

Show me your Curves

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Editor's Message

by Doug Jackson



When I was a kid, the summers were seemingly endless. The days stretched on and on, with fall and winter weather impossibly far in the future. But now? The days zip past. It's hard to believe that Cal and I are preparing the October edition of the newsletter so soon after the July publication! As you look through the pages of this edition of "Show Me Your Curves", perhaps you will see where some of the summer has been spent. We, the members of the "Miatas of Muskoka", have had a very busy time with numerous single day cruises and several overnight excursions. I hope that each of you was able to participate in some of the activities. Sincere congratulations and thanks are extended to all of the Cruise Directors for taking on a leadership role in providing stimulating and rewarding events for the good of the group. Your help is truly appreciated! For those of you who did additional trips in your Miata

this summer, please accept the challenge issued in another story in this newsletter! Sincere thanks are extended to folks who sent write-up and photos to me at the end of MoM gatherings. It makes the preparation of this newsletter significantly easier! We have just a couple more events before our Miatas go to bed for the winter. Hopefully, you will be able to join us on some or all of them! Summaries and photos of the "Games Day/Potluck" and "Fall Colours" Cruises will be included in the next newsletter.

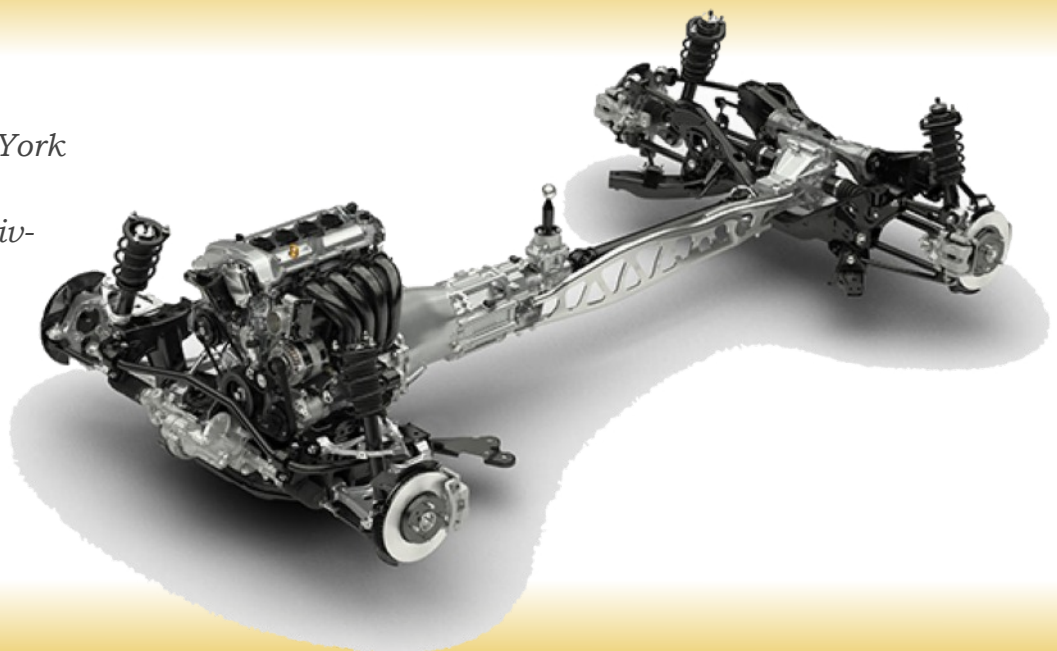
On a personal note, I want to thank you individually for your kind messages of congratulations, and collectively for your special cake, as Sheila and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in July.



Doug Jackson

It's the new Mazda MX-5!

Unveiled at the New York Motor Show, Mazda revealed this 'Skyactiv-Chassis' for the first time, showcasing the next-gen MX-5's front-midship engine and rear-wheel-drive layout.



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Just saying

Little Billy and his Dad were down at the autocross watching the Miatas zipping through the cones.

Little Billy looks up to his Dad and says, "Dad, when I grow up, I want to be a Miata driver."

His Dad looks down at him and says, "You can't do both, son."

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Events . . .

