



NEWSLETTER

Show Me Your Curves

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Trillium Miata Club Invades Muskoka Cruisin' the Woods



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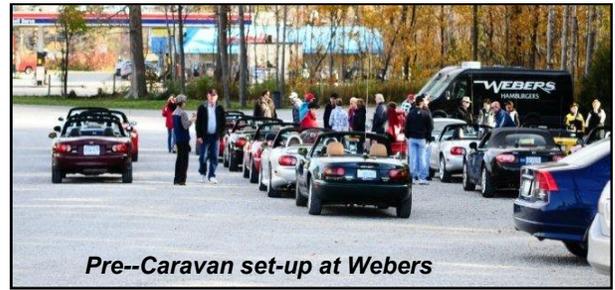


SPOTLIGHT ON 1993 LIMITED EDITION

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October 17th

The Trillium Miata club of Toronto scheduled one of their Muskoka runs on Oct 17th starting out of Webers on Hwy 11 north of Orillia. Whenever a group of this size goes cruising you can expect a large number of cars. In this case there were approximately twenty five cars starting the cruise.



Pre--Caravan set-up at Webers



Rolling into Bracebridge

The entire group is broken down into more manageable groups of 7-8 cars. After coordinating the various groups of cars in the parking lot the various group leaders headed off to Bracebridge. A few of our members took the opportunity to join them ...Wendy & Doug, Michael & Sue, Ken & Carrol, Mike & Brenda, Nigel & Darlene all showed up "ready to rip". The plan was to connect wherever we liked and to leave wherever we liked and most of the group had decided to opt out at Port Carling or before and return home to Bracebridge.

The **Miatas of Muskoka** group caught up with the caravan at Oliver's Coffee shop in downtown Bracebridge. The site of so many Miatas filling the parking lot at Oliver's caused the corners of everyone's mouth to curl up at the ends. The members from each group mingled a little and checked out the cars before heading out. Our group was to squeeze between two of their groups so off we went to merge with them on Hwy 117 east of town.



Filling the parking lot at Oliver's with Miatas

The plan was to travel to Huntsville via the back roads for lunch before proceeding over to Rousseau. Then follow our Fall Colours route down the west side of Lake Rousseau to Port Carling and over to Bala to see the Cranberry Festival. They would the take Hwy 13 down to Severn



The Muskoka Group ready to roll



Preparing to file into Caravan

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Things however, don't always work out as planned. Shortly after passing through the town of Baysville our caravan met up with an unfortunate incident. Ken Wettlaufer's red 2006 MX5 was struck by a dog trying to cross the highway and did some decent damage to the car.



Unfortunately the dog suffered fatal injuries although it was taken to the Animal Hospital in Huntsville shortly after the incident.

Needless to say this put a major damper on the group and with Ken & Carrol returning home and Wendy & Doug heading off after the delay due to a previous commitment only three cars made it onto Huntsville.

Upon arriving in town Mike & Brenda and Nigel & Darlene dropped by the Animal Hospital to check on the fate of the dog before running some errands and returning home. Michael & Sue carried on alone to the restaurant to meet up with the Trillium group and advise them as to what happened before returning home themselves.

Regretfully the rest of the tour was completed without us and with winter approaching it would appear to be our last chance out with the cars. A sad way to an otherwise lovely season.

A special thanks to Doug Lippay for allowing us to join their group and get one last run in before putting our babies away for the winter.



The Trillium Group invades Huntsville

Members News

On the way home from their one month stay in Florida Gord & Laurel Bauldry stopped in to visit their son, daughter and grandchildren in Burlington and while there Gord suffered a minor heart attack. After being held for observation, further testing determined a triple bypass operation was in order. Gord is scheduled to have this triple by-pass within the week, probably by Friday (Nov. 12th). He will be having the operation at Hamilton General Hospital and will be recuperating there for about five days. The Bauldrys hope to return to Bracebridge shortly afterwards.

We all wish Gord a speedy and full recovery.

