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What's Coming Up?????

Please remember that when an event notice is posted it is extremely helpful to the cruise directors to have a timely response from all members whether it be a **"Yes"** or **"No"** response.



Miatas of Muskoka 2015 Cruise Event Schedule [Final – May 17, 2015]

Cruise Event	Date	Event Type	Cruise Director(s)
 Stratford Cruise & Theatre	Tues.-Weds. June 16 th -17 th	Overnight (1 nite)	Maureen Newton (Bob Macaulay to help)
 Scavenger Hunt	Sat. June 27 th	Day-trip	Lynn Bryan
 Peterborough Liftlocks Cruise & Lunch	Tues. July 14 th	Day-trip	Cal & Gail Lander
 Tobermory/Manitoulin Cruise **CANCELLED**	mid-July or mid-Aug. weekend	Overnight (2 nites)	CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF CRUISE DIRECTOR
 MoM 5 th Anniversary Picnic [venue and details TBD]	Sat. July 25 th	Day-trip	All Councillors
 Joint Charity Cruise** (sponsors Orillia Mazda/Moffat's Mazda Barrie/New Roads Mazda Newmarket) [**joint with Trillium – details being planned]	Sat. Aug. 8 th	Day-trip	No CD req'd – (Bob Macaulay is MoM's contact with event planner)
 UMN (Ottawa club) 20 th Anniversary -- all MoMers invited [pre-reg'n req'd]	Fri.-Sun. Aug. 7 th - 9 th	Overnight (3 nites)	Contact Bob Charlton if interested
 Wasaga Beach Cruise/1812 Re-enactment	Sat. Aug. 15 th	Day-trip	Doug Jackson
 Toyota (Cambridge) Plant Tour [avail. Mon.-Thurs. only]	Thurs. Sept 3 rd	Day-trip	Bob & Carol Macaulay
 Frankenmuth (Michigan) Bavarian Village	Fri.-Sun. Sept. 18 th -20 th	Overnight (2 nites)	Dave & Diane Phillips
 Fall Colours (Muskoka)** [**hosting Ottawa club – UMN]	Sat-Sun. Oct. 3 th -4 th	Day-trip (+ other events?)	Michael Topping
<u>Ice cream runs</u>	Every Weds. evg. (starts May 20 th) - meet at Bracebridge Y.I.G. @ 6:30 PM (unless advised otherwise via advance e-mail) [NOTE: "special" ice cream run once a month – advance notices will be provided.]		

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Editor's Message

Picture this ... my wife and I were being "Snowbirds" in Florida from February to mid-April. I got an email from Michael Topping asking if I would be interested in assisting with the preparation of a newsletter for the club, and, since I have been known to take a few photos of events, I said OK. Surprise! When we attended the Spring Planning Meeting, I discovered my name as "Editor". Panic set in! Michael and Cal Lander both volunteered to "lend a hand". I muddled about with text editing programs, Word and Publisher on my PC, Pages on my iMac, and photo editing programs such as iPhoto, Photoshop CS and Elements. What to do ... what to do? Then Cal Lander contacted me and volunteered to

show me a program that he has used in the printing industry and ... voila

... a whole brand-new platform that has enabled the production of this newsletter.

I am extremely pleased with, and grateful for, the assistance of Cal and Michael, as well as the write-ups and photos sent to me by cruise directors and cruise participants. Without their assistance, this publication would not be possible!

Doug Jackson



Fiat 124 Spider Name Confirmed For Mazda MX-5 Miata-Based Roadster



By John Coyle

Upon confirmation that Fiat-Abarth had taken over Alfa Romeo's place in Fiat Chrysler Automobiles' [NYSE:FCAU] deal with Mazda to share the Japanese automaker's platform and production line for the latest MX-5 Miata, speculation abruptly



1969 Fiat 124 Sport Spider

turned toward what the planned "specialty" car would be badged.

FCA boss Sergio Marchionne has now confirmed at the 2015 Geneva Motor Show that the rear-wheel-drive sports will in fact wear a Fiat badge, and that the car will be called the "124 Spider". The confirmation ends speculation that we might see a standalone model from Abarth or perhaps even a dark horse play to expand the long-suffering Lancia brand.

