5th Nov	Annual General Meeting in the Library
Thur 3rd Dec	Christmas Party Night in the Library

Entry forms will be issued well in advance of the events. A more comprehensive list of events for all the AOVV clubs can be found by visiting [www.aovv.co.uk](http://www.aovv.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

If any member has for sale or wanted items please pass on the details for this section.

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

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 9181 8640



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Visit the club website [www.mmoc-ni.co.uk](http://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.