Miatas of Muskoka 2016 Cruise Event Schedule [Final – May12, 2016]

Cruise Event	Date	Event Type	Cruise Director(s)	
Spring Fling Cruise & Lunch <i>Trading Bay Restaurant, Dorset</i>	Sat. May 7 th	Day-trip	Gord & Laurel Bauldry	
Angevaare Mazda Annual Miata Open House/BBQ/Cruise (Peterborough)	Sun. June 5 th	Day-trip	Michael & Sue Topping	
Scavenger Hunt (details to be determined)	Sat. June 11 th	Day-trip	Bill & Cathy Gilbert	
St Jacobs Farmers Market & Outlets	Fri.-Sat. June 24 th -25 th	Overnight (1 nite)	Cal & Gail Lander	
Manitoulin Island/Tobermory Cruise	Fri.-Sun. July 15 th -17 th	Overnight (2 nites)	Bob & Carol Macaulay	
King's Wharf Theatre "Mamma Mia" Matinee and BBQ (Penetang)	Sat. July 23 rd	Day-trip	Doug & Sheila Jackson	
"Miata Rally for Kids" (sponsors Moffat's Mazda Barrie – details being finalized)	Sat. Aug. 6 th	Day-trip	No CD req'd – (Bob Macaulay is MoM's contact with event plnr.)	
Camp Borden Military Museum Cruise (Angus area)	Sat. Aug. 20	Day-trip	Gord & Laurel Bauldry	
'Round Algonquin Park (MoM charity cruise)	Tues-Wed. Aug 23, 24	Overnight (1 nite)	Ed & Judy Gigg	
Fall Colours (Muskoka) (details to be determined)	Sat. Oct. 1 st	Day-trip	Mike & Cathy Fedorowich	
Ice cream runs Every 2nd Tues. evg. (starts May 24th) - meet at Bracebridge Y.I.G. @ 6:30 PM (unless advised otherwise via advance e-mail) [NOTE: "special" ice cream run once a month – Tues. June 21st, Tues. July 19th, Tues. Aug. 16, Sat. Sept. 10th - advance email notices will be provided.]				

REMINDERS:

1. Before each cruise, an Event Notice with all details will be circulated to all members, both for your information and to obtain an RSVP response, to assist the Cruise Directors(s) with final planning and arrangements for the event. **Please respect the requested response deadline and provide a timely response by return e-mail, regardless of whether you will be attending or not.**

2. To ensure the safety of all cruise participants, CB radios are now required for participation in all MoM cruise events, except for the weekly ice cream runs every second Tuesday evening; please remember to bring and use your CB. **[NOTE: if you don't already own a CB, MoM now has 2 portable (hand-held) CB units available for temporary use on a one-time only loan basis, pending acquisition of your own CB unit.]**

Ice Cream run - Tastebuds

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Weather: Gorgeous

Cars: 10

Destination: Taste Buds, Gravenhurst

One potential member: Elaine King, Severn Bridge

*New members attending for the first time;
Garry and Patty Walker*

*Lead: Gord and Laurel Bauldry
Sweep: Cal and Gail Lander*

***Regular Ice Cream Run to "Tastebuds"
but "Special" because of the Introduc-
tion of Michael's "Mazdaspeed"!***



Huntsville Bowl Special Ice Cream Run

Tuesday, July 19, 2016



Apparently, nobody from the Special Ice Cream Run to the bowling alley in Huntsville had enough energy left over to write a brief report about the evening's festivities. It would appear; from looking at the scoreboard over Bob's shoulder, however, that there were thirteen people engaged in the bowling activity and we can only guess at the number who joined in the ice cream eating session later on! Thanks, Bob and Carol, for getting some photos to share with the rest of the club. It certainly looks like everyone was enjoying the evening!

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
Mike	23	5	27	42	60	73	78	85	97	104	114
Cathy	55	5	5	8	25	2	3	3	5	23	5
Bill	5	5	12	25	27	40	53	58	68		
Joann	13	30	42	47	57	59	59	66	68	75	
Player Mike											20,54

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
Larry	5	10	17	19	29	34	34	37	39	52	
Barb	23	22	42	2	5	2	2	3	5	223	5
Cal	2	15	25	32	60	73	83	96	106	111	
Cathy	5	5	8	25	29	34	39	41	54	65	
Player Larry											16,52

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
Bob	23	5	5	2	5	3	X	X	R	X	5
Carol	5	5	8	25	29	34	39	41	54	65	
Diane	13	23	28	41	54	67	87	100	113	123	
Gail	2	11	5	5	55	X	232	5	3	5	5
Bill	13	23	33	53	60	65	73	101	114	121	
Player Bob											18,24



Ice Cream run - Port Carling

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016

Beautiful weather greeted the three diehard participants in this week's Ice Cream run. The trip to Bracebridge was not wasted as our small entourage proceeded to Port Carling for a delicious and refreshing treat of ICE CREAM found at Camp Muskoka Clothing. Following a great treat and some stimulating conversation our intrepid group broke up and proceeded on their separate ways home. Take a look at the pics and you will see that:

NBs RULE!!!!!!



