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## PHILLY MINI rolls out to visit some of New Jersey's greatest Dives and Diners

On Saturday May 13, 21 hungry MINIAC's rolled out on the inaugural running of the MINI's Dives and Diners rally. As the name suggests we rallied between Two restaurants featured on Diners Drive-ins and Dives. The weather cooperated for most of the run, the rain held off till the very end.

We started the morning at the Jersey Girl Café in Hamilton NJ where members had the chance to eat breakfast and mingle before we took off on the run. Just so we're clear, its pork roll, NOT Taylor Ham and Central Jersey DOES NOT exist! We ran two groups, heading east through the small towns, horse farms and Pinelands of South Jersey on the way to our mid rally stop at Allaire State Park.

On leg two we began to head back west towards our final destination the Vincentown Diner. Continuing through the Pinelands and outskirts of Fort Dix and through Pemberton arriving at the Vincentown Diner as the rain began.

Special thanks Rob and Vicky, Barry, Vinnie, Lin and Don and Dave for leading sweeping and marshalling the rally.

For some added adventure we had a MINI SE (electric) join us on the run and ended the run with about 30 miles of range left (the route was mostly level or downhill so a lot of regeneration could occur) but it nice to see the electric cars come out and rally with us.



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# mini-PARDY



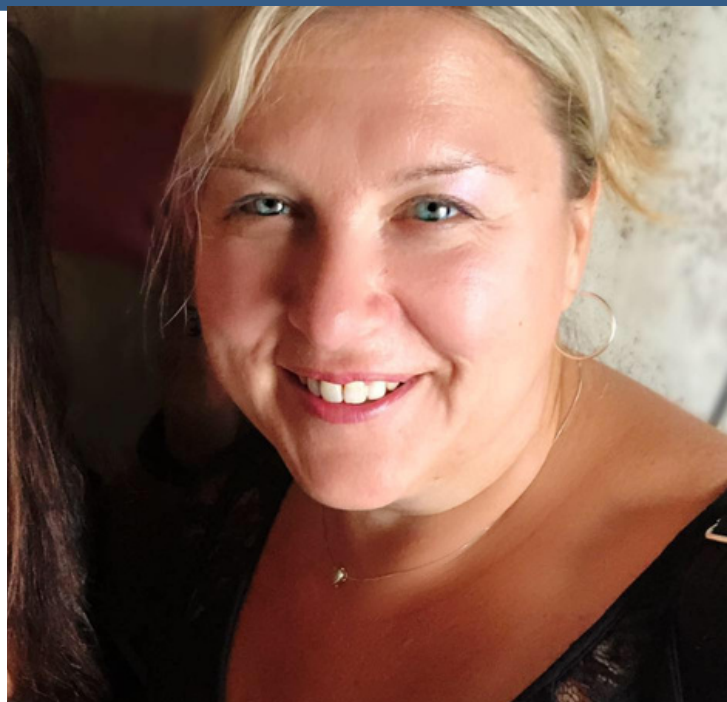
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On October 6th through 8th 2023, PhillyMINI will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. This person is its first sponsor.

## LICENSE TO DRIVE

We have exciting news to share. It has been a long wait, no thanks to Covid, but, we finally have a new volunteer for the MINIster of Culinary Delights. The MINIster of Culinary Delights is responsible for rounding up volunteers to host our monthly dinners. They will also assist hosts with scheduling and promoting their dinners and making sure the MINIsters of Technology and Social Media post everything on the PhillyMINI website and Facebook pages.

We would like to thank Joyclynn Reynolds for volunteering as our new MINIster of Culinary Delights! Joyclynn has been with the club since 2020 and she and her husband Tom just ran the inaugural “Red’s Run” rally. In addition to being an avid MINI owner, Joyclynn has a talent for making vinyl stickers and crafts. You may have seen some of her beautiful earrings she donated to this year’s Member Meeting raffle.



*by Tracy Gasdik Krapf  
Prime MINIster*

If you would like to host a dinner in the upcoming months, please contact Joyclynn to see what month’s are available. If you have a place in mind some things to think about or ask the restaurant: Are reservations needed and when do they need the finally headcount. Also, if they have a limit to the size of the group. We want to promote their business not give them a stressful night by showing up with too many people and their staff can’t handle it. Don’t want to plan a huge dinner gathering? Maybe consider a Friday or non-rally weekend ice cream social at your favorite parlor.

