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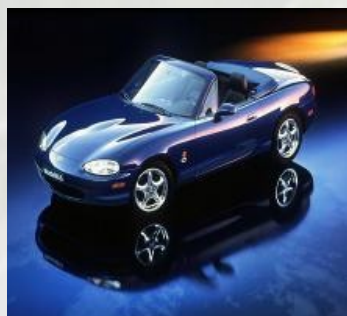
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*Miatas invade Mosport Park*

## On the Cover



This month's cover is a beautiful PR photo used by Mazda to introduce the Tenth Anniversary Edition in 1999.



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## In the Rear View Mirror

### Ladies Cruise - July 21st

This year five cars filled with Miata loving ladies led by Heather Frazer made their way across the country roads of Muskoka to do a little bonding, shopping, cruising, dining, sipping, and a little lemonade. They also played a little poker as playing cards were handed out at each stop and the winning hand received a "special" prize. Starting on the lake in Gravenhurst the ladies first cruised up to Don's Bakery in Bala to peruse some little patisseries before moving on to a favourite; Cabin Savoy for some shopping.



*Mug shot at the park before departing*



Next stop was the Iroquois Cranberry Growers for a little sipping before heading to Just Crêpes in Port carling for lunch. The afternoon was finished off with a little lemonade and the announcement that Maureen Newman won the prize basket of goodies with three of a kind.



*Lunch at Just Crêpes*



*Maureen accepts her prize from Heather*





## In the Rear View Mirror

### Huronia Cruise - July 27th

Cal & Gail Lander led the group through the back roads of Huronia making the obligatory stop for ice cream in Orillia, an unscheduled stop for a passing train and a friendly "drop in" to Orillia Mazda to show off the large group of Miatas to one of our sponsors before moving onto the Giggs for a lovely BBQ.

Although rain threatened on and off there was just a gentle sprinkling at the Little Red Caboose where the PRHT owners got show off a little. Approximately 10-15 minutes later all had stopped so it was time for the soft top owners to show off. All arrived at the Giggs in time to enjoy a beverage and some hamburgers/hotdogs before the storm swept in off the lake. As always everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and our thanks go out to the Landers and the Giggs for coordinating such a fun event.



*Waiting for Topping at the CTC*



*Waiting for the train to pass.*



*Trying to explain .....*



*Visiting Orillia Mazda*



*Chef Ed at work*





## In the Rear View Mirror



### Ice Cream Cruises - Continue to be popular

This year's weekly gatherings continue to be a hit especially on those warm summer nights when you don't know where you will be going next. Baysville, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Huntsville, Port Carling & Port Sydney are just a few of the locales visited this year.

If you would like to enjoy a little topless driving, a little conversation with friends and of course ice cream, c'mon out!!!!





## Lookin' Down the Road

### **Port McNichol Cruise - August - 10 (CD Dick Smyth)**

Dick has agreed to blow the dust off his Mazdaspeed and lead us on a cruise down to the Port Nichol Honey Harbour area for a cruise, lunch on the waterfront and a tour of the SS Keewatin.

### **Ottawa Cruise - Aug 16 - 18 (CD the Macaulays & the Bauldrys)**

Our longest and largest cruise of the year will be an "Overnighter" to the Nation's Capital and we will be joined by Members of Underground Miata Club (Ottawa group).

### **St. Jacobs Cruise - Sept. 14th (CD Heather Fraser)**

The date is getting closer and more details are being finalized for our exciting trip to St. Jacobs for a lovely lunch, a little shopping and maybe even ice cream!!

### **Trillium Muskoka Tour - Sept 27 - 29th**

The Trillium group will have an overnight tour (for them) to Muskoka this year. Saturday evening will feature a BBQ picnic at Richard Rutsch's cottage, as we did last year. Mark Melcher Tour Director has invited our group to participate in any portion or day or day of the tour you would like. It would certainly make sense to come out for the full-day on Saturday. The complete information can be found on the club calendar at <http://www.trilliummiata.com/calendar>. There is also a registration form attached to the calendar.

### **Fall Colours Cruise - Oct 6th (CD Michael Topping)**

Our Fourth Annual Fall Colours Cruise will include our guests from the Niagara Peninsula Miata Club and will start from the Orillia area exploring the beautiful fall colours of Muskoka.

Let's Keep Smilin'.....

