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Editors message

by Doug Jackson



Since the last edition of the newsletter, on April Fool's Day, there has already been an exciting start to the 2017 cruising season, with even more events in the planning stages for the mid-summer and early fall period. Hopefully, the wet weather of the early spring is behind us and we can look forward to enjoying our cars in more typical summer weather!

The AGM on April 23rd got us all thinking about the cruising season, and to date, six activities have already happened! Hopefully, reading the accounts of these events will bring back pleasant memories, and looking at the list of upcoming cruises will stimulate you to join in on the summer and fall Club activities.

Thank you to all of our members who have volunteered to lead and co-ordinate stimulating cruises for our membership. The old adage, "Many hands make light work", cer-

tainly applies to our Club. We are grateful that so many are willing to do so much.

Once again, I thank Cal Lander for his expertise in taking my regular MS Word documents and manipulating the contents into such a professional newsletter. Invaluable assistance! Greatly appreciated!

Happy cruising this summer!



Mazda Canada comes through ...

Here is a portion of an email received recently.

Hi Cal,

Thank you for getting back to me with your updated club information. Once again, we have established a fund for each group, based on the number of members. This year, we will simply be issuing a cheque to support events and initiatives your group has planned.

The Miatas of Muskoka have been allocated \$1,450.

Once again, it is our pleasure to support such wonderful Mazda owners and fans. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Ted Dirstein Memorial

by Bob Macaulay

It is with great sadness that the Miatas of Muskoka Council wishes to notify all of our members about the passing of our fledgling member Ted Dirstein of Bracebridge.

Ted and his dear wife Karen joined our group at this year's AGM in April 2017. After Laurel and Gordon corralled Ted in the Walmart parking lot early last summer, and after several meetings over coffee at Tim's over the year, they finally persuaded the Dirsteins to join. Ted did mention that he was still working part-time, but he and Karen would certainly try to attend some of our functions. They both attended our Spring Fling and Ted attended the AGM.

Ted passed away on Friday, June 2nd., as a result of a tragic private plane crash near the Muskoka Airport. Ted was an accomplished test pilot, currently working with Lake Central in Muskoka as a flight



trainer. Ted was highly regarded in the aviation industry for his flying skills.

Ted also loved off-road motorcycle riding and competed in championships in Enduro and cross country competitions. Ted also brought home a medal for Team Canada in the ISDE, (International Six Day Enduro) off-road motorcycle challenge.

Even though we were just getting to know Ted, we will miss him greatly. Our condolences go out to his dear wife Karen, his two daughters and all other family members. RIP Ted!!!



Membership

Meet the New Members!

Al Fitkin

Every new member is, as am I, excited about joining the Miata's of Muskoka" car club. I look forward to meeting and making new friends and will enjoy the opportunity to have an excuse to take my car out and cruise top down with you! By way of background information I am on my own as my wife of 27 years died of cancer in May 2016. I am a retired Law Enforcement Officer of 40 years with 32 years experience with the OPP. We moved to my current home in Oro Medonte in 1994 and at the time of this writing (June 18th) I am still here for only another 30 days before I must move after selling our home and downsizing. My wife and I enjoyed going to our RV trailer on the Pickerel River (1 hour south of Sudbury on 69 Hwy) and we were both avid pickerel fishermen. I had long thought of owning and driving a convertible sports car and considered a Miata and a Beamer. It was a toss up between another motorcycle and a sports car and at my age the car won. Every time for several years

when I saw a Miata parked in any lot I would wait for the owner to come back and chat him up about the car. I had fantasized about the Mazda Red with tan interior that is so prominent in their advertising. I realized a used car of that

description would never make it to the used car market, but oh well, I'll take what comes along. About a year ago I put my name in with the local dealer for a good used one, but nothing came of it. One day last fall, I was next door to the dealer for a presentation at the hotel with time to spare and I thought I'd drive through the lot in case they forgot about me. There it was, the car of my dreams, brand new and what a beauty! Of course I was hooked!