Given FCA filed trademarks on the "124" and "124 Spider" late last year, a revival of Fiat's lightweight rear-wheel-drive roadster is now locked in. Fiat's last 124 Spider, officially a "Sport Spider", was last built back in 1985. A version of the car was even

used for rallying in the early '70s, when Abarth became involved in its development.

Perhaps we'll even see an Abarth version of the modern 124 Spider—à la the 500 Abarth—which could tip the scales at around 2,200 pounds and sport as much as 200 horsepower from Fiat's 1.4-liter Multi-Air turbo.

A roadster will prove an important step for the Fiat brand, both in the eyes of consumers seeking a traditional sports car, and dealers—some of



whom expected Alfa Romeos in their showrooms—who've been constrained to selling versions of the 500 since the brand's reintroduction to the U.S. in 2011.



Given how great the 2016 MX-5 looks, we're expecting fireworks when we see the first pics of its Italian cousin.



Stratford Festival Cruise

June 16 - 17



Cruise Director.- Maureen Newton

Who says a 3 car cruise might possibly be cancelled? It turns out to be a golden opportunity to better know your fellow members.

Our 5 hour cruise through rolling countryside of lush shades of green with fields of purple lupins was beautiful----- (maybe it was my sunglasses) and the sunny day was perfect for "tops down."

We checked into the Festival Inn at 3PM and after getting settled in, gathered in one room for a drink and conversation before heading out for dinner at 5:30PM at Keystone Alley Café. The food, presentation and ambience was superb and the pavlova "to die for" as was agreed by all. By

7:30PM, we went our separate ways to see our preferred plays and crashed around 11PM

Breakfast in the morning was included and as an added perk, we passed Kathleen Wynne with her body guard on her way out of the dining room.

By 10AM, everyone headed in different directions--- some to visit or extend the trip or head home.

I think I can say, a good time was had by all.



Get in gear for these



Join us because of the car, you'll stay because of your friends!

MoM's 5th Anniversary Picnic
Who's Invited: All current and past MoM members, and their guests. Come help us celebrate this special MoM anniversary!
When: **Saturday, July 25th, from 11 AM to 2 PM.**
 NOTE: Please reply **by July 17th at the latest** via e-mail to Bob Macaulay, to confirm whether or not you will be attending; please RSVP to cmacaulay_8@sympatico.ca

Location: **Annie Williams Memorial Park, Bracebridge, on Santa's Village Rd./Gordon St. (Musk. Rd. 15), 2 blocks west of Wellington Street, on the north side of Muskoka River. Lots of off-street parking is available.**

Directions:
 From Hwy. 11, exit at Muskoka Rd. 118 west, follow 118 west and north into urban Bracebridge, cross the Muskoka River bridge on 118/Wellington Street, turn left at the first street north of bridge onto Santa's Village Rd./Gordon St., proceed west 2 blocks to the park on your left

Picnic Lunch Details:
 > this picnic will be "potluck" style, so the attendees will be collectively sharing all of the food which everyone brings; keep that in mind when deciding what you wish to contribute
 > MoM will be supplying cold beverages (pop & bottled water), napkins, disposable plates & cutlery, and a special anniversary cake
 > if you have any special dietary needs, and/or any particular beverage you prefer aside from pop or water, please be sure to bring those for yourself
 > the park has a BBQ pit available, or you can bring your own hibachi, for anyone who wishes to bring something to be cooked on a BBQ (if so, don't forget BBQ charcoal & starter and cooking utensils)

A few reminders:

- although the park has a good number of picnic tables, please bring your own folding chair(s) just in case we run short of seating
- because this event is a special anniversary, it will take place "rain or shine" — the park has a large picnic shelter available
- all current members should bring and wear their MoM name tags, as should any past members who still have them



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Peterborough Lift Locks Luncheon Cruise

Who's Invited: All members and their guests
When: **Tuesday, July 14, 2015.**

Please arrive on time, so we can set organized and depart to meet up as below.
It is very important that you R.S.V.P. to me by June 30th
Cal.lander@live.ca

Starting Where: Our Northern friends: Independent Grocers lot Bracebridge, 8:15 a.m.
 Our southern group: Tudhope Park parking lot, Atherley Road, Orillia 9:00 a.m.

