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# Show me Your Curves

*Spring is  
busting out  
in Muskoka . . . .*



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## Editor's Message

By Doug Jackson



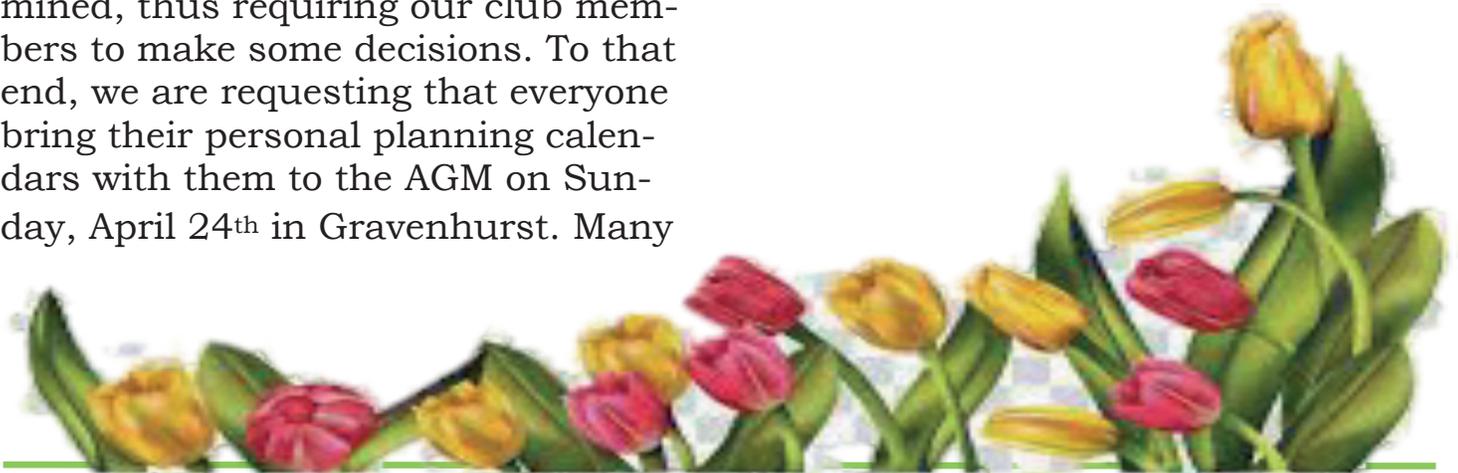
**H**ere we are at the beginning of April! Most of the severe winter weather is now in the rear-view mirror! We can now look forward to the warm weather, the melting of the snow and the clean-up of the sand and salt mixture that has been used on our roads for the past few months. Hopefully, all of you are making plans to get your Miatas out on the roads in the near future.!

The Miataville Council has met over the winter time period and has developed some preliminary plans for our upcoming "cruising season". There has been some initial discussion about destinations for some single-day and multiple-day trips. A sizable number have been suggested and recorded. Very few activities and dates have already been pre-determined, thus requiring our club members to make some decisions. To that end, we are requesting that everyone bring their personal planning calendars with them to the AGM on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in Gravenhurst. Many

of us have already made some plans for the spring and summer months, so bring that list of previous commitments with you to the meeting so that you are able to make informed decisions about whether you are available for the proposed trips!

As usual, sincere Thanks go out to Cal for his valued assistance in the preparation of the newsletter. As we all know, he has been preoccupied with his ongoing care for his wife, Gail, who is continuing to make steady progress as she recovers with the help of a vigorous physio rehabilitation programme. In spite of the time he has spent "away from his desk", he has found time to assist with the newsletter. His publishing and printing skills are deeply appreciated!

See you at the AGM, I hope!





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## *And don't forget . . . Jack's Auto*

***Aaron Oliveira, General Manager of Jack's Auto in Huntsville welcomes any Miatas of Muskoka member to his shop offering a 15% discount off all labour as well as offering a "bring your own parts" service. That's right you can source your own Miata parts from specialty vendors and if desired have them installed at Jack's. Jack's Auto Repair was rated one of the three best repair shops in Huntsville.***