Tobermory/Manitoulin Cruise – Trip Report

July 15-17, 2016

Bob Macaulay

A total of 5 MoMers enjoyed this mid-July cruise – Macaulays (Cruise Directors), Bauldrys, Phillips, Landers and Fedorowichs. Phillips couldn't depart from Huntsville until noon on the Friday (15th), so the rest of us headed out in the morning, and met up with them later in the afternoon at our first night's stop in Tobermory.

The 3 Muskoka cars met in south Gravenhurst on a mostly-sunny morning around 9:15 AM, topped-up with fuel and headed south to Orillia for our rendez-vous with Landers, and then the 4 cars set out across Simcoe County via Old Barrie Road, through Midhurst and down to Hwy. 90 and over to Angus, where we jogged north a bit then west through New Lowell and Creemore to Dunedin, then north along Glen Huron Road (one of my favourite Miata roads) to Hwy. 124 and west to Singhampton, which



was our lunch stop, at an interesting restaurant called Mylar & Loretta's. The 8 of us had a very nice lunch

there in their "back sunroom", and we would highly recommend it if you are traveling through that vicinity south of Collingwood. [If you want a look at their menu, here's a link:

[http://www.mylarandloretas.ca/.](http://www.mylarandloretas.ca/)]

We were on our way again around 1:00 PM, and headed northwest through some great

Miata roads in Grey County, via Eugenia, Beaver Valley (north of Kimberly where we stopped at a scenic lookout for a vista over the Niagara Escarpment), Walters Falls and Rockford. We by-passed Owen Sound on the south and west via Cty. Rd. 18 to Hwy. 6, then north on 6 briefly, and cut off on Cty. Rd. 17 north and west to Hwy. 6 again, near Wiarton. Then we passed through downtown Wiarton on Hwy. 6 (Willie was nowhere to be seen...), and cut off again on scenic Cty. Rd. 9 (parallel to Hwy. 6), and followed it north through the Bruce Peninsula to Lion's Head, then west to Ferndale, where we'll once again turned north on Hwy. 6, and followed it north all the way to Tobermory. By that point it had become quite overcast, but at least it wasn't raining. We arrived at our night's accommodation (Grandview Motel) shortly before 4:00 PM, and after checking-in, we went wandering over to the "Little Tub" Harbour and main street (an easy walk of less than 10 minutes from our motel), to window-shop a bit, and more importantly, scope out our restaurant choices for dinner. By the time we headed back to the motel after 5:00 PM, the Phillips had arrived.



After some pre-dinner drinks/snacks,

the 10 of us took the short walk back over to the harbour for our dinner at a small and very-informal Italian restaurant right on the wharf, called Molinari's...excellent pasta and service.

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Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny...great Miata weather. Our pre booked passage on the Chi-Cheemaun ferry to Manitoulin Island was scheduled for the 11:20 sailing, and required that we be checked-in and lined-up on the ferry dock



at least an hour before our reserved sailing time, so we decided to check-out of our motel before breakfast, drive over to the ferry dock and check-in/park

around 8:30 AM, then left our cars in line and had breakfast at the Leaside Restaurant & Patio Bar right across from the ferry dock. After breakfast, we had lots of time to do some more wandering around the harbour and window-shopping at a few interesting stores on the main street, then headed back to the dock around 10:30, in time to see the ferry arrive and disgorge its huge load of vehicles – everything from transport trucks to motor homes, travel



trailers, cars, SUVs and motorcycles – from the preceding Manitoulin-to-Tobermory crossing. We were then among the first to be loaded, and given the small size of our Miatas, we were directed up very narrow ramps to a “mezzanine” level above the main car deck. This spot was so narrow that all of us could barely open our doors

enough to get out of the cars...in fact, some put their tops down and climbed out over the seats!



