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Hot Fun in the Summertime



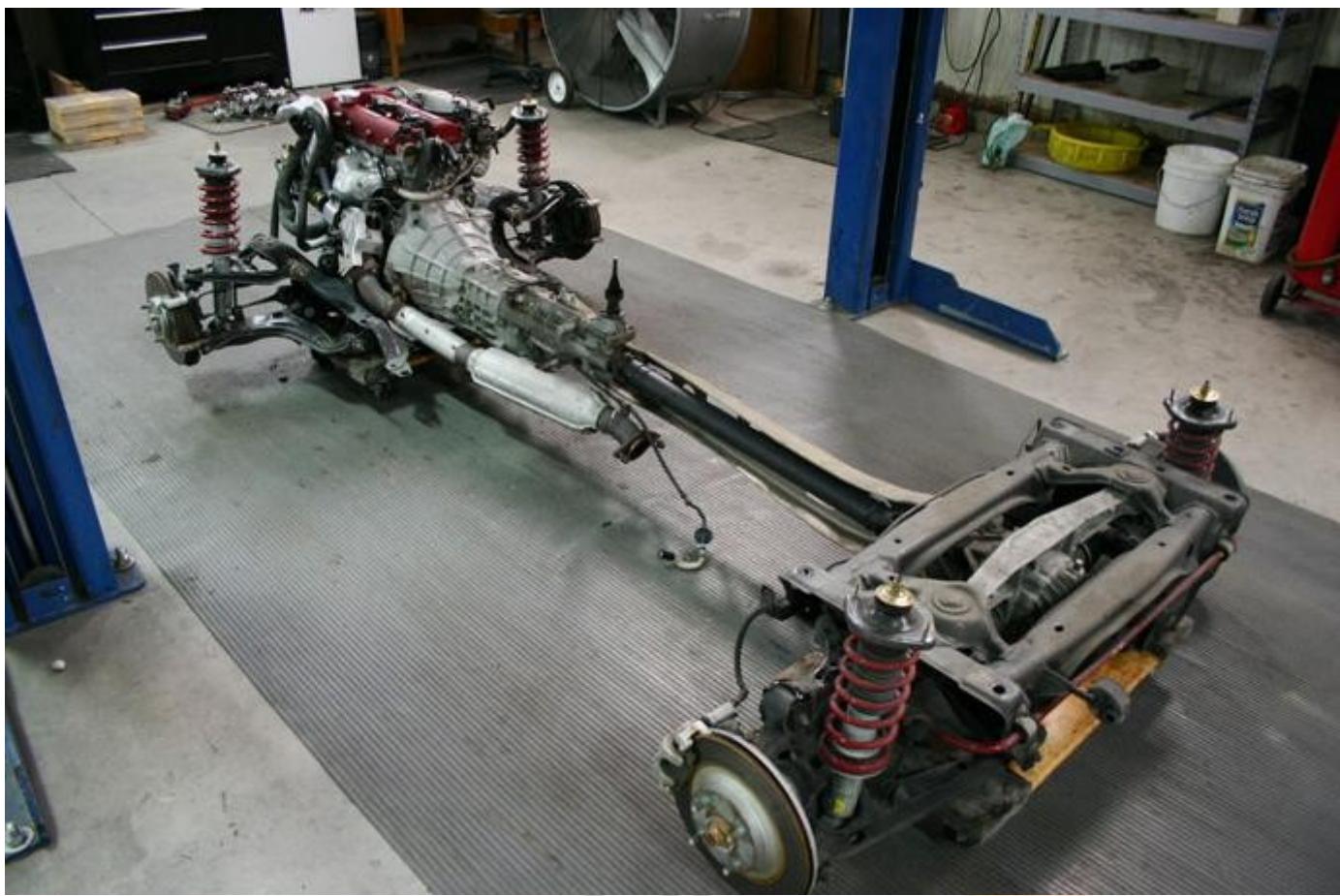
Plus...

Blind Spot Miata

A 1000 Miatas in one place

Helpful Hints

And more....



Hey Dick, This is what your car looks like naked !
A 2004 Mazdaspeed drive train.

On the Cover



This month's cover is from Madeira Island, Portugal. The 2002 Blue Miata is owned by Carlos, a 32 year old teacher and amateur photographer.

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You Gotta Read This!

Over 1,000 Miatas
at one Event!!



