



NEWSLETTER

January 2020

President's Message

Inauguration, January 4th, 2020

I am so excited to be President of Mini5280 that I'm having a hard time knowing where to start.

The holidays are winding down. Work is starting to get back to routine. I took a family road trip in the big car, missing my MINI. The snowstorms and family obligations kept me at home. There are only so many shows I can binge at a time. I don't usually get affected by the short days, but today, I'm itching to drive.

This week was the official transitional meeting, welcoming us new officers to our positions to the club. I would like to take a moment to recognize my fellow elected officers:

- ✓ Vice President Jose Bonilla
- ✓ Treasurer Erin Shay
- ✓ Secretary Kim Pirri

I know that everybody knows what most meetings are like, but I'd like to pull the curtain back enough to give you all a glimpse into the life as an officer of the club.

Picture an underground enclave lit by torches. Officers dressed in robes, standing in a circle as they chant the rites to transfer power from the old president to the new initiate. Incense swirls, wafting scents of tire smoke and parking lots. Transcendental music from an unseen choir fills the air leading to a crashing crescendo as the power transfers from person to person leaving the new officers dazed, smelling of ozone, and crackling with arcs of energy.

Sounds portentous, doesn't it? It wasn't anything like that.

It was more like seven friends huddled in the corner booth at a Panera trading contact info and going through a stapled list of duties. All the while, the veteran officers were reminding us newbies that this will all be okay. So while it wasn't as cinematic as my daydreams, there are some underlying truths.

- We are a group of like-minded enthusiasts. We don't all dress in fancy robes because we are too eclectic for uniforms.
- We come together to support each other. We recite to each other that while there are responsibilities, this is for fun. Do what you can and ask for help.

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Find us online!

Website: <http://mini5280.org/>
Facebook: [MINI5280 Social Hub](#)
Our national event: [MINIS In the Mountains](#)
Our northern sister club: [MiniCOW- Minis of Colorado and Wyoming](#)
Our southern sister club: [Southern Colorado MINIs \(SOCOM\)](#)
Colorado's Classic Mini Club: [Minis of the Rockies \(MOTR\)](#)

- Our powers as officers bind us to service. One of the earliest lessons I learned in leadership was that my position is owed to those I serve. I'm here for you. I'm here to make sure you are having fun!

So maybe my eyes don't glow with the lightning of arcane power. And maybe my tome of secrets is more like a pamphlet of duties. I've got my robe - it's a bathrobe, but whatever - I'm going to find us some fun things to do in 2020 and 2021. I'll see you on the roads.

Chris Hudson, President

Welcome New Members! *Let's Motor!*

Look for your new member packet in the mail this month! Remember this list is one month behind, so it shows new members from December 2019!

- **Sherrie Smith**

Membership Info

Visit MINI5280.org at the following links to check your membership status and to find out how to renew.

Remember, your \$40 family membership supports the club's ability to provide food and drink at meetings and annual events, tagging cards, member name badges, and to support our biennial national event, *MINIs in the Mountains*.

[General Membership Info](#)

[Renewing Your Membership](#)

[To Check Your Expiration Date](#)



What Happened Last Month

7th Annual Craig Hospital Toy Drive – December 7, 2019

Article and Photos: Rick Gonzales

Packed with holiday gifts, thirteen colorful MINI Coopers participated in the annual Craig Hospital Toy Drive. The December 7th drive marked the 7th straight year of toy deliveries to Craig Hospital. Since families with patients at Craig seldom have time to shop for their children during the holidays, the donated gifts fill an immediate need.

Hoping to brighten the season for Craig's patients and their families, MINI5280 club members did not hesitate to continue with the tradition, which began in 2007 with a Children's Hospital toy drive.

Following the delivery, MINI drivers and their passengers were treated to an informative tour of world-renowned Craig Hospital, a non-profit premier center specializing in rehabilitation and research for people with spinal cord injury and brain injury. Learn more about Craig Hospital at CraigHospital.org.

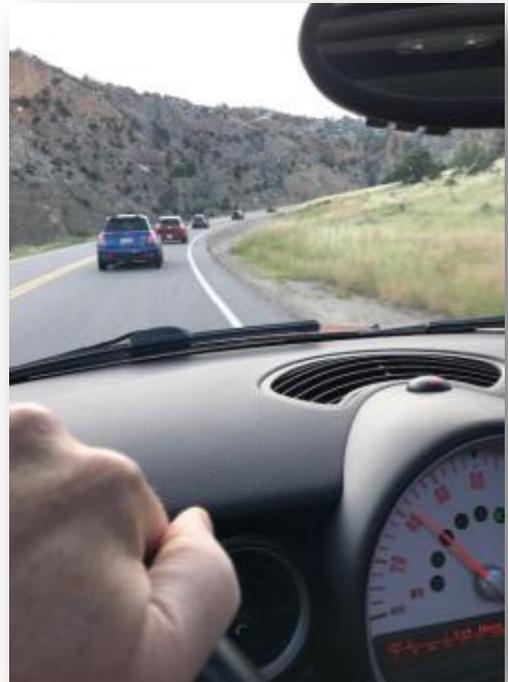




Did you know that MINI5280 is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization? That means that all the funds the club takes in are used to support club insurance, website, events, and activities! If you'd like to support the club further, consider making a **tax deductible** donation to MINI5280 to help with club expenses, including the upcoming 2021 *MINIs in the Mountains!*

Favorite Photo of 2019!
Article and Photos: Jim Webster

Both of these photos are from *MINIs in the Mountains* 2019! The second is driving on to the Royal Gorge Bridge.