Black over beautiful red convertible 2017 GT with tan interior and manual transmission, I had to call and investigate. Who could resist? It is a thrill to drive and wind it out through the gears; if I ever get a ticket this will be the environment for it. I'm okay on the highway but when I get on a township side road the car begs me to "let it go". I love driving the car, top down, and shifting through the gears.



Membership

Meet the New Members!

Steve and Wendy Bazuk

by the Co-Pilot, Wendy

Steve and I are excited about joining the "Miatas of Muskoka" car club. We look forward to meeting everyone and cruising with you!

As a way of introducing ourselves, I'm providing you with a little background information. We were born and raised in Montreal and met in high school. We moved to Barrie in 1972 and raised our four children in the Barrie area. Each of our children are married and have given us eight grandchildren, all living locally! We now spend a good deal of our time in gyms and arenas!

I am a semi-retired teacher and Steve is a semi-retired promotional salesman. We now live in Horseshoe Valley where we enjoy skiing, snowshoeing, cycling and golf.

After years of driving only "family vehicles", we treated ourselves to a beautiful "fun" car

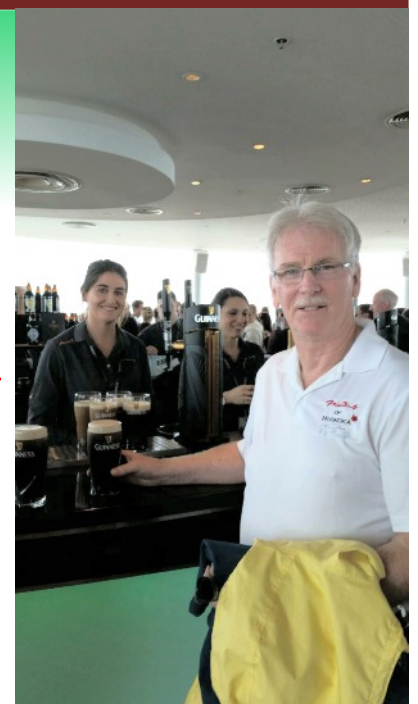
for ourselves. Occupying a special space in our garage is our recently purchased, prized 1999 MX5 Miata 10th Anniversary Special Edition. We have never owned a Miata before, so we are anxious to meet other owners and learn more about this wonderful model of car!



Michael Topping in Dublin



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BREWERY IN DUBLIN,
IRELAND*



Upcoming Events . . .

Miatas of Muskoka 2017 Cruise Event Schedule

2017

Cruise Event	Date	Event Type	Cruise Director(s)	
Spring Fling Cruise & Lunch	Sat. May 6th	Day-trip	Gord & Laurel Bauldry	✓
Angevaare Mazda	Sun. June 4th	Day-trip	Bob & Carol Macaulay	✓
Annual Miata Open House/BBQ/Cruise (Peterborough)	Sat. June 10th	Day-trip	Cal & Gail Lander	✓
Simcoe Cty. Museum & Antique Const'n Eqpt. Demonstration	Sat. June 21st	Day-trip	Bill & Cathy Gilbert	
Scavenger Hunt CANCELLED	Tues. July 11th	Day-trip	Ed and Judy Gigg	
Collingwood Escarpment Cruise	Wed-Thurs. July 19-20	Overnight (1 nite)	Bob & Carol Macaulay	
'Round Algonquin Park	Sat. Aug. 12th	Day-trip	No CD req'd – (Bob Macaulay is MoM's contact with event plnr.)	
"Miata Rally for Kids" (start from Moffat's Mazda Barrie – details being finalized)	Fri. Aug. 18th	Day-trip	Larry & Barbara Dickson	
Parry Sound Boat Cruise/meal	Sat Aug. 26th	Day-trip	Doug & Sheila Jackson	
King's Wharf Theatre "Joseph's Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat"	Sept. 7th	Day-trip	Gord & Laurel Bauldry	
Matinee and dinner (Penetang)	Thurs. Sept. 19-21	Overnight (2 nts.)	Lynda Gigg	
Apiary Tour & lunch (south of Barrie)	Early October (exact date TBD)	Day-trip	Michael Topping	
Prince Edward Cty./Kingston Cruise				
Fall Colours (Muskoka) (details to be determined)				

Ice cream runs 2nd and 4th Tues. evg. every month (starts May 23th)

Meet at Bracebridge Y.I.G. @ 6:30 PM (unless advised otherwise via advance e-mail.) Exact dates are May 23rd, June 13th & 27th, July 11th & 25th, August 8th & 22nd, September 12th, and possibly Sept. 26th weather permitting.