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In the Rear View Mirror

Manitoulin Island Parry Sound - July 14/15

Bob & Carol Macaulay led our group on this wonderful two day cruise filled with twisty roads and glorious views. Taking a counter clockwise route the group headed north towards Sudbury stopping for lunch at Tim Horton's in Lively. The route took them through some of the province's best back roads through Espanola, Whitefish Falls etc., and onto Manitoulin Island at Little Current before arriving at the Ferry Dock in S. Baymouth. After taking the ferry to Tobermory the group settled in at the motel to enjoy their "Attitude Adjustment Hour" before turning in for the night.



Pit Stop



Waitin' for the Ferry

After an early breakfast the caravan headed to Ferndale for their rendezvous with Peter & Peggy Wilson. Peggy's 1992 Sunburst Miata was our cover car for the Vol. 3 No.2 issue. The Owen Sound couple took our group on a tour of their backyard roads before stopping for lunch at Ted's Range Road Diner, a well known local eatery.



Enjoying lunch at Ted's Range Road Diner





In the Rear View Mirror

Ladies Only Cruise - July 22

On another beautiful Muskoka day Heather Frazer took the group of ten cars through the back roads of Muskoka before arriving at their first stop, Brookland Farms to enjoy a little Field to Fork experience. They then were onto the ever popular Cabin Savvy for some shopping and of coarse another Poker card.

Another stop was the Muskoka Lakes Winery for some wine tasting before heading for lunch at the Bala Bay Inn. After lunch, some of the Ladies cruised through the Torrance barrens before heading home.



Lynn Bryon @ Brooklands



Ladies are ready to run

Oh yes and the winner of the Poker Run and proud new owner of the "girlie road side assistance bag" was won with three of a kind hand by Katie Courtney.



And run they did...

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 and with the superb weather we've had this year a good little cruise.

Remember;

In a Miata, ~~half~~ the fun is getting there.



In the Rear View Mirror Manitoulin Island - Pictorial



Getting on the Ferry



The Ferry approaches...



A Special Thank You to
Peggy & Peter from Owen Sound



In the Rear View Mirror Ladies Only Cruise - Pictorial



Cruisin' the back roads of Muskoka



First Stop; Brooklands Farm



Oh Boy, Shopping!!



Poker



Instructions



On the Road Again...



Lookin' Down the Road

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

Huronia Cruise & BBQ - Aug 12

The Giggs and the Courtneys are again hosting a "Magical Mystery Tour and BBQ" this year in the Orillia area (home to several MoM members). Ed, our Cruise Director refuses to divulge the route but promises it will be as enjoyable as last year, if so it will be great! After the cruise we will all be stopping at the Courtneys rural retreat for a BBQ. The initial group will meet in Bracebridge to take the back roads down to Orillia where we will meet our hosts for the "Magical Mystery Tour", it should be a great time.



Midland / Washago Cruise - Aug. 25

Richard Bryan of Tiny, Ont. has eagerly volunteered to direct this cruise through the Midland area down the coast of Georgian Bay to Wasaga Beach. This should be one of our longest day tours of the year and if we get the same weather as last year's run to Midland it should be fantastic.

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 Rosseau (formerly Red Leaves) 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.

Membership Update

Our Membership has grown to 30 members as of September and we would like to welcome the following new members:

Mary Slade
Nick and Janet Hachey

Bracebridge
Orillia

Green 1997
Red 1990

Miatas around the World



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

This past May was the 20th Anniversary of the Karuizawa (loosely translated as "Hope. Courage. Smile" Meeting in Japan. Starting out in 1993 the initial meeting was a huge success with 115 Miatas (or Roadsters as they're called in Japan) and a 138 participants gathered in the Asama Kitakaruizawa garden at the foot of Mount Asama, about 50Km Southeast of Nagano, Japan.



1993 Meet - Not so humble Beginnings



KaruizawaMeeting2012

~笑顔。勇気。希望。20th Anniversary

From this very successful beginning the annual event has become the world's largest. It is not uncommon to see over 1,600 participants each year represented last year by nearly 1,000 Miatas !!

The logistics of putting on a meet of this size are mind boggling, how does one coordinate parking for a group this size? This year they also created a crisis management plan due to the potential risk of being in the vicinity of potential Mount Asama eruption site should an earthquake or more tremors occur.

The tremendous success of this event is the result of including something for the whole family from multiple vendors, an auction, representatives from Mazda, to flea market and peddle cars races for the children.



Kids driving Miata pedal cars



Mazda Execs answer questions from the crowd

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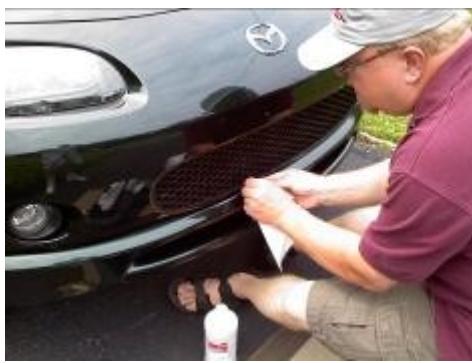
Helpful Hints - Brighten Your “Nose”, I Mean the Miata’s!

