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PDX MINI SOLV Cleanup – RSVP CLOSED!

SOLV Cleanup

SOLV Needs volunteers, We have volunteers. SOLV has tools for cleaning up a park. We have volunteers. On Saturday March 20th, SOLV is cleaning Atkinson Park in Oregon City and PDXMini has signed up to help.

We will be helping to restore the park by removing Ivy Holly and Clematis. Activities include: Invasive Plant Removal, Litter Pickup, Mulching Around Plants, Pruning, Weeding.

Event Date and Time:

Saturday, March 20th at 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Event Location:

Atkinson Park
16th and Jackson
Oregon City, OR

Directions:

I205 to the Oregon City Exit Take a left follow to 14th. Take a left, go to Washington. Take a right on 15th drive to Jackson, take left. Go one block to 16th on the left.

RSVP to events@pdxmini.org Deadline is Monday March 8th.

Please let us know how many people will be attending.

Upcoming Events

April 11th – [Cherry Blossom Run](#)

April 24th – [Drive to Drink Deux](#)

May 8th – Papa's Toy's

May 15th – Spring Fling (nee Leaf Peepers)

See a full list of this year's events at pdxmini.org



Carver Recap

The Carver Run started at the Woodburn outlets and ran for approximately 100 miles through the back roads of Clackamas County ending at the Stone Cliff Inn in carver for lunch. A good time was had by all 25 cars. The weather was beautifully with dry roads and sunny skies. All in all a good opening run for the season.

OLCC Law

At a recent event someone reported that a member brought their own alcohol when there was an open bar at the event. According to OLCC Laws, no open containers including flasks are allowed on the premises that have liquor license to dispense alcohol. The facility can either be fined or lose their license. This is a reminder to all members if we are having a function at a facility, such as bar or banquet facility with a bar, we are not allowed to bring our own alcohol.

AMVIV 2010 – Lucky number seven

In September of 2003, Dominic Tuso and Andrew Ross started talking about organizing a group drive for about 10 to 20 of the Arizona MINI Owners to visit Las Vegas for a weekend of fun and relaxation. By the time the drive happened in February of 2004, it had snowballed to a national event with MINIs and Minis coming from all over the US, as well as attention from other countries, and somewhere over 200 cars attending (we never did get an accurate count).

That was A MINI Vacation In Vegas. The original. It was such a success and so much fun, that there was an immediate call to start planning a sequel event. After some intense volunteering, it was decided that the Sin City MINI Club would co-ordinate the 2005 event, A MINI Vacation In Vegas II (aka AMVIV2). AMVIV2 happened in early March of 2005 and was bigger and better than the original, so we started planning AMVIV3 a couple of months after it ended.

To try to get some better weather and to ensure that a track day could occur, AMVIV3 moved to the end of March, 2006. The end result was over 300 cars and a fantastic event that was a huge hit in the MINI community.

AMVIV4 was March 22 - 25th, 2007 and built on the previous success. The final count was just under 500 MINIs and Minis, and the event has become known as one of the biggest and funnest MINI events in the world.

In 2008, AMVIV5 ran from March 27 - 30th (the weekend of the last Sunday in March, as usual) and attracted 572 MINIs and Minis.

March 26 - 29th, 2009 was AMVIV 6. Due to the mess going on in the economy, attendance was down a little from 2008, but pretty close to the turnout for 2008 at 478 MINIs and Minis with 230 on the Strip Cruise.

AMVIV Lucky Number 7 will run from March 25th to 28th, 2010 and we're expecting it to be THE MINI event of the year once again. See you here!

- From <http://www.amviv.com/>

Registration is currently open on the AMVIV site



New Mini Club in Washington

PDX MINI would like to give a shout out to the new MINI club in the Seattle area called Salish C MINI Motoring Club

This Club was started by John Pearce who is also a member of PDX MINI. John and some of his fellow members are going to be joining us on the Cherry Blossom Run in April.

New BMW Club in Portland

PDX MINI Member Brian Cone has Started BMW CCA – Oregon Chapter. Please visit his website at <http://bmworegoncca.com/>

New Member spotlight

We'd like to take a moment to introduce new members to the PDXMINI community.

Bart & Susan Wilson who drive a 2009 Clubman S Silver over Black who are looking forward to learn more about their Clubman and tricking it out.

Chris Holt who drives a 2009 Electric Blue with a White top Cooper S you may have seen her on the Carver run.

Tom & Rosy Thorton who drive a 2004 Chilly Red JCW have also joined.

If you are a new member and have any additional comments about your MINI, MINI's in general, please notify the VP.

Next general meeting – April 8th, 2010

Our monthly general meeting is a dinner meeting held on the second Thursday of the month at 6pm at Village Inn in Tualatin. The first meeting is held in February, and the last meeting at this location is held in October. To get to Village Inn:

- * Take I-5 to Lake Grove / Durham exit 290 (Lower Boones Ferry Road).
- * West to first signaled intersection. Stay in far right turn lane.
- * Village Inn restaurant will be on your right



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Event Photo Reminder

Our Webmaster, Garrett Hinesley, can always use more of your photos! Please send your photos of PDXMINI events to: webmaster@pdxmini.org. Doesn't matter the size or format, our fabulous Webmaster can resize and retouch at will. If you have a large collection of event pictures, just chat with Garrett about creating a CDROM or DVD. WE WANT YOUR PICS!

As always if you have any comments, or questions, feel free to contact

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