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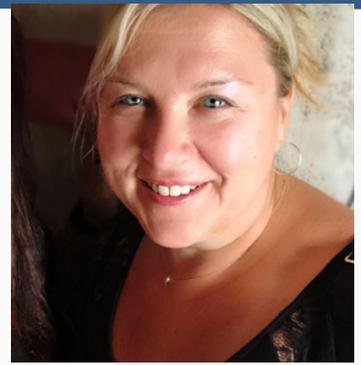


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by Tracy Krapf
PrimeMINIster

20 YEARS IN A BLINK

20 years of MINIs... 20 years of friends... 20 years of fun!

After 20 years we look back to 2003 where it all started....

In the year 2003, George W. Bush was the president of the United States and John Street the Mayor of Philadelphia. "In Da Club" by 50 Cent was the Billboard. End of the Year #1 Song, "Finding Nemo" the domestic, top grossing movie of 2003 and CSI: Crime Scene Investigation on CBS was the number 1 TV show. The LINC, Lincoln Financial Field, opened in 2003 and the Eagles ranked number 1 in the NFC East division.

A brand new MINI Cooper sold for \$18,575 MSRP in 2003. January 2003, The MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S were selected as North American Car of the Year at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) press preview in Detroit.

Also in March 2003, the MINI One D (diesel) made it's world debut at the Geneva Auto Show and the John Cooper Works Tuning Kit debuted at the same show. In May of 2003, over 500 MINI fans in 250 MINI Coopers attended the preview screening of "The Italian Job" at Paramount Picture Studios lot in Los Angeles, CA. By June 2003 the 250,000th MINI was built in Oxford, England and delivered to a customer and the MINI One Diesel went on sale in the

United Kingdom. End of the year 2003 shows MINI with a sales increase of 22.4% over 2002.

The rainbow of MINI colors was not to be outdone in 2003 either. There were Jet Black, Chili Red, Liquid Yellow, Pepper White, and Velvet Red.

The Metallic colors were BRG, Cosmos Black, Dark Silver, Electric Blue, Indi Blue, Pure Silver and Solid Gold. Just this year, 2023, MINI decided to retire the ever popular Pepper White and replace it with the new bright, Nanuq White.

Just like MINI progressed over the past 20 years, so has Philly MINI. Lets take a look back to 2003 when it all began...

Founding Members (Alphabetically by last name): Charlie Beck, Sue Bunting, Jim & Laura Del Priore, Dave Geiger, Julie Gross, Chris Hauck, Angel Horstmann, Scott Laughlin, Tony Lunn, Larry O'Toole, Bill, Drew, & Patty Penglase, Steve Ptashkin, Ron Sinclair, Alan Sobkowiak, Phyllis Teitelbaum and Jennifer Wall.

In an epic tale of love, for their MINIs, these founding members came together and gave life and spirit to the club we all know and love today!

On August 3, 2003, the very first PhillyMINI rally was held. Bucks County Covered Bridges was organized by Kim

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LeMoon, Scott Laughlin, Craig and Jack and was 125 miles long. 64 cars (58 MINIs, 3 Classic Minis and 3 other cars showed up on a beautiful Bucks County day. They had people from as far away as Massachusetts (North) and Virginia (South) show up!

The rally started at White Rose Cafe' (now a Dunkin' Donuts) in Yardley and ended at Triumph Brewing Company in New Hope, PA.

Also that same month, PhillyMINI Meet, hosted by Julie Gross, toured the Philadelphia sights and landmarks with 37 MINIs. In October 2003 Tifanna and Peter organized the Fall Foliage and Lighthouse Rally with an option to ride the Lewes Delaware Ferry. The rally started at Deptford Mall, New Jersey and ended in Cape May.

Julie Gross, Stella Singleton and Harper Habbersett organized the Four Dogs Run which was 65 miles from Exton, PA to the Four Dogs Tavern in West Chester. To end the year, the very first Deck The MINIs was held December 6, 2003. Joan Logan, Julie Hoffman and Scott Laughlin organized a four-event holiday extravaganza. The events were: Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library (Wilmington, DE), followed by Simon Pearce Art Glass Studio, then on to Otto's MINI in West Chester and finally ending in Kennett Square, PA for Christmas at Longwood Gardens.

Some other note worthy mentions to this inaugural year of PhillyMINI, this was also the first running of MINIs on the Dragon in Fontana Dam, NC and MINIs on Top in New Hampshire. Also, the Philadelphia Inquirer ran a story about MINI Owners by Kellie Patrick.

Hall of Presidents, this is the succession of all the PhillyMINI Prime MINisters through today:

Julie Gross - PM - 2003-2005
Stella Singleton - PM - 2006-2009
Alan Sobkowiak - PM - 2009-2011
Alan Sobkowiak & Joe Montante -
CoPMs - 2012-2014
Jennifer Lane PM- 2015-2016
Heather Siessel -PM - 2017-2019
Barry Meyer - 2020-2022
Tracy Krapf- 2023-present

With thanks and gratitude we honor our past founders, Prime MINisters and all the officers (MINisters) that have brought PhillyMINI to its 20th Anniversary in 2023! After hundreds of rallies and events, we see a lot of new MINI owners joining the group every year. Also, some of our members have children that are as enthusiastic for the club as their parents! We look to them for our future and hope the club continues to provide safe, fun driving, dining, social events for many years to come! As one of our founders, Scott Laughlin, said at the very first PhillyMINI rally... "Let's Motor!"