The sky’s the limit, just think of something that would make for a fun social gathering. If you plan it they will come! On a technical note: beginning with the July dinner, all registrations for social dinner gatherings will be done exactly like registering for a rally or after rally lunch. There will be a direct link on the home page calendar and everyone including non-members are welcome to attend.

We encourage those who have not yet joined the club, come to one of our dinner nights and meet some of the friendly PhillyMINI members and officers.

Welcome Joyclynn and Bon Appetite!



# Red's Run Makes Inaugural Rally

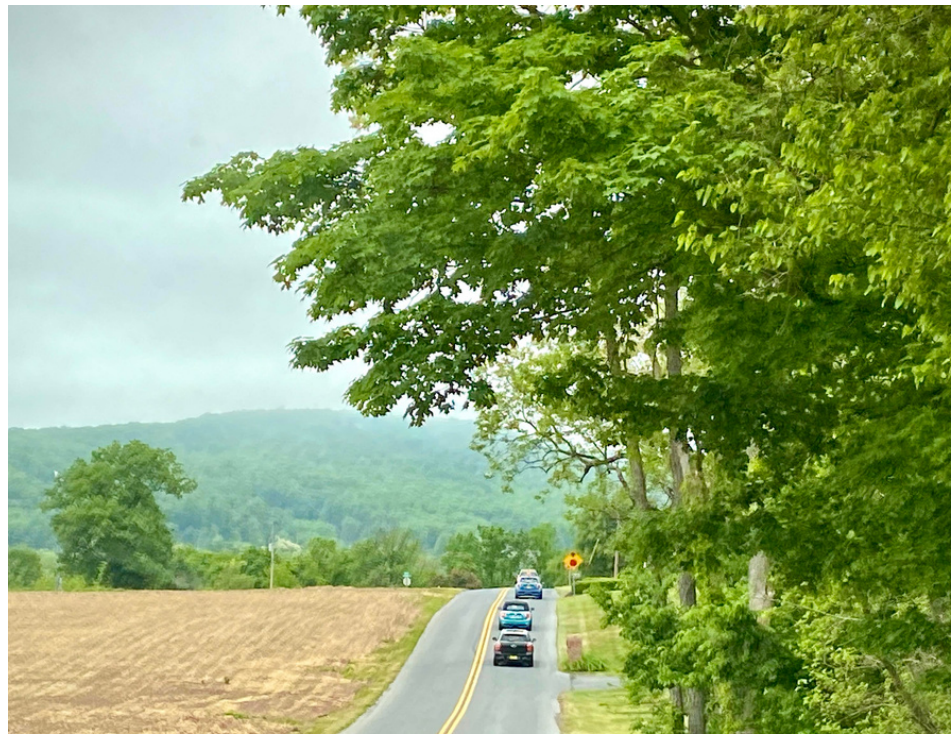
Tom Reynolds put together a mash-up of the Tiki Run with some of his favorite twisted roads

We started the day with yummy cake pops, made by Tom and Joyclynn's daughter in law and decorated to look like the Charlie Brown sweater and Woodstock. A rally isn't complete without some goodie bags but these had the cutest Snoopy model airplanes for everyone. To top off the morning activities with just a tad more sugar, we had a surprise birthday cake for MINister of Logistics, Josh! I do think we need to work on our birthday song skills though. Three Newbee's joined us today! Glad to welcome these new members and see the club growing!

After the Driver's meeting, group 1 departed at 9:30AM from the gate and soared on to the open road. Group 1 had a bit of misfortune when two cars, at separate times, had mechanical issues. One was an easy fix and got back on the road quickly. The other had a bit more trouble. In true PhillyMINI style, no MINI was left behind. Thanks to Josh, Darcy, Avery and Mike Marzo for helping rescue our fellow motoring members, Keith and Amanda! You all are superstars for taking time out of your day to help.

Group 1, I'm told, had a bonus participant sneaking behind them on their drive today. Was it Snoopy hunting the Red Barron? Snoopy is black and white after all, but the badge I'm not too sure of. At least there were no incidents worthy of a closer encounter. Great job to leader, Tom and sweeper Vicky!

