

Spring Is Here -Tops Down- Have Fun



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President's Report

Arno Boge

Welcome to the first Club Talk of the new financial year. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the past year and also, as part of Spring, to look forward to the new year ahead.

Firstly I wish to recognise the tremendous commitment and effort of the retiring committee members:

- Jean Cook – Jean leaves me with a challenge to fill her 'President shoes'.
- Matilda (Moneypenny) Mravacic – Matilda's tremendous effort in keeping well and truly on top of the 'books' and helping put the Club in a very good financial position.
- Laurie (Mr Video) Tesoriero – who spent a lot of time and effort behind the scenes, and behind the camera, documenting and promoting the Club.

To the new committee, congratulations,

and thank you for volunteering your time to assist in the running of your Club.

The committee has already started work on a number of initiatives, including the search for a new Club logo; sponsorship of the Club; a review of the Constitution; and joining with other clubs in running track events. In addition a sub-committee has been formed to organise Natmeet 2004.

Also special thanks to the regular volunteers – Daniella Di Giovanni, Jeff Gehrig, Zan Menzel and Chris Johnson, who continue to provide such valuable assistance.

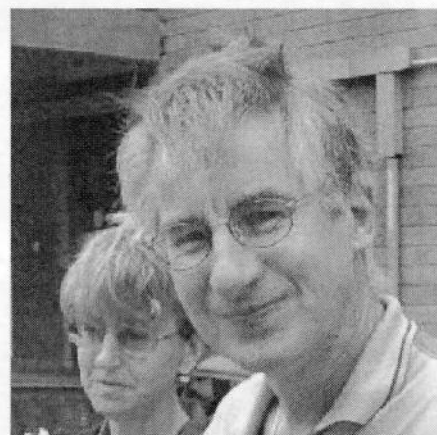
I find it very gratifying to hear comments, from both members and people outside the Club, on how well events are conducted, and especially about how friendly and welcoming our members are. This is a tribute to all our members.

I encourage members to be active in

our Club. Contributions of ideas and assistance in organising events are always welcome. Members are also encouraged to attend the monthly committee meetings. Come along and see what happens behind the scenes.

I am confident you will enjoy the events we have planned. I look forward to meeting you at a Club event.

Best wishes,
Arno Boge



Welcome New Members

A Very Warm Welcome to our Latest Members

Kim Biggar
Simon Farquhar
Vic Gabriel
David Ellis
Jane Farquhar
Sharon Gabriel
Gary Tai
Robert Breit
Peter Beswick
Joseph Szeto
Michael Smith
Clive Jones
Susan Higgins
Peony Lim
James Yu

Edward Higgins
Janine Keable
Cameron Bell
Warrick Stephens
Paul Beerworth
Rodd Clarke
Tony Ng
Margaret Beerworth
David Kent
Mark Schwertfeger
Meredyth Howard
Brad Walsh
Bernie Wilson
Doug Robson
Brian Hayes

Peter Giles
Loues Cosentino
James Crawford
Albert Leung
Adam Williams
Belinda Williams
Donna Wachsmuth
David Brown
Gerry Burton
Margaret Burton
Adam Dodd
Don Wright
Patrick Sheridan
Ken Horspool
Anthony Booker

Greg Hunt
Joseph Knight
Wendy Knight
Shen Wong
Roger O'Grady
Sanjeev Israni
Shweta Israni
Jeremy Cook
Helen Brooke
Jan Allard
Sulman Ahmed
Troy Pascoe
John Penfold
Shane Pope
Sally Payne

See you all at the next run...

COMPETITION REPORT

Here we are in early spring and the start of another new year with the MX-5 Club. Since the last edition of Club Talk & the AGM in late July, there has been plenty happening. It is a pleasure to once again take on the responsibilities of Competition Secretary. A draft calendar of sporting activities for 2003 has been presented and accepted by the new committee. Planned club activities will include another driver training day with Ian Luff and our usual track days at Wakefield Park, two on Sundays and five on the traditional Mondays. We are also looking to "put back into the sport" by conducting a round of next year's State Supersprint Series.

Our first club **Practice Day for 2002/03** was held on 12th August. Unfortunately changing weather conditions with showers and a little sleet late in the day made it difficult for all attending. Once again we had close to a full field with 43 competitors including two interstate MX-5 Club members, one from Victoria and the other from South Australia. They both left Wakefield Park with smiles on their faces so hopefully word will get around and we will see more interstaters at our track days.

Our old friend Ed Chivers driving Brian Anderson's PRB Clubman recorded fastest time of the day. Ed's best time was 1.04.98, just shading Brian's time by 0.02 seconds. You know what happens when you beat the boss or car owner don't you ED? Third fastest at 1.08.84, was a visitor Scott Fleming driving Val Stewart's recently repaired Mk 6 Mazda RX 7. Scott, the Rev Doctor, is responsible for preparing Bill Dougall's MX-5 "Bugger". "Bugger" recently acquired some notoriety, being featured amongst the back page photos in a recent edition of "Auto Action". Fastest lady on

the day went to Val Stewart, 1.11.86, after a close battle with Matilda Mravacic.

Group 2 had the luck with them when it came to the weather and regularity time. Kyle Alberts winning the regularity from Kevin Addison in his Honda S2000 with Chris Tonna third. Our next practice day is on Monday 14th October followed by our next Sunday track day on 10th November.

In recent rounds of the **State Supersprints Championship** conducted at Oran Park South Circuit and Wakefield Park, the MX-5 club has been able to increase its lead in the club championship. Teamx5 now has 91 points followed by NSWRRRC on 71 and Toyosports on 56 points. Chris Tonna was a welcome new entrant at Wakefield Park and was rewarded with a win in class 1b. Other class winners on that day were Robin Thomson 1b, Steve Lamont 2a and Matilda Mravacic in 3a.

At Oran Park the class winners were Mike Hicks 1b and Matilda in 3a. Nick Martinenko and Lindsay Burke each added valuable points to their class results and the club championship. Next round is at Oran Park GP on Saturday 21st September followed by the last round at Wakefield Park on Saturday 19th October.

