

PHILLYMINI CATOR



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Member Meeting is on March 19

It's the moment you've all been waiting for. It's time to kick off the 2023 Motoring Season with the Annual Members Meeting! Come see what we have in store for you this year and meet fellow MINIacs!

New to PhillyMINI? This is a great way to meet your fellow Motorers and find out what we are all about! We will have a presentation highlighting this year's rally and event agenda. There is also a fantastic raffle with some amazing prizes to win!



Register Separately for Rallies and Lunches During the 2023 Rally Season

During the upcoming rally season, there will be separate registrations for the rally and corresponding lunches. This will help plan reservations at restaurants and give options to members who do not want to participate in the rally, but want to join in for lunch. Please make sure to keep an eye out for separate registrations! Reminders will be posted when applicable!

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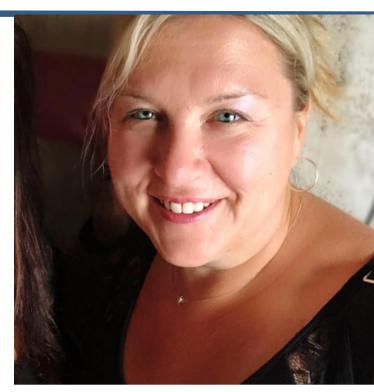
LICENSE TO DRIVE

I am extremely honored to be your incoming Prime MINIster for 2023. PhillyMINI is an amazing club with 20 years of rally history. The last few years have been a whirlwind from Covid to gas hikes. I would like to acknowledge the leadership provided by Barry Meyer and the MINIsters team for all their hard work over the last three years and the support we received from the club members! Having been on that team has certainly helped me prepare for taking on this important role in PhillyMINI. I am glad to have that very strong team still supporting me as I take on the next chapter of PhilyMINI 2023, our 20th Anniversary year.

I am excited to start the motoring year and have lots of ideas to bring to the club in the next three years. My first act as Prime MINIster was to elect my Deputy Prime MINIster. This role is my right hand and will help me run the club. I hope you agree with me, that Ronnie and Tony Gauker as co-deputy Prime MINIsters will be an asset to the club! I have already found their wisdom, guidance and skill set to be extremely helpful as we begin the year.

With that being said, I have given thought to what I would like to accomplish and here is what I came up with:

- If it's not broke, don't fix it. Our club is great and a lot of people have worked hard over the years to make it that way. It is a fun group who likes to get together for fellowship and I want to keep it that way.
- Membership is still a concern. In order for our Club to remain vibrant & active we need to really focus on not only attracting new members but keeping the members we already have. I am challenging the whole membership to spread the word and also help welcome newbies. Remember, we were all newbies once and needed a mentor/friend to welcome us further into this fun group. Also, with this being our 20th Anniversary, I hope to bring the new and the seasoned members together at our big Anniversary Celebration weekend in October!
- We do a TON of fun events, but I would like to do more, and have more involvement. We really listened to your concerns and ideas from the survey we compiled in 2022. From those results, we have already begun to list alternative ideas for getting the club together. From



by Tracy Gasdik Krapf Prime MINIster Elect

National events to Car shows, Parades and even Motorsport events, we will try to have a little something for everyone. Also, every rally that ends at a lunch location will now have a separate registration with approximate arrival time for lunch. That way if you don't want to do the drive, show up for the lunch and fellowship portion of the day! We started last year with bringing back the dinners once a month, and we will continue to do that. Please consider volunteering for hosting a dinner night. All you need to do is pick the restaurant and make a reservation.

- Have fun, get involved & keep our club great. KISS Keep It Simple Stupid
- I know it doesn't sound like a lot, but like I've said we have a great club already so there is no reason to 'reinvent the wheel'.

My last thought as we start this Motoring Season is, although I had no one run against me in the election, I hope I can still prove to the club I was the right person for the job. I am going to close this letter with the following challenge... Our next Prime MINIster election is in 3 years, I do not know if I will run again, but I challenge you to step up and run for Prime MINIster. This club runs on volunteers including the Prime MINIster position! If there is something you would like to see changed in the club, step up and be the change! Volunteer, Run for Prime MINIster, do more to help the club be the best it can. Happy 20th Anniversary Year PhillyMINI!!!