From a history of how it began to the

attn: rally masters

Plans for 2024



Calling all Rally Masters! We are gathering information for next year's Motoring Season. If you wish to host a rally in the 2024 Motoring Season, you have until October 31st to send in your submissions.

Please send your Rally Name, start location, end location and a brief description to questions@PhillyMINI.org on or before October 31, 2023.

If you are interested in taking over a past rally we have a wonderful list of rallies that are looking for adoption. Please contact us for further information.

It's that time of year, time to begin to reflect on the great year of rallies and events and the photos taken on them. Gather them up and choose your best / favorite 2 to submit for the 2024 Philly MINI calendar!

Submission rules

- **MUST** be a paid Philly MINI member
- **MUST** be suitable for 8x10 printing to be considered
- Photos **MUST** contain one or more MINI(S)
- **No** portraits of driver/passenger with/near/in MINI/Mini
- **NO RAW** files
- **PHOTOS MUST NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED OR CHOSEN FOR PREVIOUS CALENDARS.**
- **YOU** (the submitter) **MUST HAVE TAKEN THE PHOTO!!!!!!!**

Send your submissions to calendar@phillymini.org no later than October 31, 2023





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Favorite Rally Doesn't Disappoint

On Sunday September 3 of Labor Day weekend we once again held the Union Jack Rally, which has always been favorite of PhillyMINI members since its inception. Josh and Darci provided pick em yourself rally goodies, including rubber ducks and union jack flags. The rally took us on the awesome scenic winding roads in Berks County as we worked our way from Elverson to the Union Jack Inn on the Manatawny.

Other than Group 1's encounter with a perturbed jogger, the rally elicited the typical waves and oohs and aahs from the local residents. Group 2 did get to experience some bonus miles due to a couple of missed turns but all told things went rather smoothly.

The after rally lunch was at the Union Jack Inn on the Manatawny where we enjoyed the outdoor seating and late afternoon end of summer weather.



Membership Spotlight

Joseph Montante



How long have you been a member?

Twenty years.

How did you hear about PhillyMINI?

Princeton Charlie Beck in 2003.MINI.

What is your MINI's name?

GP411

What's your memory and favorite rally? Why?

The 10th anniversary with Jim McDowell. PhillyMINI in the Mountains.

What's your favorite PhillyMINI memory?

Our 1st Pocono weekend. Had a blast meeting everyone and having a weekend party.

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

The people.



What's something you would like to see or experience with PhillyMINI in the future?

Continuing our success.

How do you spend your time outside of PhillyMINI?

Photography.

What's your favorite thing/part/aspect of your MINI?

The turns.

**TOP 10
MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

In an effort to provide the most nutritious food to those we serve, this list represents our highest food priorities. These items are high in both demand and nutritional value. While we continue to accept other items, we kindly ask you to focus your efforts on these items so, together, we can have the maximum impact for individuals facing hunger.



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY



COOKING OIL



CANNED TUNA OR MEAT



CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES



CANNED STEW & SOUPS



OATMEAL/BREAKFAST CEREAL



WHOLE GRAIN PASTA



100% JUICE



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BOXED, NON-REFRIGERATED MILK

GUIDELINES:

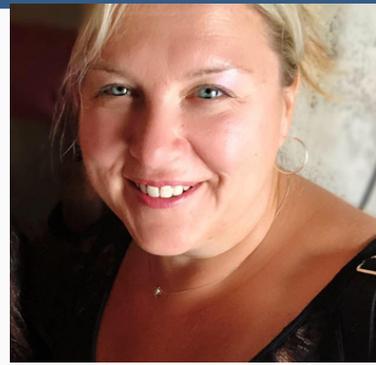
Please donate products that are in boxes, cans or plastic bottles and do not require refrigeration.

Please note we prefer items that are low in sugar/sodium and free of high fructose corn syrup. Please do not donate bread and baked goods which have a short shelf life.

All items should be recently purchased and in good condition.

• PLEASE NOTE: THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RANKED IN A PARTICULAR ORDER BECAUSE ALL OF THESE ITEMS ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED •

SHADES OF DEATH TO HOPE



*by Tracy Krapf
PrimeMINister*

September 16th was a beautiful day for the annual MINIs & Miatas Rally! The weather was crisp and cool and the sun was shining brightly, but it wasn't without some challenges. As our MINiSTER of Logistics, Barry, likes to say, "We are getting good at pivoting" Today was testament to that phrase.