The latest round of the **Production Sports Car Race Series** was at Wakefield Park on 31st August/1st September. Teamx5 members competing were Zane Al-said and Ed Chivers. Zane missed race 1 on Saturday as he returned to Sydney after qualifying to attend Lou and Gai Iezzi's wedding. Congratulations and best wishes to Lou and Gai, may they enjoy a long, happy and healthy life together. In the races Ed managed to collect three 3rds in class c while Zane picked up a 2nd and an 8th in class c on the Sunday. In the series

point score Zane is 2nd in class c, 4th outright while Ed is 3rd in class c. The next round the final for 2002 is at Wakefield Park on 28th and 29th of September. Rumour has it that Nick Martinenko and Val Stewart will be joining Zane and Ed for this meeting.

Congratulations to Brian Anderson, Barry Faux and Robin Thomson who successfully competed in the Dutton's Rally which was based in Shepparton, northern Victoria on the weekend of 4th and 5th of August. Brian drove his PRB while Barry and Robin shared Barry's supercharged MX-5.

Look forward to seeing you at Wakefield Park on the 14th of October.

Best Lap Trophies

2001/2002 Fastest Lap
Class 1. Novice Female
Jan Horspool. 1.29.33

2001/2002 Fastest Lap
Class 1. Novice Male
Peter Cooper. 1.19.75

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Fastest Time of the Day and Regularity Trophy Winners – 2001/2002

Fastest Time of the Day:

August 2001 – Barry Faux 1.09.88
October 2001 – Matilda Mravacic 1.12.76
December 2001 – Barry Faux 1.11.29
February 2002 – Zane Al-said 1.10.94
April 2002 – Matilda Mravacic 1.12.01
May 2002 – David Raddatz 1.11.57
June 2002 – Robin Thomson 1.10.56

Regularity:

August 2001 – Roy Milford
October 2001 – Roy Milford
December 2001 – Nick Martinenko
February 2002 – Robin Thomson
April 2002 – Robin Thomson
May 2002 – Nick Martinenko
June 2002 – David Raddatz

General Award Trophy Winners:

Promising Newcomer Awards - Peter McAulay and Chris Tonna
The Quickest Newcomer Award - Jason Hay
The Late Charger Award. - Craig Berthold
The Canberra Award - Ed Cory
The "Bugger" Award - Bill Dougall

Coming Events

Update your organisers and diaries !!

Wednesday, 20th November

Quarterly Meeting/ Tech Talk

Sunday, 24th November

Blacktown Drive-In Cinema

Saturday, 7th December

ACT Coffee & Lies

Monday, 9th December

Wakefield Park Track Day

Wednesday, 11th December

Committee Meeting

Sunday, 15th December

Christmas Party

ACT Run

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE
GREAT DAYS OUT IN 2003....**

Wednesday, 15th January

Committee Meeting

Sunday, 19th January

Presidents Picnic

Monday, 10th February

Wakefield Park Track Day

Wednesday, 12th February

Committee Meeting

Saturday, 16th February

Evening Run

Wednesday, 26th February

Quarterly Meeting

Jean's Presidents Report from the Annual General Meeting 24th July 2002

Yet another busy year has just flown by. We end it with a little over 400 financial members, and with some money in the bank too. There have been so many good times, weekends away, track events and great runs. I think this last year we have had more runs and activities, including the extra informal runs. We offer something for everyone. The competition side has really taken off under the capable leadership of Mike. He will give you all the details in his report.

Steve joined us as Captain during the year and has taken us all by storm, with lots of interesting "techno" type activities planned. It looks like next year will be busier than ever.

Ms Moneypenny has continued to capably manage our finances and as a result we are in good shape financially, ready to handle whatever may happen.

The social activities have become more diverse and thanks to Brian & Trudi, have included a couple of Tennis Charity days. Our involvement with Camp Quality has been great, and I think this has made us all sit back and think just how lucky we are. The looks on the kids faces when we arrived at the camp to take them for rides in the cars, was magic.

Natmeet went very well. A group of us took a shortcut to Adelaide via the Great Ocean Road, all carefully planned by Phil and Arno. Adelaide was the site of the very first Natmeet in 1994, so it was quite special for those of us who were there. It is the turn of NSW again in 2004, so we have formed a committee and the planning has started already.

Over the years that I have been involved in the MX-5 Club, I cannot begin to tell you what it has given me. The challenges of organising and participating in activities, plus trying to maintain some semblance of order at the committee meetings! The skills I have learned along the way have been invaluable. The best part of all is the close and lasting friendships I have made, not only in our club, but in the other clubs across Australia. I definitely have grown as a person through my involvement in the club. Thank you to everyone for coming along and enjoying yourself on the runs, for coming to the general meetings and learning more about how to get the most out of your car and the club, but most of all, for just being the greatest bunch of people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

I am stepping down as Club President after 3 years in that role and a couple of years as Captain before that I will still be around though, and will be calling on you all for help with Natmeet 2004 I wish to thank the current and past committees for their support of the club and me.

*Jean Cook,
President*

Mike's Competition Report from the Annual General Meeting 24th July 2002

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present the following Competition Report. Activities during the year were based in two areas, club & open events. The club activities included a Driver Training Day and seven Club Practice Days at Wakefield Park. In open competition club members competed in the State Supersprint Championship and raced in the Production Sports Car Racing Association of Australia Championship.

Driver Training Day. Ian Luff Motivation Australia conducted a very successful Driver Training Day on 2nd February at the Driver Training facility at Oran Park. Twenty club members participated in a number of events, which were both fun & learning experiences. While the cost of the day at \$325 may have appeared expensive all who participated agreed it was great value. Your committee has decided that another day should be organised in the first half of 2003.

Wakefield Park Practice Days. The club conducted a successful series of Practice Days during the past year. Six were held on the "traditional" Monday and one on a Sunday. Numbers of entrants per meeting varied from 30 at the February meeting to 45 at the recently completed June event. 38 entries at the first Sunday meeting were sufficient to encourage us to continue with two Sunday Meetings each year. Over the past 12-month period a total of 111 drivers competed at our track days, (85 members and 26 visitors) some of the keen ones seven times others once.

Trophies will be presented to the class winners, both fastest time and point score, along with Fastest Time of the Day and Regularity winners at each meeting at the conclusion of tonight's Annual General Meeting. I would like also to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in many ways to make the "Track Days" the success that they are. Without the help of the volunteers it would not be possible to conduct these days.

State Supersprints. The State Supersprint Championship is conducted over eight rounds within a calendar year, the first round in March and the last in October. I can therefore report on the full year 2001 and provide you with a progress report on the 2002 Championship up to round 4, held at Eastern Creek on the 7th July.