[**NOTE:** "*special*" ice cream runs will take place on one of above specified dates each month except September, involving special activity (in addition to ice cream) - advance email notices will be sent to members for special runs, with details.]

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.]

Upcoming Events . . .

EXTRA



This is a notice from Heather Boutcher of Mazda Canada

Heather Boutcher (MCI) <hboutche@mazda.ca>
Attachments 12:11 PM (3 hours ago)

Hi Everyone!

I just realized that I never sent out this note so I apologize for the extremely late notice (although I'm sure most of you already know about it J).

The Mazda car corral will be in full swing once again at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park when the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship rolls into town July 6-9, 2017.

Mazda Corral tickets are \$68.25, in line with the price of a regular weekend super-ticket. The Cobourg Mazda team will be leading the charge this year, as I am unable to attend. I have full confidence that they'll deliver the fantastic Mazda experience that you're all used to.

As always, your members will receive all the great benefits of the corral, including:

- 4-day admission
- Access to a private tented area and parking from Friday to Sunday
- A parade lap
- Driver meet and greet sessions
- BBQ Lunch on Sunday

Tickets can be ordered directly online at
<https://canadiantiremotorsportpark.com/products/mobil-1-grand-prix?variant=36341569097>



Upcoming Events . . .



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COLLINGWOOD ESCARPMENT CRUISE

Who's Invited: All members and their guests

When: TUESDAY JULY 11TH

Please arrive on time, so we can get organized and depart by 9:30 A.M.

Starting Where: HOME DEPOT ORILLIA

Itinerary: Highlights:
CREEMORE,
COLLINGWOOD,
EUGENIA FALLS

Cruise directors: JUDY AND ED GIGG
RSVP: egigg72@gmail.com

A few reminders:

- To ensure everyone's safety, CB radios are now required for participation in all MoM cruise events; please remember to bring and use your CB
[NOTE: if you don't already own a CB, we have 2 portable CB units available for use on this cruise on a one-time only loan basis, pending purchase of your own unit.]
- This cruise will take place "rain or shine."
- All participants should bring and wear their *MoM* name tags.
- Please make sure your car has a full fuel tank before we depart.
- The Cruise Directors will lead one group, but will require a sweep; when you RSVP, please indicate your willingness to be their sweep, or to lead or sweep a second group, in case we have enough members for 2 groups of cars

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Preliminary Event Notice 'Round Algonquin Park Cruise

Who's Invited: All members and their guests

When: **Wednesday/ Thursday July 19th/ 20th**
The purpose of this preliminary notice is to facilitate a prompt member response and timely hotel reservations.

Location and other details:

This 2-day cruise will be circumnavigating all the way around Algonquin Park in a counterclockwise direction, with 1 overnight stop, in Mattawa.

Our chosen accommodation spot is the **Valois Restaurant & Motel**, located right on Hwy. 17 at the south edge of town, in a scenic spot overlooking the Ottawa River. Detailed hotel info. can be found at: <http://valoismotel.com/> As you'll note, the **Valois** offers a variety of accommodation buildings, with many units overlooking the river. The preferred buildings/units with a view are the "50s" and "30s" (see site map on website), and all units have either 2 double beds or 1 queen bed. Rates are the same for both 50s and 30s units -- \$89/night double accommodation (\$79/night single). There is a good onsite restaurant in the main lodge building.

A number of units are currently available for July 19th, in both the 50s and 30s buildings; however, because July is in their peak season, they are not willing to "hold" a block of units for our **MoM** group. Instead, they encouraged interested individuals to call in ASAP and reserve a room in the 50s or 30s buildings (relatively close to one another) in order to be assured of accommodation for that July 19th night.

