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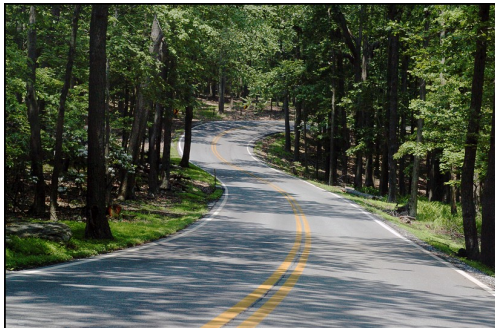
Hangin' on the Curves and Pickin' the Cherries—June 29th

This run will have us hitting the hills in and around Cunningham Falls and Catoclin Mountain Parks. We will roll into the orchards in Thurmont and end the trip with lunch at the Cozy Restaurant.

We will meet at the Frederick Town Mall parking lot (1301 W. Patrick Rd) at 9am, departing promptly at 9:30am. The route is about 65 miles and takes approximately 2 hours.

Please visit the forum post for more details and to RSVP.

[Cherry Picking Run](#)



Photos courtesy of Chris (Maxicooper)



Guinness World Record Attempt—July 26th

On July 26th the Seven Cities MINI Club will be hosting the 2nd Annual Guinness World Record attempt (GWR Claim ID: 208356) for the most number MINIs/Minis in a parade. The event will be held in Lanexa, VA at the Rockahock Campground. Activities will begin at 9am and the parade will start at 2pm. More information can be found on North American Motoring (NAM) here: [Guinness World Record Attempt](#)

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Congratulations to ssallykat winner of the 6th DCMM Photo Contest! The theme was “Shiny”



The next Photo Contest theme is “Close Up”. The deadline for submission is June 14th @ Noon.

How to enter

Entries must be submitted to Maxicooper via email at photocontest@dcmetrominis.org with the subject line reading “**DCMM Photo Contest**”. When you upload your image you must include a topic of the contest, your name and image's caption.

4th of July Parades

In the past DCMM has participated in the Washington DC and Annapolis 4th of July parades. Thanks to Mark (mmatarella) this year will be no different. Both parades take place on July 4th. The Annapolis parade is limited to 10 MINIs, so be sure to sign up early if you want to participate. Please see the threads on NAM for more information and the RSVP list.

[Capital Hill Parade](#)

[Annapolis Parade](#)

MINI of the Month

Barbarella

DCMM Newsletter Interviewer (DNI): Sooo, Barbarella, hmm? You named your MINI after the '68 Jane Fonda movie?

Glenn, MrMellowYellow (MrMY): Heck no! We named her after the Duran Duran song, "Electric Barbarella". Duran Duran was named after after the movie. (sheesh, can you believe this guy?)

Beverly, MrsMellowYellow (MrsMY): You know, you lost all credibility as a male when you admitted to listening to Duran Duran.

MrMY: What can I say? I'm a child of the '80s.

MrsMY: That doesn't make it right.

DNI: Carrying on. Why a MINI, why now? You've owned Fords all your life. Weren't you in the market for a new Ranger? Was it about the environment and weren't you adamant about buying American?

MrMY: Double heck no! I mean, we care about the environment and America...but Barbarella is all about fun, sex and passion! What American car can give you that and 26mpg (34 highway)?

Everclear! I listen to Everclear and they're manly!

MrsMY: (ahem) Well, yes we typically buy Ford vehicles and we actually had sold our Ford Ranger with the intention of buying another. But on a whim, we decided to test drive the MINI and we were hooked. We still haven't replaced the truck yet. We'll get there. Oh and for the record, MrMY, "Barbie" IS NOT your plaything! She's NOT an object for your juvenile amusements. She's all about 100% girl power! She's intelligent, powerful and looks great in yellow!

DNI: Yes, why a yellow car? I mean, you two don't exactly scream excitement or anything.

MrsMY: Well, soomebody is going through an early midlife crisis. I never thought we'd ever be affected by that. We're not exactly "car" people.

MrMY: Ooh! Tracey Bonham. I listen to her and she's manly!

MrsMY: As I was saying, the MINI is a fun car and we wanted a fun color to go along with it. Throw in the white racing stripes and she's a unique, beautiful little gal. I can't tell you how many smiles and compliments we get on her. Every day we notice heads turning and people smiling and waving at us. Barbie is all about bringing joy and smiles everywhere she goes.

MrMY: Geggy Tah, Cowboy Mouth, Barenaked Ladies. Aren't they all manly bands?

MrsMY: Um, even the Barenaked Ladies make fun of Duran Duran. Remember the lyrics to "Grade 9"? "I went out for the football team to prove that I'm a man, I guess I shouldn't tell them that I like Duran Duran."

MrMY: Oh yeah.....so we're just a couple of chicks driving around in our cute little yellow car?

MrsMY: I wouldn't have it any other way, dear.



DCMM Board Meeting Minutes May 25, 2008

1. Copyright of DCMM logo—we need a lawyer to figure out what is needed to make it happen. Costs? Rick has a friend at the Trademark office, he will find out what is necessary. DCMM founding members & Craig (Cooperation) designed original logo, Stacey will double check if Craig is OK with it. Perhaps also designing several more variations and trademarking them all at once.
2. Membership Levels—258 current members, 252 expired members (more than 30 days past due), 10 brand new members this month, 11 in April, and 8 in March.
3. Swag:
 - Grille badges—running low (7 left) should we order more? Have to use a different vendor though.
 - Lanyards?
 - Pens?
 - Bottle Openers?
 Laura is going to look into options and costs.
4. Paypal account maintenance
5. Earthmail—all agreed to proceed with it
6. Financial Report (as of May 24, 2008)
7. Monthly dealership meetups are no longer to be called Breakfasts—they will now be called Meet & Greets. Provision of food is entirely up to the dealership and/or generous members—**the club will not reimburse members for food provided.**
8. MOTD Farewell Dinner: There is about \$1000 left—we agreed we are going to donate all of those proceeds. Stacey would like to donate it all to Habitat for Humanity for New Orleans relief.
9. Publish official DCMM event policy on website (amend for newsletter, also **drivers** not all attendees must sign waiver), also other policies.
 - Sticky/announcement on DCMM forum? (ask Mark F about announcement)
 - Create new waiver form that is one “master” form that everyone signs.
10. New membership schedule—calendar year. All fees will be prorated for January renewal calibration. (Haemish will assist Laura in determining price schedule). Badges will be redesigned for 2009 calendar year—all badges given out for remainder of the year as the same design, except only “Thru Dec 2009” as date. Looking into stickers to state year paid (just like license plates). Membership refunds will only be given upon receipt of your membership card. Lost/misplaced cards will be replaced, but a \$15 fee is required. Replacement badges are free upon return of damaged badge.
11. Event Coordinator email will be removed from pointing to Chris and redirected (temporarily) to Rick.

June- 2008 Calendar of Events

June 20th—Meet and Greet

June 29th—Hangin’ on the Curves and Pickin’ the Cherries

Save the Date!

Mark’s (mmatarella) famous DCMM BBQ will be held on Saturday, August 9th. Details will be announced soon!