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Teamx5 entrants competed in three classes during 2001. Class 2b for standard and modified road registered cars of between 1601 and 2000 cc. Class 3a for race-cars under 1600 cc, this class was won by Nick Martinenko with Matilda Mravicic second. Class 3b for race cars of 1601 to 2000 cc capacity, Zane Al-said finished second and Ed Chivers was third despite competing in only four and three rounds respectively because of date clashes with Production Sports Car race meetings.

In the Club Point-score the MX-5 Club finished third on sixty one points behind Toyosports one hundred and one points and New South Wales Road Racing Club on eighty three points. Bill Dougall, Robin Thomson and Mike Hicks also contributing points for the clubs third place.

Following representations from this club the Supersprint Advisory Panel saw fit to re-introduce class1 for standard cars into the 2002 Championship. Also as a result of these representations I was asked to join the panel for 2002. This I have done and have been appointed to the position of Panel secretary.

The following MX-5 club members are entrants for this year's Championship;

Class 1a, Robin Thomson, Peter Cooper and Derek Plante.

Class 1b, Mike Hicks.

Class 2a, Steve Lamont.

Class 2b, Phil Barlow.

Class 3a, Nick Martinenko, Matilda Mravicic, Bill Dougall, David Raddatz and Lindsay Burke.

Class 3b, Ed and Paul Chivers and Zane Al-said.

After four rounds Robin leads class 1a with 3 wins and a total of 33 points, Peter is second with 1 win and 27 points and Derek is 4th on 7 points. In Class 1b, Mike Hicks leads the class with 4 wins and 36 points. Steve leads class 2a with 2 wins and 18 points for the 2 rounds that he has contested. Phil is running 3rd in 2b on 10 points. In class 3a Matilda leads with 2 wins and 28 points, Nick is second with 1 win and 25 points with David third also with 1 win from his 2 starts and is on 15 points, Lindsay is 4th on 10 points and Bill Dougall 5th on 4 points after competing in round 1 only. Unfortunately date clashes with Production Sports Car races have prevented our class 3b entrants from competing in the rounds to date.

In the Club Points-score the MX-5 Club leads on 67 points from NSWRRRC on 52 points and Toyosports third on 42 points.

Production Sports Car Racing Association of Australia. As with Supersprints this Championship is conducted over eight rounds in the calendar year. In 2001 David Raddatz, Zane Al-said and Ed Chivers were entrants in class B competing in most rounds. They managed to finish second, third and fourth in class and fourth, fifth and sixth in the overall point-score. Their points scored were one hundred and seventy five, one hundred and seventy four and one hundred and seventy respectively, an extremely close result. Their overall results were excellent when you consider they were competing against Porsche 911's, Lotus Elises, Cobras and Mazda RX 7's.

One of the highlights of the PSCRAA year is a one-hour race involving two drivers in each car. Last year there were five Teamx5 cars entered for this race at Eastern Creek. All acquitted themselves very well, some in difficult circumstances. The highlight performance was that of Zane Al-said & Lou Iezzi who finished an outstanding fourth overall and first in class.

In 2002 the class structure has changed, cars now being classified in power to weight classes. The Teamx5 MX-5's are running in class c for cars over 11.01 kg/kw. To date there have been six rounds conducted, two each at Eastern Creek and Oran Park, one at Wakefield Park and the most recent at Winton in north-eastern Victoria. Regular entrants have been Zane and Ed with selective appearances by David Raddatz, Lou Iezzi, Nick Martinenko, Matilda Mravicic, Brian Anderson and Val Stewart.

After the first six rounds of this year's series Zane is the narrow leader in class c and third outright behind a Porsche 993RS and a Robnell Cobra. Ed is fourth in class c and is thirteenth outright. These are great performances in a field of over thirty cars that includes Porsches, Cobras, Lotus Elises, Mazda RX 7's, a Morgan and a Toyota MR 2, not to mention another nine Mazda MX-5's. We wish Zane, Ed and the other Teamx5 members every success in the remainder of the series.

Other Events. Earlier this year ACT member Barry Faux competed in this year's Targa Tasmania in his Mazda RX 7. During a grueling five days of competition Barry won his class and category and finished an excellent fifth overall in the "Classic Competition" for cars built between 1947 and 1981.

Natmeet this year was held in the Clare Valley in South Australia. The one "speed" event was conducted at the Collingrove Hill Climb, the site of many Australian and South Australian Hillclimb Championships. The overall winner on the day was our own Dave "Speedy" Perin in his immaculate supercharged Mark 1 MX-5, well-done Dave.

I'm sure you will all agree that 2001/2002 has been a successful year for our club both in open competition and in the conduct of our own speed events. I look forward to seeing you all as a competitor, official or spectator at one of our many events in the coming year. Our next Club Track Day is at Wakefield Park on the 12th August, I hope to see you there.

Mike Hicks,
Competition Secretary

3 White MX-5s and a Wedding

It was about 6 months ago when I was asked by Gai (my Uncle Lou's fiancée) if I'd drive her to her wedding in my white MX-5. "Are you kidding?" I thought, but accepted the mission with great honour. After all, what better way to arrive at your wedding? From then onwards, I couldn't wait for the big day to arrive. In the meantime I needed to find two more white MX-5s. Fellow club members, Mauro and Richard agreed to lend their shiny white's to the occasion.



The morning of the wedding, the 31st August, 2002. After attaching a ribbon and a bride doll to the bonnet of my white MX-5, my sister Paula and I cruised out to Gai's house for the pick up and a few photos. We were surprised at how great the weather was, for the last day of Winter, it was a perfect Spring day! Paula borrowed Mauro's car chauffeuring Linda (Gai's sister), and Richard chauffeured Wal (Gai's uncle who gave her away.)

The time arrived, 3 White MX-5s left the driveway and headed towards Parramatta Park, where the ceremony was taking place. Thanks to Jan (the ring leader) and John, Matilda, Nick, Matt, Peony, Steve, Alan, Mark and Stephanie, we had a nice bright and colourful MX-5 line up to drive past as we entered the park grounds. Many guests and onlookers were quite impressed, and so was I!



Lou and Gai tied the knot (literally) and exchanged a ring and a diamond earring. Then they drove off into the sunset in Lou's black MX-5.