Please RSVP by email to Bob Macaulay at cmacaulay_8@sympatico.ca as soon as possible (by Saturday June 17th at the latest) , so I know how many MoM members will be participating. For those who are going, please also call the hotel directly, ASAP (toll-free: 705-744-5583) to reserve your own room. FYI, cancellation policy is flexible -- only 24 hrs. req'd.

TOO LATE

If still interested, please contact the cruise directors directly for information in case spots are still available.

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Preliminary Announcement Parry Sound Cruise on the Chippewa With Lunch at Henry's

Who's Invited: All members and their guests

When: Friday August 18th

This will be a full day event.

The purpose of this preliminary announcement is to firm up numbers to facilitate reservations.

Location and other details:

The itinerary for the Chippewa cruise:

- 9:45am -- Depart Parry Sound
- 11:45am -- Arrive at Frying Pan Island
- 1:15pm -- Depart after a fresh fish lunch
- 3:15pm -- Arrive back in Parry Sound

We'll need to be at the dock in Parry Sound by 9:30am.

Our tentative route for cruising to Parry Sound would be fairly direct with proposed rendezvous points at Skyways Motel on highway 11 (~8:00am) and somewhere along 141 – possibly Raymond or Rosseau. We'll map out a different route for the way back. Route details will be finalized and relayed well in advance of the event.

The price for the Chippewa cruise is \$38 per person. Menu for Henry's world famous restaurant on Frying Pan Island can be reviewed online at <http://www.henrysfishrestaurant.com>.

Barb & Larry Dickson will be your (novice) Cruise Directors for this event. We've got a block of tickets on hold until the end of May.

Please RSVP by email to larry@infix-systems.com before the end of May so that we can reserve tickets.

If you're able to join...

TOO LATE

If still interested, please contact the cruise directors directly for information in case spots are still available.

Upcoming Events . . .



Now that April is here, we are beginning to ‘ramp-up’ our preparations for the upcoming production of “Joseph” We have had a very positive response to the announcement sent out in December. At this point, we have 27 people attending, with the possibility of gaining some more!

A block of tickets for our “Miatas of Muskoka” group has been held for the 2:00 pm production on **Saturday, August 26, 2017**. The ‘down payment’ has already been paid. For those attending, your payments of \$37.00 + HST (\$41.81) per person, or \$83.62 per car, can be paid in cheque or cash at the AGM on April 23rd. *Our records show responses, either attending or not, from: Bauldry, Dickson, Fedorowich, Gigg E&J, Gigg L, Gilbert, Hill, Holdsworth P&C, Jackson, Lander, Macaulay, Phillips, Rice, Topping, Towsley and Walker*

If you have not yet responded, please let Doug and Sheila know if you are interested in attending, by email at sjackson@csolve.net or by phone at 705-835-6900. We will wait until the AGM in April, in case we have some members joining our group, before finalizing our attendance. Tickets for the general public, unused tickets from our group, are available for sale.



Events already enjoyed

Annual General Meeting, April 23, 2017

by Doug Jackson

For the second year in a row, a bright, sunny day was in store for our Annual General Meeting, and the parking lot had at least seven Miatas lined up! Of course, some members chose to leave their 'summer car' in the garage for a little while longer, but still joined us at the Bracebridge Arena for the annual meeting. It was good that Sheila and Doug followed the original timing for the meeting (1:30 pm) because this allowed all of the people who followed the amended timing (1:00 pm) ample time to see everyone again, enjoy coffee and muffins and cookies and socialize with one another while they waited! Obviously, the Miataville Council had met during the winter months to prepare preliminary suggestions and recommendations that were shared with the members. That aided our discus-

sions and decision-making immensely! A tentative list of cruises and dates were prepared and the finalized list was emailed to all of the members. The "Cruise Events Schedule" also appears at the beginning of this newsletter, and you are encouraged to mark the dates on your calendars. Some folks had to leave as soon as the meeting finished, but the accompanying photo

shows that a large number of members attended and helped to shape the plans for the 2017 cruising season.