Membership Update

We would like to welcome the following new member met on the Trillium cruise:

Ed & Judy Gigg

Orillia

Red 2006

The patronage of the events this year has been fantastic with many of the newbies attending the monthly cruises.

Helpful Hints

Miatas are convertibles and as such give us much joy but this can also create problems and special maintenance requirements, here are a few we've come across:

- √ Put a towel on top of the unzipped rear window before you lower the convertible top onto it - this will prevent scuff marks. Window protectors are sold by vendors in the magazine. The folded top weighs a bit and its vibration will cut right into your clear rear window over time.
- √ Always put your top boot on when you go out in the sun – the underside of your convertible top will deteriorate rapidly in direct sunlight.
- √ Always install Boot covers after cleaning while still damp to preserve fit and shape.
- √ Always wash tops, boot covers etc. in the shade, never in direct sunlight.
- √ Do NOT lower top when wet or damp. This can lead to mildew growth and in extreme circumstances discolouration or rotting.

Glass Window Cleaning:

Glass windows should be water based glass cleaners only no ammonia products . Care should be taken when cleaning the heater/defroster portions so as not to scratch defroster lines or break the power source connector.

Plastic Window Cleaning:

Plastic windows should be cleaned frequently using plain water or mild soap & water solution. Apply a soft cloth and clean in an up/down or side to side motion NEVER in a circular motion as this will damage the plastic.



Happy Trails

BALA ROAD 38 LOOP

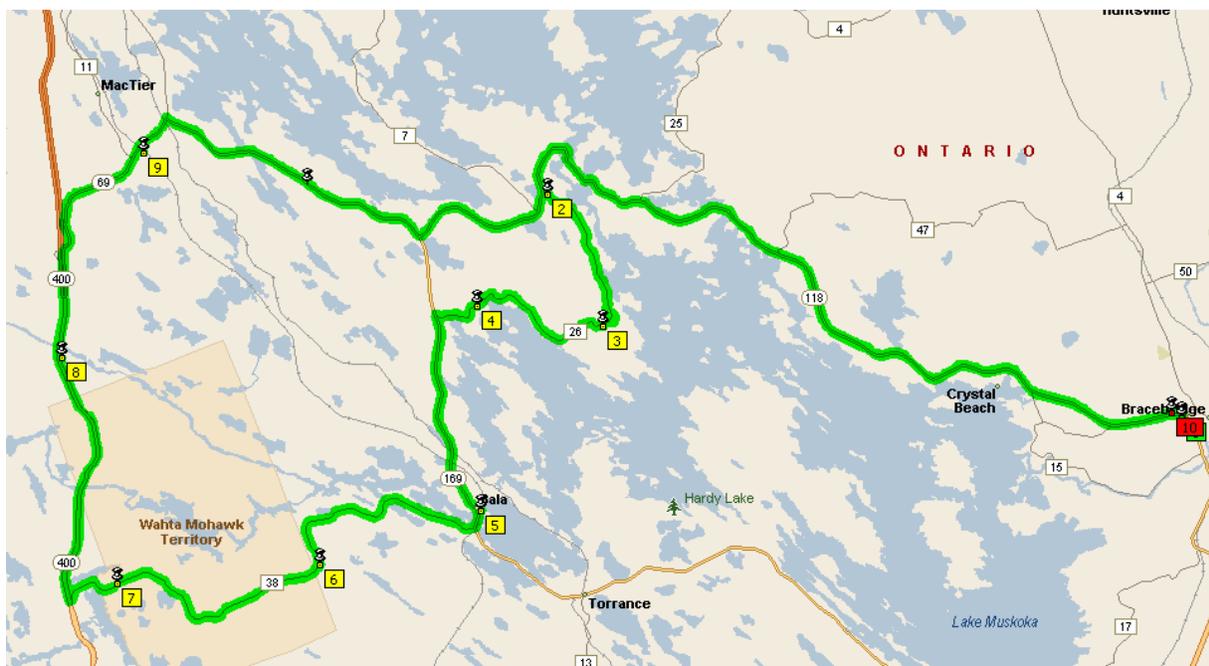
Start & End @ Bracebridge

Approx. 125 km / 75 miles

About 2 hours depending on length / number of stops

Route Description:

- Go west on Hwy 118 through the town of Port Carling
- Turn south on Foreman Rd. (Muskoka Rd. 26)
- Muskoka Rd. 26 turns right and continues on as Mortimer's Point Rd.
- Stay on Muskoka Rd. 26 to Hwy 169
- South on Hwy 169 to the town of Bala
- At the south end of Bala, turn left on Bala Rd. 38
- West on Bala Rd 38 to Hwy 69
- Stay North on Hwy 69 to Hwy 169 East just south of MacTier
- Follow Hwy 169 to Hwy 118 and back to Bracebridge



Tour Highlights:

- ✓ The Precambrian Shield, one of the oldest rock formations on the planet
- ✓ Road 38 passes through the 14,500 acre Wahta Mohawk territory west of Bala. "Wahta" is the Mohawk word for "sugar maple" and alludes to the large groves of maple trees in the area.
- ✓ The sites of an historic cranberry marsh in MacTier and a commercially-operating cranberry marsh in Bala
- ✓ Fantastic sweeping curves,
- ✓ Smooth pavement and little traffic.
- ✓ Muskoka's (and the world's) first Dark Sky Reserve, just outside Torrance at the Torrance Barrens

Please drop us a quick email at lbauldry@surenet.net and tell us about your trail.

Dick "Dr. Doom" Smyth



Dick and Marnie Smyth purchased their red roadster in 1997 when they moved to Bracebridge after Dick "sort of" retired from a storied radio broadcasting career spanning forty years plus. Dick still does daily commentary on "The Moose" in Bracebridge and on several other radio stations in Ontario including AM640 in Toronto. (Side Note: There was an interesting commentary on Miatas on AM640 Sept. 29th, to listen to it go to this link [Dick Smyth Sept 29](#) .

Their Miata was preceded by an MG TD Kit car that was sold to a local and you can still see it running around town. It was fun Dick says but they didn't feel safe in it so chose to get another sports car. Their daughter suggested what is more quintessential than the little red roadster from Mazda.

Their Miata is a Red 1993 Leather Package Model proudly wearing "Dr. Doom" license plates. It currently sports a roll bar installed by the previous owner, a turbo charger and the factory black leather interior. Nothing more than routine maintenance has been performed and they have enjoyed it for the past thirteen years. She has been personalized at little, next time the trunk is open check for the initials MLRB under there. It stands for MY LITTLE RED BEAST.

Dick's interests include photography so he's become the unofficial club Cinematographer, compiling, editing and posting our cruises onto *YouTube*. He also loves opera as passionately as his wife hates it so he uses his cruises in the Miata to enjoy his favourite artists.

Although this may be Dick & Marnie's first Miata it may not be the last as the recent activity within ***Miatas of Muskoka*** has Dick thinking about buying a newer model.....stay tuned



Did you Know



How does one go about decoding the Miata VIN number?

The typical Miata VIN number looks something like this:

JM1NA3522L0100014

- The J is Japan
 - 1 = MI, US
 - 4 = KY, US
- M refers to Mazda Japan
 - Y = AAI (Mazda USA)
 - F = Ford
- The 1 designates vehicle type (e.g. car)
 - 1=car
 - 2=truck/van
 - 3=van
 - 4=truck
 - V=car [US]
- The NA is the model ID
 - NA=Gen 1 Miata
 - NB=Gen 2 Miata
 - NC=Gen 3 Miata
 - UF=B-2200
 - SD=MX-6
 - FC=RX-7. etc...)
- The 35 is the body style
 - Body style codes:
 - Cars:
 - 22=4 door sedan
 - 23=3 door hatchback
 - 24=5 door hatchback
 - 31=2 door coupe
 - 33=2 door coupe
 - 35=convertible
 - 41=2 door
 - 43=2 door coupe
 - 46=4 door sedan
 - 52=Wagon (used in GLC)
 - 62=Wagon (used in 323)
- The 2 may be engine code. We're not certain.
- The 2 is a check digit
- The L is model year (L='90, M='91, N='92, P='93, etc...)
- The 0 is the plant number (0=Hiroshima, 1=Hofu)
 - 1=Hofu
 - 5=Flat Rock
 - T=Edison
- The 100014 is the car number, reset to 100000 and the first car of that year will be 100001.