Group 2 followed behind, leaving at 9:40AM. On leg one, Group 2 had a rare and unique opportunity happen. On this particular leg, the route twists back to cross over a road we already passed. Approaching the "crossroads" we got a glimpse of group 1, taking our photos as we passed and waved. After we continued down the road and returned to the "crossroads" we caught a glimpse of group 3 approaching and got some photos of them passing us by! The timing could not have been more perfect and as a rally master, this can be planned for but the execution is rare. It was truly a unicorn of rally days for group 2!





# MINI-PARDY PARTY

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## PhillyMINI Celebrates 20 Years

*Committee begins fundraising and lands first sponsor*

### PHILLYMINI



Marzo's MINI Rescue is the first to commit to a sponsorship for our anniversary event! Mike Marzo, who was appointed an Ambassador and current vendor, answered the request within hours of receiving our sponsorship package letter.

Our club hosts approximately 20 rallies per season, a dozen social dinners per year and has representation at various car-related events in our service area.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration will be our marquee event in 2023. It will attract more than 200 attendees. Our members are your clients! This is an amazing opportunity for you to further showcase your products not only during our event, but across all our social media platforms.

"We are truly thankful and excited for Mike's commitment to the club." PhillyMINI PrimeMINIser Tracy Krapf said. "I'm overwhelmed and don't know what to say. We hope to keep this momentum and sign on more commitments to ensure a great celebration!"

The Planning Committee has been meeting since last year and has great plans for the anniversary. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

A sponsorship for our anniversary event will recognize and celebrate years of amazing lifetime friendships, thousands of miles of roads traveled and amazing charitable contributions to our community.



Please visit the following link to register your sponsorship:

<https://forms.office.com/r/RV3yKum4XZ>

*PhillyMINI is a club that took me from the shy guy in the back of the room to the person I am today (for better or worse). It's been an honor to be apart of this club. It's been really amazing to watch it morph and change over the years. To see it keep coming back stronger then ever. In a time where most clubs have fallen by the wayside, this group has kept it together and has alway been great. I am forever grateful for what the club has done for me. Regardless of the future of MINI, all I can hope is that the club stays strong and as active as ever! - Mike Marzo*



# Membership Spotlight

## Bill Penglase

*Bill has been the club button maker for the length of the club history!*

### How long have you been a member?

Since 2003.

### How did you hear about PhillyMINI?

MINI USA Drivers forum. It was posted on there that there would be a meetup of Philadelphia area MINI owners at the Italian Fountain near the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Went to see what it was all about.

### What are your MINIs' names?

Minimutt is the classic, so the 2003 became Big MINI.

### What's your favorite part of being a member?

The diversity of the people who are MINI enthusiasts. We are all ages and all backgrounds.

### What's your favorite rally? Why?

Joe's MINI's in the Mountains, followed the Covered Bridge Rally. Scenery for both.

### What's your favorite PhillyMINI memory?

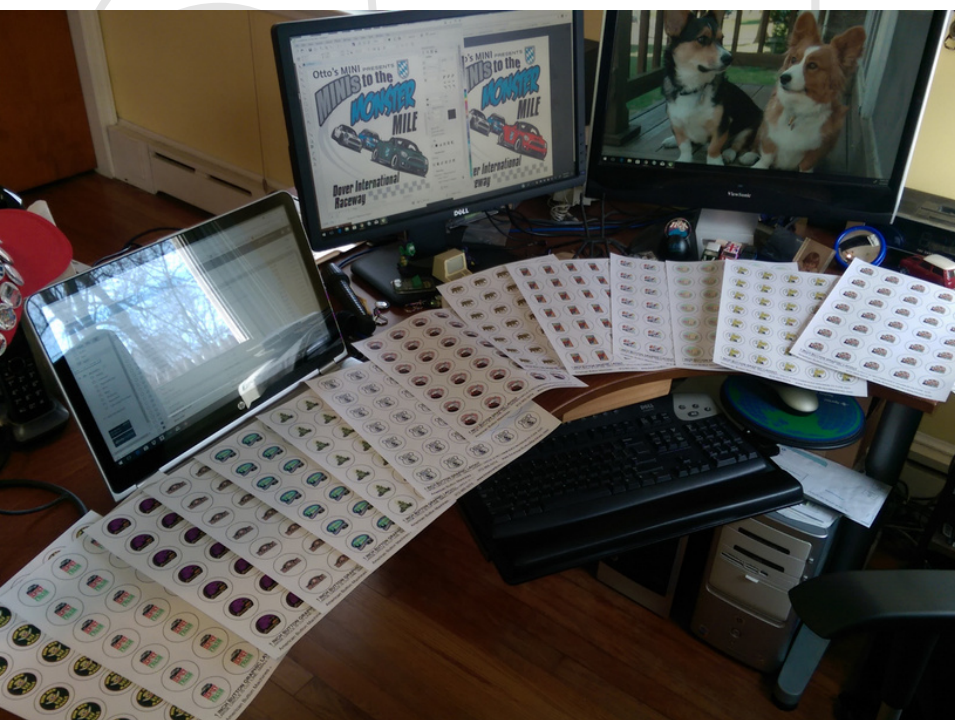
Early on, I think it was about 2005 or 2006, the PhillyMINI Meet. We had 95 cars in 5 groups buzzing around Philadelphia, including center city, Chestnut Hill, Northern Liberty, South Philadelphia, the Japanese Garden, Manayunk to name a few. Just a note that at the time the MINI was still fairly rare. We turned a lot of heads and created a lot of smiles.