As soon as we were underway, some of us lined up for an early lunch on board, from the very well-provisioned cafeteria, and then wandered the open air decks enjoying the sunshine and fresh breeze during the 1 hr. 45 min. crossing to South Baymouth near the southeastern tip of Manitoulin Island. We docked in South Baymouth at about 1:05 PM, and were off the boat and underway again by 1:15 or so. We headed north to Tehkummah and then west on some backroads on the south side of the island,



stopping for a brief break and a few pics on the beautiful white sandy beach at Providence Bay. We then went north-

west through the hamlet of Spring Bay and eventually to the main east-west highway (#540) at Evansville, and from there straight north across the causeway to Barrie Island, where we went hunting via more backroads for a lighthouse purportedly located on the island's north shore, according to a travel guide consulted by yours truly.

To the great amusement of the rest of the group, we ended up leading them to a fairly remote rural cross-roads where all of the

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choices to the west, north and east were gravel roads...and no sign of any lighthouse, or even any sign pointing us in the correct direction. Also bemused by this group of 5 apparently-lost Miatas sitting at this intersection were some local folks attending an art exhibition at a local community centre adjacent to this intersection. So, after explaining what we were up to, they assured us that there was no such lighthouse anywhere on that north shore except just north of Gore Bay, which just so happened to be where we were ultimately heading for our second night's accommodation.

So we back-tracked off Barrie Island, and headed straight east to Gore Bay, arriving at our pre-booked spot, Queen's Inn, just after 4 PM.

This is a beautifully



restored, Victorian-era B&B inn, located on a hilltop with a gorgeous view overlooking Gore Bay harbour. The rooms were very generous in size and very well-appointed. At check-in, we discovered that we had 5 of the 7 rooms at the inn, and the other two were not booked, so our group had the



whole place to ourselves. After settling in, we gathered on the huge second floor porch for "attitude adjustment hour" -- some adult beverages and snacks – and

were joined by a couple of Macaulays' friends who keep their boat on the North Channel of Georgian Bay, at Gore Bay.



We headed for dinner at a really nice little restaurant in



Providence Bay (about a 35-minute drive from Gore Bay) called

The School House, arriving there in time for our 6:00 PM reservation. This early reservation time was arranged to allow us time to get back to Gore Bay afterwards while it is still light, due to the heavy deer population on Manitoulin Island, to avoid any risk of after-dark collisions with deer. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, and again, would highly recommend this spot

(<http://www.schoolhouserestaurant.ca/therestaurant.html>) to any of you who have occasion to be travelling on Manitoulin Island.

We headed back for Gore Bay well before sunset, and on the way back, took the opportunity to visit the scenic lookout in a park high on a hill across the harbour, which afforded a

beautiful panoramic view of the impending sunset and the town of Gore Bay. After returning to the inn, some also went for a walk



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on the public pier, and others gathered on the porch for a twilight chat.

Sunday morning greeted us with yet more sunshine, and somewhat hotter temperatures...yay, tops will be down again! We were treated to a sumptuous hot breakfast by our inn proprietor and her daughter. Our experience at Queen's Inn was absolutely top-notch, right from the time we were greeted at check-in, to the time we left the next morning. This place gets 5 stars in my book, as it was one of the best B&B experiences we have ever had in all of our travels. Be sure and check it out if you are heading that way: <http://www.thequeensinn.ca/>

We checked-out shortly after 9:00 AM, and decided to head up to the lighthouse at the head of Gore Bay, a few kms north of the Inn. This time there really was one there (right Gord?...LOL) and it turned out to be privately-owned; it appears to have been converted into a cottage of sorts, although no one was around, so we were able to get some pics. We then headed east across the island via Hwy. 540 toward Little Current – with a little side-

trip over to Sheguiandah for a scenic lookout over Georgian Bay -- and reached Little Current in time to line-up for the Hwy. 6 swing bridge which connects to the mainland south of Espanola; that bridge swings open to allow North Channel boat traffic through, for 15 minutes on the hour every hour, but thankfully, we didn't

have to wait long until it closed again and we were able to resume our homeward drive.

