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Summer Crusin'



*Plus...
Miatas at Midnight
Huronian cruise
Wasaga Beach cruise
And more....*



Here's a picture we don't see everyday
A NC Miata parked next to the Kremlin.

On the Cover



This month's cover was taken at the Klausen Pass in the Swiss Alps, elevation is nearly 6,400 ft. (that's 3½ times the height of the CN Tower).

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You Gotta Read This!

Miatas at Midnight and that sun is still shining!!



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In the Rear View Mirror

Hurononia Mystery Tour & BBQ - August 12

Ed & Judy Gigg led our group on this wonderful cruise filled with twisty roads and glorious views through the back roads of the northern Huronia area. We had a large turnout beginning with a group of ten cars in Bracebridge which drove the back roads to Orillia, topless of course, to meet up with our hosts. We were greeted in Orillia by a short burst of rain (while sitting in traffic not surprisingly, thanks Murphy). It continued to rain through the much required pit stop dampening our hopes of a carefree cruise. However, about twenty minutes later the skies broke and the rest of the afternoon just got better.



Sir Samuel Benfield Steele Memorial

The tour included stops at Purbrook to see a memorial of Sir Samuel Benfield Steele. *(Note: He was an officer of the North-West Mounted Police, most famously as head of the Yukon detachment during the Klondike Gold Rush, and commanding officer of Strathcona's Horse during the Boer War.);* some interesting tree carvings; the Big Chute Marine Railway and the obligatory stop for ice cream before heading to Tom & Katie Courtney's for a BBQ. The latter part of the journey was marred with multiple stops for you know who with some car trouble. Once on the Courtney estate however all enjoyed a marvellous dinner in bright sunshine before heading home after a long day.



Tree Carvings



Pre-Cruise Meeting



Big Chute Marine Railway



In the Rear View Mirror

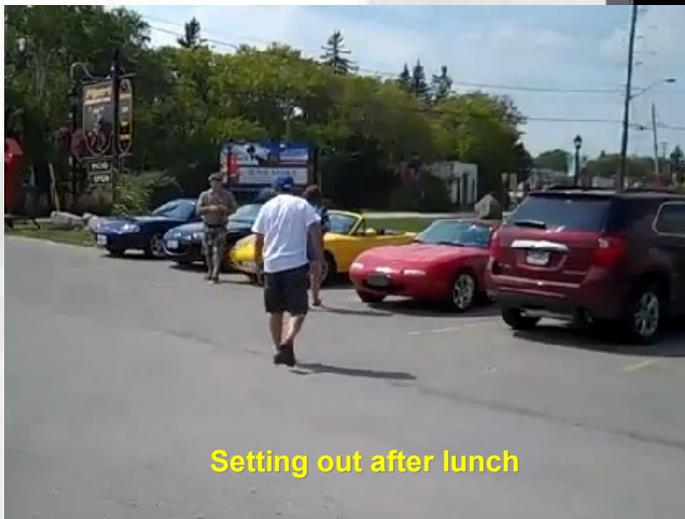
Wasaga Beach Tour & BBQ - August 25

Rick Bryan took our group on this wonderful hot sunny on a cruise filled with twisty roads and glorious views along the shores of Georgian Bay. Starting in Bracebridge and meeting up with their fellow members in Orillia the group converged onto the Walmart parking lot in Midland to meet even more members before setting out. A quick scoot out to Tiny Beach and from there following the lakeshore all the way to Wasaga Beach eventually stopping at the Pipers Sports Bar & Grille for lunch. Afterwards most of the group headed back to Rick's for a BBQ to end the day. The weather was a little more than cooperative with HOT sunny skies making for a glorious top down afternoon.

We have a brief video of the lunch stop at this [Video Link](#)



Dick Symth
swearing his
allegiance
to MoM.



Setting out after lunch

Ice Cream Runs

The weekly Ice Cream Runs continue to be very popular and very low key, ideal for new members to get acquainted with the group. We had two "Special" ice cream runs this month, the first to the Red Caboose in Orillia to give our members down there a night off from driving to Bracebridge. A good turnout out of 11 cars enjoyed an inexpensive ice cream on a beautiful warm summer night. (Not surprisingly Ed Gigg brought yet another woman on the run!!).

The second "special" run was to Abbey's Bake House in Minnett and a brief walkabout the Marriott resort on Lake Rosseau.

There will be another "Special" run September 19th as Don Nickalls & Maureen Newton of Huntsville have invited us to a Corn Roast that evening. Read more about this night in the Lookin' Ahead section.



In the Rear View Mirror Huronia Mystery Tour - Pictorial

Magical Mystery Tour
All Flying B...



