



Show Me Your Curves

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NEWSLETTER

Show & Shine September 16th

On September 16th under threatening skies, the **Miatas of Muskoka** held a brief Show & Shine in the parking lot of Independent Grocer. Although Mother Nature did her best to discourage attendance she couldn't dampen the spirit of a few brave souls as four Miatas brought their drivers along (all tops in place mind you) for a brief chat upstairs at The Independent Grocer.

The evening broke up after an hour or so (someone needed an with ice cream fix or something ?) and we all tooled home in the rain.



Show & Shine Attendees

Fenelon Falls Cruise September 19th

On a beautiful fall (well not technically but it sure felt like it) several members gathered for our second cruise of the year in anticipation of a wonderful day.



Fenelon Falls Cruisers prepping to go

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Ready, Set....

After Dick had made his obligatory phone call, we started out in the cool shade of the trees along the highway but were soon basking in the warm sun along our route to Fenelon Falls via Minden.



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Arriving in Fenelon Falls

The group lunched at a restaurant, appropriately named, The Falls View, where Dick had no reception and had to go outside to make his phone call. After much banter and telling of lies we were off to the next leg of our journey, Bobcaygeon.



View of Falls from Restaurant



The Restaurant Parking Lot In Fenelon Falls

Enroute to Bobcaygeon we were forced to stop as a small Shiatsu meandered aimlessly onto the highway and stayed there! Traffic was halted in both directions until Laurel got out of her car to steer the dog to safety and eventually the owner showed up to retrieve his pet. During this time, although it can't be confirmed, we do believe Dick made another phone call.

We arrived in Bobcaygeon and after a brief scouting trip to find adequate parking embarked on a little sight seeing / shopping. Most of the ladies went shopping at Bigley's (Note: only June purchased some shoes, the others merely assisted).



The entourage dismounts in Bobcaygeon

Meanwhile Zoomy was running wild with her stickers placing them everywhere (see page 4)

After our little walk about in Bobcaygeon it was onwards to the best part of the day ...ICE CREAM!!

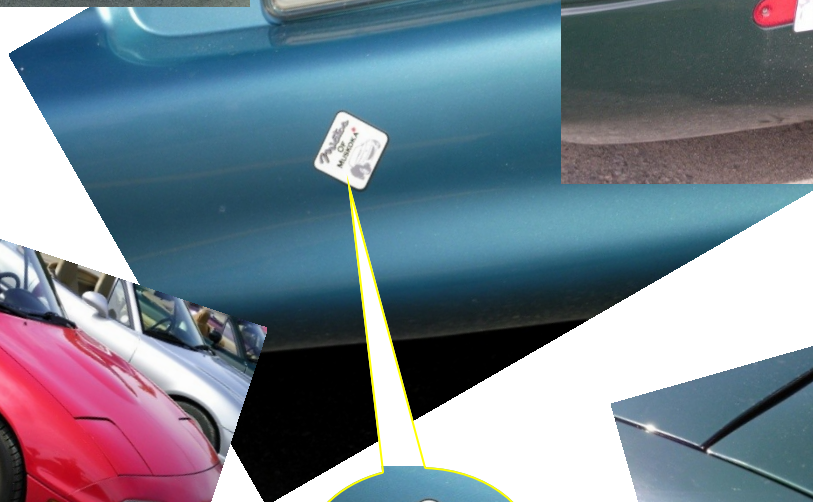
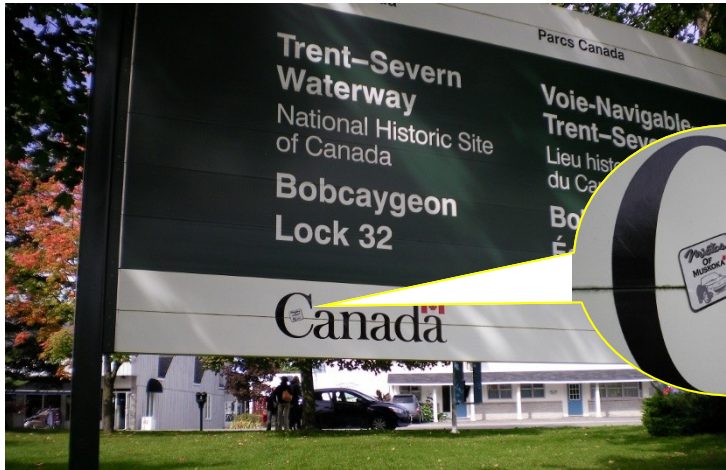
Stopping at the Kawartha Dairy outside of Minden allowed the group to enjoy their favourite ice cream flavour, talk cars (or in Wendy's case, dreams), take some photos and just relax. Both Darlene and Dick were able to satisfy their habits, Darlene got her ice cream fix and Dick made another phone call (quelle surprise!!). We believe Dick was making arrangements for our tour to be posted shown on YouTube. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxCGXOKGQLI>