Annual General Meeting,
April 23, 2017

Events already enjoyed

Spring Fling Cruise and Lunch

by Cruise Director Laurel Bauldry,
photos from Doug and Bob



Our Spring Fling cruise, the first outing of the season, took place on May 6, 2017. The day turned out to be cold and rainy, as you can see

from the photo above, so we proceeded slower than we normally do, due to the excess water build up on the roads.

Nine cars participated, with seventeen members in attendance. Three of our newest members, Ted and Karen Dirstein and Al Fitkin, joined us for our cruise along Southwood Road and South Sparrow Lake Road to our luncheon spot, Washago Village Restaurant on Highway 11 South at Washago. The cruise through the flooded land along the banks of the canal and the river was remarkable. The photos show the result of the huge amount of rain we've had this spring. It was difficult to get good photos because the rain was falling so fast! Much of our driving



was spent looking through rain-splattered windows!



When we arrived at the restaurant, it was still teeming rain. Our usual orderly parking of cars, with precise lines and uniform facing directions, was abandoned. The haphazard parking organization was a topic of conversation around our tables! The food was very good and all of us enjoyed the friendly chatter and laughs at the tables. What a lovely way to start off

our new cruising season. Thank you to all of our participants.

Laurel Bauldry



Events already enjoyed

Special Ice Cream Cruise OPP Museum, Red Caboose Mini-Golf

Cruise Directors:
Laurel Bauldry, Gail Lander

On Tuesday, May 23rd., 21 members of our club met at the OPP General Headquarters in Orillia for a tour of their Museum and the "Public Street".

Two retired members of the OPP, Inspector Dave Osbourne and Sgt. Peter McGuinness, very knowledgeable and approachable gentlemen, led our tour. We viewed very interesting displays in the museum and

several old cruisers and a *motorcycle on the "street". We toured the library, the auditorium and the Souvenir shop. We all viewed the "Memorial Wall" listing the names of fallen OPP officers. Many of us commented on the wide variety of interesting displays and suggested that it would make an excellent excursion to 'redo' with grandchildren! Everyone enjoyed the tour and thanked our guides for our very

interesting and absorbing time.

Following our OPP Tour, we went to "The Red Caboose" where we ordered our dinner, played nine holes of "Mini-Putt", ate dinner, played the rest of the golf course, then finished the evening with ice cream!

*Editor's Comment: This was an enjoyable and informative "Special Ice Cream Cruise" and we thank Laurel and Gail for making the arrangements!



Events already enjoyed

Angevarre Mazda 2nd Annual Miata Open House

by Bob Macaulay

Despite the cool, very wet weather forecast, 8 intrepid souls (7 MoMers + 1 guest, in 5 Miatas), made the sojourn over to Angevaare Mazda in Peterborough for their "2nd Annual Miata Open House", on Sunday June 4th.

Regrettably, the actual weather reflected the forecast pretty closely ... steady and at times heavy rain all the way, and unseasonably cool for early June. Nonetheless, we soldiered on, following some nice county roads southeast through the northern Kawarthas to Hwy. 7 near Lindsay, then along 7 the rest of the way. We made the trek there in about 2 hours from the first rendez-vous point in south Muskoka, and about 1.5 hours from our second meeting spot east of Orillia. Unfortunately, the nasty weather appeared to have taken a toll on the turnout, as there were only about 25 Miatas at the dealership (including our 5) ... substantially fewer than last year, when their entire front display area plus the side parking lot was chock full. Regardless, we made the best of it, chatting with dealership staff and other Miata attendees, enjoying a tasty

catered BBQ (indoors, in the showroom), and we got to hang out in the back shop, where there was a 2017 Miata RF on display, for us to "kick the tires", sit in, and thoroughly inspect; it was on loan from Mazda Canada HQ in Richmond Hill and

had been driven up to this event by an auto journalist (Lesley Wimbush.)