***Please show your support to our most northern Sponsor.***

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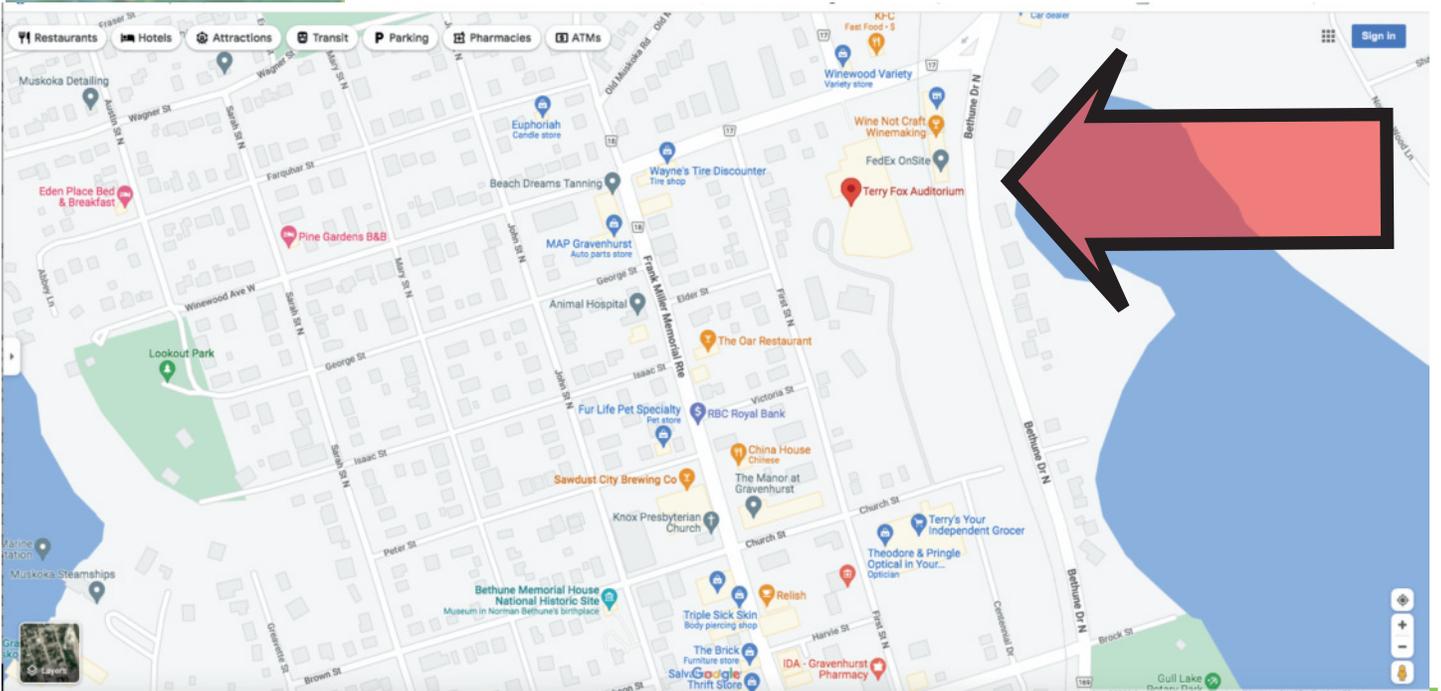
# AGM Reminder

## Sunday, April 24, 2022

**From the Co-ordinator, Lynda Gigg**

Get your calendar out and mark the date: Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30PM. We are meeting in the Terry Fox Auditorium in Gravenhurst. This new location is situated at the Rec Center, 101 Centennial Drive, Gravenhurst. MoM will gather in the upstairs room. If the AV situation is suitable, Doug may have a slideshow of some of the activities our club has managed to hold, in spite of the pandemic restrictions, during the past couple of years. Among other items at the meeting, MoM gathers suggestions for our yearly outings. Put your thinking caps on and bring ideas for cruises, whether they are for a day-time cruise or an overnigher. Be prepared to volunteer for your first cruise director's role, mentored by an experienced MoM cruiser. Having your personal planning calendar with you on Sunday will assist you in determining your availability for some cruises. Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. Don't forget to bring along some cash to join in on the fundraiser auction! Just note: if Covid protocols are reinstated, MoM will request you to follow all guidelines.