The Group at our Favourite Hangout

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The Miatas of Muskoka stickers provided by Nigel Ford were handed out and before you knew it Zoomy had “tagged” a couple of cars, a no parking sign, the provincial sign for the Bobcaygeon lock and later, even the ice cream shop, there was no stopping her.



Impromptu Cruise with Ottawa Group

The members of the Miata group out of Ottawa, known as the Underground Miata Network, were met at the Kawartha dairy outside Huntsville where introductions were made and cars inspected and cruise route finalized.

After everyone enjoyed their ice cream it was time to get zoomin'.



The route took us through downtown Huntsville and out Highway #3 to Parry Sound. This was a great route to test the handling of the 12 cars and we did experience one minor incident on the way out.

A couple of dogs were very territorial and tried to chase each car as it went by. The CBs in each car gave everyone a heads up and thus avoided what could have been an ugly scene.

Arriving in Parry Sound the group eased its way to the wharf and made a brief pit stop to stretch their legs. The trip down to Bracebridge went via Rousseau and down #632 to Port Carling where it was necessary to stop and show off the Miata caravan to the locals and get some much needed supplies at the LCBO. After supplies were acquired we made our way back to Bracebridge to let them get settled in the hotel before meeting up with them for dinner and a couple of "pops" as Don Cherry would say.



Impromptu Cruise with Ottawa Group



Sunday morning everyone was up early to get to R&L's Bistro for breakfast at 7:30.

Rick was kind enough to open a half our early just for the group.

After breakfast we bid our new friends farewell and watched as they drove off in the cool weather (with their tops DOWN!) heading back to Ottawa.

We certainly enjoyed the day and would definitely recommend accepting their offer to come visit them next summer.



A Special thanks goes out to Jan and Tara,
our Tour Leaders for this event on a very enjoyable weekend.

ZOOM-ZOOM



Joe & June Riley



Joe and June jumped on the Miata bus in 1993 with the purchase of their first Miata, a 1990 A Package Model they have enjoyed for the past seventeen years.

June had always loved sports cars and got the bug early that year and looked at several options including the Honda Del sol but was disappointed until she came across her little red jewel at Downsview Auto that year. It was the car she had to have. Her decision must have been the right one as they still enjoy the drive the car provides after seventeen years of service.

Their little two seater has remained completely stock over those years with nothing more than routine maintenance. Her husband Joe calls it the Energizer Bunny because it just keeps on running as they approach 195,000 km. It's like a comfortable pair of slippers and they have enjoyed it more each year. June is whizzing about town every summer and looks forward to our club cruises with enthusiasm. Although it is June's car she allows Joe the odd turn at the wheel in order to keep piece in the household.

This is the model that gave the Miata it's initial reputation which lead to it becoming the highest selling sports cars of all time, and June still owns an original.