Out and About



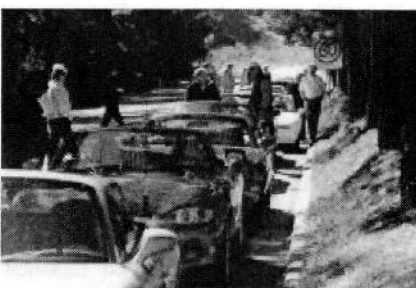
We then enjoyed a nice evening with friends and relatives, eating, drinking and watching the bridal waltz being done in the form of a line dance.

It was a great day and Thank You to all the MX-5 Club Members who turned up to share this special occasion in true MX-5 style.

Daniella
Editor, Member #692

Kings of the Mountain

The atmosphere was electric as the Fives piled into the shopping precinct of Windsor where "Honest Mark's Casbah" was quickly erected to feed the throng with tasty MX-5 paraphernalia.

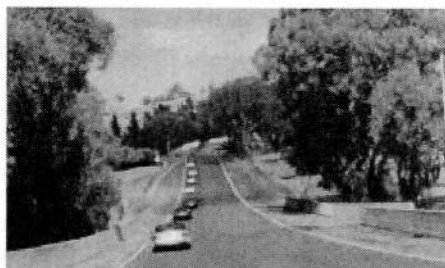


A full grid of 24 cars were lined up for the assault on Mt Panorama.



With last minute (P)it stops out of the way, the convoy set sail for Richmond, and were soon climbing the heights of

Kurrajong, before being let loose on the mystical Bells Line of Roads.

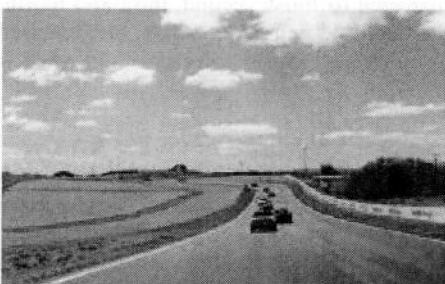


As the speed limit changed to 100km/h, blips were heard in unison as 3rd gears were selected, and the two dozen headed for the hills.

Lesser vehicles were dispatched with aplomb as the Fives snaked their way indian file through the escarpments of the Mountains they call Blue.

The slippery-dip drop onto the western plains bought smiles to the *pilotes* faces, as they knew they were in Five territory, uncatchable by Commandores or Failedcons.

The forces regrouped at Lithgow for vitals for man and machine, then plunged headlong into uncharted territory...the infamous "worst road in NSW".



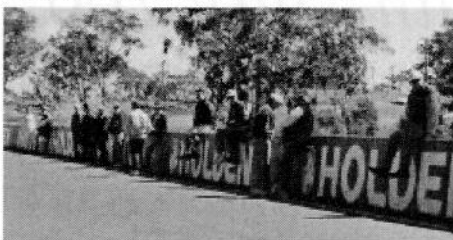
Fortunately for our intrepid bunch, the massive media attention given to this wretched road had forced the Governors of the State to act. Their response was a perfect ribbon of hotmix, winding its way over hill and dale, through sparse hamlets of banjo playing folk, who's dozen wild eyed *chillun*' were to have their first and last sighting of the amazing machines we call the MX-5.

Through this secret land the 5's sped, their progress uninterrupted by other machines until a massive beast appeared in the form of an 18 wheeled behemoth, carting bellowing bovines to market. The 5's handled it all in their stride, their nimbleness and small size allowing them to pass through the behemoths path like a swarm of bees heading for honey. The hamlet of Tarana appeared, and then mercifully disappeared, as our Fives continued their charge to The Mountain.

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Soon the road opened up as the rolling plains provided extra lanes for the Fives to take the increasing number of lumbering utes driven by slack jawed youths.

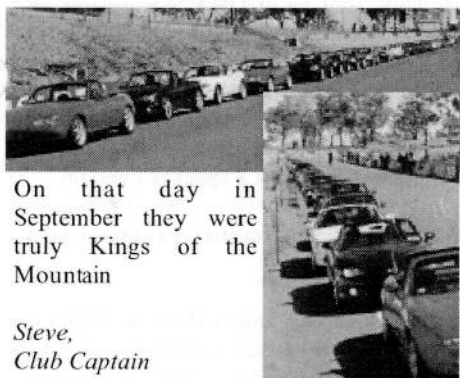


From the distance they could see the Mountain, their heart rates rose, their palms grew sweaty, but they knew they had to curb their desires.

They were entering the danger zone, where strict adherence to the Governor's Highway Code was enforced by foul smelling troglodytes with close set eyes and mean dispositions.

After crawling through the back roads of Bathurst, the Fives crested a ridge and before them lay their goal, Mount Panorama lay before them, their trek was nearing its end, all that awaited was for the Mountain to be conquered!

The grid was assembled, the starters gun was heard and the Fives raced up Mountain Straight, through the cutting onto Reid and over McPhillamy Park. The Fives plunged down the esses to Forest Elbow and onto Conrod straight, rounding up lesser cars before diving into Caltex Chase and getting hard onto the brakes for Hell Corner and yet another lap of the legendary Mt Panorama.



On that day in September they were truly Kings of the Mountain

Steve,
Club Captain

THUNDERBOLTS WAY WEEKEND

On the bitterly cold morning of 17th August sixteen MX-5's gathered by the river at Windsor for the start of a great weekend. Steve Carter (A.K.A. Kuntry Kuzzin) was our run organizer and supplied us with comprehensive run sheets, lollies and a windscreen sticker (Thunderbolts Way Mega Run) before we left the carpark.

We began by heading north via the Putty Road, those who know the Putty would be envious already. The group then took the Broke turn off for the first of many stops along the way. After a coffee break we meandered through the Hunter to Morpeth for a welcomed morning tea and sightseeing break. Back in the cars and "On the road Again" we made our way to Gloucester to re-fuel both ourselves and the cars. By this stage we had experienced about 325km of excellent roads and scenery and the real driving was still ahead of us.



The trip between Morpeth and Walcha includes "Thunderbolts Way" and what a great piece of driving road it is, with lots of twists and bends, however the best part undoubtedly would have to be the 12km hillclimb.



When we reached the top of the mountain the MX-5 perma grin was out in full force and not necessarily because of the spectacular view from the lookout. That has just got to be one of the best climbs in the world!!



We then rolled down the other side of the mountain and into Walcha exactly on schedule. With 482km of driving behind us we booked into the Motel and high tailed it to the closest watering hole for a well deserved ale or three. We just couldn't get away from the locals, Bob Beer and Lee Marvin entertained us with their interesting (possibly even far fetched) yarns while they sipped on middies of port (and who could forget that great rendition of Old Man River). We had to drag ourselves away from them to make it to dinner by 7.00.