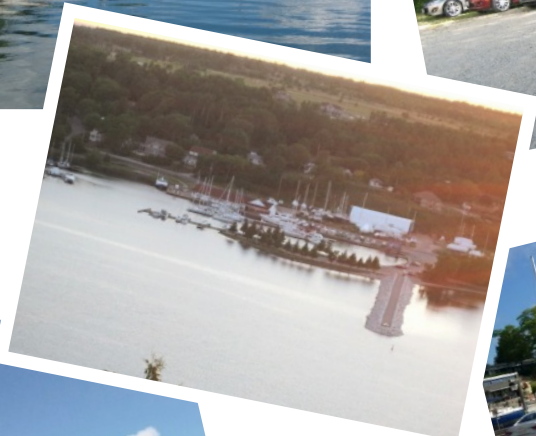
We passed by Espanola and reached Hwy. 17 at McKerrow just after mid-morning; we stopped for fuel, and a few in the group spotted a roadside stand where freshly picked blueberries were on offer...at the going price of \$30 for 2 litres (ouch!) We then headed east on Hwy. 17 to the Sudbury area, where we stopped for lunch at Tim Horton's in Lively. From there, it was a straight shot around Sudbury via the Hwy. 17 Bypass, then south on Hwy. 69, a quick comfort stop near Pointe au Baril, then south on Hwy. 400 past Parry Sound to Hwy. 141, where the Landers left the group to carry on south to their home in Orillia. The other 4 cars then headed southeast across 141 toward Muskoka, arriving back home in the late afternoon.

All-in-all, it was a great trip...some great roads and countryside, nice meals, and good company, topped off (if you'll pardon the pun...) with great weather, all of which added up to over 900 kms of enjoyment over the 3 days of the trip.



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“Mamma Mia!” Cruise, Lunch, Theatre, and BBQ ***July 23, 2016***

Saturday, July 23rd, had been chosen exactly six months earlier as the date for a cruise to the King’s Wharf Theatre in Penetang to see the matinee production of “Mamma Mia!”. In order



to create a ‘full day’, a lunch stop and a BBQ were also planned.

The cruise directors, Doug and Sheila Jackson, worried for weeks that the weather would be crummy for the twenty-six participants. Needlessly!

When the big day arrived, the only water droplets to fall upon us came in the parking lot at Home Depot in Orillia when the sprinkler system unexpectedly came on!



The photo captures the moment just before we got wet!

The cruise went through some of the back roads of Oro-Medonte Township, before arriving at Settlers’ Ghost Golf Club, where a delicious lunch awaited us.



The thirteen cars proceeded, in two groups, to the King’s Wharf Theatre in Penetang. We thoroughly enjoyed a superb production of the musicale “Mamma Mia!” from our seats in the middle of the theatre.

After the performance, we journeyed southwards to Doug and Sheila’s place where we relaxed in the shade and then enjoyed burgers and salads. A special

treat, courtesy of the MoM club, was the “50 Years and Still Zooming” Anniversary Cake! It came as a total surprise! We hope that the twenty-six members enjoyed the day as much as we did!



Doug and Sheila Jackson

"Mamma Mia!" Cruise, Lunch, Theatre, and BBQ July 23, 2016



*"Mamma Mia!"
Cruise and BBQ
at Doug and Sheila
Jackson's - July 23, 2016*

Mazda replaces new owner's Launch Edition Miata MX-5 following crash minutes after delivery

By: Chris Chin

Source: [Jalopnik](#)

Submitted on July 25, 2015



A tragic bit of news came in for Mazda Miata fans when a new owner of a Miata MX-5 Launch Edition was rear ended minutes after taking delivery of his new baby from Tom Bush Mazda. According to several reports, the owner was rear-ended by a Ford F150 just a short distance from driving off of the dealership lot—only minor injuries were sustained while the Mazda Miata MX-5 Launch Edition itself was badly damaged.

But in a gesture of good faith, Mazda North America contacted the owner directly, surprising with news that a brand-new replacement LE model with a six-speed manual was being expedited to his location—that's a big huge

thumbs up to Mazda North America's customer care.

"At around 4:00 PM or so, BAM. BAM, and our beautiful new LE was no more," the owner explained to a local news outlet. "We were shaken, Joanne took a ride with the EMT's to the hospital and I was left dazed, amazed, stressed, and whatever emotion one could experience. I also quickly realized that we were both still alive and functioning, thank you up there!!!" "Then, yesterday afternoon, I received 2 calls from MNAO informing me that my name was on a replacement LE 6MT that is in transit and will dock in Jacksonville around August 15. On to Tom Bush soon after that." How about that...