Lookin' Ahead

October 3rd

Our next event is a Fall Colours cruise. Our Tour Leader Ken Wettlaufer has agreed to make this a memorable cruise for all. The route will take us through the Haliburton Highlands via Huntsville, Algonquin, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Haliburton then home. This should be a very beautiful six hour trip at the peak of the fall colours. The only thing to do is check where the ice cream shop is. We will be sending out an itinerary email in the near future

October 17th

The Trillium Miata club of Toronto has a scheduled a Muskoka run on Oct 17th (tentative) if anyone is interested in joining this event in whole or in part contact Michael Topping at (705) 646-2818 or mastopping@bell.net

Membership Update

Our Membership has grown to 20 members as of September and we would like to welcome the following new members:

Heather Fraser

Bracebridge

Black 2009

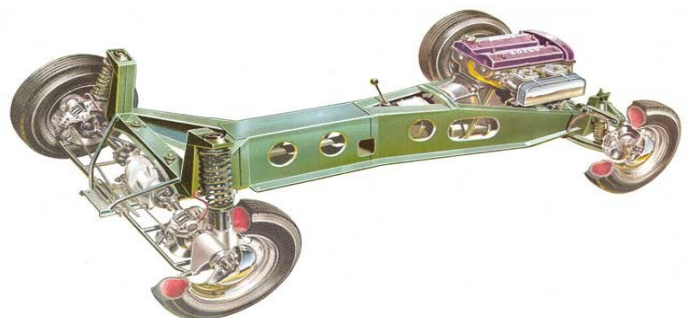
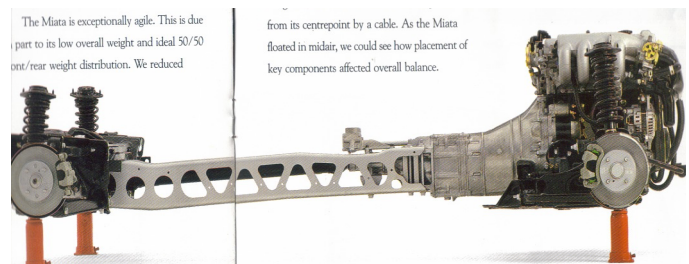
Jim and Joya LaRock

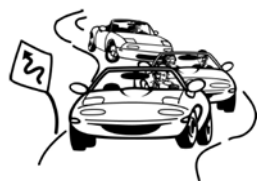
Bracebridge

White 1990

Did you Know ?

Development of original Miata mimicked the Lotus Elan, considered to be the one of the ultimate British Sports Cars of the 1960s. These vehicles are easily compared in appearance, size and drive train as illustrated below.





Happy Trails

We all have those special routes we like to drive in Muskoka, we'd like to ask Members to share with us their favourite route and why. This particular tour is offered on the Muskoka Tourism web site.

THE GATEWAY TO MUSKOKA AND BEYOND

Lake Muskoka Circle Tour

Start & End @ Gravenhurst

Approx. 95 km / 55 miles

About 1 ½ - 3 hours depending on number of stops



1. From Gravenhurst, follow Muskoka Road 169 to Bala and Glen Orchard and on to Muskoka Road 118
2. Right on Muskoka Road 118 to Port Carling and on through the Huckleberry Rock to Bracebridge (A nice detour: take Milford Bay Road and stop at the parking lot for the Huckleberry Rock Lookout Trail. Take a hike out to marvel at the kilometre-long man-made canyon that 118 winds through.)
3. Follow Muskoka Road 118 through Bracebridge to Muskoka Road 17
4. Right on Muskoka Road 17 past Muskoka Beach and back into Gravenhurst

Tour Highlights:

- ✓ The town of Gravenhurst pays tribute to its cultural heritage with its stunningly preserved century Opera House, the lovingly restored birthplace of Chinese hero Dr. Norman Bethune, and the fantastic new Muskoka Wharf where the glory of the historic steam era comes alive alongside some of the best dining and shopping around.
- ✓ The town of Bala with its roaring falls and fabulous shops & boutiques
- ✓ The stunning Huckleberry Cut, a man-made canyon over a kilometre long on Muskoka Road 188 between Port Carling & Bracebridge
- ✓ Regatta Steak And Seafood Grille - Gravenhurst

Please drop us a quick email at lbouldry@surenet.net and tell us about your favourite trail.