After lunch, one of the Angevarres led everyone on an afternoon cruise south from Peterborough and all the way around Rice Lake. Our little sub-group of MoM cars (now 4) tagged along at the back of the pack for about half an hour, as far as the village of Keene, where 3 of our group turned north for the trip back home (the 4th car stayed with the main group and completed that guided afternoon cruise.) We took a different route back home, going north through the rolling hills of the eastern Kawarthas, past Lakefield and Young's Point to Burleigh Falls, then west through Buckhorn to Bobcaygeon. We turned north again there, and proceeded to Kinmount, where we stopped for a break, exchanged goodbyes with the 2 Orillia bound cars, and continued our trip home through Minden, Carnarvon and Dorset, west to Baysville, then north to Huntsville. The trip back from Peterborough (via Keene) to Huntsville took us slightly over 2.5 hours, so it ended up being a fairly full day.



Despite the steady rain for almost the entire trip, it was still a very enjoyable

day ... fun re-discovering some scenic secondary routes which we don't get on very often.

Bob Macaulay

Events already enjoyed



Wheels and Tracks in Motion

Cruise Directors,
Cal and Gail Lander



On Saturday, June 10th, eight spiffy little Miatas and 14 intrepid pilots and their co-pilots assembled at the Orillia Square parking lot in Orillia. It was a Glorious morning on which to start out on their adventure. In order to avoid traveling on main highways we took the back roads all the way past pretty Orr Lake and on through to Elmvale. We proceeded through the village of Phelpston and on towards Stayner where we made a left turn back toward Edenvale aerodrome for a lovely lunch at Tilley's on 26.



With a bit of advance planning we got there early enough to avoid the lunch rush and although we did get good tables we had to wait a while for our lunch.



Afterwards we moved on to the Simcoe County Museum in Midhurst. Once there we all enjoyed the many and varied displays put on by

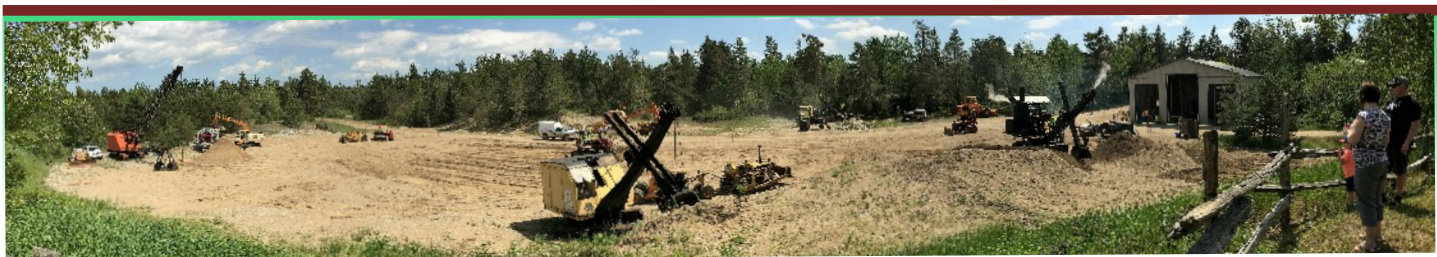
the historical construction equipment association which included many antique restored pieces of construction equipment such as tractors, road building equipment, steam shovels (actually powered by steam engines) and antique construction



machinery. The museum itself is worth the trip but the actual demonstration of this

antique equipment was fascinating. There were two quarries on site that were actually





being worked by the machinery and to make it even better there was a people mover available so that you did not have to walk around the 500 acres of the museum.



*All photos
courtesy
of Doug
Jackson*



Although three of our original group of cars decided to depart for home by their own way, those remaining decided on a whim to follow the leader through to Orillia for refreshments at the Lander's home followed by a 6 o'clock Chinese dinner which everybody seemed to enjoy. The general consensus seemed to be that we had a great day and the weather certainly cooperated for once.