Moffatt's Miata Rally for Kids

Saturday, August 6, 2016

Bob and Carol Macaulay coordinated the event for our club. Bob reports that the "Moffatt's Miata Rally for Kids" on August 6th was a big success. There were thirty-three cars in the event, most of which were Miatas, and five of those were *MoM* members. A great day's cruising, (and eating), was had by all, and a total of \$11,000 was raised for Easter Seals Kids and Shriners Children's Hospital. One of the Trillium Miata Club members, Paul Whittaker, wrote an article, and it is reprinted below. It sounds like Cal's experience last year with 'less than perfect' cruise instructions was a problem again this year! Bob's photos appear on this page, while Paul's photos are in the following article.



Moffatts Rally for Kids

as experienced by Paul Whittaker and Carol Ketchum

The drive from Moffatt's Mazda in Barrie to home was almost mystical. We decided to take our time, choosing 27 rather than 400 and were rewarded by the convergence of vistas lit by low sun casting long shadows, perfect temperature, light breezes and no traffic. The thrum of the exhaust provided a pleasing backdrop to Rachmaninoff's Études Tableaux played by Evgeny Kissin as we drove through farmland and quaint villages like Newton Robinson and Bond Head.

This after an unlikely event for us; we never experienced a fund raising rally. This Rally-for-Kids was in support of Easter Seals and Shriners Children's Hospitals. The event was sponsored by Mazda Canada, Orillia Mazda, Moffatt's Mazda, The NewRoads Automotive Group, Miatas of Muskoka, and according to the promotional material, the Trillium Miata Club. Jackson Events took the lead in organizing the rally.

The day started at Orillia Mazda, (owned by Moffatt of Moffatt's Mazda and managed by one of his sons) and ended at



The Devil Made Me Do It!

Moffatt's Mazda in Barrie. The cars? Miatas of Muskoka fielded five cars. Trillium registered five cars, but one had to withdraw because of an urgent family issue, leaving our representation to four cars. Not only were there Miatas, but also Camaros, a Jaguar, Mustangs and a Viper, (all Miata wannabee convertibles). We arrived just after nine after a blistering drive up 400. I chose to keep in the slow

lane with a top speed of only 129 Km. Breakfast was ready when we arrived, we registered and chatted with some of the people there, met

the Easter Seal "Timmy" Casey MacKay and his mom, and NHL Stanley Cup winner Brad May.

After a group photo, we embarked on our drive. We were given routing instructions that were difficult to follow and less than accurate. Frustrating and a bit stressful but we managed to muddle our way through. Whoever wrote the instructions had not the experience of trying to read through dense paragraphs with the same roads mentioned repeatedly while trying to navigate in unfamiliar territory. Within two km. of the start, I led my small group (three cars) off route and had to circle back to get on track. My fault, but it wouldn't have occurred had the directions been written and formatted clearly. We explored some new winding roads and visited some interesting spots, although some of the towns on Georgian Bay were bumper to bumper, which I guess should be expected on a hot August Saturday.

Lunch was served at the Thornbury Harbour Pavillion. We feasted on sandwiches, cookies, watermelon and other picnic comestibles, before exploring the harbour and Georgian Bay's shore. After lunch, some explored the town, and at least



Breakfast at Orillia Mazda

Moffatts Rally for Kids ***as experienced by Paul Whittaker and Carol Ketchum***



Thornbury Harbour Pavillion

one couple decided to make it a day and drove home.
After enjoying time at the harbour, we continued on, finding our way despite the

less than adequate directions and enjoyed the drive exploring roads new to us. Real Miata roads with twists, turns and great scenery.

We arrived at Moffatt's Mazda in Barrie at about 5:00 PM and enjoyed a really nice BBQ meal and the company of the tour's survivors. Moffatt's were ready with a great BBQ set up and the garage area cleared except for a row of MX-5 NDs for people to look at, a prize table, and entertainment provided by *Cab Fare*. I saw at least one couple dancing.

We were too tired to dance, but we enjoyed the experience. Preliminary reports of the fund raising from Jacksons Events is \$11,000 for the day.



Former NHL referee Ron Hoggarth, Easter Seal's Casey MacKay, and NHL Stanley Cup Winner Brad May at Moffatt's Mazda Rally for Kids. Brad's shirt was raffled off. The winner donated it to Casey.