Helpful Hints

Over the years, we've all seen just about everything that can happen to a Miata - good and bad. This section will address new tips and tricks for keeping your Miata new and strong.

- ✓ Unlatch your top latches before unzipping or zipping your rear window - **every time**. We've found that the zipper is the thing that fails due to tension on it when the top is latched.
- ✓ Unzip your rear window every time you drop your top, no exceptions, unless you like a permanent crease in your back window.

Happy Motoring!



Spotlight On

1991

The Beginning of the Special/Limited Editions

Over the years Mazda has introduced a number of Special Edition Miatas using many different names. Initially the Miata in North America was known as the Eunos Roaster in Japan and the MX5 in Europe and elsewhere. Typically the home market (Japan) was the testing grounds for these special models and particularly with the first generation of cars (NAs) the model would be introduced the following year in North America. The home market V Roaster is a prime example as it was introduced in Japan in July 1990 to celebrate the first anniversary of the Eunos Roadster.



Japan's 1990 V Roaster



Canadian 1991 Limited Edition



Canadian 1991 Limited Edition Interior

March 1991 saw the launch of a high spec Special Edition (it was called the Limited Edition in Canada), as the North American equivalent of Japan's V Special. It came only in British Racing Green with a tan interior and boot cover, leather trimmed seats, CD Player, polished tread plates (door sills), power windows, power steering and real wood detaining (Nardi gear knob and emergency brake handle) as standard. All of the features of both the A and B Packages were also included.

This colour was exclusive to this model in North America until 1994. All Canadian Miatas had daytime running lights but the USA versions did not.

Options in Canada included Tan floor mats, tonneau cover and air conditioning. All of these items were standard in the US version along with Cruise Control, Driver's side air bag and a Personalized number plate. Options available in both countries included a removable hardtop and in the USA; Automatic transmission and ABS brakes.

IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY.

1991 Advertisement

Miata Special Edition They had names like Healey, MG, Triumph and Jag. They smelled of engine oil and leather. And a chosen few were the deep green of the English countryside. If these memories are familiar, this Miata is for you. Its coat of British Racing Green and tan interior evoke the best of the classic roadsters.

Settle into the cockpit and revel in the scent of leather. Other than the standard CD player and power accessories, you'd think little has changed since 1960. But as you bring the eager twin-cam engine to life and grab the wood shift knob, you find that everything's changed. Everything except the fun.

Take the inside line through a curve, and the rigid unibody works in concert with four-wheel double-wishbone suspension. Handling has come a long way in the last

30 years. So has reliability. The Miata may well be the most trouble-free sports car you'll ever own. Small wonder that with such virtues, *Road & Track* recently named it "One of the Ten Best Cars in the World."

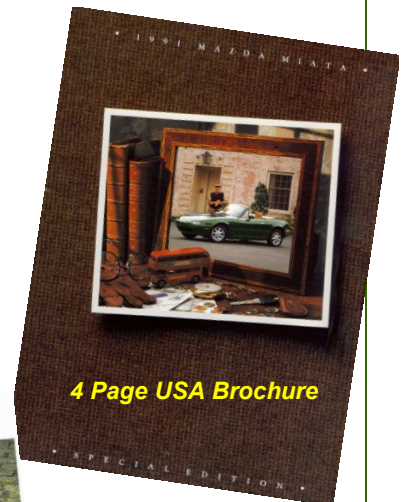
So come experience the old magic in a new way. See your Mazda Dealer and take the Miata Special Edition for a spin. There will only be a few. And a car like this only comes along every now and then.

36-MONTH/50,000-MILE WARRANTY
No-deductible, "bumper-to-bumper" protection. See your dealer for limited warranty details. For information on any new Mazda car or truck, call toll-free, 1-800-345-3799.