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## **Good Day, fellow Miata enthusiasts**

*If you have not yet renewed your wonderful premium membership in Miatas of Muskoka*

*This is a revision to the previous letter sent regarding membership renewals. In an effort to streamline the process we ask that you take note of the following changes. Please make sure to add the phrase **“attention Marina Hoekstra”** to your cheque*

*Memberships can be renewed using*

### **Preferred method:**

*If you are comfortable with electronic funds transfers, please use this address.*

***hoek1071@hotmail.com and please request the password “miatas” it makes it so much easier.)***

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***Marina Hoekstra  
2-1071 Sunny Lake Road  
Gravenhurst, ON  
P1P 1R3***

***Standing members are reminded that the liability waivers signed in the past are still considered current. Please reacquaint yourself with the liability waiver.***

***Name Tags:*** *Will now be ordered only twice a year. Once after May 1<sup>st</sup> and a second order on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a cost saving measure. New members cost will be included in initial registration. If standing members require new tags, there will be a cost.*

*Council has also determined that Membership fees will be constant at \$35.00 for the entire season regardless of date of registration.*

***Cal Lander - Membership councillor***





## Fundraiser Raffle

# E V E N T S

Those of you who attended the Year End Dinner Party in 2021 will remember the fancy Miata coat that Barb Brown brought to the party. It was ordered and purchased by a friend of hers, but never worn. Because of its size, she has no personal use for it, but has donated it to the club to be offered as a prize for a fundraising event. At a Miataville Council meeting, it was decided that the proceeds from the raffle of the coat would go to the charity selected by the membership at the AGM. Over the years, the membership has enthusiastically supported our fundraising efforts, knowing that the money raised stays in our community for very worthwhile purposes. Hoping that this trend continues, the executive decided on the following strategy:

A numbered ticket with 2 sets of identical numbers will be sold, one goes in the draw box, the other is kept by the member.

Tickets for the coat will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 The winner of the draw has two options; keep the coat or offer it to be auctioned to the highest bidder from the group

who is very keen to wear this distinctive coat. The competition could be fierce!

So ... bring along a bunch of \$5.00 bills to the AGM ... you could be the lucky winner!





## *Stephen Robbins:* **Thanks for the Memories**

Many of current members of the club will remember the participation of Steve Robbins in our activities in the pre-pandemic years. He and his wife, Wendi, were relative newcomers to the Orillia area, but they quickly became active in the cultural and artistic community and immersed themselves in Somniatis, a local group that includes artists and designers, models, hair and makeup artists, photographers, and musicians, and where Steve took on a leadership role.

After his wife, Wendi, passed away, Steve began joining our cruises and ICR's from his home in Atherley. Most often, he drove red 2001 Miata solo, but occasionally had a passenger accompany him. In this photo, you can see him paying close attention to Michael at a driver's meeting!

One of the many frustrating things about the COVID-19 pandemic is the way we lost touch with acquaintances as situations changed.

Apparently, Steve moved away from our area and none of us in the Miata Club had a chance to say "Fare thee well" as he left our club. It was only through a brief article in a winter edition of "Orillia Matters" that we discovered that Steve had passed away. At the time of this writing, I have no further details, but if any member of the club has any additional information, I would be happy to share in the next newsletter.

Doug Jackson





## MoM Councillor's Meeting Saturday, January 15, 2022

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**by Doug Jackson,**  
*the "fly on the wall"!*

Once again, it was my pleasure to be invited to the Councillor's Meeting and act as a "fly on the wall", because I had a chance to witness and eavesdrop on the huge amount of planning that goes on "behind the scenes" in our club. With COVID-19 protocols in a state of flux, and restaurants and meeting venues at different degrees of re-opening, Bob and Carol Macaulay volunteered to host a lunch meeting at their house. Attendees ordered from the take-out menu at Duckworth's Fish and Chips in Atherley, then Bob picked up the order and we all relaxed and enjoyed our lunch and

pleasant conversation around the table. Having attended a social gathering at the Macaulay's house in the past, I wondered if a bottle of wine would make its way to the table. "Absolutely not!", announced our host. "This is a working meeting!" So, we adjourned to the living room (in



this case, the workroom) to go through the agenda. The eight items on the three-page agenda took more than two hours, with input and suggestions from everyone. I wish that more members were able to watch and listen as this group of dedicated volunteers made plans to provide stimulating and interesting activities for the entire club. Many of these prospective plans will be shared at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 24, 2022 in Gravenhurst. Notice the change of venue! For several years, we have congregated in Bracebridge, but this year we are going to the Terry Fox Auditorium in Gravenhurst.