Line up for the Mystery Tour.....



MAGICAL
TOUR



At the BBQ



You're...
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I'm so lonely



Lookin' Down the Road

Here's a look at a few of the events we are looking at *Down the Road*.

Haliburton - Meet at Skyline Park Lookout - Sept. 9

We are always trying something new at MoM to please our Members and to keep things fresh. This year for the first time we are having a "Meet & Eat" event whereby everyone makes their own way to a pre-determined destination and we gather as a group to enjoy our own picnic lunches. Some Members didn't always enjoy travelling in a caravan so we decided to give this a try. The group will meet at the Scenic Lookout area just outside of Haliburton for our picnic lunch. It's quite possible we could make a little side trip afterwards for some ice cream.

Dave's Garage Fall Open House - Sept. 9

Every Spring and Fall Dave Biagioni hosts an Open House BBQ and invite Miataphiles from all over Ontario. Certainly worth the drive to Oakville, for details click this [link](#).

"Special" Ice Cream Run Corn Roast - Sept. 19

Seeing as the ice cream season will likely be over we will travel to Don & Maureen's just south of Huntsville where we will shuck some corn, build a fire and enjoy a little corn roast. More details to be communicated later.

Fall Colours Cruise - Sept. 30

The plans are in the works for our annual colours tour and we're looking forward to a couple of new twists. This year's cruise will originate from the Gravenhurst Wharf where we will be joined by a group from the Trillium Club. The plan is to make our way up to The Rock Golf Course (near the Rosseau Marriott) via back roads in Minett for lunch before heading north and east to Huntsville for an end of cruise BBQ hosted by Trillium. It is the best of both worlds and should be an exciting time with beautiful colours and lots of twists & turns. A stop at Abbey's Bake House along the way will be included. We will be communicating more about this cruise in the near future.

Annual General Meeting - Date TBA (November?)

We are planning to have a post season meeting/dinner sometime in November. We will use this meeting to evaluate this year's cruises while still fresh in everyone's mind and plan cruise destinations for next year.

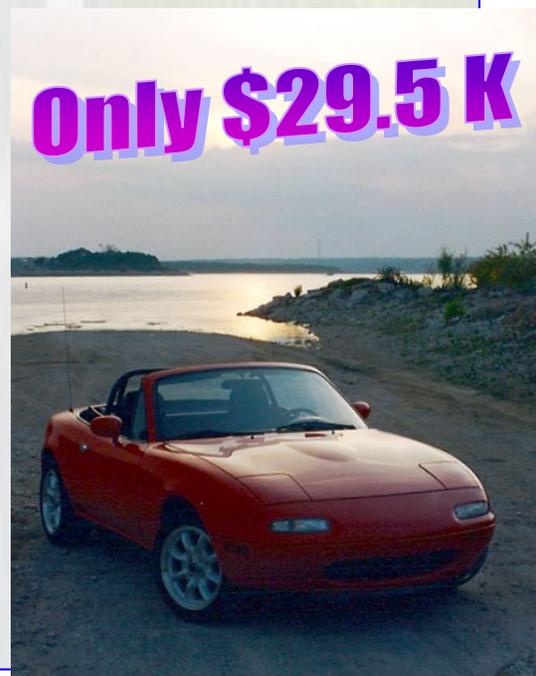
A club restructure will also be discussed at this meeting.

DID You Know???

The Sunkist Miata, one of the Colour cars (see Vol.3 No. 5 for more info) is for sale on E-Bay, the asking price is only \$29,500.

Help Wanted

What type of article would you like to read in your newsletter? Historical? Technical? Social? Please drop us an email and let us know. Thanks, Ed.