Grill & Fog Light trim

I helped a fellow club member brighten the nose of his Miata this summer by helping him put a narrow chrome trim around the Grill opening of his 2007 Miata. He agreed to let me use these pictures in this article, so here we go. The Powered Retractable Hard Top model comes with the grille already trimmed this way, but you would spend a couple hundred dollars to buy a grill like this and install it in your Miata.



This picture shows the roll of 1/8" wide chrome trim. It has the 3M adhesive on the back designed for outside automotive use. It sells for under \$15.00 and might have enough in the roll to do 2 cars.



This picture shows cleaning the edge of the grill opening with rubbing alcohol. This takes all of the road grease off and helps insure a good adhesion of the trim. Driving the front of the car up on ramps makes the job easier.



This picture below shows the method of bending the trim around the corner. Start at the top centre so the joint is not as noticeable. Remember to never stretch or pull the trim as you are installing it, but actually push on it. The plastic base can shrink a bit over time, so pushing on it helps give you some extra to counteract any shrinkage. You can see he was doing an excellent job installing it! Unfortunately I don't have a picture of the finished job. But as you can see in the next shot, it makes a noticeable difference!



This picture is of the Mazda replacement silver painted fog light bezels. These are available for the 2006 to 2008 Miatas, which are the Models with the Oval Grill (not the smiley face). These Bezels are available as a set, and take about 1/2 hour to install them both. A very easy way to brighten the nose of your Miata from the OEM black bezels. The Mazda part number for this set is: N121-V7-247F and are available from your neighbourhood Mazda parts counter or you could get lucky and find them used on Miata.net.

Did you Know ?

The Miata as an Art Form

The Miata has been used as an Art Form and in one of the most stunning was the Blind Spot .

Nestled in historic downtown Louisville, 21c Museum Hotel is a 90-room boutique hotel, contemporary art museum, award-winning restaurant and cultural civic centre. From collaborative community projects to internationally-renowned artists, 21c Museum has featured an enormous variety of work since opening in 2006. One such exhibition in 2008 was ***Blind Spot***, a customized Miata.



This is an actual fully functional art car titled “Blind Spot” and was designed by a local artist Monica Mahoney who was sponsored by the International Contemporary Art Foundation at Art Basel, Miami, FL , a branch of the 21c organization.

Monica and her team covered an actual NA Miata with hundreds of tiny mirrored pieces. Each piece was cut to fit a pattern then ground and polished to a spectacular shine prior to being glued in place on the vehicle. the result is an absolutely “sparkling” Miata

Monica Mahoney’s inspiration for the Exhibition

Every human eye has a substantial blind spot where the optic nerve connects to the retina. The brain continuously fills in our blind spots by deciphering surrounding visual information. In the current climate of spin, misinformation and sensory bombardment, our cultural blind spots are growing exponentially.

How do we fill in the gaps with pertinent, meaningful information?

What sources do we trust?

How do we process issues as monumental as sustainability and global warming?

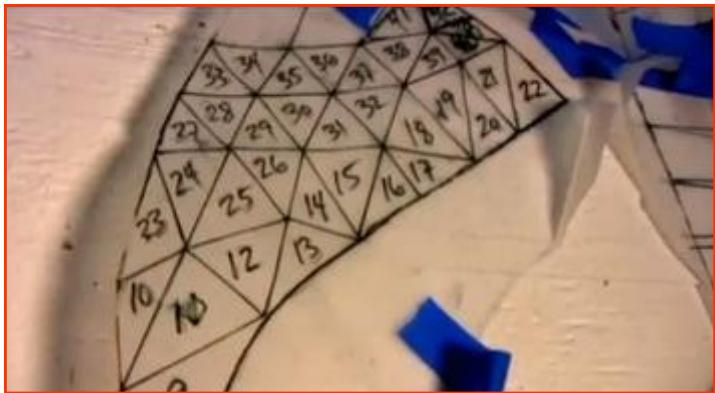


To see a brief video of the Blind Spot Miata in motion click [here](#)

How did they do it?
See the next page.



Blind Spot - The Process



Templates were designed to allow complete coverage of the vehicle.

Each piece is cut and edges polished prior to assembly.



Monica Mohoney
applying mirror pieces to car



Post installation buffing



Finishing touches being applied.

Miscellaneous - Miata Pedal Cars

Hand me downs are universal even in the world of Miatas (Eunos) pedal cars.