Our hosts for the night surprised us with a great meal at extremely low prices, they even wrote MX-5 in chocolate on our deserts! But the meal wasn't the highlight that night. Steve (Kuntry Kuzzin) had organized Karioke for the night and what a night it was! (The pictures tell the story).



After a well earned sleep we all gathered at breakfast, some calling "does Anyone have a Panadol" before packing our cars (again and again thanks to Mark) before making the short but rewarding trip to Apsley Falls, for yet another photo opportunity.



From Apsley Falls we drove east along the Oxley Highway. We looked splendid in formation, driving along the long open stretches. Along this stretch we saw an MX-5 going in the opposite direction. It was Riko, we thought he must have left something behind at the Motel, we were wrong, he was just testing out his new Turbo and coming back to overtake us all yet again. Before we knew it the long straights turned into lovely curves and then tight bends, suddenly we were in MX-5 heaven again. At the top of the mountain we stopped at "Ginger's Creek" for yet another coffee break & chat (we certainly did "stop, revive, survive" along the way).

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Steve's Captains Report from the Annual General Meeting 24th July 2002

Firstly, I'd like to thank Wayne Shelley, who due to personal commitments stepped aside from the position earlier this year, and wish him well on his move to the sunnier climes of QLD, I'm reliably informed that he has already taken out QLD membership and will be an asset to their club.

I'd also like to welcome all the new members who have joined us this year, and those who have returned to the club. It's been an action pack year for the club with record attendances on the formal and informal runs.

Some of the run highlights included the Camp Quality run, where we put a very big smile on the faces of young children suffering from cancer. I'm sure that those who took part will agree it was the stand out run of the year, not because we had fun, but because we as club members could take these kids away in their dream cars to forget about their daily battle. As our main charity this hands on approach far outweighed the generous financial contribution we were able to make. This will be an annual event, something that the Camp Quality organisers are thrilled about.

The Natmeet run to South Australia was another star attraction, and the next Natmeet has been secured by the NSW Club. We've formed a committee to plan this major event, so if you'd like to contribute have a chat to Jean and come along to one of the Natmeet meetings.

Our runs this year covered some enticing MX-5 roads, from the Putty Rd to the Wineries, the old Hume Hwy to the Southern Highlands and Kangaroo Valley, The Old Pacific Highway to the Central Coast, The Royal National Park to Stanwell Tops, Wisemans Ferry, Bobbin Head Road a City Sights Cruise this year the 5's were out in force.

If you've got a secret stretch of MX-5 road, let me know and we'll plan a run there!

On the social front the Xmas Party was a roaring success, and just in time before the bushfires, our thanks to Trudi and Brian for organising a great event.

So what have we got lined up for you all this year.

There are more great runs scheduled for this year, with informal runs each 1st Sunday of the Month and formal runs the 3rd weekend of the month.

The next run is an informal run up the Putty Rd on 4th August followed 2 weeks later with a weekend away to Walcha. In September we have an informal run via the Bells line of roads to the legendary Mt Panorama, where we'll visit the motoring museum and do some slow laps of this great race circuit. There's another weekend away in October to sample the great Chardonnays of Cowra.

This new Club year we are also introducing a monthly Tech Talk night. The first Tech Talk, will be at DBA Silverwater on Wednesday August 21st, to discuss the issues surrounding brakes. With many of our members keen track goers this should be an enlightening session. This will be followed in September with a talk at this club venue, from Redline on lubricant, and they promise to blow away some preconceived myths, and educate us on viscosities and shear rates. October sees us back at the club with a talk from Uniflow on better breathing for your MX-5. In November we'll be back at Silverwater, where the lads from Meguiars will show us how to achieve that killer shine, and win the Club Concourse and show'n shine. Future talks will include topics such as maintaining your 5, and racing to win; If you'd like to know more about a topic send me an email and we'll get a speaker lined up.

With all these activities, who'd think we'd have time for socialising...but wait there's more. Our new social secretary has promised a range of social events from Harbour Cruises, to Ten Pin Bowls and a trip to the Drive in.

Special thanks must go to the outgoing committee members - El Presidente Jean Cook, who has served longer than Dr Mahatir, Maggie Thatcher and John Howard combined! Our Vice President Laurie Tesorario who will never want to see another logo again, and who's hair will soon revert to it's natural state of brilliant black, and Matilda Mravcic, our long suffering treasurer is now going to be able to concentrate on her racing lines, rather than input lines. Your collective experience and good management will be sorely missed both by the remaining committee and no doubt by the whole club as we undergo a major bedding in of the new committee.

I'd also like to commend to you a new bunch of committee nominees - Craig Berthold, Kyle Alberts, George Benedek, Liam O'Hagan and Mark Bocche.

With their bounding enthusiasm you know that the club will get an injection of new blood and new ideas, so hang on to your hats we're in for a fun year.

*Steve Lamont,
Club Captain*

New Life Member ZAN MENZEL

Those of you who attended the AGM would be aware that Life Membership was awarded to Zan Menzel. During her three years on the Committee the club underwent a period of tremendous growth and the membership increased very rapidly. Zan worked very hard to develop simple processes for the various functions of the Committee. All the different tasks were looked at, and forms devised to make it all very easy. The membership database was improved, as was the renewal form. All this was accomplished before the rest of the committee even had a chance to think about when and how these should all be done. The minutes were always available very promptly and what is more, they were easy to understand and represented the actual discussion, which must have been no mean



feat considering the nature of the discussions some nights! In the meantime she continued to run her own business and look after a husband! I am sure that Rod was beginning to think that Zan was the only person on the committee who did anything! We should apologise to Rod for all the late dinners and the neglect over the last few years. Zan continues to contribute to the smooth running of the Wakefield Park track Days.

Thanks to all Zan's hard work, everything is now so much easier for the committee.

Congratulations to Zan for a well deserved award!