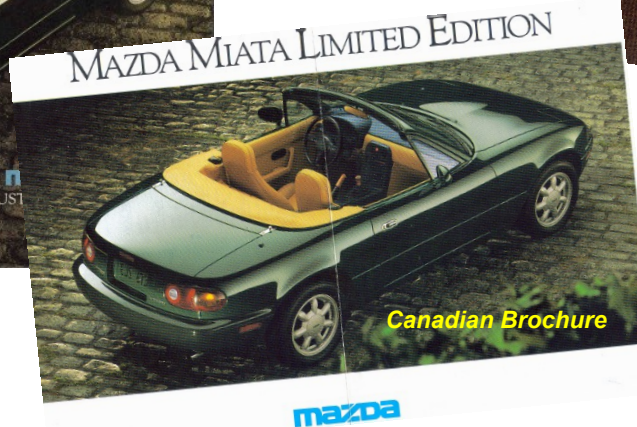
The upgraded Miata was a huge hit and sold nearly 4000 units in the USA and 526 or 1050 depending on who you listen to in Canada. Europe, Great Britain and Australia also received variations of this car with production ranging from 250-500 units per country. There wouldn't be another British Racing Green Special Edition until the 2001 model year.



Special Edition Plate
in USA Versions



4 Page USA Brochure

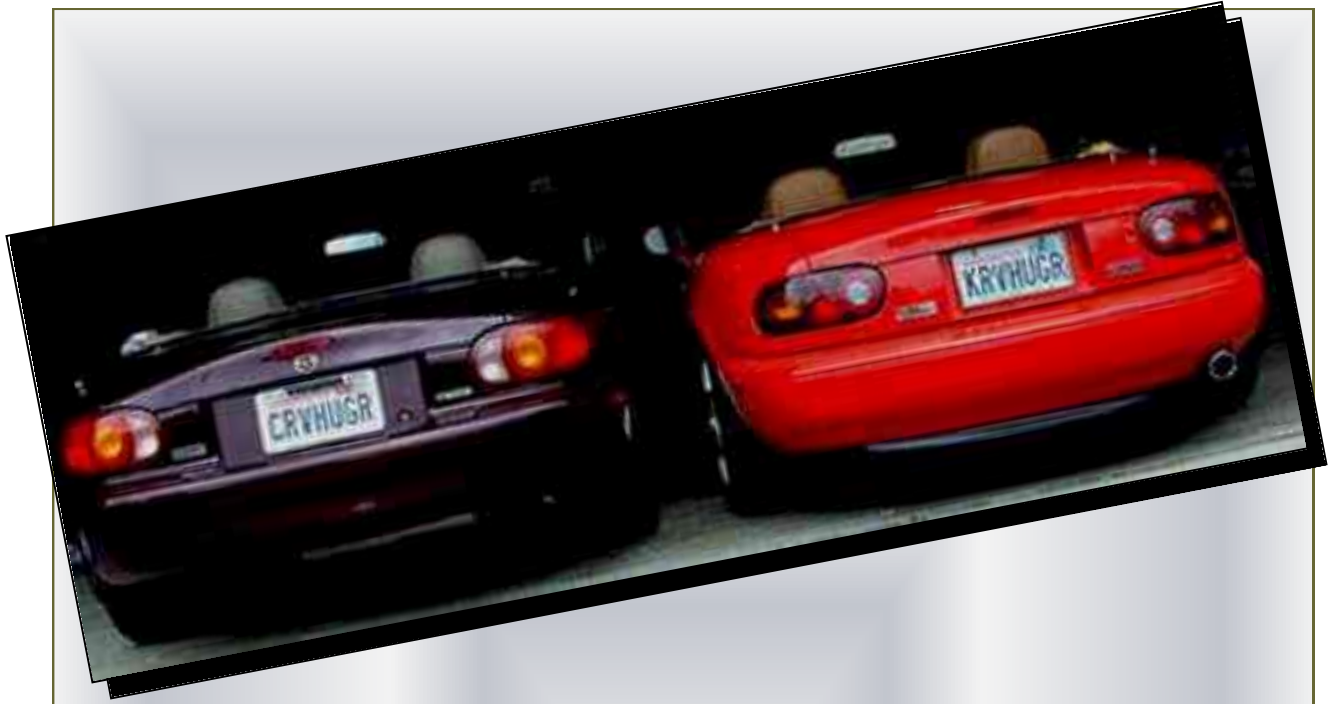


Canadian Brochure

Every two years there is a meeting of these Special Editions in the U.S.A.. They call it the **Gathering of the Green** (GOG) where owners do what typical Miata owners do drive and talk about their cars. GOG 2009 was held in Michigan and had nearly 30 of these distinctive vehicles in attendance. The meet in 2011 will be held in North Carolina and there is nearly 40 registrations already, pretty impressive for a twenty year old sports car.