Itinerary: From Orillia to Peterborough for a 2 hour luncheon cruise thru the Peterborough Lift Locks. Then home by a northern route on fantastic Miata Roads.

Route Summary: Meet at 169 & R.R. 46, (about 9:15 a.m., using Ctx. Rd. 6, 9, 18, 4 to Kirkfield, hamlet of Cambury, and Lindsay for a quick rest stop at Whitney Town Centre., use Hwy. 7 and follow it all the way to Peterborough for a quick rest stop at Whitney Town Centre., noon departure I've would like to be there about 1/2 hour before our departure time.). Return north from Peterborough using picturesque "Miata road" 507 through Buckhorn and on to Goderham where the northern group may break off to head north while the Orillia contingent heads West into the sunset.

Lunch/Cruise details: Lunch on board cruise boat for 2 hour cruise.
Cost: lunch cruises \$42.50.
 Rolls and butter, starter salad, chicken or roast beef served with potatoes and vegetables with coffee/tea and dessert

A few reminders:
 To ensure everyone's safety, CB radios are now required for participation in all MoM cruise events; please remember to bring and use your CB.
 [NOTE: if you don't already own a CB, we have 2 portable CB units available for use on this cruise on a one-time only loan basis, pending purchase of your own unit.]
 This cruise will take place "rain or shine."

All participants should bring and wear their MoM name tags.
 Please make sure your car has a full fuel tank before we depart.

The Cruise Director will lead one group, but will require a sweep; when you RSVP, please indicate your willingness to be their sweep, or to lead or sweep a second group, in case we have enough members for 2 groups of cars.



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Preliminary Notice Frankenmuth, MI Cruise

Who's Invited: All members and their guests
When: **September 18th-20th, departing at 9:15 A.M.**
 (please arrive on time, so we can get organized and depart by 9:15 A.M.) NOTE: Please reply **by July 6th at the latest** via e-mail to Diane Phillips, to confirm whether or not you will be attending; RSVP to gdphillips@vianet.ca

Starting Where: Orillia Home Depot parking lot, just southwest of the Hwy. 11/Hwy. 12 (west) interchange

Itinerary:

- Friday (18th): travel to Birch Run, MI (near Frankenmuth); after mid-afternoon arrival, relax at hotel or shop at nearby major outlet mall
- Saturday: Frankenmuth Bavarian Village, plus outlet shopping if desired
- Sunday (20th): drive back home

Route Summary: [approx. 6.5 to 7 hrs.]

- all freeway, due to length of trip (550 kms/2 from Orillia). Bus, Miata's are optional
- Hwy. 11 south to Hwy. 400 at Barrie, then south to Hwy. 407, take 407 west to Bluewater Bridge in Simco
- Hwy. 401 west to Hwy. 402 at London (lunch stop near London), take 402 west to Bluewater
- take I-75 north to Birch Run Holiday Inn Express, at Exit 136

Hotel details:

- Holiday Inn Express, at Birch Run, MI, 12150 Dixie Hwy., 1-989-624-9300
- small block of rooms reserved for limited time under "Miata's of Muskoka/Diane Phillips" - PLEASE use that name when reserving, and call ASAP!
- special MoM rate is \$142.99 U.S./night (+ tax), incl. full breakfast
- 24-hr. cancellation policy
- Additional hotel information available at: <http://www.hig.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/usa/birch-run/mi/hotelinfo>

Other information:

- Frankenmuth information available at: <http://www.frankenmuth.org>
- Birch Run Premium Outlets information available at: www.premiumoutlets.com/birchrun
- DON'T FORGET THAT PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO U.S.I

Final Notice to follow in August (to participants only)



“Special” Ice Cream Run – Weber's



Bob Macaulay
June 17, 2015

June 17th marked MoM's first “special” ice cream run of the 2015

season. A total of 7 MoM cars, including one of our new members (complete with canine mascot) gathered at the supper hour in the parking lot of the famous *Webers* restaurant on Hwy. 11 just north



of Orillia, on a nice sunny Wednesday evening. We got to enjoy the pleasant evening weather while downing the usual tasty *Webers* burgers and fries, in the comfort of the attractive, grassy picnic area behind the store.