Jean Cook

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2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 1 Robin Thomson. 1.19.02	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 4. Novice Male Liam O'Hagan. 1.16.98
2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 2. Novice Female Leonie Flower. 1.27.77	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 4. Experienced Male Kyle Alberts. 1.17.27
2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 2. Novice Male Miles Flower. 1.22.50	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 5 Steve Lamont. 1.15.06
2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 2. Female Zan Menzel. 1.25.84	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 6. Female Nikki Alberts. 1.20.79
2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 2 Rod Menzel. 1.22.48	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 6 Roy Milford. 1.15.68
2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 3. Novice Female Evie Payne. 1.27.94	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 7. Female Matilda Mravicic. 1.12.76
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2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 3. Female Jean Cook. 1.23.47	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 8 Ed Chivers. 1.11.49
2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 3 Arno Boge. 1.18.70	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 9 & Outright Female Matilda Mravicic. 1.12.01
2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 4. Novice Female Nikki Alberts. 1.21.64	2001/2002 Fastest Lap Class 9 & Outright Barry Faux. 1.09.88

Club Point Score Trophies

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 1. Novice
Peter Cooper

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 1
Geoff Hemsall

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 3. Novice
Arno Boge

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 3. Female
Jean Cook

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 4. Novice
Liam O'Hagan

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 5
Steve Lamont

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 6
Roy Milford

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 7. Female
Matilda Mravicic

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Nick Martinenko

2001/2002 Point Score
1st Class 9
Barry Faux

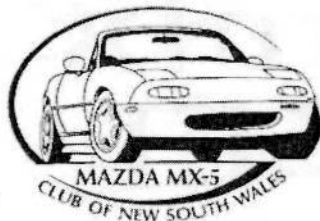
Natmeet 2004 Update

Keep your calendar free over Easter 2004 for Natmeet. This is a gathering of the MX-5 Clubs from all over Australia. Your Natmeet Committee has been really busy over the last few weekends driving all over NSW to find the best venue for the event.

We have set a target of early next year to make our decision, so by the next Club Talk, we hope to have a location for you. The program over the weekend will depend very much on where we are, so at this time we still cannot tell you what activities will be on. The only thing that we can guarantee are some very special runs, some very special social activities and a memorable weekend for all! Start saving now, and watch this space!

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2004!

Jean Cook



MAZDA MX5 CLUB OF NSW INCORPORATED

ABN: 82 599 208 521

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2002

1. Introduction

Thank you to all members who have supported the Club's activities during the last twelve months!

Your enthusiasm and financial support has contributed to yet another chapter in the financial success of the Club. Not only has our membership base increased on the prior year, all social events and track days have also been well attended.

This increased activity has resulted in a build up of funds that have enabled the Committee to address the growing administrative needs of the Club. The additional funds have been applied to the purchase of computer and track equipment. To reward our members for their support, the Committee has also utilised some of the surplus to subsidise events during the year and sell regalia at near or below cost.

In accordance with the Club's Constitution, the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2002 have been audited. The Committee would like to acknowledge Stanley and Stewart Chartered Accountants who have provided their services on an honorary basis. In addition to the audit report, the Committee has provided a declaration as to the financial position of the Club.

2. Financial position for the year ended 30th June 2002

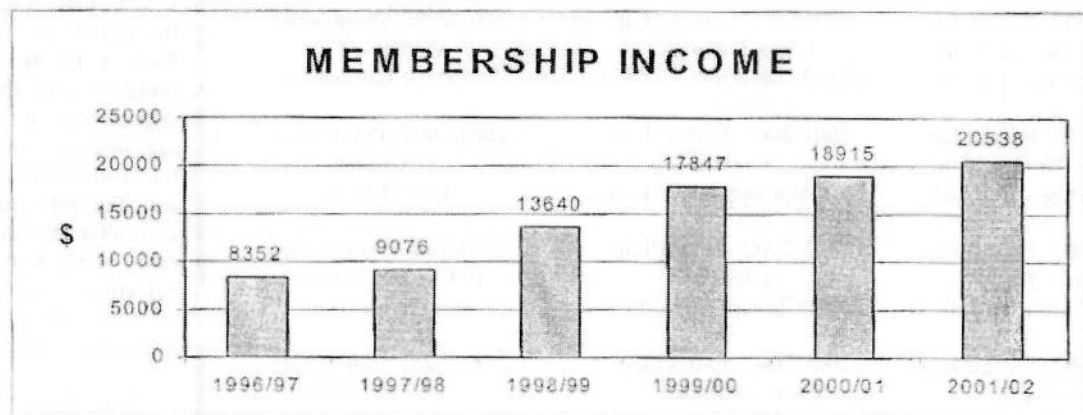
♦ Income & Expenditure Statement

Net profit before tax for the year was \$3,582 compared to \$8,810 last year, a decrease of \$5,228. (Last year's figure included an abnormal adjustment for CAMS fees of \$1,080.)

The following major items contributed to the result for the year:

Income

- **Membership income** \$20,538 - a new record, exceeding last year by \$1,623 (with no increase in membership fees). Currently our membership base stands at 420 members (last year 380).



- **Net sporting events** \$383 - a decrease of \$1,326 from last year. As detailed below, this is largely due to the purchase of magnetic car numbers and CB radios that were all fully depreciated during this financial year. The depreciation was funded from fully subscribed

track days (with an additional track day in May). Note: all purchases of equipment for track days have been fully funded from track income.

Track Day Income & Expenditure	2002	2001	Var (Unf)
Income	30,061	22,194	7,867
Expenses - ambulance	(2,695)	(2,310)	(385)
- bank charges	(1,273)	(1,136)	(137)
- catering	(1,969)	(583)	(1,386)
- depreciation	(2,801)		(2,801)
- licences	(2,585)	(1,997)	(588)
- permit	(3,080)	(2,640)	(440)
- postage & stationery	(447)	(205)	(242)
- tower hire	(475)		(475)
- track hire	(12,760)	(9,900)	(2,860)
- trophies	(1,593)	(1,714)	121
Total Expenses	(29,678)	(20,485)	(9,193)
Net income	383	1,709	(1,326)

- **Regalia** (\$1,636) - a decrease on last year of \$2,437. This year \$437 of regalia (at cost) was used as giveaways at the Christmas party and donations to Camp Quality. In addition, regalia was written down by \$1,133 to reflect net realisable value at the end of the year.

Expenditure

- **Bank charges** \$2,053 - an increase of \$565 on last year, the result of increased credit card receipts for memberships, social outings and other events (e.g. Ian Luff Driver Training Day).
- **Donations** \$500 - this was pledged at the last Annual General Meeting in July 2001.
- **Net social events** \$2,396 - an increase of \$2,111 on last year. Two main events (Christmas Party and Pittwater Run) were subsidised for the members this year.
- **Postage, stationery & printing** \$6,060 - a saving on last year of \$316 as Club publications continue to be transmitted electronically to more of our members.