You may remember this photo published in our out Vol. 2 No. 11 newsletter showing the Miata pedal cars made by Toshima available on Japanese Yahoo Auctions.



This particular pedal car actually belongs to the son of Randy George, an American living in Japan who recently “liked” us on our Facebook page.

Randy has since passed the Eunos Roadster onto his younger son Chris.



“Here is a photo I took with my second son with the same NA Roadster pedal car.”

Randy is looking forward to the day when both kids are older and can buy a real 1/1 scale NA Roadster!

(Kinda looks like Cal Lander’s car...Ed)

An Another Thing....

I recently received an email from Bob Weisbrodt, the Official Canadian distributor of a couple of product lines applicable to Miatas, asking how to get in touch with Miata owners in Canada. His product line helps car owners maintain their car's tires and convertible tops in prime condition. MoM is not in a position to endorse these products at the present time (we *will* try them, bet on it) but we thought our Members would like to learn more so in Bob's words:

“The vast majority of Miatas have Black Vinyl tops and trim. The Sun kills the colour and turns Black to a kind of sickly grey. Then what happens is people start slathering on ArmorAll and stuff like that which eventually just makes the problem worse. I had used other well know products but I had to redo them nearly every week because the stuff would wash or fling off. This new product lasts for about 50 washes!!! Forever Black comes in 4 different kits as you can see and the cost is \$17 or any 2 kits for \$30. Really inexpensive in comparison to most of the other stuff out there that doesn’t really work anyway!

Check out a website called www.foreverblack.com and you will see this incredible stuff.

That is also the reason that I am the Canadian distributor for Renovo products which is the only product in the World that allows someone with a badly faded CLOTH top to Re-Dye it back to new no matter what colour it is!

Learn more at www.convertibletoprenew.com

Blast from the Past

Old Miata “stuff”

It's neat to see cars being assembled and it's even neater when they are Miatas!. These photos outline the trip of a 2006 Miata MX-5 down the assembly line at Mazda's Ujina Plant No. 1 in Japan.



The body of an NC Miata MX-5 is inspected after it leaves the paint shop.



The 2.0 litre four cylinder engine, transmission and other chassis components move along the assembly line toward their marriage to an Mx-5 body.



An MX-5 body and chassis are “married”.

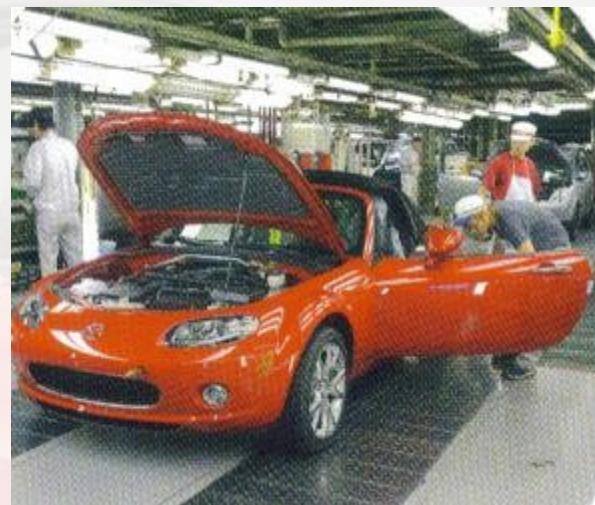
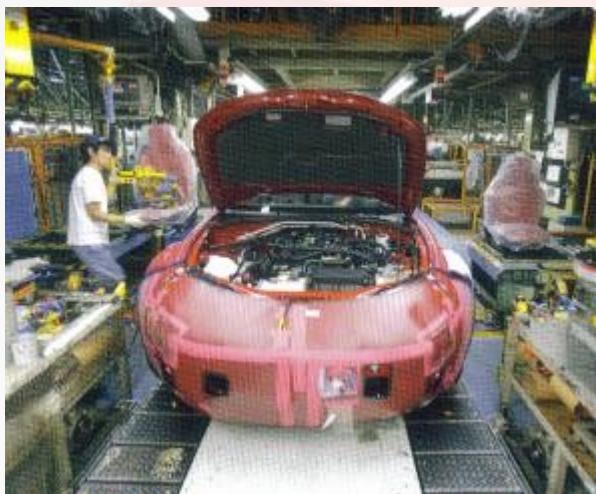
The marriage ceremony completed, the MX-5 continues its journey along the assembly line.





The convertible top assembly is installed.

The top secured, the vehicle continues along the line



Seats are ready for their installation into the car's cockpit.

Seats secured, the Miata MX-5 rolls toward final inspection.

