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Winter Cruisin' Dreams



Plus...

Miatas @ the Movies

MV-Limited

Next Gen Miata

And more....



Yep, those Miatas have lots of leg room

On the Cover



Wouldn't you rather drive
a Buick?

I think NOT !!!

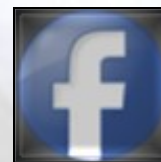
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In the Rear View Mirror

MoM's Mid-Winter Madness - Feb. 24th

On a mild Mid-Winter (Madness) morning a group of seventeen Miata enthusiasts gathered at the beautiful Patterson-Kaye Resort for a lovely brunch and to socialize just a little bit.



*Mid-Winter
Madness*



The venue seemed to be an ideal setting to talk about Miatas and other summer activities to help shake off those mid-winter blues. Kudos must go out to our Deputy Mayor, Heather Fraser for finding such a wonderful venue and arranging a terrific brunch on such short notice after struggling with the Sherwood Inn for the past month, well done! The buffet brunch included everything from eggs benedict to roast beef as well as a large selection of desserts. Afterwards each of the participants regaled us of their "story" behind the purchase of their Miata, a quite varied and interesting discussion.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and it based on feedback I received it would seem a return trip to Patterson-Kaye is in order sometime during the summer to enjoy the deck & perhaps dinner.



The Patterson-Kaye Resort as it appeared for brunch.



Checking out the desserts





Lookin' Down the Road

Annual Spring Meeting - April 14th

We will have our Annual Spring Meeting as a "Meet & Greet" to help kick off the cruising season. We will outline our cruises for the year and provide status updates and maybe even take a little cruise weather permitting.

Spring Fling - May 5th

For our Spring Fling in 2013 we are going to return to the Swiss Country Restaurant on Old Mill Bay of Ahmic Lake for brunch and cruise the back roads near Magnetawan & Burk's Falls. Just as a "heads up" we will be looking a Cruise Director for this cruise.

Niagara on the Lake - May 25th

We will join up with the Niagara group for an to partake in a little cruise, a little wine tasting, some shopping and enjoyment of the little jewel on the lake.

A Muskoka resident reporting a problem to the police



"HE'S ABOUT 5' 3", WEARING A
RED JACKET, SMELLS OF BEER,
AND HE SHOT A GUN AT ME"

The Next Generation Miata

A recent article in the Toronto Star outlined the exploits of a couple of auto journalists that trekked their way to the International Auto Show in Toronto all the way from Nova Scotia in a Fiat 500 and a Miata! An interesting read but it also brought to mind upcoming auto shows one of which will debut the new Miata MX-5 reportedly to be introduced in the fall of 2014.

Although Mazda has not yet released any “official” renderings of this vehicle that hasn’t stopped others trying to visualize what the next (it would presumably be designated as the ND) generation of the Miata may look like. Here are a couple of possibilities to salivate over:



So which version do you prefer?



Miata @ the Movies

Blink-182 is an American punk rock band that has sold over 35 million albums worldwide since forming near San Diego, California in 1992. Their humorous stage shows and pranks (early shows featured wet T-shirt and wet pants contests) gained them a reputation, but also made them ostracized and considered a joke.

"**The Rock Show**" was the most successful song on their *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket*, album peaking at #2 on the Billboard Modern Rock chart. In their video for the song they buy a NA Miata, lift it by a crane dropping it to the street and backing into it with their van. Strange but funny stuff.

You can watch the entire video [here](#).



Did you Know ?

Miatas in the UK

The Miatas of Muskoka is a small club by just about everyone's standards so how do we compare with some of the larger groups?

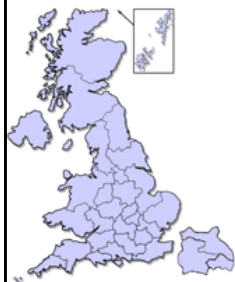
The MX-5 Owners Club was founded at Billing Aquadrome in 1994 by three enthusiasts during the Japanese Auto Extravaganza. Incorporated as a limited company in 1998 it has grown from strength to strength over the years and now has over **6,500** members UK wide. Administration of the Club's activities is carried out by a National Committee who are elected for a three-year term of office. They all give their time on a voluntary basis. It organizes two major events each year, the Spring and National Rallies.

Attendance at these national events is between 300-700 cars, with members coming from all over the country, as well as abroad, to participate. There is a National Newsletter Soft Top Hardtop (STHT) published bi-monthly in addition to the various areas newsletters with a more local focus.

The UK club is divided into 35 Areas (or Regions) each acting similar to as an individual club putting on locally run events every month, including weekend drives, track days, Sunday lunches and many more.

The MX-5 Owners Club are now the proud holders of the World Record for Largest Parade of Convertibles consisting of 270 cars at Blyton Park Driving Centre on July 1, 2012.