Significant time was spent discussing possible cruise destinations and potential cruise leaders for the season's activities. This list will be emailed beforehand and then discussed and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 24th at 1:30 pm. There will be emails sent out in advance reminding members to bring their personal planning calendars so that informed choices can be made.



# Mid-Winter Blahs Lunch Saturday, March 5, 2022

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## Introduction by Doug Jackson

Smack-dab in the middle of winter has been the traditional time for our Mid-Winter Blahs Lunch. The time when everyone is tired from the bitter cold, the constant snowfall and the long, dark nights. You know, like late January or early February. Well, once again, the ever-changing COVID-19 protocols put restaurants and meeting venues in a changing state of re-opening. Our co-ordinator, Lynda Gigg, was confident that restrictions would be eased enough by early March, so she booked The Oar Restaurant in Gravenhurst for the 5th.



## Report by Lynda Gigg, Social Convenor

On Saturday March 5th MoM members and friends gathered at The Oar in Gravenhurst for our usual Winter Blah luncheon. This was the first MoM face to face get together since the pandemic began. Food choices were selected from a special menu. Twenty-five participants responded early so The Oar could prepare and serve with ease. Just a side note: the first replies received were from people in sunnier locations. We missed them but still had a great time.





We call this the 'Winter Blah Luncheon' for people who remain in the cold north over winter.

However, no one attending our luncheon showed the 'Blahs'. Hugs, smiles, chatter and laughter filled The Oar. We caught up on each other's news from the past several months. MoM members have always enjoyed our social times, but March 5th was a celebration for us, we are getting back to a normal life. Watching people hug harder, laugh louder and listen more intently was heartwarming. Once eating was over MoM members lingered longer to enjoy being together. Thank you to everyone for making our 2022 Winter Blahs Luncheon special.

**Lynda**



***This is neat***

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***Michael***



## Special Edition Miatas Owned by MoM Members

Information Collected by Michael Topping

MoM membership is and has always been a small number but that doesn't mean we don't have some great unique cars. Here is a list of the Special Editions Miatas that have been owned by MoM club members over the years.

1991 - British Racing Green SE - (1051 units produced for Canada)

Owned by Michael Topping, a long-time current member and Lynn Bryan, a former member



1992 - Sunburst Yellow SE - (503 units produced for Canada)

This car is owned by Peggy Fletcher, a guest member who led one of the cruises in 2012. It is one of 1519 USA models.

1997 - Speedster Edition (150 units produced for Canada)

Owned by Mary Slade, a former member of MoM





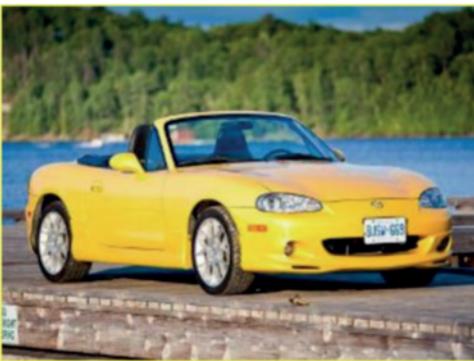
1999 - 10th Anniversary Edition  
(150 units produced for Canada)

Owned by current MoM member Wendy Buzak



2000 - Mahogany Mica SE (250 units produced for Canada)

Owned by former members Don Nickalls and Wendy Boulay



2002 - Blazing Yellow SE - (250 units produced for Canada)

These highly desirable cars have been owned by former member Russ Sieber, current members Mike & Cathy Fedorowich and former member Paul Bennet now has one

Mazdaspeed Miata - (300 Red units produced in 2004 for Canada)

(53 Grey units produced in 2005 for Canada)

Owned by recent member Dick Smyth and current members Michael and Sue Topping



2008 - Icy Blue SE (105 units produced for Canada)

Owned by current members Bill & Cathy Gilbert



2011 – Dolphin Grey (750 cars for USA, but unknown # of units produced for Canada)

Owned by current members Garry & Patty Walker and Larry & Barbara Dickson

If I have forgotten/missed anyone, my apologies.  
Michael Topping



## S.O.S

*An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.*

*The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"*

*He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"*

*The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now you look!"*

*The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?"*

*Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"*

*The Airbus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry.*

*The moral of the story is:*

*When you are young, speed and adrenaline seem to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important.*

*This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, but Smarter.*

*Dedicated to all my friends who are like me, now realizing that it is time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip.*



*Three Mazdas ... two of them from 1990 ... which one do you want in your garage? Be honest now ... remember your age! SOS = Slower, Older, Smarter!*



*Interesting, perhaps one of our members experienced something similar???*

## **2016 Mazda Radios in Seattle Are Stuck on KUOW, and Nobody Knows Why**

*From the strange but true Department.*

This wouldn't be such a big deal, except it means the infotainment system isn't working right, either.

