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2013 Year in Review

*A Look Back
on our Cruising Season*



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Show Me Your Curves cover shots from the past year

On the Cover



Taken from Mazda's Zoom-Zoom on line magazine as a wallpaper designed for enthusiast's. This shot was taken in the Moroccan dessert.



Merry Christmas



HE SEES YOU



WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING

A local fireman decorated his house a little differently for Christmas this year...





In the Rear View Mirror

We would like to wish you the best for a Happy Holiday Season and coming New Year. This month is our annual Year in Review issue where we provide a look back on our activities of the past year.

Although the weather was not perfect this past year **Miatas of Muskoka** did enjoy a number of excellent runs So here's a look at what happened this past year month by month.

February

MoM's Mid-Winter Madness - Feb 24

Who could ask for a better situation, pulling on the warm cozy sweater and making your way out to a nice restaurant for a lovely Sunday brunch with a bunch of Miata owners. That's exactly how our first and undoubtedly not the last MoM Mid-Winter Madness "cruise" happened.

The club is not just a car club but a social one as well and there couldn't have been a better way to spend a winter's day than enjoying good food, good company and regaling stories how you came to be a Miata owner in the first place. I'm pretty sure this event will become a regular one on our calendar.



Annual Spring Kick Off Meeting - April 13th

Our Annual Spring Meeting used as a "Meet & Greet" to help kick off the cruising season took place at the Bracebridge arena. We enjoyed an attendance rate of approximately 65%, recruited a couple of new members and outlined the status of our cruises for the upcoming season. We even volunteered a couple of cruise directors. It was nice to get a break from the snow to enjoy some coffee and talk about summer activities.



April



Spring Fling - May 5th

For our Spring Fling in 2013 we returned to an old favourite, the Swiss Country Restaurant on Old Mill Bay of Ahmic Lake for brunch and cruised the back roads near Magnetawan & Burk's Falls.

May



Niagara on the Lake - May 25th

There were ten cars from MoM that made their way to Niagara on the Lake to join another ten cars from the Niagara Peninsula Miata Club for a great weekend of cruising, eating, wine sampling, shopping, socializing. and of course ice cream.



May



Ice Cream Cruises - May 29th

Our weekly Ice cream Runs began on May 29th and continued every week until late September, always with a surprise or two and excellent participation.



June

Scenic Picnic - June 15th

This year's destination led by Tom & Katie Courtney took us through some lovely twisty back roads stopping in the hamlet of Kinmount and their local Farmers Market ; the Lift locks in Kirkfield before the group made their way back to the Courtney's sanctum for a picnic lunch.



June

Scavenger Hunt - June 23rd

Our Bridge Over Troubled Waters scavenger hunt took us all over the region counting fire hydrants, mailboxes, solving puzzles, visiting cemeteries all under a beautiful cloudless sky for a wonderful afternoon. Eventually all of the participants actually made it to the Riverside Inn where we enjoyed a lovely lunch. Although the hunt was a definite challenge Lynn and Ted agreed to add another to next season's schedule.



July

Ladies Cruise - July 21st

This popular annual cruise means cars filled with Miata loving ladies led by Heather Frazer making 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. They seemed to enjoy themselves fellas....



July

Hurononia 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 before the storm swept in off the lake.



August

Ottawa Cruise - Aug 16 - 18

The overnight trip to Ottawa, our longest cruise of MoM's existence was enjoyed this past August by an enthusiastic group of twenty who all rated this cruise at least a 10!

A group of 20 enthusiasts were led to the Ottawa Valley by Cruise Directors Bob & Carol Macaulay and Gord & Laurel Bauldry. Taking several scenic and more interesting secondary roads across the back country of Renfrew County they arrived in Ottawa to check in and partake of dinner in the Bywood Market.

The next morning the group met up with the folks from the Ottawa Miata club (AKA "*Underground Miata Network*"). The combined group of 22 cars visited numerous landmarks in downtown Ottawa before touring through the Gatineau hills on some really fun back roads. That evening dinner was hosted again at the Bywood Market with both groups enjoying the evening.

For The trip home the next day they headed west for about 60 kms before exiting "the big highway" for a more enjoyable back road route towards Bancroft. That route took them along some very pleasant secondary county roads, through numerous small towns and hamlets.



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Port McNichol Cruise - August 10

Following the sounds of Pavarotti belting out his latest opera masterpiece emanating from Dick Smyth's Mazdaspeed we meandered our way down to the Port Nichol/Honey Harbour area for a lunch on the waterfront and an afternoon cruise before a tour of the SS Keewatin.



September

St Jacobs. Sept. 13-14

A group of 12 enthusiastic cruisers braved the elements to make their way down to St. Jacobs. It was only a few days earlier we heard the main building of the market had burned to the ground creating a little concern. However, many booths we set up under tents for the day and the group enjoyed one of Ontario's most vibrant Farmer's markets under a perfectly cloudless day. The overnight trip entailed dinner at a local Mennonite restaurant, shopping of course and a few unique sites on the trip home.



September

“Special” Ice Cream Run Corn Roast - Sept. 3

We enjoyed the last of our “Special” Ice cream runs by having a corn roast hosted by Don and Maureen at their spread just south of Huntsville. Again blessed with perfect weather and a lovely sunset.



October

Fall Colours Cruise - Oct 6th

Our Fourth Annual Fall Colours tour welcomed the group from the Niagara Peninsula Miata Club to enjoy the sights of Muskoka in the fall. The original group of nine NPMC cars and a few MoM members left Webers to travel the back road to the Gravenhurst Wharf where we were joined by the rest of the MoM members. In all we had 28 cars to make our way eventually to The Rock Golf Course for lunch. Afterwards we made a brief stop at Abbey's Bake House along the way before heading north and east to Huntsville and a "round the horn" return to Gravenhurst. Although the weather did not co-operate the route & the colours were enjoyed by all.



November

Season Finale Dinner / Meeting - November 27th

Our Season Finale Dinner / Meeting took place at the R&L Bistro, last' year's location and over twenty members were able to make it out to enjoy a wonderful social evening to discuss the new year's cruises and enjoy dinner together.







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Over forty issues later it is time to let the sun set and say goodbye.
This will be my last issue publishing *Show Me Your Curves*
and I have to say, *Whatta a ride!!*

Turning the page so to speak, there will be a new beginning next
month as Heather Frazer takes over the role and I'm sure you will
give her the support you provided me over the years.

Thank You,
Michael Topping