Spotlight On

1993 Limited Edition

In December 1992, in Japan, Mazda introduced the S Limited, a limited run of 1000 units of a distinctive sporty version of the Eunos Roaster finished in Brilliant Black with red interior. This model was introduced in the spring of 1993 to North America as the Limited Edition or LE.

This "LE" was a limited edition production car, with only 1,500 sequence numbered LEs made for sale in the United States (300 in Canada). Canadian models sported Mazda's Canada's 25th Anniversary logo on the fenders behind the front wheels. Mazda took a fully loaded B package Miata (power mirrors, power-assisted steering, leather-wrapped steering wheel, headrest speakers, cruise control, power windows and a power antenna) and added everything they could think of from a performance and cosmetic standpoint to create the LE.



1993 Limited Edition

The most stunning feature of the LE was the Brilliant Black paint offset by its rich Red Interior. Although the top was black there was a red boot and tonneau cover included to really provide contrast.





Rear spoiler, front air dam, and rear skirt body accents and 14" BBS alloy wheels also made this vehicle stance more unique than the regular production Miatas.



In the interior, this model had red leather seats with NARDI leather wrapped steering wheel and shift knob. It was accented by stainless door sill plates and speaker kick panels for an extremely distinctive appearance.



The Mazda *Sensory Sound System* stereo with CD Player had a matching aluminium decor as well. This centrepiece faceplate matched the LE theme perfectly and a stereo cover was also included as a theft deterrent or as a dust-protection.

Other equipment included a Sport Suspension (includes Bilstein shocks, and revised springs), air conditioning, ABS, and limited slip differential. Automatic transmission and removable Hardtop were optional.



Upon purchase of a new 93 LE, the original owner received a set of rare hardcover commemorative books produced by Mazda. the original Owner's Manual, Warranty Information booklet, vinyl folder and a set of unopened Bilstein stickers representing the special sport suspension package standard on the 93 LE. Another rare item is the original BBS wheel wrench which is used to tightly secure the centre caps. A key fob included with the package was engraved with the LE sequence number.



The 1993 Limited Edition was never shown in a sales brochure or in a print ad in the U.S. It was mentioned on the specifications page of the second 1993 sales brochure. The Canadian model was shown in the Mazda 25th Anniversary brochure.

There was a "Anniversary Reunion" held in Mena, Arkansas in September 2003 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the 1993 Limited Edition production. This exclusive group cruised the Talimna Scenic Byway through the Ozarks to celebrate.



MIATA FUN

In this space we will explore the lighter side of owning a Miata and simply enjoy the sights and sounds of the hobby itself in all its wonderful glory.

Variety is indeed the spice of life! People do all kinds of things to their Miatas, here are just a few examples.