This was followed by some nice *Kawartha Dairy* ice cream from the adjacent ice cream outlet which is also now



located at *Webers*. A sub-group of 5 cars then departed together after dinner for a very nice “back country” cruise from Washago up through Cooper's Falls and

Housey's Rapids via Muskoka Road 6, and east to Germania Road, north to Hwy. 118, then back west to Hwy. 11 at Bracebridge, where we parted company for home.



All-in-all, it was a very pleasant evening, and a nice change from

our usual post-dinner ice cream runs typically starting from Bracebridge.

We're going to try to arrange one “special” ice cream run per month...stay tuned for the next one in July.



How to Import a Car into Canada

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<http://mazdaroadster.net/>

I figured I'd make this thread for any other Canadian's that might find themselves searching for cars in the States since I know it may seem harder than it actually is when you are doing it for your first time.

I've done this twice in the past and would recommend it to anybody looking to save a little money or someone that just wants a nice rust-free car from down south. Everything is pretty straight forward and as long as you complete all the necessary paperwork you shouldn't have any hassles.

1. After you have found the car you want, go to your local dealership and see if there are any recalls on it that need to be taken care of. You can get a printout from the dealership listing any potential recalls, or showing that your vehicle has no outstanding recalls. You may be asked for this paper at the border (I have never been asked for it).

2. Arrange payment or going down to see the car. I was never willing to pay for the car before seeing it to get the title, bill of sale, etc that I would need. I usually send a small deposit (\$100) and then pay the rest when I get there and deal with the paperwork while I'm in the US.



3. Fax your title in to the U.S border crossing you plan to export the car from 72 hours before you plan on exporting the car. You can usually find their fax number through a quick Google search. After faxing it I've tried to call and confirm that it has arrived but they won't answer that question for you so hope it did go through

4. Get insurance and a temporary permit from the state you are buying the car from and drive it back to the U.S Border crossing facility where you faxed your title to. Show them your passport, driver's license, title, and bill of sale. After reviewing the paper work they will stamp your title releasing it to Canadian customs.

5. Stop at Canadian customs, identify yourself and let them know you are importing your vehicle. They will then fill out the Import Vehicle Form 1 for you.

6. At this time you will need to pay your RIV fee (\$195+GST), GST, Air Condition Excise Tax (if you have A/C, \$100), and duty if the officer decides to charge you duty (6.1%)

7. After paying all the fees they will stamp your Import Vehicle Form 1 and send you on your way. On the way back to the car you will probably get stopped by some customs agents and questioned about how much you actually paid for the car trying to get you caught in a lie if you said you paid less

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then you actually did for the car (more on this later). Keep the Import Vehicle Form in your car at all times until you have registered it in your province.

8. If your car is 15+ years old you are pretty much done now. You just need to get your safety check and emissions test done (if they have one in your province) and register it in your province. Now you can enjoy your rust-free car in Canada.

9. If your car is newer than 15yrs you have to go through a bit more work. Within 10 days of submitting Vehicle Import Form 1 at the border, Canadian customs will send you Form 2 - federal inspection.

10. You have 45 days from the day you submitted to get any required modifications done to your vehicle (such as daytime running lights, child tether anchorages and metric speedometer conversions) and have your vehicle inspected at Canadian Tire.

11. When you take the car in to get inspected, bring all supporting documents with you such as the title, bill of sale, Import Forms 1 & 2, and the outstanding recall letter. Canadian Tire will do all necessary inspections free of charge as per the RIV program.

12. If the vehicle passes they will put a sticker on the drivers side stating that the vehicle is compliant. They will fill out provide you with the necessary will need to register the vehicle in

13. You can now take it right over to your provincial vehicle licencing office along with all

the paperwork you've accumulated to get it registered, where you will pay whatever your provincial sales tax is on the sale price of the vehicle. Like I said, I've done this twice without any hassles. The first time was with my S14 and everything went well other than being interrogated for about 45 minutes in regards to the sale price. One thing that is really important and definitely not worth the risk; Do not lie about how much you paid for the car!! If they do find out you are lying they can seize your new car and you will be faced with a lot more trouble than it's worth. When I was importing the S14, 3 guys in a Civic got caught in a lie about the value of their car so the owner of the car lost the car and they were stuck there for way longer than I'm sure anyone would want to.