Base Borden Military Museum

Sunday, August 20, 2016

Our cruise to CFB Borden on August 20th. was attended by 8 cars and 15 members.

We cruised the back roads to Angus, where the base is situated. We visited the Vimy Ridge Memorial, the Aircraft Museum and the Military Museum. I pointed out the picture of a fallen soldier, Darrell Caswell, the son of one of our former members, Darlene Cushman. A quiet moment was had by all.



We ate at one of the Base Mess Halls, a very enjoyable meal and pleasant surroundings. A variety of meals were served, including vegan and vegetarian choices. Our military are indeed looked after on this base!

Laurel and Gordon Bauldry



First stop was at the Vimy Ridge Memorial, a sobering beginning to our military museum tour.



Garry and Patty Walker with their fast way to get from Wasaga Beach to Muskoka!



***Base Borden Military Museum
Sunday, August 20, 2016***



Unfortunately, some of us recognized the names and faces of some of our Military who lost their lives in Afghanistan. RIP

Enno Hoekstra Memorial Cruise Algonquin Pembroke Cruise August 23-24, 2016

Our group of 10 cars left Huntsville at 9 am. We arranged for 2 sweeps within the fleet.... one in the middle and one at the end. Judy promised sunny weather and she delivered two exceptional days!

Our first stop was the Algonquin Art Gallery.....beautiful art and sculpture collection.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed at a lakeside park in Barry's Bay, followed by ice cream and shopping.

Our first group picture was at the Polish church in Wilno.



Accommodations in Pembroke were excellent. Judy, Lynda and Ed hosted an appetizer party in the hotel lobby that was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday morning we departed at 9 am and proceeded to Foymont....an abandoned military base....NORAD.....that was one part of the Pine Tree Line of defence during WWII.



Twisty, windy roads were a treat on our way to Maymooth where everyone had an opportunity to shop. Michael and Gordon seemed to be carrying most of the 'loot'.....(as I type this for Ed, I realize he may have forgotten my purchase at the Algonquin Gallery that needed a seat belt in the passenger side of Lynda's car)!!!

Lunch was in Bancroft followed by a pleasant drive to Haliburton where everyone took their own personal routes 'home'.

A special note welcoming Lynda Gigg and her 2016 MX5 GT to the club. Congratulations on surviving your first tour, Lynda!

We all enjoyed having Marina Hoekstra accompanying us on this cruise. Donations were collected from participants and will be forwarded in Enno's memory to the Gravenhurst Rotary Club.

Judy and I thoroughly enjoyed leading this cruise. We were so pleased that all 10 cars were able to remain in one tight group, thanks to the skilful driving and attention of each participant.

Thanks to each of you who came along.
Ed & Judy



Enno Hoekstra Memorial Cruise Algonquin Pembroke Cruise

*Bob and Carol Macaulay also took
some photos on the overnight excursion ... sometimes a picture is worth
a thousand words!*



IMRRC Raffle of 2016 MX5

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How My Miata Spent Its/His/Her Summer Holiday (as written by your Miata)

What if your Miata could write? What would be its/his/her most memorable adventures from 2016? Where did it/she/he go? Some members of the Miatas of Muskoka went on trips other than the ones planned by the club. A glance through the pages of this newsletter will summarize the club excursions that provided some of the summer activities of the cars. It would be great to hear about the OTHER ADVENTURES that some of the members had over this past cruising season.

THE CHALLENGE:

For the next quarterly edition of the newsletter, we would like to hear from those of you who took your cars to different locales and had different experiences, other than the MoM activities. It would be very pleasant reading in the middle of winter ... reliving some of the summer vacations experienced by your Miatas. During the next month or so, try to find some photos to illustrate a brief (or not-so-brief) article about "How my Miata Spent its Summer" and send it to Doug at sjackson@csolve.net . We will publish your submissions in some of the next editions of the newsletter.



The Mazda Miata that found its way home: Time Machine Test

Mine, mine, mine

Nothing stays the same. I've been through four or five houses since, gotten married, buried family and friends in the intervening 15 years. Hell, TCC has been sold twice since then.