**94.9 FM is a nice place on the radio dial if you're in Seattle; it's where the National Public Radio station KUOW can be found. But owners of 2016 model Mazdas have been complaining for a couple of weeks that they can't get their infotainment systems to access anything but that station, and nobody knows why. "We didn't mean to ruin your Mazda's stereo," the station's website reports, apparently only partly kidding.**

Radio station KUOW-FM in Seattle has acknowledged a problem they've been hearing about for a few weeks: listeners who drive 2016 model Mazdas can't get their radios to stop playing the NPR station.

### **MORE FROM CAR AND DRIVER ON APPLE NEWS**

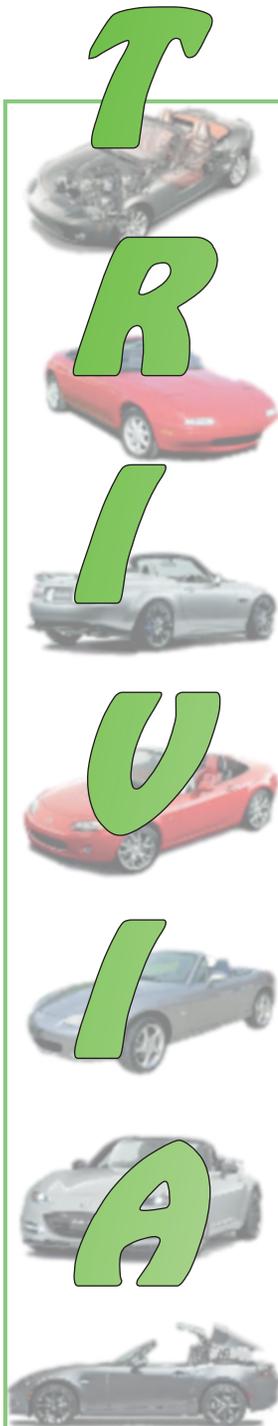
"Permanently stuck" is how the station describes the problem, saying it has heard from "Mazda owners from around the Puget Sound region." The station cited one Scott Smith, whose 2016 Mazda CX-5 has an infotainment screen that freezes on to the station and won't let him use Bluetooth, navigation, or any other station. Yes, he tried rebooting it.

On the bright side, Smith says he is able to adjust the volume. "Luckily," says the Seattle resident, "I am an NPR listener so that's fine," he said. (What were the chances?)

There's a lively discussion thread on Reddit in which others describe the issue in detail. The radio station's technical director said on the thread that the station has shut off its data for the HD Radio service. KUOW issued an official statement as well saying the company has given "complete access to our transmitters" to Xperi, the company that developed HD Radio technology, to look into the problem. Another possibility mentioned by the radio station is that a recent switch to a 5G signal may have caused the older infotainment system to be glitchy.

Mazda dealers acknowledged hearing about the problem from owners but don't have a fix to suggest yet. One of the owners was Smith, who says he's far down on a waiting list to have the issue looked at.

In the meantime, "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me" is very entertaining.



**Look at the picture first and then read the story:**



***This actually happened to an Englishman, in France, who was totally drunk. A French policeman stops the Englishman's car and asks if he has been drinking.***

***With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married that morning, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception, and many single malts scotches thereafter.***

***Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcohol-test (breath test) the Englishman and verifies that he is indeed completely hammered.***

***He asks the Englishman if he knows why, under French Law, he is going to be arrested.***

***The Englishman answers with a bit of humour, "No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you realize that this is a British car and my wife is driving . . . on the other side?"***

*Just for fun!*



**Cop:** You were going fast.  
**Me:** I was just trying to keep up with traffic.  
**Cop:** There isn't any.  
**Me:** I know! That's how far behind I am.

*The sweep is behind. .*



*Doug, On a Miata cruise,.*



*Good Car*



*Expensive gas.*



