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# Puget Sound Mini

MOTORING CLUB

## 2009 - WHAT A YEAR!

By Silver Surfer



A great year of motoring adventures for the Puget Sound MINI Motoring Club, now five years old since the group was put together for MINI enthusiasts in the Puget Sound community. The club is 200 members strong and continues to grow in membership, enthusiasm, and enjoyment for the iconic "Italian Job" automotive star. In 2009, the premier MINI Cooper motoring club organized over 40 events, participated in six parades and raised over \$1,300 for various charitable organizations.

vehicles on a rooftop lot.

The dealership's convenient Lake City location puts many Seattle area residents and MINI owners closer for their MINI needs.



Also in 2009, MINI Cooper celebrated its 50th birthday at the legendary British race track in Silverstone and launched two special anniversary models: MINI 50 Mayfair and MINI 50 Camden. According to MINI the two special models represent the rich history and exciting future of the MINI Cooper. The Renaissance brown "hot chocolate" body of the Mayfair, with distinct toffee bonnet stripes and twin-tone striped mirror caps give a modern classic design. While the contrasting black and white silver body of the Camden, accented by polished silver 17-inch light-alloy rims and merging silver into pure white mirror caps give this head-turning model a glimpse of the future.

group, on twisty mountain roads, city parade grounds, car shows, and charity events throughout the Puget Sound Area and beyond.



### 2010 Events Schedule:

- JAN 30th - PSMINI Grand Prix
- FEB 15th - MINI Thunder
- FEB 28th (12:00PM) - Seattle MINI Tech Session "Shop Diagnostic & Tire Equip."
- MAR 6th - Poverty Bay Wine Festival
- MAR 25th-28th - AMVIV VII
- APR 24th - 29th Annual Tulip Rallye
- APR 28th-May 2nd - Minis on the Dragon VIII
- MAY 22-23rd - Return to "This is Stonehenge"
- MAY 29th-30th - "Run to the Gorge" Rally/Tour
- JUNE 26th - 18th Annual Greenwood Car Show
- JUNE 28-Jul 1st - Mini Meet West 2010, Penticton BC
- JULY 17th - Hurricane Ridge Run
- JULY 24th - Western Washington All British Field Meet (honoring Mini)
- AUG 12-15th - Minis in the Mountains
- AUG 22nd - PSMINI Family Picnic
- SEPT 4-6th - Portland All British Field Meet
- SEPT 18-19th - "Run to the Sea" Rally/Tour
- SEPT 26th - PSMINI Annual Car Show @ XXX
- OCT 16th - Winged Victory Rally
- DEC 12th - PSMINI Christmas Party



In December, Puget Sound MINI members got together and held their annual Christmas party at the newly opened Seattle MINI dealership. The party brought together over 100+ members to celebrate the holidays, recognize special members for their unique contributions to the club, and close out a successful motoring year. Seattle MINI graciously hosted the holiday get-together at their 60,000 square foot facility and provided a backdrop showroom of MINI Coopers and MINI accessories. The newly opened dealership can accommodate 19 vehicles on two show floors with an additional capacity of 45

In all, 2009 was a great year for the Puget Sound MINI Motoring Club and the MINI Cooper. New friendships were made and fond memories shared by everyone in the group. As we enter a new year and begin the 2010 PS MINI Motoring schedule we look forward to seeing old friends again and meeting new ones. We will once again take our passion to the road as a motoring

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**CLOSING THE BOOK ON 2009**

As we move forward from 2009 into 2010, it's time to say a big Thank You for all of those that contributed to PSMINI's success in 2009. To all the officers, all the event organizers, all the volunteers and anyone that stepped forward when help was needed, you have our gratitude and this club wouldn't be the same without you! We were delighted to be able to publicly recognize some of you at the Christmas Party!

We owe a big debt of gratitude to Mitch Hansen, our outgoing Finance Officer, for bringing our financial records up to date and preparing quarterly financial summaries for the club. He also contributed his knowledge of non-profit organizations in so many other ways and he will be missed, but it's good to know he's still around.

Our thanks also go out to Kristin for the performance of her duties as Communications Officer / Secretary for most of the year, prior to her resignation in October. I know how much effort this job entails and thanks for handling it as long as you did.

We also don't want to miss recognizing Dean Prince and Roy Morey in tackling the Webmaster roles. Well done. Also, thanks to Mark Talkington and Liz Smart for assuming the role of Newsletter Editors during 2009. Nice job, both of you and you have set the bar high!

For all of you that volunteered throughout the year to coordinate events, you have the heartfelt thanks from all the officers as well as all the attendees! The year was jam-packed with things to do and the feedback spoke volumes of your success!