With the Miata I was really nice to the customs agent joking around the entire time so she didn't charge me any duty, air conditioning excise tax, and not even the RIV fee. I got really lucky that time and rather than paying \$1000 I only paid \$200, it all depends on the agent you get.



My "First" Miata

Submitted by Cal Lander

My first experience with a Miata MX-5 believe it or not was in far off Australia. The year 2004 had been a tough one for me, and my daughter, who was getting married in June of that year, suggested that I plan on spending Christmas with them in Sydney, AU. I took her up on the offer and in December of that year winged my merry way to OZ. I had a Mazda RX-8 at home in storage for the winter so my first thought in going on such a trip was to make it worthwhile. I was planning to be away for a month and wanted to do some traveling while there. As I would be on my own for a lot of the journey, renting a car for me was the way to go so I enquired about getting a convertible for the trip. When I arrived at the rental office to pick up my convertible, right hand drive of course, they handed me the keys to a brand new (6,000 km) 2004 Miata in a beautiful dark blue colour. After a warning not to go off roading and to stay off the beaches I headed bravely out into the unknown of downtown Sydney, Australia traffic on the "wrong" side of the road.



My first week was spent with my daughter, her husband and in laws but as they were both working during the day

I quite often found my self just exploring the countryside around Sydney enjoying the wind in my hair (I had more then) and getting to know that wonderful roadster that I had rented. I planned to drive from Sydney to Melbourne along the "Great Ocean Road" and since my daughter was a flight attendant for Qantas at the time she elected to travel to Melbourne with me where she could catch a flight back to Sydney. We had a great three days traveling and raised eyebrows in a few places as this middle aged man was seen traveling



around the country in a little sports car with a very young and attractive blonde. After Melbourne we said good bye and I boarded the ferry to Tasmania.



In Tasmania I had a great time as well driving through the valleys, up the mountains and through the twisties. I think the highlight was when I stopped for "petrol" and the attendant spotted the car and asked if I had heard of the "Targa Tasmania". After an enthusiastic positive response from me he proceeded to point me towards the route of the rally



which was very close by. The driving experience was unbelievable as the road was all switchbacks, hills, blind curves etc. I found it hard to understand how they can run those roads at the speeds they do. As I approached the capital, Hobart, there, coming in the opposite direction, was a long line of Miatas (I counted almost 100 cars). Apparently, this was an annual cruise by a number of clubs for the Christmas holiday. The trip to Tasmania is the thing to do because this being their hot summer, Tasmania is cooler because it is so much further south.



I could go on and on but suffice it to say that I returned to the mainland and drove on the edge of outback returning to Sydney where it was so hot at times that the top had to be up or you would literally cook. There was an incident as I tried to remove the top boot to raise the top during a lunch stop. When I pulled on the snaps, the vinyl was so hot and so pliable that they stayed put and the snaps pulled right out of their respective holes in the vinyl.

Altogether, many great experiences and a great little roadster to enjoy. Obviously we don't forget these things and look where it has got me; I am now on my "third" Miata.





Magical Mystery Tour Scavenger Hunt 2015

A group of enthusiastic members congregated at the Zeller's parking lot on Saturday June 27th ready to meet the challenges of this year's scavenger hunt along the backroads of Muskoka. One unlikely pairing (Lander and Topping) worked out extremely well with "the boys"



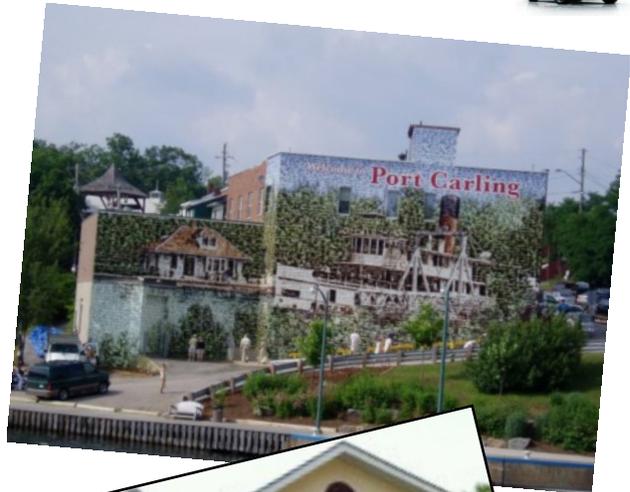
giggling frequently and Michael finishing without having to open the panic envelope.

