



Show Me Your Curves

VOLUME 2, NO. 7

Hot Fun in the Sun...

Happy Anniversary



Plus...

Ice Cream Runs

Cruisin' in Belgium

Our Photo Shoot

And more....

**SPOTLIGHT ON
2006 SPECIAL EDITION**





Can't you just hear Sly & the Family Stone's "Hot Fun in the Summertime"?



On the Cover

One of our members, Paul Bennett is a self-employed photographer who took this shot of his 1990 Miata shortly after purchase.

Hot Fun in the Sun!

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You Gotta Read This!

Despite the weather our Ice Cream Runs are a hit



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In the Rear View Mirror

Wednesday Night Ice Cream Cruises

June 1

Our first ice cream cruise and of course another less than desirable day. A group of seven cars still participated in the topless cruise for ice cream. We almost decided to go for hot chocolate instead.

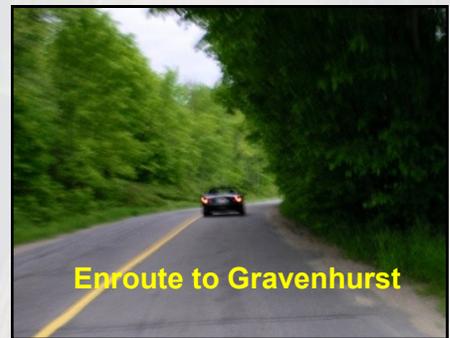
This week's destination was Tastebuds in Gravenhurst which was accessed via a route down Muskoka Beach road to the dairy.



Our Miatas gather prior to departure



Our group parked outside Tastebuds



Enroute to Gravenhurst

June 8 - Rained Out



The pre-departure gathering

June 15

This week's destination of choice was the Gravenhurst Wharf where we not only got to enjoy our ice cream but saw the weekly bike show held there on Wednesday nights. A few members hurried home afterwards to watch the last game of the Stanley Cup Finals.



Outside Tastebuds



Our group parked outside Sunset Grill



Suzanne Dawe & Laurel Bauldry enjoying their ice cream



In the Rear View Mirror

Wednesday Night Ice Cream Cruises

June 28 - Replaced by Photo Club Session



Capital Cruise - June 25/26

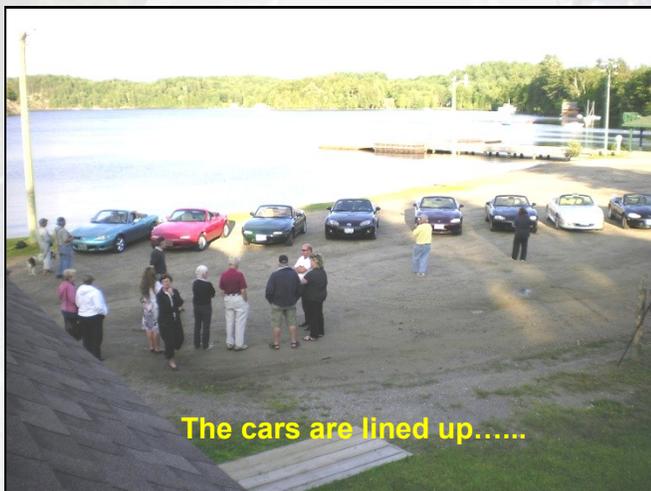
It would appear our first overnight tour will have to wait for a future date as a grand total of 1 member was “tentatively” available to make this trip to Ottawa. This was disappointing not to be able to take advantage of the Frisco Grille restaurant (who had a special “Miata Club” sandwich on the menu for us) and the hospitality of the Underground Network group who agreed to Meet & Greet us at the restaurant & lead us into Ottawa, perhaps some other time.