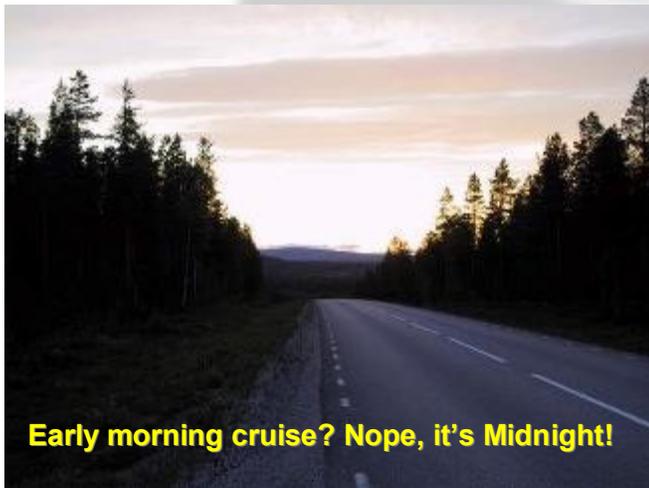


Miatas around the World

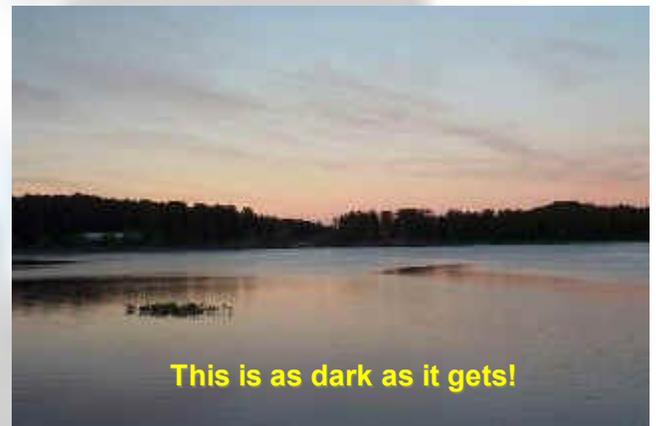
A look at what's happening in the world of Miata

How is this for the ultimate "Overnighter"? Take a not so small caravan of Miatas with the aim of driving north of the Arctic Circle and bask in the midnight sun.

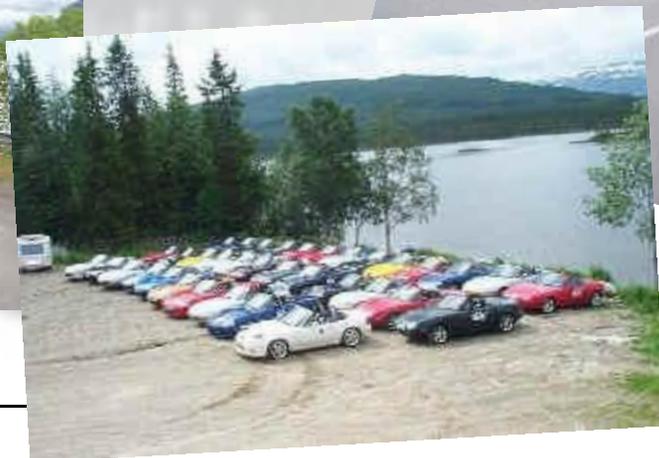
The Midnight Sun run has been an annual event for the past ten years, says Marc Warken from Luxemburg and Andreas Gerlach from Germany, on behalf of the 73 participants (over 40 cars), from all over the world, who have joined the tour that goes from Paris via Stockholm, north over Sweden to the Arctic Circle, and then from Björkliden to Narvik before they start to go south over Norway with Stockholm as the final destination. The entire trip takes the group over 3000 kms from Stockholm alone and seven days. I'd imagine you'd still have to pack your woollies.



Early morning cruise? Nope, it's Midnight!



This is as dark as it gets!



Helpful Hints - How to Self Diagnose Your Check Engine Light Codes

Look for the black, rectangular box that says "DIAGNOSIS" on the drivers side of the engine compartment, flip it open and you will see a map of the names of the connections on the inside of the cover. With your engine warmed up to normal operating temperature, shut it off, get hold of a paper clip or a similar jumper wire and short circuit the GND and TEN connections together.

Return to the driver's seat and turn your ignition key to ON (position II) but DO NOT start the engine. Keep your eyes glued to the CHECK ENGINE light in your instrument panel (lower left hand corner of the 4-light cluster). It will blink to tell you the codes of any engine malfunctions. Each code is a 2-digit number with the 'tens' being flashed first and then followed by the 'units' 1.6 seconds later. This will be repeated with 4-second intervals in between. For example, if the code is 12, the light will flash once, pause for 1.6 seconds, then flash twice, pause for 4 seconds and then repeat itself over again. If there is more than one problem, then each individual code will be separated by a 4-second interval and after the entire sequence is complete, it will be repeated again.

The codes are displayed below :

- 1 = Ignition pulse
- 2 = No signal
- 3 = G signal
- 4 = ('94)SGT signal
- 8 = Airflow meter
- 9 = Water thermostat
- 10 = Intake air thermostat in airflow meter
- 12 = Throttle position sensor
- 14 = Atmospheric pressure sensor
- 15 = Oxygen sensor (output too low)
- 16 = ('94)EGR function sensor
- 17 = Oxygen sensor (output not changing)
- 25 = ('94)PRC solenoid valve
- 26 = Solenoid valve (evaporative canister purge)
- 28 = ('94)EGR solenoid valve (vacuum)
- 28 = ('94)EGR solenoid valve (vent)
- 34 = Idle air control valve
- 36 = Idle speed control valve