Points of interest along the route included palm trees, a cemetery and a wind sock however, due to one team purchasing a yellow beaver bird house which just happened to be one of the clues, next year's cruise organizer might want to consider placing a no removal/change order on all relevant landmarks until the hunt is over. Fortunately all participants saw the humour in the situation and the following teams were awarded an extra point to compensate for the loss of the clue.

We had a tie for first place with the Gilberts and Macauley getting a score of 65 out of 75 but as the "last" team succeeded in answering 55 questions correctly, everyone deserves congratulations for a job well done.

While participants rarely kicked into high gear because the winner was determined by the number of questions

answered correctly and not by who made it first past the post, everyone had a good time enjoying a friendly lunch at the destination point: Ella's Place in Port Carling.



"I think I got too much sun"





Miata Rally for Kids

in support of
Easter Seals Kids and Shriners Children Hospital

AUGUST 8TH, 2015 AT 9:00 AM
\$200 PER CAR

Car rally to start at the Orillia Mazda Dealership, to the Newmarket New Roads Mazda, and the final destination to Moffatts Mazda in Barrie.
Includes light breakfast, lunch, BBQ dinner, scavenger hunt, wind down party and dance.
Prizes for best funky hat, smartest looking car and other surprises.
Deadline for registration: July 24th, 2015 - See registration form for details.



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Miata Rally for kids

Bob Macaulay

Hi, all –

-- contrary to recent rumours otherwise, Mazda Canada has confirmed that the new 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata WILL definitely be available at Mazda dealers by early August, and thus, there will NOT be any need to re-schedule the August 8th date of this event;

-- info will be distributed to me (and the Trillium Miata Club) by email an event “poster” with lots of program details, along with an entry form which each participant will be required to complete; I am assured that this package of materials will also

include the required details related to the donation process, so that our members who wish to participate can begin seeking pledges from family & friends.

[NOTE: as previously indicated, the benefiting charity for this event will be Easter Seals.]

-- the minimum pledge level required to participate has now been confirmed at **\$200 per car** (not per person);’

-- the likely route will be clockwise around Lake Simcoe, starting with a light continental breakfast at Orillia Mazda, then a cruise around the east side of the lake to a lunch at Newmarket Mazda, then a final cruise leg up the west side, finishing at Moffatt’s Mazda on Mapleview Dr. in south Barrie, for a BBQ dinner and live entertainment after dinner;

-- Trillium Miata Club have confirmed that they would like to participate as well, although exact numbers, of course, remain to be determined through the entry form process.



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How do you double the value of an MG?

See page 15 for answer...

Spring Meeting, April 19, 2015

Remember some of the previous April meetings? Snow on the ground, freezing temperatures, Miatas still in winter storage! Well, this year's meeting was quite a contrast with people in short-sleeved shirts and at least six Miatas in the Arena parking lot!



The council members ran a very efficient meeting which generated a lengthy list of possible cruise destinations, some of which were local 'single day' outings and some others which were one or two day 'overnight excursions'. Spirited discussion whittled the list down and then cruise directors appointed. Some appointments were from volunteers while a few others had to be 'coaxed'. It was pointed out that several folks had acted as cruise directors multiple times and that it was only fair to share the planning load around the membership. We are such a friendly and helpful group that anyone with



apprehensions about leading a group would find assistance very readily.

Before we adjourned the meeting, everyone assembled for a "group photograph". The twenty-three people at the meeting represented a nice balance of 'long-time' members, recent members and some potential new members. All of us, however, Before we adjourned the meeting, everyone assembled for a "group photograph". The twenty-three people at the meeting represented a nice balance of 'long-time' members, recent members and some potential new members. All of us, however, are looking forward to the 2015 cruising season and the celebration of our fifth year as the "Miatas of Muskoka"!