Viper Miata



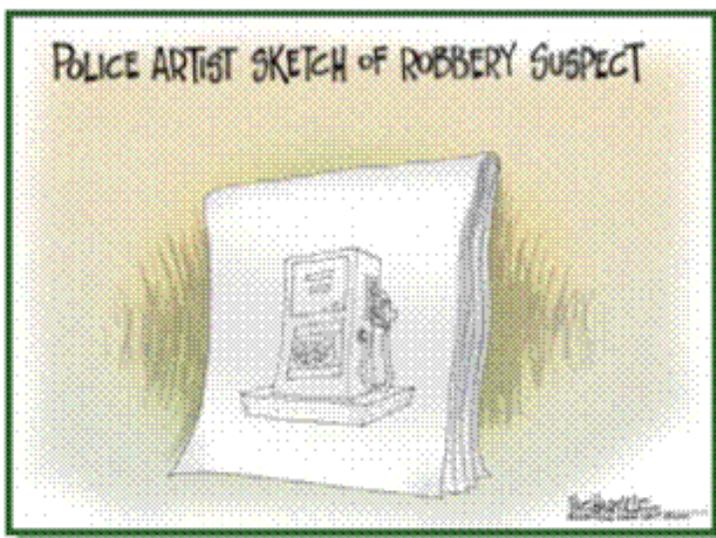
Viper Miata



Stretch Miata



Road Warrior



Cartoon Corner



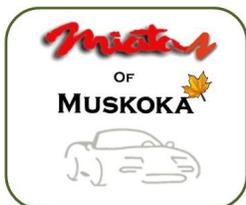
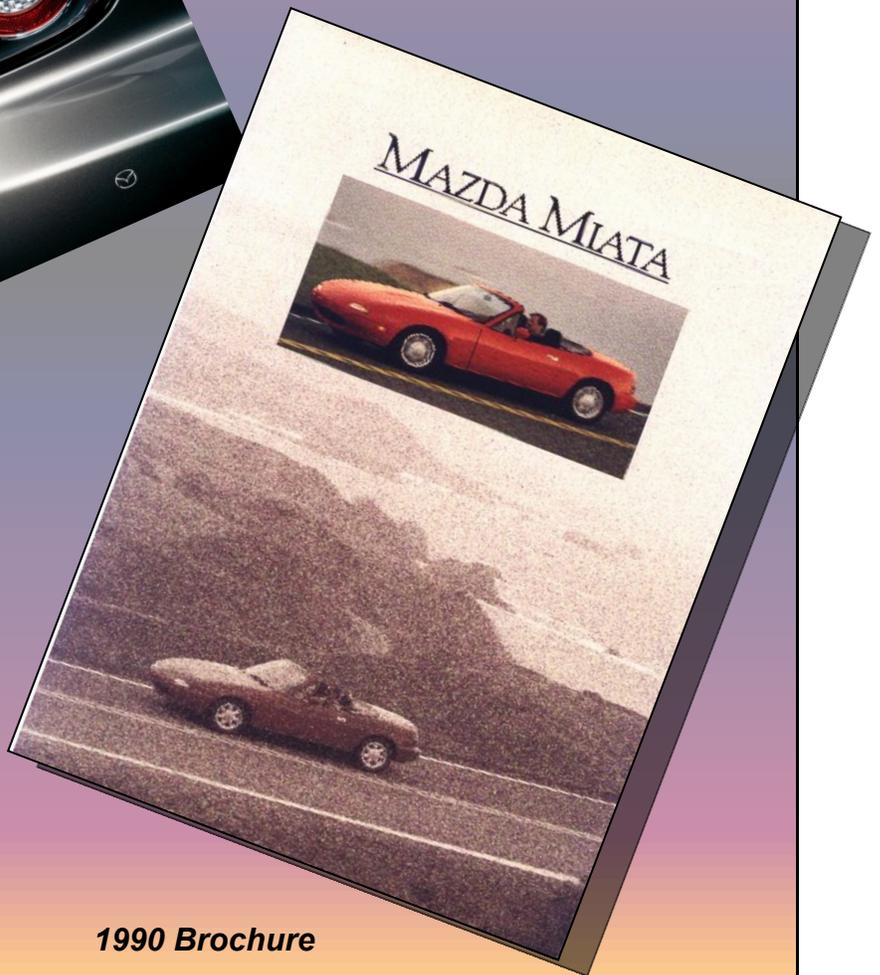
Keeps your hand dry between shifts!

Members are asked to help contribute to this section. If you know a good one, we want to hear from you.

2008 Brochure



1990 Brochure



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



Vanity Plates



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