♦ Statement of Financial Position

- **Cash at Bank** \$18,255 - compared to \$15,097 last year, an increase of \$3,158 and can be summarised as follows:

Profit for the year	3,548
Decrease in regalia	2,727
Net increase in fixed assets	(551)
Increase in sundry debtors	(325)
Decrease in Wakefield deposits	(986)
Decrease in accrued expenses	(1255)

Net cash increase	3,158
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- **Net Book Value of Fixed Assets** \$1,827 - the balance is represented by a laptop computer purchased in October last year. All other Club assets are still in use and have been fully depreciated including the magnetic car numbers and CB radios (which were fully depreciated during the current year).
- **Stock on Hand - Regalia** \$896 - all items are valued at net realisable value.

Matilda Mravcic
Treasurer

Annual General Meeting
24th July 2002

MAZDA MX5 CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2002

	2001 / 2002 \$	2000 / 2001 \$
<u>Income</u>		
Advertising	190.00	100.00
Membership	20,538.00	18,915.00
Name Badges	NIL	99.00
Net Sporting Events	383.30	1,709.20
Regalia	(1,636.15)	800.91
Total income	19,475.15	21,624.11
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank Fees	2,053.42	1,488.47
CAMS Fees	598.00	583.00
Computer Maintenance / Software	NIL	453.50
Depreciation	948.54	817.95
Donations	500.00	NIL
Internet Fees	921.97	909.30
Meetings	930.00	466.00
Name Badges	1,078.30	1,218.10
Net Social Events	2,395.95	284.47
Postage & Stationery	3,082.52	3,288.09
Printing	2,977.51	3,087.90
Statutory Fees	38.00	586.00
Trophies - Non track	368.92	711.81
Total expenses	15,893.13	13,894.59
Profit before prior year adjustments	\$3,582.02	\$7,729.52
Prior year CAMS fee reversed	NIL	1,080.00
Profit before tax	\$3,582.02	\$8,809.52
Income tax expense	34.00	NIL
Profit after tax	\$3,548.02	\$8,809.52

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2002

	30 June 2002 \$	30 June 2001 \$
<u>Assets</u>		
Fixed Assets - Cost	8,519.32	4,218.38
Fixed Assets - Accumulated Depreciation	(6,691.49)	(2,941.95)
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets	1,827.83	1,276.43
Cash at Bank	18,254.66	15,096.85
Stock on Hand - Regalia	896.00	3,623.15
Sundry Debtors	325.00	NIL
Total Assets	21,303.49	19,996.43
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Wakefield Deposits Received in Advance	NIL	985.60
Accrued Expenses	579.98	1,835.34
Total Liabilities	579.98	2,820.94
NET ASSETS	\$20,723.51	\$17,175.49
<u>Members' Equity</u>		
Accumulated Profits Prior Years	17,175.49	8,365.97
Profit After Tax - Current Year	3,548.02	8,809.52
NET MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$20,723.51	\$17,175.49

**Mazda MX5 Club of New South Wales Incorporated
Committee Members' Declaration
For the year ended 30 June, 2002**

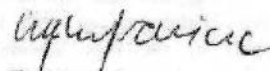
The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

In the opinion of the committee the accompanying accounts:

1. Present fairly the financial position of the Mazda MX5 Club of New South Wales as at 30 June, 2002 and the results of the association in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


President


Treasurer
24th July 2002

**Mazda MX5 Club of New South Wales Incorporated
Independent Audit Report**

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of Mazda MX5 Club of New South Wales Incorporated, being the Committee Members' Declaration, Income and Expenditure Statement and Statement of Financial Position for the financial year ended 30 June, 2002. The Committee is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

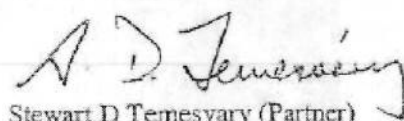
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of Mazda MX5 Club of New South Wales Incorporated as at 30 June, 2002, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

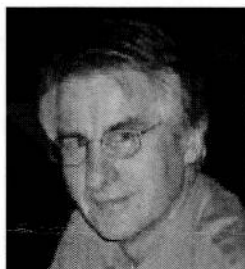
Stanley & Stewart
Chartered Accountants


Stewart D Ternesvary (Partner)
North Parramatta - 24th July 2002

Get to know

President

Name: Arno Boge, ably supported by 'First Lady' Linda
MX-5: '99 Evolution Gold
Rego: AAL48L
Member: Joined shortly after buying the car.



Why joined the committee: Initially 'persuaded' by Jean, and whilst there has been a lot of work at times, it has been enjoyable mixing with a great team of people and having the satisfaction of seeing club members enjoy the events. This is also among the reasons for accepting the role of President.

I am going to make the club more enjoyable by: Use my skills and experience to promote the club and support fellow committee members. Be open to ideas for improving club activities. Participant in club initiatives at a national level with other MX-5 Clubs.

Anything else we should know: I believe in open communication and encourage members to give feedback to myself or other committee members. Also don't hesitate to contribute ideas and assistance – volunteers are always welcome.

Vice President



Name: George Benedek (Forum logon, Benny)
MX-5: 2002 Silver SP. This is my third MX-5

Member: I joined in February 2002, but I should have joined a long time ago when I bought my first one in '93.

I am going to make the club more enjoyable by: Being active in promoting the club to sponsors and the general public alike. Coercing more people to have a good time by coming on runs and attend things like tech nights and Wakefield meetings.

Anything else you should know: Apart from my love of MX-5's, I also enjoy building and flying radio controlled model helicopters and R/C cars, but unfortunately, most of my time is taken with my leathergoods business. I have been married to the same wonderful woman, Kerry (Mrs Benny), for over 24 years.

Membership

Name: Jan Burgess
MX-5: Red / Tan 1993 limited edition (to commemorate last series 1, 1.6 only 100 built)

Rego: MXS00M

Member: John & I bought our MX-5 in February 2001 & immediately joined the club & have been having a great time ever since.

Why join the committee: During my time on the Committee last year I took on the position of Membership Secretary, I decided to continue with this function as it is extremely rewarding. I enjoy the contact with new members, meeting them and introducing them to existing members, who always make the newbie's very welcome.