Upon arrival, we noticed our parking lot start point was over taken by a huge "Community Days" event. Thankfully the Giant (as in the store not the size) parking lot was directly across the street and made for a good start point. Some rally participants also noted that the start point coordinates lead them to another location across the intersection.

We have a bunch of smart cookies though, everyone found their way to the start... that is, all but one sad MINI. Sir Walter, the chipper Red MINI belonging to Vicky and Rob Leopold, decided it was not in the cards. After a call to our favorite MINI Rescue, Mike Marzo had the Leopold's haul Sir Walter back to his shop. Our healing thoughts are with Sir Walter as he undergoes diagnostics and repair. Everyone missed Vicky and Rob at the rally and we hope for a speedy return of Sir Walter.

Once we got on the road and away from the Community Days traffic, it was smooth sailing. We enjoyed twists and turns and even a few hill climbs. Rally Master, Randy, really came up with a great combination of roads that crossed

several older rally routes which zig zagged from Pennsylvania to New Jersey.

In the first leg, group 1 and 2 criss crossed each other's path and we had a great opportunity to wave and get some fun photos. Group 2, lead by myself and Randy, who planned the route, noticed one of the roads, previously closed on a dry run, was now open. Opting for the fun route verses the "work around" Group 2 "called an audible". By going the original, fun twisted route, Group 2 ended up at the mid-point break in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, just BEFORE Group 1. It was quite a good laugh and a lot of "how did you do that?".

Early on, Group 1 crossed paths with a Bear! The second half of the rally was equally as fun as the first. We found some more hill climbs and got some of our favorite twists on the Shades Of Death Road in Great Meadows, NJ. The voice on the Garmin changed her tone when saying the name of the road. It's just creepy to hear it but we get a good laugh. If Shades of Death was too dark of a road name, we finished it by making a right turn onto Hope Road.

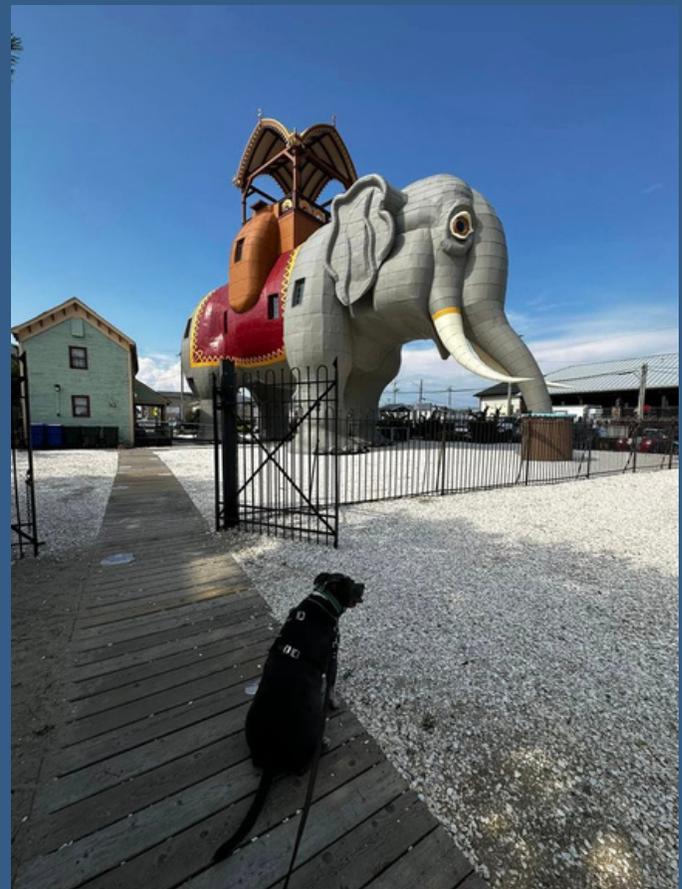
We ended the official rally at Hot Dog Johnny's for some good eats and sweet treats. There was a lot of chatter about the fun twists and turns we took. After a hearty meal, few participants opted for different "bonus miles". One group went for ice cream and another group drove to M&M winery in Bangor, PA.

September Dinner Recap

The weather was sunny and humid but all told it was a pleasant late summer afternoon for good food and conversation, as September's Get Together Dinner had PhillyMINI Peeps travel thru the New Jersey Pine Barrens to gather at Henri Hotts BBQ in Hamonton, NJ for an al fresco lunch consisting of tasty bbq ribs, pulled pork, fried chicken, brisket burnt end cheessteaks and all the fixin's. Henri Hotts has been consistently ranked as one of the best BBQ joints in Southern NJ and they didn't disappoint.

After lunch and before the "meat sweats" could kick in, we took a short ride down to Margarte, NJ to pay a visit to Lucy the Elephant, a historical national landmark since 1881. Lucy was looking quite spiffy having undergone a nearly \$2,000,000 restoration over the past couple years.

It was a fun and tasty day to close out the Summer season at the Jersey Shore.



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Jeffrey Wieder

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Sally Eckhart

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Mary Snowten

Porter Hibbitts

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