GOG 2009



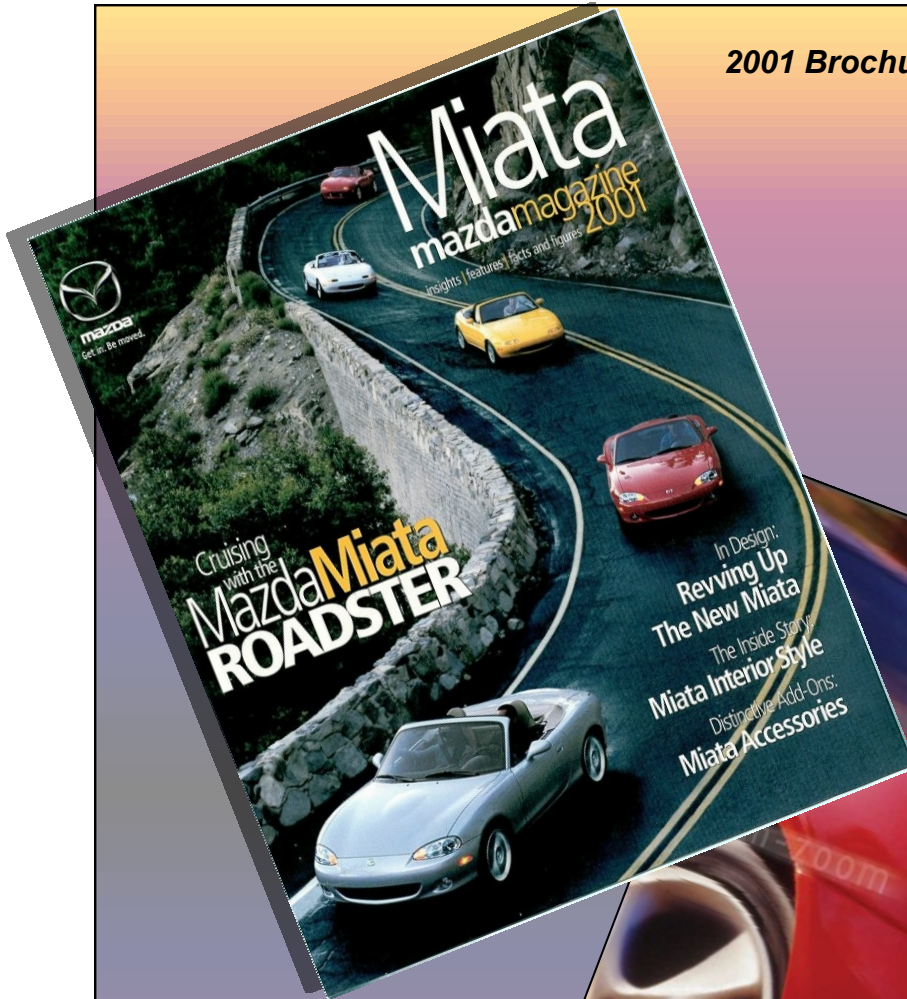
Vanity Plates



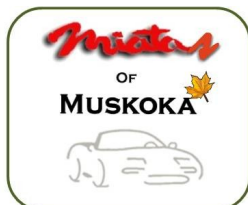
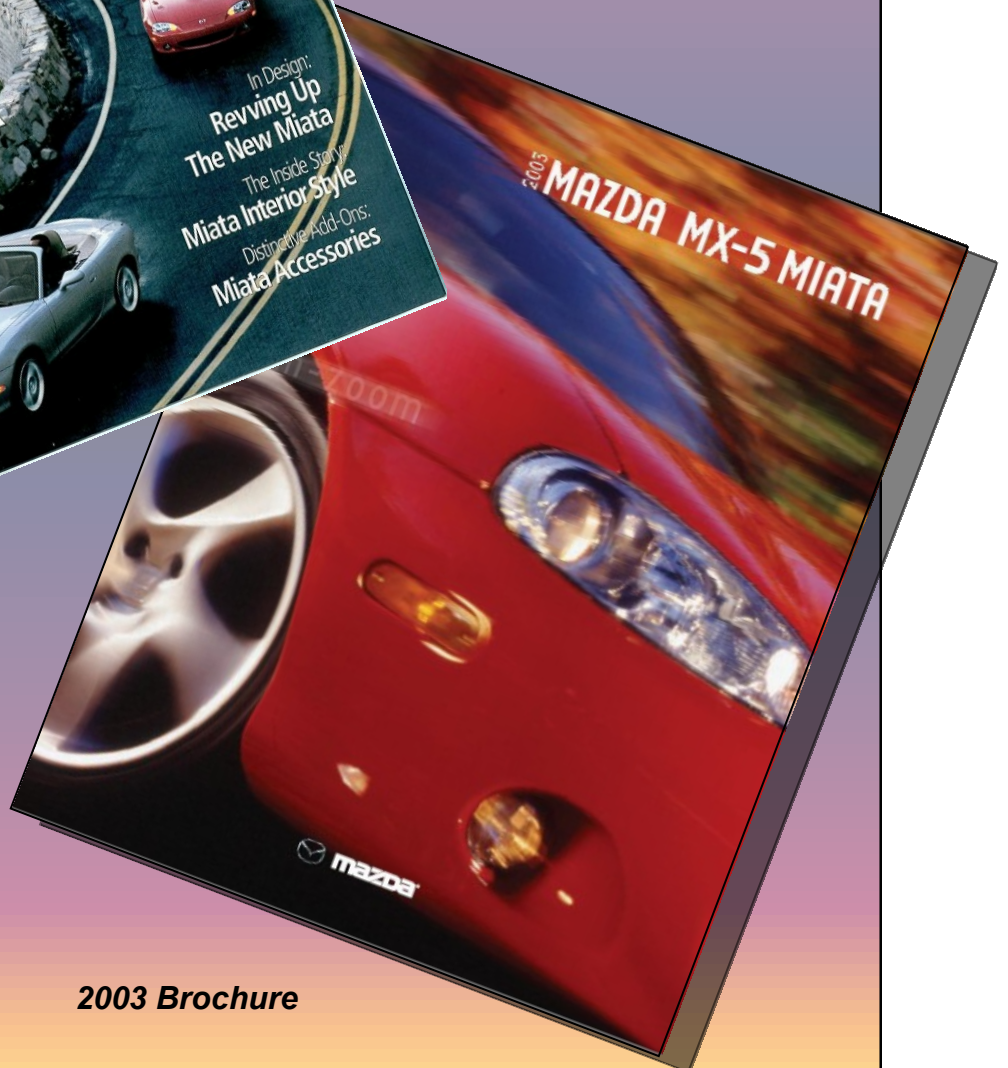
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2001 Brochure



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"Join us because of the car, you'll stay because of your friends"