

Spring 2014

Miatas of Muskoka

Welcome to your first quarterly newsletter

Council Operations

As you likely now know, Michael has officially stepped down as "Mayor" of Miataville. However, he has agreed to carry on with one aspect of his former role, and that is to act as MoM's "club liaison" with outsiders, such as Mazda Canada, other Miata clubs, etc. Thank you Michael for all you long hours and dedication to the success of Miataville.

I, Heather Fraser, have officially stepped down from "Deputy Mayor". Although I am sure that Michael and I would agree, our love of driving hasn't depreciated, just change in life's time commitments.

I am excited to create this newsletters as a quarterly communications tool for our members. I must admit, Michael did such a great job that it feels like big shoes to fill.



Your comments, feedback and input are greatly appreciated. It is my goal to create a newsletter that is interesting, educational and networking. If you would like to have something included in the newsletter, please do not hesitate to email me.

Thank you Cal Lander for submitting an interesting article I will post the link on page 2.

Thank you to the rest of Council, who will continue to fulfill their existing roles, and have agreed to take turns organizing and chairing/facilitating the minimum four cruise events themselves.

Thank you to Paul Bennett who continues to look after our club web-site, and has agreed to formerly join Council.

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On the cover

The bestselling two-seater in history is the fun, affordable Mazda MX-5 Miata, and it takes only one experience of its sparkling personality to understand why. Powered by a rorty 167-hp, 2.0-liter four-cylinder and blessed with wonderful steering and brakes—and tail-happy cornering skills—the Miata has won a bunch of 10Best awards since its introduction. For pure driving bliss, look no further.

The perennial Mazda Miata carries into 2014 with no changes. Its design and interior are getting somewhat long in the tooth (a [replacement is due](#) for 2015 or 2016), but the car's ideal combination of low

mass, 51/49 weight distribution, rear-wheel drive, and just enough power never gets old.

It is also among the most-fuel-efficient pure sports cars on the market. EPA ratings for the Miata Sport with the five-speed manual are 22 mpg city and 28 highway; other Miatas are rated at 21/28.

The Miata earned a place on our [10 Best list for the eighth straight year](#) because its personality belies its modest specifications.

<http://www.caranddriver.com/mazda/mx-5-miata>



Estimated Arrival and Price: Sometime in late 2013 or early 2014. Prices should start at around \$25,000.

Generations



Perhaps the Japanese automaker's most aggressively styled model, the [Mazda Miata MX-5](#) has carried the sports car banner for the brand since its debut two decades ago.

Mazda rolled out the second generation of the Miata MX-5 in 1998 in preparation for the 1999 model year. The Miata MX-5 was now slightly wider and also had fixed headlights.

The third generation of the Mazda Miata MX-5 premiered in 2006. The US engine choices include a 16 valve, 2.0L MZR I4 along with a 5 or 6-speed manual transmission (6-speed automatic is optional). A special edition 3rd Generation Limited Mazda Miata MX-5 was offered with bigger wheels and chrome trim. A coupe convertible with a 3-piece folding hardtop was also introduced.

"30 days till April 1"

Next-Gen Mazda MX-5 to Lose 720 Pounds?

The goal to send the Mazda MX-5 Miata back to its roots with a serious weight-saving scheme is not new. Mazda's engineers received the task to drop at least 720 pounds off the Miata's current weight.

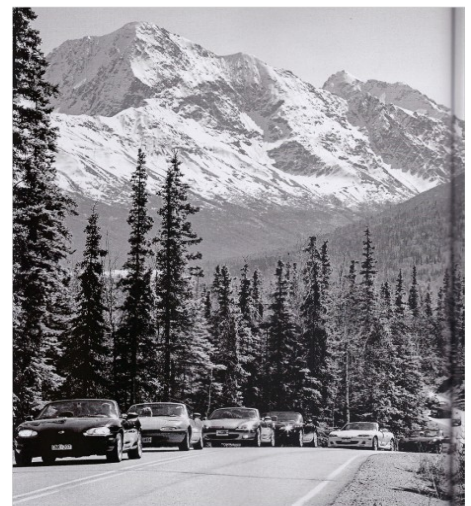
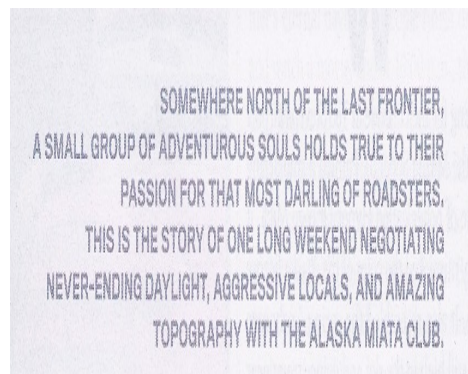
The company expects that the next-generation Miata will be close to the base 1989 model, which weighed 2,178 pounds.

