

Summer Driving Fun is here!

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Photograph of the Month

“Except Mini’s!?”

Remember, submit your *Photograph of the Month* entries by the last day of each month to: communications@pdxmin.org.

Best Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich

Pilots call it the \$100 hamburger. It’s simply an excuse to fly somewhere. Just like taking a drive in our beloved Mini’s. For pilots, the food is whatever is within walking distance. More often than not, the “restaurant” at general aviation airports is marginal yet no one cares. Why? The joy of flying says it all.

Flying Mini’s isn’t all that different. We fly a little lower and keep our acrobatic maneuvers within two dimensions (hopefully!). After a snappy drive, we end up somewhere to eat at much more tasty venues. Whether the drive is short or long, we all have discovered wonderful little spots to enjoy along our Mini drives.

For me, it’s a quick trip to Lincoln City and The 60’s Café and the best Philly Cheese Steak sandwich I’ve ever had. Check out this [review](#) and [Google Map](#).

What’s your favorite \$100 hamburger joint? Just email the info communications@pdxmini.org and we’ll pass it along!

Radio Tips

Every wonder what the “privacy” feature on FRS/GMRS radios was all about. Well, privacy it’s not. It’s more like rolling up the window to block out noise. The radio doesn’t turn the speaker on unless it hears a special tone sent by the transmitter. For you techies out there, we use #21 or 136.5Hz. The privacy feature just eliminates hearing other users on the same channel, but they can still hear us!

The downside? It can take a ½ second or more for the radio to hear the tone and decide it’s time to open up the speaker. We’ve all missed too many good ‘one-liners’ on our journeys; pause just a bit after



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keying the microphone so we don't miss more!

The website has a great article on the FRS/GMRS radios we make great use of during the events. Here's a few tips when looking for a new radio:

- #1 - Ignore distance claims on the package. With the right phase of the moon, holding the antenna just right and hopping around on one foot, the radio might make that claim. The ranges implied are theoretical, under ideal conditions. Marketing 101 strikes again.
- #2 - Choose FRS/GMRS radios vs. FRS only. FRS radios are limited to ½ watt and must have a non-removable antenna which limits your real communications distance to ¼ to 1 mile. GMRS radios operating on FRS frequencies (such as Channel 7) may (but not necessarily) use up to 5 watts.
- #3 - It's all about the antenna. External antennas are more important than more watts, especially on receive. If you have a choice between an external antenna & more watts, take the antenna.
- #4 - VOX (Voice Operated Transmit) is not needed and best left turned off if you have it. The road noise often "opens the microphone" and you'd be surprised at the conversations that were unknowingly heard by the rest of the group! What happens on a Mini road trip, stays on the trip...
- #5 - EOT (End of transmission Bleep) is not needed, best left turned off. It was a necessary feature for the Apollo astronauts when it was invented, but serves no useful purpose today.
- #6 - Look for replaceable batteries such as AA or AAA. It's easy to buy a pack when you forget to charge your batteries before the trip.

Call for Event Photos!

Garrett still needs more photos! Please send your photos of PDXMINI events to: webmaster@pdxmini.org. Doesn't matter the size or format, our fabulous webmaster, Garrett, can resize and retouch them at will, even airbrushing out those red-eyes (flash caused, of course) or old age wrinkles in my case! If you have a large collection of '09 event pictures, just chat with Garrett about creating a CDROM or DVD.

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Upcoming Events

Our Next General Meeting **Thursday, June 11th**

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday at 6pm at our usual location -- the Village Inn Restaurant at Bridgeport Village Mall in Lake Grove. Click [here](#) for more information.

PDXMINI/Alta Mini Show N' Shine **Saturday, June 6th**

Lunch, MINI's, Friends and a Performance Shop! Who could ask for more? Come join us for lunch at Alta Mini and check out the performance shop, ask about mods and show off your car. And for those of you that wish to get some work done, ALTA will be also be performing mods and possibly some DYNO time.

Deadwood Tour **Sunday, June 28th**

The M&LK RR is a private railroad in Deadwood, that's never open to the public. They do however, often invite folks out who share a passion for trains and this beautiful planet we live on, and we fit that description. You will experience twisties, tunnels and trestles. So please join us for an early morning start to what promises to be a great ride to a Mini train. You will need to bring your Picnic lunch for this one.

The Rogue's Scholar Tour **Thursday - Sunday, July 2nd - 5th**

Update: Meet up time is 8:30 AM in Dallas. Directions will be available soon. A picnic lunch will be provided Thursday, just bring your beverages. There is still time to sign up for this fun filled weekend. Compete details can be found on the web page.

Update: Professors Reynolds and Kimmell have selected the route, tested it out for fun and entertainment! Robbie Kimmell discovered some interesting twists and turns to add to your fun on this July 4th adventure. RSVP if you haven't already; the deadline is approaching.

Professors Kimmell and Reynolds will be offering this course only during the Fourth of July holiday and it will not be repeated until some later date or perhaps never again, depending on the mood of the Dean of Events.

This promises to be an exciting nature field trip of the wild and wooly Rogue River environs with the expert guides of Jerry's Rogue River Jet Boats Click [here](#) for more information.

PDXMINI's Relay for Life® **July 10th - 11th**

PDXMINI's Team will be walking the track at Neal Armstrong Middle School, Forest Grove, Oregon for 24 hours beginning 6pm Friday July 10th to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life® event. Check out the fun events [here](#). **More walkers needed!** Currently four are carrying the load for the entire club! Contact Wendy Dye at events@pdxmini.org for more information.

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Miscellaneous Info

Other Events

- [Rose City Corvette Classic](#) – July 31st – August 3rd
BBQ ♦ Corvette Show n' Shine ♦ Autocross (All Cars) ♦ Track Day (All cars)
Click [here](#) for flyer.
- [Wapato Showdown](#) – August 22nd, Gaston, Oregon
Great Cars and Bikes are the reason we come together, and great cars and bikes are what come to the Wapato Showdown!
- [CSCC Mountains to the Sea '09](#) - August 22nd
- [REME 2009 Wine Country British & European Car Show](#) - August 23rd
Click [here](#) to download entry form
Click [here](#) for registration form.

Links

Our web master has posted a variety of links of interest to all us Mini folks . . . so check it out here:

<http://www.pdxmini.org/links.htm>

Keep motoring!

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