Club Areas (Regions)



- >> Central Scotland (CS)
- >> Cheshire and North Wales (CH)
- >> Eastern (E)
- >> Highland & Moray (NSN)
- >> Lincolnshire (LP)
- >> Moonrakers (MR)
- >> Norfolk (NR)
- >> North Thames (NT)
- >> North West Midlands (NWM)
- >> Northern Ireland (NI)
- >> Oxford (OX)
- >> Solent (SO)
- >> South East (SE)
- >> South West (SW)
- >> Tayside (NSS)
- >> Wessex (WX)
- >> West Midlands (WM)
- >> Yorkshire Ridings (YR)
- >> Channel Islands (CI)
- >> Cornwall (CW)
- >> Grampian (NSE)
- >> Isle Of Man (IOM)
- >> Milton Keynes and Chilterns (MK)
- >> National (NAT)
- >> North East Midlands (NEM)
- >> North West (NW)
- >> Northamptonshire (NN)
- >> Overseas (OVS)
- >> Peaks and Pennines (PP)
- >> South Central (SC)
- >> South Wales (SWA)
- >> South West Midlands (SWM)
- >> Tyne Tees (TT)
- >> West London (WL)
- >> Western (W)



National Newsletter



Helpful Hints - Oil Filter Relocation

For those of us who like to change their own oil on their NA or NB Miata will know what a chore this can be because of the filter location. You have to be double jointed just to reach filter and then hope you can bust it loose. Yes, I'd like to get to know my car better but with a little less aggravation.

Enter the quick change oil filter system. You can purchase a filter relocation kit that moves the oil filter to a more convenient location for quick and simple filter changes. The most recommended kit (and one of the most expensive) is from Thompson Automotive Products. This is not the only kit out there but is representative of the process.



All components needed for installation are included with the kit, including a tube of Permatex high-temp thread sealant, mounting hardware, hose protector and even a spare O-ring. Full installation instructions are also included with photos and tips.

Thompson claims "This kit not only makes oil changes significantly easier, but also provides some cooling of your oil. Customers have reported oil temps running about 8 degrees below water temps. This is achieved by the filter being mounted away from the block and by the cooling fins on both of the machined components."

These kits from Thompson are currently sold out (per their web site) and a waiting list being generated however, there are other kits available out there. (e.g. Moss sells a Cool-Tek unit)

Further information on the Thompson unit can be found [here](#) and of course on Miata.net.





SPOTLIGHT ON

2001 MV-Limited



In December 2001 Mazda introduced the 2002 Roadster MV-Limited in Japan. This vehicle would be the last Special Edition of the initial NB configuration. This particular model was painted in an attractive Titanium Grey metallic paint and featured unique 15" five spoke alloy wheels.

The interior further highlighted the paint with contrasting sienna brown leather seats and door trim inserts (in some light it appears as a maroon colour) and a number of accents such as two tone Nardi steering wheel, leather shift knob, aluminium trim on dash and stainless steel rocker panels.

The long list of features includes dual air-bags, ABS anti-lock brakes, remote locking with engine immobiliser, power windows and mirrors, folding roof with a glass rear window, front driving lights and tonneau cover. The production run was limited to just 200 cars.



Sister cars were also launched in Australia and the UK. The Australian version was called the Titanium with only 150 units completed and this variation featured new-look 16-inch alloy wheels (also used on the North American Special Editions) and Titanium badging mounted just ahead of the rear wheel arches.



MX5 Titanium sold in Australia

In the UK, the model was known as the Phoenix and 1,200 examples were available. These cars came standard in black with the Titanium Grey Mica as an option.



Base MX5-Phoenix sold in the UK



Wheels used on UK & Japanese Versions



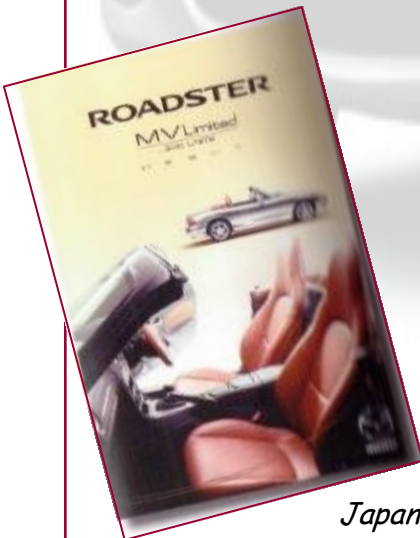
...and the Australian Version



Interior features Camel leather seating



Two-Toned Nardi Steering Wheel



Japan Brochure



Door Trim Inserts

Things that make you say ...Hmm?

Τιμινὰς τινὰς τινὰς λον ταν ...Ημιν;



Obviously not keyless entry but how did she start the car?



Post-It Note for Sunglasses? Genius!



*Miata owners don't like to put the top up, right?
Don't own PRHT & get caught in a brief shower?
No problem.*



*Miata owners are entrepreneurial, no?
Hands free phone in a NB.*



Okay not so much as Hmm? but Why?