<http://www.carid.com/mazda-miata-mx-5-accessories/>

Members Share

Cal Lander forwarded a great Miata Alaska article. **Top Down Under the Midnight Sun** by Brett Berk Follow the link below:

<https://onedrive.live.com/redir.aspx?cid=79cb29f0339beb16&page=self&resid=79CB29F0339BEB16!909&parid=79CB29F0339BEB16!718&authkey=!ArPBxrhYCs1vvtE&Bpub=SDX.SkyDrive&Bsrc=Share>



2014 Ladies Cruise

Ladies plan to attend the 4th Annual Ladies Cruise in July 2014. A fun day filled with shopping, cruising, dining and a game of poker. We always visit new and return visits to interesting places in our back yards. Cabin Savvy has been a regular stop and is just off the beaten trail, where lies a gem of a shopping experience. At Lou's, there is something for everyone. We've had a little wine tasting at our local winery, visited our local farmers, and enjoyed lunch on many of the wonderful patios available.

New suggestions this year include Museum tours, high tea, and always "Best Poker Hand" prize.



Caught on Camera

Caught on Camera is an opportunity for members to submit photos of either Miata-ville group photos, spectacular views, funny or unusual sites caught on camera while on zoom control.

Zoom your lenses, while you zoom zoom

Submit your photos that you would like to share in our newsletters to

heatherlisa@gmail.com



Left to right:
Lynn, Ted, Laurel, Michael, Bob, Heather, Maureen



(As far as we know, photo is public domain)



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<http://www.miatasofmuskoka.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Miatas-of-Muskoka/177889645646804>

We are a small group of Miata enthusiasts that like to explore the twisty back roads and scenic lakes in Canada's premier vacation playground Muskoka!

Jinba ittai

Mazda used a design credo across the three generations of the MX5's development: the phrase Jinba ittai (人馬一体?, [[dzimba ittai](#)]),^[10]

which translates loosely into English as "rider (jin) horse (ba) as one body (ittai)".^[10]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mazda_MX-5



Please forward comments and suggestions to
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Mark your calendars

April AGM

Lynn Bryan and Laurel Bauldry will be co-chairs of this event,



Sunday April 27th at 2:00 PM, Upstairs meeting room at Bracebridge Arena.

Same location we used last spring (that venue still to be confirmed.) Basic refreshments will be served (muffins & coffee), a flip chart & markers will be available for recording of decisions on preferred cruise ideas for the 2014 season, and the agenda items are (at this point) expected to in-

clude the following: (a) a discussion of proposed cruise ideas; (b) an updated report from *MoM's* treasurer; (c) a reminder about liability and the signing of waivers by both members (annually) and guests (at each event); (d) the renewal of memberships (now to be standardized to March 1st for everyone), and payment of renewal dues; and, (e) our new policy about mandatory CB's for cruise participation.

NOTE: Cruise Director in each case will continue to have **primary** responsibility for organizing the event, including planning the route, making any required arrangements (e.g. lunch stop), and notifying the general membership about the cruise details

Previous popular cruises include

SPRING FLING
 NIAGARA ON THE LAKE
 SCENIC PICNIC
 SCAVENGER HUNT
 LADIES CRUISE
 HURONIA CRUISE
 OTTAWA CRUISE
 PORT MC NICHOL
 St. JACOBS CRUISE
 FALL COLOURS CRUISE
 ICE CREAM CRUISES

New destination suggestions and Cruise Director's opportunities available in 2014.
Bring your ideas to the AGM

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