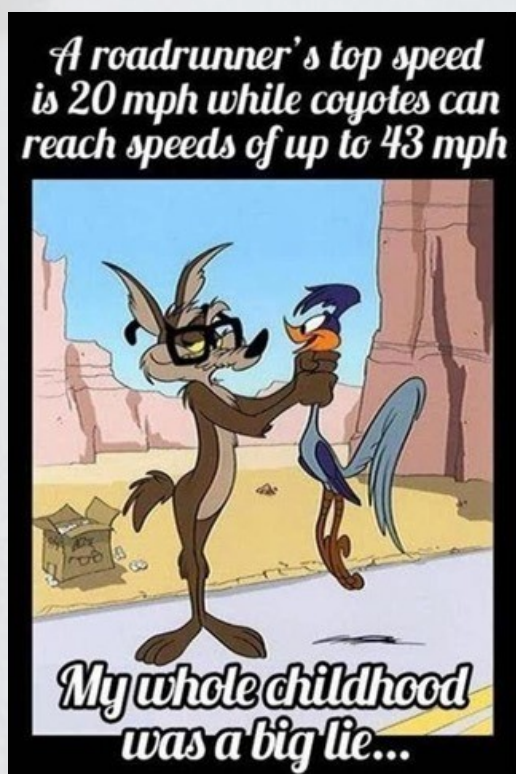


When asked by a young patrol officer

"Do you know you were speeding?

This 83-year-old woman talked herself out of a ticket by stating ....

"Yes, but I had to get there before I forgot where in the hell I was going."







## In the Rear View Mirror

## Huronia Cruise - Pictorial







# Mazda Corral - Mobil 1 Grand Prix of Mosport

*This past June I received an email from Heather Boutcher the Sr. Specialist, Sales & Marketing for Mazda Canada offering MoM two free passes to the Mobil 1 Grand Prix of Mosport in July. These passes weren't just get you in the door passes either they were "special" passes which included a four-day admission to the event with access to a private tented area and parking in Corner Eight (The Mazda Corral) a BBQ lunch on the Sunday and a chance to drive their Mazda on a parade lap of Mosport Park.*

*The council decided to offer these tickets to Paul Bennett for his help supporting our web site over the years, as well as acting as the official club photographer on multiple occasions. The fact that Paul had expressed an interest for our group to attend (more than once) and was planning on attending this year made the decision an easy one. Paul took his camera and his nephew to the track for the weekend and came back with lots of pictures (see link at end of article) and a story. The story, is written by his 30 year old nephew from London who owns a 2000 Miata, highly modified for the track. He happens to be a Miataphile member and wrote this article for their web site.*

Hey guys 'n gals. About a week ago I went up to watch the Mobil 1 Grand Prix, which included the American Le Mans race, at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park and thought I'd write a little description of the event to share with you all.

My uncle, Paul Bennett, invited me to go see the race. He is a member of the Miatas of Muskoka club and got his hands on some passes including spots in the car corral hosted by Mazda Canada. Mazda was great and served a very nice catered lunch, and provided a huge tent with lots of seating and refreshments available. Peter Sosinski from Sigma Time Attack was there letting folks get seat time in a Human Racing simulator (I know what I want for Christmas!). I probably would not have gone if it were not for my uncles invitation, but I'm really happy I went.

Shortly after arriving the Mazda folks walked us down to the Dyson Racing paddock for a tour. Right off the bat I knew this was going to be an amazing day. This little car is powered by a 2 litre 4 cylinder turbo Mazda engine making about a million horsepower. Got to talk to some of the team members, listened to the drivers chat about their glory, and before I knew it, they started the engine and drove the car to the track and race. No last minute preparation needed by this team. (This picture is from my phone. All the rest are by my uncle).



Walking past all of the paddocks, watching the teams prepare for the race, was awesome. The money and organization is insane. Huge semi trailers with everything from kitchens and wash-rooms to mini machine shops demonstrated the scope of a modern pro race team. Huge cabinets of tools and gear stacked into the trucks perfectly with only inches to spare. Everything was spot-lessly clean and impeccably organized. Here is the race winning Muscle Milk car getting pushed onto the elevator for a trip up to the second level of the trailer.





The level of accessibility at this place is amazing. The only areas that were out of bounds to the public were the pits and, obviously, the track. Wanna go and talk to the Corvette Racing guys after the crash during qualifying? Go ahead. Spent maybe fifteen minutes talking to a member of the Team West/Alex Job Racing/Boardwalk Ferrari team, getting answers to all kinds of questions from how the chassis is shipped from Italy and prepped for the cage, how their between-race maintenance is performed out of a garage in Indianapolis, to how the tires performed on the track. Every paddock I visited was friendly and more than willing to answer questions or tell a story.



The American Le Mans race itself was great to watch. The Deltawing was there, sounding and looking absolutely stupid fast. Hell, all of the cars were amazing when at rest, when blowing through the turns, or when exiting the pits to stomp on the gas and accelerate to race speed in a blink.

I watch motorsport events on TV, but being trackside is another story. The cars sound absolutely amazing, and the smell of race gas hangs in the air. You're able to camp, drink a few beers, and enjoy walking the paths around the track to watch the cars from all sorts of perspectives. Best seat in the house, I think, is a new parking area overlooking the dive after turn 4 and into Moss's Corner.

The race was not without it's share of crashes. Was standing at the middle of turn 1 when the BAR1 Motorsports car went wide and slammed the tire wall. The driver was fine and walked away. Pretty serious stuff. Even the cars that ran clean take quite a beating during those two and a half hours of racing.