*It's
always
about
the
food!*

Special ICR to Weber's

By doug Jackson



Our second "Special Ice Cream Run" of the year took place on Tuesday afternoon and evening, June 27th and it involved a group of fourteen members in eight cars. The "northern group" of cruisers met in Gravenhurst and drove some scenic roads enroute to the parking lot of Webers, on highway 11 just north of Orillia. They met up with the four cars from the "southern group" and, as you can see from the photo, stood in the parking lot and enjoyed some spirited conversation. We met two new members to our group, Bob and Donna Matthews, and admired their 2004 "Black Cherry" NB. (Notice that we are all standing close to the newest member of our group!) Most of us drove to Webers with the tops down, but you will notice that the tops are all up in the photo. Why, you ask? Well, perched on the roof of the building on the left were fourteen seagulls that took turns flying over our cars. Ask Gail Lander what happened!

We enjoyed our hamburgers, fries and beverages on the picnic tables near the park and continued our socializing, enjoying the pleasant weather. When we finished our dinner, we took a group photo around the giant Muskoka Chair". It was tough to coax people to climb onto the chair, particularly after dinner! Bob, Carol, Mike and Cathy struggled onto the chair and the rest of us were glad they did!





Of course, an ice cream run has to have ice cream, and we all enjoyed the assortment of flavours and the generous scoops! The only drawback was benches rather than chairs, but Cal and David solved the problem of no backrests their own way! It was a great outing and we look forward to more events like this throughout the summer!



ME2 ZMZM Goes West

Gordon and Laurel Bauldry (June, 2017)



Several of us spoke to Gord and Laurel at the OPP Museum Cruise and expressed incredulity when they said they were going to take their Miata on A VERY LONG TRIP to the Canadian West. While we admired their enthusiasm for going on an epic voyage during Canada's 150th birthday celebrations, we secretly doubted that they would actually do it! On June 16th, Gord sent a photo showing gas prices in Winnipeg. Well, that indicated that they were "on their way". We are not certain if that was as far as they intended to go, in order to take advantage of the offer of five cents off gasoline on Mondays and Thursdays. However, on Monday, June 19th, Gord sent a photo from his phone showing their car with the ROCKY MOUNTAINS in the background! Now, at this point we do not know if Gord and

Laurel actually drove there, but ME2 ZMZM has definitely reached the mountains. We'll stay tuned to see if more pictures arrive actually showing the Bauldry's (A conspiracy theory suggests someone else drove their car).



Life is Getting Better for Miata5!

For the past two newsletters, I have been complaining about Doug and Sheila's treatment of me. I'm the oldest car in the club, and their lack of TLC has bordered on 'elder abuse', I believe. HOWEVER, things are showing signs of improvement! At last, I'm looking forward to the summer! What happened? Well, three things, actually. First, during the winter, my owners went to Guadeloupe with their friends who have a 1980 Moke. Apparently, lots of stories were shared about the great times that car club members have when participating in club events, like the "Teddy Bears Picnic" that



the Victoria, B.C. club held. Anyway, my owners came back enthusiastic about getting out on more cruises and trips. Hurray! Sheila gave me a big scare when she started looking at a yellow 2002 Special Edition, just like Mike and Cathy have, and I got worried that she was thinking about selling me, particularly after other MoM members started sending emails about bright yellow Miatas that were available. Sheila got several "Miata for Sale" emails from Mike and Gord, and I got really stressed for a while. I heaved a sigh of relief when she bought a

Honda CR-V and kept it outside, leaving the garage for me! The best thing is their increased interest in looking after me! They became motivated to "take me in for a check-up", something I haven't had for over three years! Wow! I've had all of my fluids changed, my brakes serviced, and have had brand new tires installed! I feel like a teenager again! Apparently, they have signed me up to go on the trip around Algonquin Park and will likely go on the three-day trip in September. Yes, life is definitely improving for me! I think it has something to do with the threatening letter that Carol Macaulay sent to Doug. I can hardly wait to meet up with ZUMERANG and say thanks! Some other MoM club members have been aware of my plight and have offered items and suggestions about how my owners can make me into a classy old guy.

Here I am in the parking lot at Webers, looking mighty fine, and grateful to Cal, Gord, Mike and Bob for their help in urging my owners to give me the attention I deserve!

Yes, the future looks brighter for me!



**I DON'T ALWAYS
DRIVE A MIATA**



**BUT WHEN I DO, IT
IS ALWAYS TOP DOWN**