**YOUR PSMINI OFFICERS FOR 2010**

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**MOVING ON TO 2010**

As we move forward into 2010, we have a couple of new officers and some new appointments to share.

Belinda Newman-Prince is your new Communications Officer / Secretary. She's known as 'MiniCharley' on the forum and drives the beautiful Indi Blue and White 04 MCS with the Heli-Pad on the roof.

Karin Nilsson is taking over as Finance Officer / Treasurer from Mitch and you'll see her around town in her 06 British Racing Green MCS known as 4LFCLVR.

Ed Sisk ('Silver Surfer') has agreed to serve as Newsletter Editor and this is his first issue. He drives a Pure Silver 09 MCSC-GT (Guard Taxi). I know that he will be interested in your feedback and suggestions for future articles and if there's something you've been dying to write about, he'll work with you on that as well. Just send a message to [psmini@psmini.org](mailto:psmini@psmini.org).



Cat Herder badges were awarded to 2009 Event Coordinators at the Christmas Party and if you were unable to attend, we'll send yours in the mail.

**5 YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**

This year's PSMINI Christmas Party gave us the opportunity to introduce a new recognition award, prior to its more formal announcement on the forum and in this publication. We've long felt that we wanted to recognize those members that have continued to support the club through their membership and involvement and decided to begin awarding a 5 Year Grille Badge, Pin, and Certificate to those members when they achieve that status.

Rob and Vickie Naylor received their grille badge at the Christmas Party for reaching their 5 year mark along with our thanks and congratulations. We have since received the shipment of the pins and are preparing the mailing packets to get the 5 Year Awards out to those 2009 members that have achieved this milestone. In 2010, we'll begin sending them out along with their renewal.

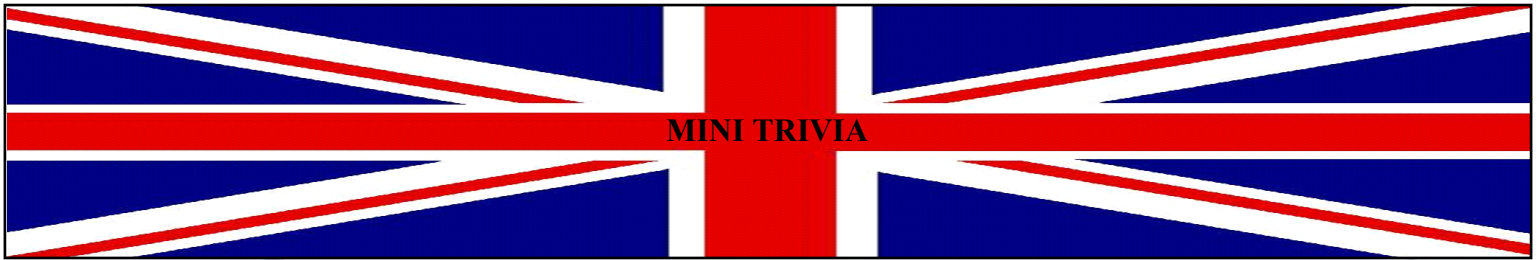
Although Rob and Vickie were the only 5 year members at this year's party, here's a complete list of members who reached the 5 year mark in 2009:



Dave & Meg Royce - 'MINI-Rolls' - May 2004  
Kirk Moore - 'kmoore' - May 2004  
Brett Lumsden for 'Harbor Mike' - May 2004  
Mike & Rox Schaffer - 'mikesminirox' - June 2004  
Alex Duncan - 'alex' - June 2004  
Rob & Vickie Naylor - 'Rob N' - June 2004  
David & Linda Roundhill - 'Dave' - June 2004  
Grant & Kylee Camp - 'RevKibosh' - August 2004  
Pete & Dale Subitch - 'prs1' - October 2004  
Ina Engel & Brett Ebeling - 'INAMINI' - October 2004  
Rob & Terry Betts - 'Rob Betts' - November 2004  
Kristin & Rich Eberly - 'Kristin' - November 2004  
Amy Ecker - 'zeldaex' - December 2004



The packages will be on their way shortly and if you see one of the 5 year members, wish them congratulations!