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

The people and the smiles we see in our rear view mirrors.

### 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.)

Attend the occasional car show with my 1976 mini. Working on my 1939 Ford pickup. Doing crafts using my Glowforge laser cutter/engraver. Recently started making jewelry.



ESTABLISHED IN 2003



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# Happy Birthday

**Mark Berlin**  
**Pamela Danner**  
**Robert Edinger**  
**Ann Gaulin**  
**Mark Hunter**  
**David Lugo**  
**Mike Marzo**  
**Paul Petrella**  
**Joyclynn Reynolds**  
**Mitch Ruebush**  
**John Stawiarski**  
**Olivia Trexler**  
**Kim Wasserman**  
**George Witman**





# DIVES & DINERS

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It was also a strange day for Group 2. Group 2 leader, Tracy, started leg 2 with Garmin failure. It took 3 reboots to get the technology back on track! Later in the rally when the group was separated by a traffic light, we had a Marshall's Garmin play crazy tricks and the back of the pack got a few extra bonus miles while the front waited for them to find us. Thank you to leader Tracy and sweeper, Joyclynn, for keeping us all together.

Group 3 was scheduled last to depart at 9:50AM. Before departure they had an eager Fiat owner wish to join our fun drive. Im sorry Mr Fiat, MINIs only. Group 3 enjoyed the "flight" with no incidents and got an exciting "fly by" of Group 2 at the "crossroads". Group three had two furry friends joining them as well. A very excited Corgi named Cricket who learned to "stay low" and "brace" on the turns and a 3 week old kitten bundled in a tiny blanket. Leader David guided critters and humans like a pro and Sweeper Glen did an excellent job of keeping the group together. David would like more of those delicious Lemon Woodstock cake pops please!

For an inaugural run, Tom and Joyclynn Reynolds did a fantastic job! The weather was perfect, the roads were fun, twisted and some were even freshly paved! The lunch at the end was delicious. Thank you Tom and Joyclynn for all the hard work you put into planning Red's

Run and thank you to all the volunteers that helped today. Tom, Vicky, Tracy, Joyclynn, David and Glen  
Thank you!



# MINISTER OF ART

**We're looking for a artistically talented club member to take on this role.**

**ARE YOU  
CREATIVE AND  
LOVE ART?**

**ARE YOU  
GOOD WITH  
COMPUTERS?**

**CAN YOU  
VISUALLY  
TRANSLATE A  
CONCEPT?**

**DO YOU  
LIKE HELPING  
PEOPLE?**

## ON THE MENU



### May Dinner @ the Butcher and Barkeep



June Dinner: Quips Pub - 457 New Holland Ave, Lancaster

Date: Thursday June 8, 2023

Time: 6pm

Hosted by Cynthia LeTeff

[quipspub.com](http://quipspub.com) check out the menu

A 19th century building houses this tavern serving British and American pub grub and a long beer list. The place is small and very popular they do not take reservations or do groups. So I'm limiting registration to 20 people only, We Will be Patient and understanding!  
Go to the forum to register!!!!





**3. Cars of England**

**8. June Dinner @ Quips Pub**

**16 - 18. MINIs on Top**

**24. Amish Country Rally**

**June**

**2023**

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11	12	13	14	15	16 	17 
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