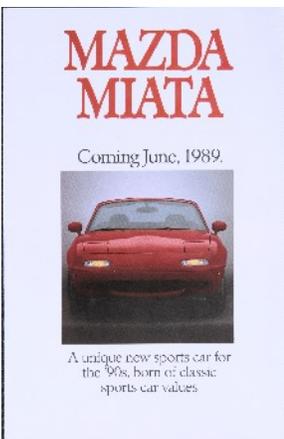
Reflections on Owning an Original Miata MX5

In 1989, my wife and I were in our mid-forties, had three teenagers aged 15 to 19, had gone through the very busy school activities, hockey, figure skating, skiing,

camping routine with our family and we wanted an additional vehicle to augment our very practical van.



We went to the Toronto International Car Show and saw the car that was the “talk of the town”. We picked up a brochure, “Coming in June, 1989”, and quickly said, “Let’s get one!”

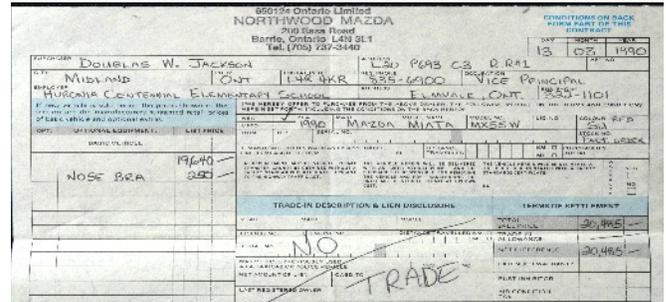


In February, the Toronto Daily Star published a list of MSRP’s for almost all new cars for 1990. The demand was so high for the new MX5 that dealers were not negotiating prices at all. In two months, the price jumped to reflect the huge public demand.

We were not able to drive one until we went to Northwood Mazda in Barrie on March 13, 1990. It was ‘love at first sight’! We drove a demo car and placed an order on the same day! In 1990, there were only three colours,



two transmissions and, if you wanted a hardtop, it was only available in red. Notice that on our origi-



nal “Offer to Purchase”, the price was for the hardtop version, with an optional ‘nose bra’, a device that we only used for one season because the sand and ‘grit’ from driving on gravel roads got under the bra and started to act like sandpaper on the paint!

We have had a great deal of fun and have had numerous trips and driving experiences in our Miata during the past twenty-six seasons! It has travelled just over 260,000 kilometres with us, and they have been distances filled with pleasant driving memories.



The most recent photo of us at the “Spring Fling” shows some of the other club members apparently thrilled with having an original car and the original owners as members of the club! (or maybe they were simply waving at the photographer!)



Doug and Sheila Jackson 1990 Red MX5 “Miata 5”