Photo Club Session - June 29

The day started out as another disaster for us as it was cloudy, cool and threatening to rain yet as the time came to make our departure for Port Sydney the sun was shining. The Muskoka Photography club was most accommodating taking group shots and individual photos of all of the cars attending and even provided a model for the shoot. I’m not sure we’ll be able to wait the month or so before getting our pictures. We had a very good turnout as nearly 50% of the group showed up with their cars gleaming. Russ Sieber’s 2002 Special Edition with it’s Blazing Yellow paint was a particular favourite. Afterwards the group travelled down the road a little for what else, ice cream!!!



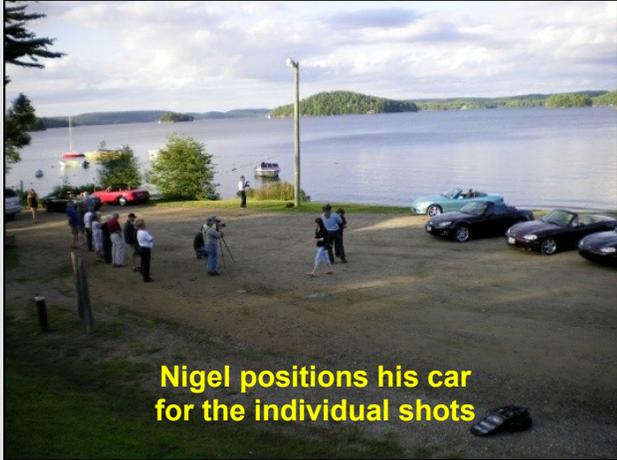
Our feedback is everyone had a good time and perhaps we could do it again next year.





In the Rear View Mirror

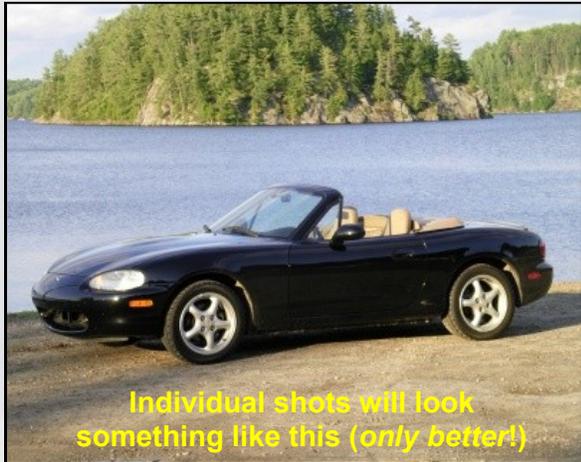
Photo Club Session - Pictorial



Nigel positions his car for the individual shots



Laurel & Jan discuss where to go for ice cream



Individual shots will look something like this (only better!)



The stars lined up & ready



Russ got his car out onto the dock for maximum sunlight



Lookin' Ahead

Cruisin' Bar B Q - July 10

Our next cruise will be in and around the Orillia area to explore some of the local sights ending up at Tom & Katie Courtney's house for a barbeque. We will begin at the Independent Grocer in Bracebridge and wind our way via the back roads to the Tim Horton's in the Orillia Mall where Ed & Judith Gigg will lead the caravan through some Huronia back roads. Members are being asked to contribute \$5 each towards the cost of food and all will be supplied by the Courtneys. Details will be communicated via email sometime next week.

Ladies Cruise - July 24 (Tentative - date to be confirmed)

Although there was a Ladies Cruise earlier the weather didn't exactly play nice so the "Ladies" have asked to organize another cruise during the warmer weather. Late in July should guarantee warm weather, no? We will confirm closer to the cruise date.

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary MoM

We will be 1 year old this month and have almost doubled in size. Boy the time sure has passed quickly

Membership Update

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Don Nickalls & Maureen Newton of Huntsville Mahogany 2000 SE

(Note: Don is an Original Owner)



Sue Topping seems to enjoy the new Miata Special Edition Mazda of Muskoka had on display at the Father's Day Car Show in Bracebridge.

Don't worry, it's still available.

Miatas around the World

A look at what's happening in the world of Miata

In Flanders Fields...