1. What color are the Minis in the Italian job (1969) that haul away the gold bullion?  
(A) Red, White, Green (B) Red, White, Blue (C) Green, White, Blue (D) Blue, Silver, Black
2. In which Italian city does the Italian Job(1969) heist take place in?  
(A) Rome (B) Milan (C) Venice (D) Turin
3. In Goldmember, Austin Powers's father, Nigel Powers (Michael Caine) has a MINI with what vanity plate?  
(A) YEA BABY (B) GR8 LAY (C) GR8 SHAG (D) GR8 MOJO
4. In the Italian Job (2003), what color MINI does Stella drive?  
(A) Red w/ white stripes (B) Red w/ Union Jack roof (C) Red w/ black stripes (D) Red w/ white roof no stripes
5. In Bourne Identity, a Mini Cooper driven by Jason Bourne, wreaks havoc on the streets on what city?  
(A) Prague (B) London (C) Paris (D) Rome
6. Which character in the NCIS TV show drives a MINI Cooper?  
(A) Abby (B) McGee (C) Tony (D) Ziva
7. A 1981 New Zealand "Easy Rider" film, Goodbye Pork Pie, stars what color Mini?  
(A) Yellow (B) Blue (C) Red (D) Green
8. In Hammer & Coop, a 2007 6-episode video series featuring a MINI Cooper, what was the "package"?  
(A) Military Blue Prints (B) Gold Bullions (C) Coop-Zero-7 (D) Weapon's Grade Uranium
9. Mr. Bean's yellow Mini has a rivalry with what infamous blue 3-wheeled car?  
(A) 1963 Messerschmitt KR200 (B) 1972 Reliant Regal Supervan III (C) 1970 Autoette (D) 1971 Daihatsu Midget
10. In the Magical Mystery Tour, which Beatles owned the psychedelic painted Radford Mini de Ville?  
(A) George Harrison (B) John Lennon (C) Ringo Starr (D) Paul McCartney

Answers for MINI TRIVIA are on bottom of page 4.



## COME JOIN THE FUN at PS MINI!

We are the leading MINI Motoring Club for the Puget Sound community. We organize MINI motoring events, meet-ups, and other activities, allowing us all to expand our enjoyment as MINI enthusiasts. Membership is \$25 per year. Paid members are covered by group liability insurance during our events and receive discounts from our PS MINI partners. For more information about the club, email [psmini@psmini.org](mailto:psmini@psmini.org). We look forward to seeing you and sharing our MINI Motoring adventures!

## PS MINI Partners

**NW MINI**  
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(<http://www.sameday-usa.com>)  
**EuroCar Service**  
(<http://www.eurocarservice.com>)  
**UberMini**  
(<http://ubermini.com>)

**Acutint**  
(<http://www.acutint.com>)  
**ZahnTech**  
(<http://zahntechauto.com>)  
**Mini Madness**  
(<http://www.minimadness.com>)  
**Go Mini Go**  
(<http://www.gominigo.com>)  
**Out Motoring**  
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**Griot's Garage**  
(<http://www.griotsgarage.com>)



# TOP TEN WITH STEPHEN SWEENEY

Stephen Sweeney AKA Soggy-1 is our featured PS MINI member for this winter issue. Soggy-1 has been a PS MINI Motoring Club member since April 2009.



**1. First Mini:** A Pepper White 2009 MINI Cooper but I've always had a zest for fast little sports cars. My first encounter with a Mini was in my 1967 TR4a-IRS, another great British sportster. I put a Ford 289V-8 W/4 barrel carb in it for more horsepower.

**2. Favorite Mini Moment:** Drag racing a Supercharged Camaro in 1969 while driving my TR4a-IRS w/V-8 engine, beating the Camaro but both being beat by a Stage 5 MCS!! Nobody knew he (MCS) was racing until he blew our doors off!!!



**3. Super Charger or Turbo?** Neither. It's a "Justa" but it's just a great car that's made for the racing on the turns. It's a thing of beauty to take the turns in this quick nimble car without hitting the brakes while seeing other cars slow down in my rear view mirror.

**4. Best Mini Mod for the money?** Sway bar. Take the turns in comfort without missing a beat! It really makes the MINI handle more smoothly when you're out having fun on the curvy roads. Straight roads are made for commuting, curvy roads were meant for MINIs.

**5. What makes a good Mini owner?** Polite and courteous driver.

**6. Best decision in life?** Marrying my wife.

**7. Predictions for the future?** It will rain in Western Washington.



**8. Worst Job?** My worst job was one particular mission in the Army but from that experience I learned a lot of valuable things about myself and life. It made me who I am and it is a miracle that it placed me on a path that allowed me to meet my wife 20 years later!!

**9. Favorite Charity?** The Red Cross. They were there for me when I was unable to write for myself and barely able to dictate a letter. They put themselves into the dangerous situations to help others and right now they are conducting massive relief efforts to help the people of Haiti.



**10. Quote to live by:** Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