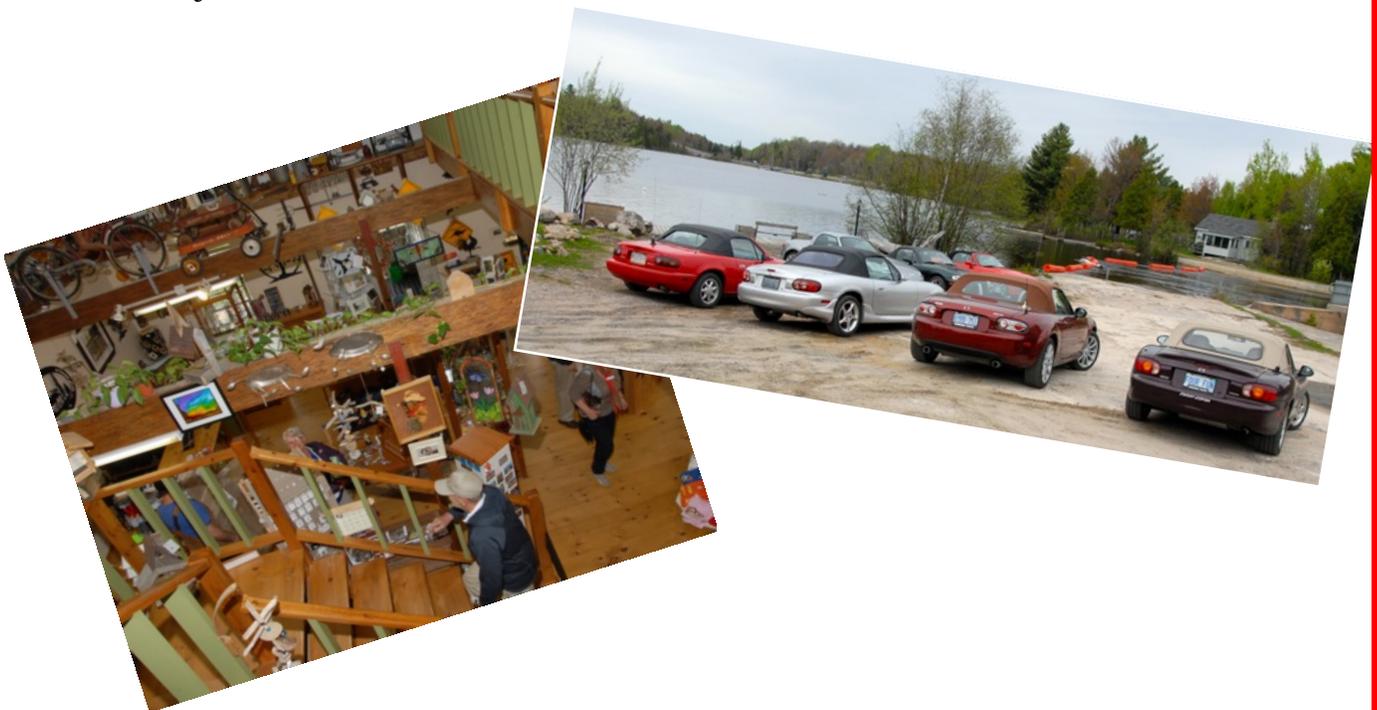
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“fill up the gas tank”*

Spring Fling

Friday, May 15

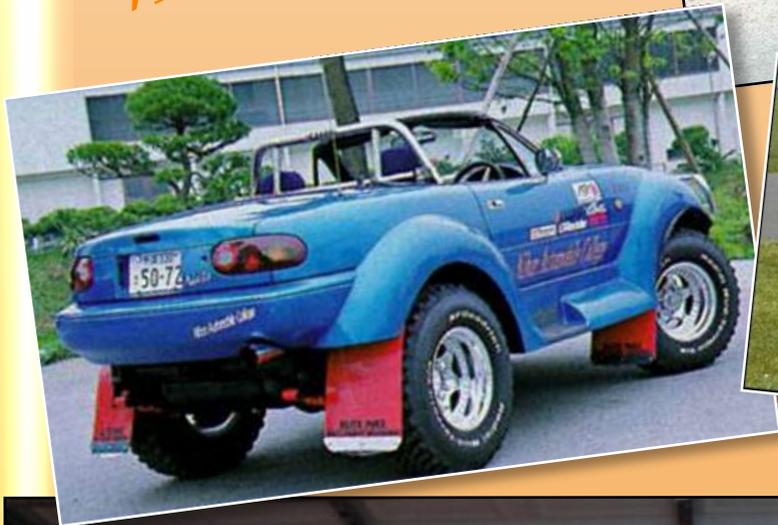
Ten cars, nineteen people ventured on the first Miata cruise of the season, our Spring Fling. We made our way through beautiful countryside and curving back roads to The Swiss County Restaurant at Ahmik Harbour, near Magnetewan. We all enjoyed a wonderful Senior's Buffet lunch for the reasonable cost of \$10.00 each. We then ventured on to Burks Falls where we stopped at The Wooden Roo, an interesting home decorating store. We all had an enjoyable and wonderful time with our new and old Miatas of Muskoka members.

Laurel Bauldry



Parting Shots . . .

*Some people have
too much time on
their hands.*



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**Whoa, like, chill out dude
I'm trippin' out man...**