It must be nice to tour Europe in a Miata and take in all of the interesting and unique sights. There is a Miata Club located in the Flanders territory in Belgium (yes, *the* Flanders and poppies literally grow at the side of the road). They recently took a tour to the city of Lier, Belgium, a small town to the south east of Antwerp to take in some work by Louis Zimmer.

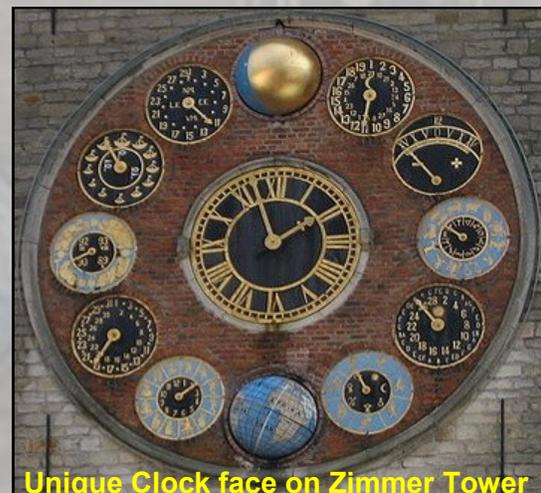


Louis Zimmer was an astronomer and clockmaker to the King of Belgium. Most notably in 1930 he built the Jubilee (or Centenary) Clock, which is displayed on the front of the Zimmer tower in the town centre.



In the museum near the tower in addition to many of Zimmer's other clocks is the huge clock he constructed for the 1935 Brussels International Exposition. This is the clock was sent to the United States for the 1939 New York World's Fair. In June 1970 he was proclaimed Honorary Citizen of Lier.

The City Council allowed the group to park in the council's private parking in the shadow of the famous tower before taking a tour. I can only imagine what it's like cruising routes taken by others as far back as the 14th century.



Helpful Hints - Boot Tie-down

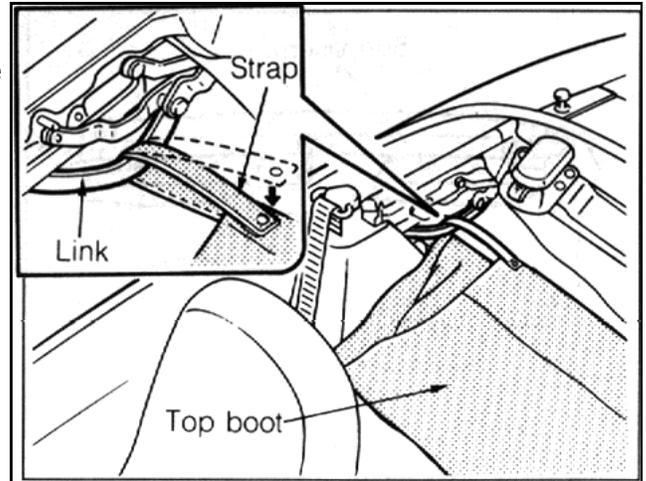
At a recent gathering a newer member requested help in the proper procedure to install a boot on the Miata. It was interesting to note that several different solutions were offered so a investigation was required. According to the owner's manual the proper manner in which to tie down your boot is to secure the billowing straps, affix front of boot to snaps and buttons then insert the rear edge into the body moulding.

Brian Bousman (a contributor to Miata.net), outlines the proper installation of your boot straps to keep the boot from billowing up as you drive.

First off, your boot should have two straps on it to hold the lower portion in place. If you do have the straps then there's two things to check.

Using The Right Bracket

The first problem is getting the boot straps around the correct bracket. When you look for a place to loop the strap around, there's a bracket that appears to be shaped just perfect for the task. Now that you've found that one, try looping the strap around the correct bracket **below** that one.



Size Does Matter

The other problem is the strap length. Quality control on the boot strap doesn't appear to be up to the usual Miata standards. When I loop the second strap around the frame, I have to exert a fair amount of force in stretching it to get the snap in place.