And how do you end such a day? By getting the MX-5's out on track for some wheel to wheel action of course. These guys were really cooking, inches off each others bumpers at times, all loose and squiggly in the turns compared to the ALMS cars with all their down force. It was a great race.

I was really impressed with the event and am grateful that my uncle shared that extra ticket with me. This is going to be on my calendar every year. We have an incredible venue at CTMP where we can lap our own cars, then kick back and have an accessible, relaxed and picturesque park to watch the pros show us how it's done. Hope to see a bunch of you there next year.

To view the 17 pages of Paul's pics follow this link

[http://www.paulbennettphotography.com/Cliant/Mosport\\_July\\_2013/](http://www.paulbennettphotography.com/Cliant/Mosport_July_2013/)



*Pre-race preparations*



*Miatas lined up at the Start/Finish line*



*Into the first corner they go*



*Little fender scrape*



## Helpful Hints - Premium vs Regular Gas

*The war rages on about Premium vs Regular gas used in our little beauties as Mazda has recommended a minimum of 91 Octane since the beginning. Lots of opinions on this topic too but Mark Booth of San Diego summed it up thusly while Moderating on Miata.net:*

There can only be a single reason why someone would use a lower grade of gas when the manufacturer recommends premium -----> To save money!

So, let's look at the savings:

12,000 miles in a year and 27 mpg average. That's 444.4 gallons of gas in a year.

Around here, regular (87 octane) is going for \$4.09/gallon. Premium (91 octane) is going for \$4.29/gallon.

$$444.4 \times \$4.09 = \$1817.60$$

$$444.4 \times \$4.29 = \$1906.48$$

A difference of \$88.88 over a year.

$$\$88.88 / 12 \text{ months} = \$7.41 \text{ cents.}$$

Is saving \$7.41 cents per month really worth it? Seriously! And if you are running mid-grade (89 octane), which around here is \$4.19/gallon, your savings is only \$3.71 per month.

Now, let's throw a monkey wrench into the equation. I've experimented with this a bit myself and it's my experience that I get slightly better gas mileage if I run premium instead of regular. Maybe as much as 1-2 mpg better. But let's assume just a minimal .5 mpg better.

12,000 miles of 87 octane at 27 mpg = 444.4 gallons.

12,000 miles of 91 octane at 27.5 mpg = 436.4 gallons.

$$444.4 \times \$4.09 = \$1817.60$$

$$436.4 \times \$4.29 = \$1872.16$$

A difference of \$54.56 or \$4.54 per month.

If I actually get a full 1 mpg better mileage with 91 octane, the difference is only \$21.09/year or a measly \$1.76 per month.

The break even point is about 1.33. If the car can achieve 1.33 mpg better mileage with 91 octane vs. 87 octane, the total annual fuel expense is the same.

Me, I pump 91 octane!



## Blast from the Past

## 10th Anniversary Concept Vehicle

In January 1999 Mazda introduced its first and only true anniversary model. Yes there was a Twentieth Anniversary model introduced in Japan & Europe but like most recent "Special Editions" it was primarily a cosmetic package. To learn more about those Twentieth Anniversary models refer to Vol. 2 No. 9 of *Show me Your Curves*.

In the Vol. 1 No. 4 issue of *Show me Your Curves*, The Spotlight was on the Tenth Anniversary model, here are a few pictures taken at the of the prototype that was used to develop that model. One can see the car started out life as an Evolution Orange car (note: all early literature featured that colour) noticeable in the under hood shot. These pictures were taken at Mazda's the Yokohama R&D centre in Japan.



*Car being signed by attendees at 10th Anniversary meeting.*



# THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

**Nine is number of cars** we're expected to own during each our lifetimes. And with each one of these investments, it's likely that we'll switch cars. So it's pretty amazing, then, to consider that Victoria resident Jane Poole has just got behind the wheel of her seventh Mazda Miata.

"In 1996, I bought my first Miata, which was a 1995 model," explains Jane. "I pestered my husband, who couldn't really understand why I wanted a convertible so badly. But one day I visited my local dealership, took a model for a test drive and fell in love with it instantly, despite not having driven standard for years. I bought it that very same day.

"That car had a gorgeous dark-blue peacock colour that looked green, but in another light would appear black.

I've owned three silver models, plus two white ones. The model I've just recently purchased is platinum."

So just what is it about the Miata that keeps this Brentwood Bay resident coming back for more? "It's a wonderful little car—cute as a button," says Jane.

"My favourite out of the seven Miatas that I've owned was a silver 2006 model. I'd arranged to have the top switched to a navy blue cover as soon as it arrived at my dealership, and I fell in love with it the moment I picked it up. A friend of mine has spotted this car around Nanaimo, and I'd get it again in a heartbeat!"

And as she rides off into the sunset with her seventh Miata MX-5, Jane Poole is clearly a person who believes that if it ain't broke, don't try to fix it. ●



*A Mazda Mania article in a recent Zoom-Zoom magazine,  
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