The desire to have a Miata is semi-permanent. You never really stop wanting one, even when it's gone, and you keep looking. Other Miata owners know the feeling: when someone you know wants one, when you've had one, when you want one again. It's not the hormonal must-have of a muscle car, or the fey collector preening over a few prime listings. It's a sort of throwaway-culture purchase you want to keep forever—the 45-rpm record of collector cars. Junk jewelry that's anything but junk. The stage set itself this summer. The garage was clear, the cash appeared. Then I drove the new ND Miata. Ever since, I'd been telling people—and writing—that it only made me want my Miata back. Miatas kept cropping up in the background window of my mind. I drove them in Hell for the North American Car of the Year balloting. Just last week, one sat parked out in the driveway for more seat time. Then I clicked on a followed search on eBay for 1990 Mazda Miata, rifling through one day before a conference call.

*"Holy *#^%&@, my car's for sale."*

I looked at one picture and knew from the wear on the radio button. The way those parents in Lifetime TV movies know the child on the playground was theirs, just stolen by Meredith Baxter a decade ago and given a bowl haircut. *"HE'S MINE!"*

I'd found it. My Miata. Not a Miata as in, "that one looks nice," or "I should bid on it." Not just any Miata. *My* Miata.

I kept reading, and the more I read, the more I knew it. *"We purchased our Miata from a 'car person' who worked and wrote for Car and Driver at the time."* Well, close enough. It'd been a few years by then.

The best eBay pictures I've ever seen for a car told the rest of the story. The wear pattern on the seat. The way the glove box hung just a little off kilter. Mine. Right here in Atlanta, where we left off. Not totaled by idiotic local drivers. Not sold and moved to some far-off state. Not retired, exhausted, put down or otherwise snuffed out. Mine. And damn if it isn't in better condition than I sold it, save for the extra fifty thousand miles. The paint's as good as it could be after a decade and a half of light, careful use. The top's glass window is superior to the plastic one I sold. The shifter still snicks. The radio still plays the Nineties music, just not through a CD player. The boot's still only been used two, maybe three times.

Second time around

We should all give eBay some eternal thanks. Where else can you find your entire past, curated and collected for instantly gratifying scavenger hunts? I'd been looking at flying to Wyoming for an RX-7 GSL-SE this summer, for a Chrysler Imperial two-door in Tampa, but a few

clicks of the wireless mouse and I reconnected the pieces of my past, just a few miles apart.

A few dozen emails, a signature or two at the kitchen table on the first sunny day in two weeks, and it's finally home, tucked in the garage it never had in our first interlude. It came home today again and this time it's for good, I swear. I have dreams of making this my grumpy old man car. I'll drive it up and down the beach a couple thousand miles a year. I'll complain about how the neighbourhood association is telling me where I can and cannot park it. I'll bitch and moan about how the weather's not good enough to take it out for a spin, because it will not be driven in the rain, for God's sake. It'll be *wonderful*.

This makes me the second and fourth owner of this particularly fine example of bright-red 1990 Mazda Miata. I am this car's Grover Cleveland. Its Richard Burton. I'm its Throwback Mountain Dew, and it is mine. We're each others' comets, somehow at the same perihelion one more time, together again for what I hope will be the long Indian summer of both our lives. Ready to take each other out for another spin.

That's pretty sappy, pretty poetic...right?

This Miata deserves a little bit of poetry. It is a little bit of poetry. And it's mine again.

Marty Padgett

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Jay Leno Would Absolutely Love The Denim-Clad Mazda MX-5 Levanto

by Michael Hines

CARBUZZ



It's basically his closet on four wheels.

On the outside the custom Mazda MX-5 Levanto from [Garage Italia Customs](#) looks pretty damn good.



Named after a town on Italy's northern coast, the custom job features a unique two-tone paint job. The light bronze bottom and sky blue top combine to create a



classy and eye-catching combination. Lapo Elkann, founder of Garage Italia Customs and the person behind this project, said the car was inspired (at least in part) by "The Endless Summer," a 1966 surfing documentary.

The goal was to combine "the legendary aesthetic of the California beach boy" with the "sophisticated elegance typical of the Italian Riviera."



Show Me Your Curves

On the outside that seems to have been a success, but the inside is another story. The cabin is completely covered in Japanese denim. Sure there's some Alcantara on the seats but the Levanto packs so much denim it could make Jay Leno blush.



Check out the interior for yourself and let us know if Garage Italia Customs went overboard. And before you ask, no, it didn't tune the engine. No one makes the MX-5 faster. No one!