What you want to do is measure the distance from strap loop to strap loop. I don't have a picture of this ready so I'll try and describe it here. Take the boot off the car and turn it upside down.

Take each strap and snap it in place. Now measure the distance from the end of the loop on one side to the end of the loop on the other side. On my car this distance is almost 43 inches. Another Miata owner who also doesn't have any billowing boot problems also reported a 43 inch distance. However, one owner who does have a billowing boot measured his as around 46 inches. Those extra inches appear to make a difference. Rather than simply passing the strap around the bracket, loop the strap an extra turn around the bracket so that it takes up the extra length and the boot will no longer billow.

After reading g this article I proceeded to the garage to tie down my boot straps. I found you really do have to stretch the strap but once completed the boot seems to fit much more flush and there will be no more billowing.

By the way, I use a folded soft beach towel on my plastic rear window to keep plastic from meeting plastic thereby reducing the scratched normally found in these models.



Spotlight On

2006 3rd Generation Special Edition



At the 2006 Chicago Auto Show not only did Mazda introduce the new generation Miata (NC) but also a special Limited Edition version. Mazda has had many special edition Miatas over the years, although this third generation was the first to have a special edition at the start of its life cycle. Painted exclusively in Velocity Red Mica and these vehicles came equipped with a number of unique features.



The exterior had numerous chrome trim details accents on the grille A-pillars, door handles, fog light covers and windshield frame. Special 16" Ten Spoke Alloy Wheels with wheel locks topped off the dazzling exterior.

Inside, the 3rd Generation Limited boasts exclusive red leather seats as well as stainless steel scuff plates and a serialized numbered badge mounted on the console.

Canada's allotment of the 3,500 sold worldwide was limited to 150.



2003 Special Edition



16-inch ten spoke alloy wheels



Unique Red Leather Interior

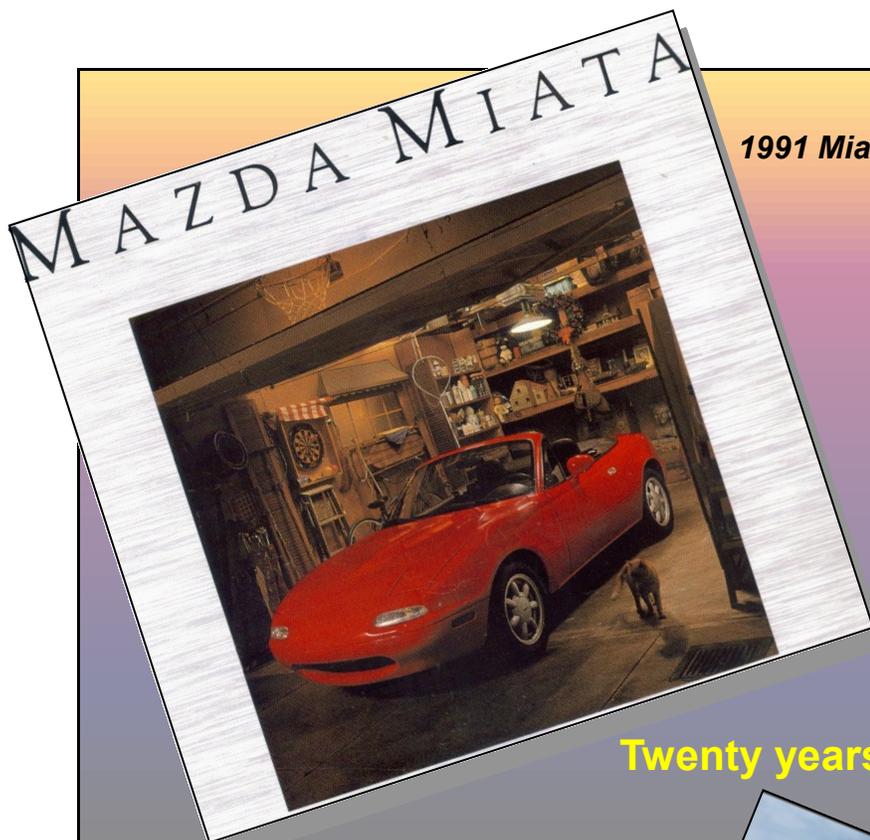


Embossed Carpets

Strangely enough only in Australia were these cars available in three colours Galaxy Grey, Black and the Velocity Red.