FUEL THROTTLE

It's coming! The motoring season will be here before we know it! Time to give your MINI a look over before the season.

If you're storing your MINI, make sure your battery is topped off. Hopefully it's been on a battery tender. Check those tires! Make sure you have good air pressure. (I think MINIs do best around 35psi).

If your car's been sitting for some time, a fresh oil change never hurts. Pop your hood and check your fluids (coolant, washer fluid, and oil). Check for spots underneath; it helps to verify any oil leaks and any signs of possible rodents.

Clean your windows INSIDE AND OUT!!! The inside can build up a film just as much as the outside. Few things are as terrifying as the blinding whiteout created when the sun hits a dirty windshield.



by Mike Marzo PhillyMINI Ambassador & Vendor

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HOW TO ADD A SHORTCUT

Add a shortcut to our website so you can quickly sign up for rallies and events.

by Greg Bilton MINIster of Techology

On Android browse to PhillyMINI.org and tap on the 3 dots/ hamburger button and tap add to home.



On iPhone browse to PhillyMINI.org and tap the share icon swipe down to add to home screen.



Membership Spotlight Bill Rhoads



How long have you been a member?

Since 2019.

How did you hear about PhillyMINI?

Found the Philly Mini Facebook group when I got my first Mini.

What are your MINIs' names?

Skeeter and his girlfriend, Ruthie (named after my wife)!

What's your favorite part of being a member?

The friendship and rallies.

What's your favorite rally? Why?

Used to be the Tiki run because it was my first one, but now I would have to say the Union Jack run.



What's your favorite PhillyMINI memory?

My favorite memory would have to be the friends I've made since joining.

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

I'm also a member of Upper Perkiomen Sportsman Association

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

My favorite aspect would have to be, being able to dodge traffic, and generally zooming about!! I've always had a love for small 2 door cars!!

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.)

I enjoy a number of things. I build models, 3D print all kinds of things, I also enjoy photography, car shows, air shows, hiking, and flea markets.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

by Avery Brown MINIster of Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership for the 2023 rally season! 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.

We are in the process of making the 2023 badges, so if you would like a different name on your badge or have a new MINI you can change those by updating your profile on the PhillyMINI.org website.

*We will try and accommodate most requests, but sometimes longer names will not fit within the badge template.

Once you are logged in:

- Hover over your name in the top right corner to go to your profile.
- Additional Member Data:
- Name you want on your PhillyMINI badge.
- Info about your MINI.

The 2023 member packets will be handed out at check-in at the Members Meeting. For anyone that cannot attend, not to worry, 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 prorate membership dues. It is the same price no matter when in the year you renew.













ON YOUR FEED



Social Media Policy

- -Be kind and courteous: We're all in this together to create a Welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.
- -No hate speech or bullying: Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.
- -No promotions or spam: Give more than you take in this group. Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren't allowed. This includes no posting of events from other clubs without consent from PhillyMINI or its officers.



March Social Dinner



Join your Fellow PhillyMINI Peeps for March's Get Together Dinner at the Bonefish Grill on Wednesday March 8,2023 at 6:00 pm in Langhorne,Pa

Bonefish Grill

500 Oxford valley Rd

Langhorne,Pa 19047

Please respond to this thread in the U Plan It section of the forums by Monday 3/6 if you intend on going.

Any questions email barrymeyer99@comcast.net







Tracy Gasdik Krapf
Admin - January 30 at 10:28 AM . 😝



Anyone interested in doing a St Patrick's Day parade?

We were invited to participate in the 2023 Conshohocken St Patrick's Day Parade. March 11, 2023 2pm start (line up will be earlier)

We need at least 10 cars . I don't want to register with anything less than 10 cars. Need committments no later than Feb 20th to meet registration cut off. Head over to the u-plan-it forum or reply here to rsvp. I will confirm everything if we get enough responses.

*note rules: there is no throwing of candy, beads etc. Items can only be handed directly to a person. No alcoholic beverages for parade participants. And No Political campaigning and/or demonstrating.

More information on the forum section of PhillyMINI.org