Thanks to Jim Webster for submitting his favorite photos in response to the Secretary's call for photos! Get your favorite in next time!

Interested in the Cruise to Canada?

Are you thinking about joining the MINI5280 Cruise to Canada over Memorial Day weekend in May? Here are some useful links to learn more about traveling into Canada and advance preparations that may be needed! Thanks to Debbie Ratliff for sharing this info!

- I am an American Citizen. What do I need to enter Canada?
<https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1116&top=>
- If you're planning to bring your minor children without their other parent, additional documentation will be needed! <https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1116&top=>
- If you're planning to bring your pet, additional documentation will be needed!
<https://blog.gopetfriendly.com/taking-your-dog-to-canada/>
- TripSavvy.com has several useful pages on travel to Canada:
<https://www.tripsavvy.com/search?q=canada&offset=0>

Upcoming Events

Learn more about upcoming events at the [Calendar](#) on MINI5280.org and on the events tab on Facebook at the MINI5280 Social Hub. Check back often because drives are regularly added. You, too, can post a drive!

- ✓ May 22, 2020 – MINI5280 Cruise to Calgary
- ✓ 2021 – MINIs in the Mountains

Vendor Discounts



Artistic Reflection is your source for unique decals, full-color stickers, magnetic grill badges, grill badge holders, racing stripes, and Eyeshades. Make your MINI as unique as you are with graphics from Artistic Reflection!
Save 10% on your entire order with code: **IMWITH5280**



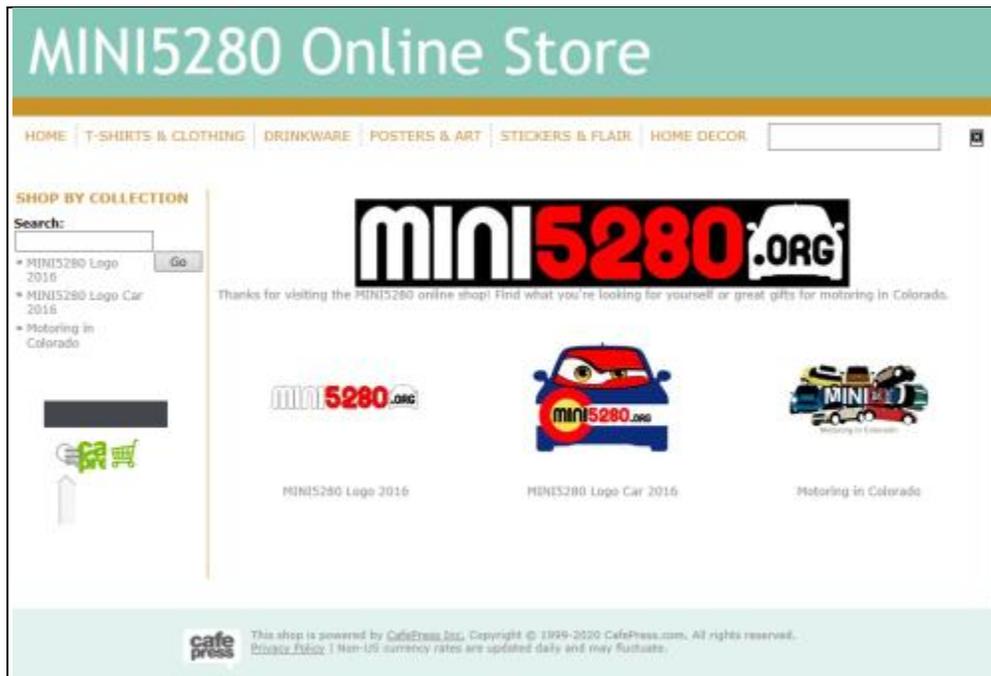
BUY ME! MINI5280 Badges & Stickers

Are your MINI5280 badges, stickers, and decals showing their age? Get new ones online at MINI5280's website! Prices include shipping! <http://mini5280.org/store/>



MINI5280 Merchandise

Remember to visit our store at CafePress! Just click on the logo of your choice and see what fun things you can order! [MINI5280 CafePress Store](#)



Secretary's Note

Y'all! This Newsletter is for you! So, send in ideas for features you'd like to see! Send in your favorite photo from your favorite run and tell us the story! Got a favorite MINI (or Mini!) related vendor? Let us know so we can see if they'll offer a club discount. Submissions are due by midnight on the first of the month! Send them to Secretary@MINI5280.org. Motor on!

Kim Pirri, Secretary