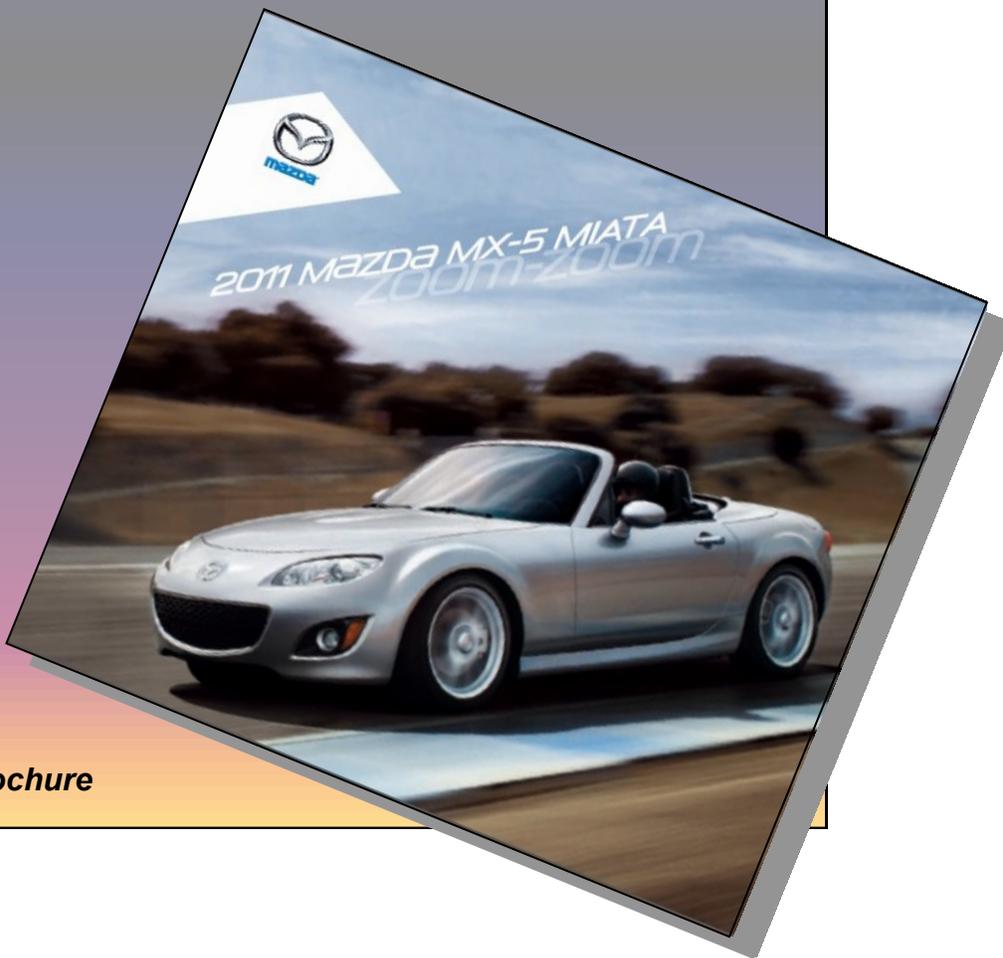
Unique Australian Version



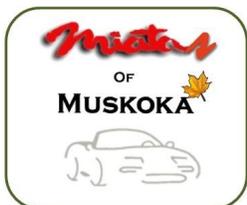


1991 Miata Brochure

Twenty years apart....



2011 Miata Brochure



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

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