Last years statement still stands: "I want to do my bit by helping out on The committee and hope to give some fresh ideas so all members continue to enjoy their MX-5's and the Club. Also to continue to provide "something for everyone".



Treasurer & Competition Secretary

Name: Michael (Mike) Hicks

MX-5: Mark 2 (2000) Silver with a black hardtop (& windscreen surround, because it looks good and is a little different)

Rego: MH 5155

Member: A little over two and a half years. This is my second year as a committee member. I joined as a volunteer in March last year taking on the vacant role of Competition Secretary and was elected to the committee at last years AGM. The 18 months has been really enjoyable thanks to the support of the committee and club members who have supported the Wakefield Park Track Days. I must also say a really big thank you to our most recent and deserving "life member", Zan Menzel who has done a fantastic job as Event Secretary.

In addition to organising and competing in the club days I have enjoyed competing in the State Supersprint Championship during the past 2 years. If all goes to plan the MX-5 Club will win back the Supersprint Club Shield at the end of this year. I joined the CAMS Supersprint Advisory Panel at the start of the year taking on the role of Panel Secretary. I have recently renominated to serve a second year on the panel.



At the first meeting of the new committee I accepted the role as care taker Treasurer, as there were no volunteers or nominations for the position. I will be relying on my wife and fellow club member Cobie to assist in this role until a permanent appointment can be confirmed. Whilst our past Treasurer, Matilda Mravicic's shoes may be small they will be large ones to fill in the role of Treasurer. Matilda has done an excellent job over the past 4 years and leaves the position with the club in a sound financial position.

The next year will obviously present a few challenges but with the on going support of the new committee and the members who volunteered in the past I'm sure that the next year will be a competitive and rewarding one for our club.

Social Secretary

Name: Craig Berthold
MX-5: 1994 Laguna Blue
Rego: CNB-071
Member: I've been a member for



around 2 years now and basically I joined the club to meet new people and to find others who enjoyed driving their cars as much as I did!

Why I joined the committee: I was railroaded by Kyle Alberts and Steve Lamont to join up. I was hesitant at first but I'm now finding the job to be very interesting and rewarding as well. For members thinking of joining the committee in the future don't hesitate to put your hand up...its a great way to get involved more with the club.

I am going to make the club more enjoyable by: Keeping it simple and fun!

Anything else we should know: I'm a very laid back and relaxed person who's also a larakin! Come and say hello sometime!

Captain



Name: Steve (Slammer) Lamont
MX-5: Red 1992 NA6A (Scooter) Mods: 2 1/2" Tuffy Catback, Loch Stewart cold air intake, Microtech ECU, Koni's, Kmac sway bars, radical alignment, 16" wheels, Voodoo knob, seat mod, roll bar, and a few extra holes here and there.

your Committee

Rego: AAW-22F

Member: 2 years

Why join the committee: I took over the role of Captain early this year with the aim of injecting some passion into the Club. We now have at least two runs per month, along with tech talks and competition days, it seems like every weekend is an MX-5 event.

Whats my favourite activity:

Well apart from taking my gear off and singing Karaoke, my favourite events are long club runs and motorsport events such as the NSW Supersprints and the Club Practice days. There's nothing more satisfying than blowing away the cobwebs by letting it all hang out at the track.

Thanks go to those members who organised and helped put together some of the best runs this year, a special mention must go to Steve "Kuntry Kuzzin" Carter for his awesome run up Thunderbolts Way to Walcha, a chance to experience some great driving roads in NSW.

What can you do to help?

If you know of a great driving road with lots of twisties, that's sparsely populated (like the backroad to Bathurst) send me an email and I'll put it on our run list for 2003, who knows you might even want to lead a run, now that's what I call fun!

Secretary

Name: Phil Roberts

MX-5: 1992 red MX-5

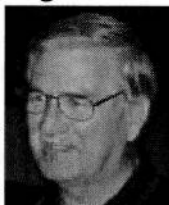
Rego: DES 10E

Member: My wife Narelle and I have been members of the club since 1999.

Why join the committee:

Elected to the Committee July 2000 and Secretary July 2001.

As a retired Company Secretary, my main focus has been on reviewing the general governance of the organisation to ensure that it and members and committee meetings, together with related documentation, conform with current legislation and practices. I take part in the track days as Assistant Clerk of Course.



Regalia



Name: Mark Bocchi

MX-5: Sabrina 99

Twilight Blue

Rego: MRK 88E

Member: Joined March 2002, To see how other people

enjoy their MX-5s, and we were pleasantly surprised.

Why joined the committee: To add some new spark to the club, to see if I could make a small

difference.

I am going to make the club more enjoyable by:

Supplying the members with Regalia in which they are proud to be seen in, and there is some exciting new and different products on the horizon. The broad band of the demographic of members, placed under one umbrella was a difficult task, but I think Evie & I have achieved a good compromise. While I'm here, I'd like to thank Evie for all her behind the scenes help, as it is said, behind every Man, there is always a Great WOMAN.

Committee Member

Name: Kyle

Alberts

MX-5: NB8B

(2000) Black.

(It's Nikki's, actually!)

Rego: NA 214

(See, told you it was Nikki's! DOB 21st April and all!)

Member: We both joined around Dec 2000, if memory serves. Someone stuck a Club card in the drivers door.

Why joined the committee: The then President approached me to join the last committee, which I did, and roped Steve Lamont in at the same time. I was re-elected after informing other Committee members that my commitments later this year (now - until early Autumn) preclude me from a specific committee role. So, I'm roving gun, so to speak, helping out where and when I can. I should have just taken a role!

I am going to make the club more enjoyable by:

Writing articles, organising runs, formal and informal (don't miss the Punts Run!) and participation in different roles (scrutineering, flags) at track days. I'm hoping to contribute at Committee level to assist the Club through the many growing pains that come from such huge success, in such a short time frame, with admin, processes & time line structures, and the like. I'm on both Logo and Sponsorship sub-committees. (How did that happen?? J)

Anything else we should know: I'm a car nut, and enjoy the company of other car nuts



Publications

Name: Liam O'Hagan

MX-5: NB8B (2001)

Supreme Blue

Rego: AKW 77Y



Member: I joined the club as a joint member with my girlfriend Melissa at the 2001 AGM soon after the purchase of my car. I've been wanting an MX-5 since I was 13 years old!

Why joined the committee: I wanted to help out in the running of the club, and I had a few good ideas for activities and events that would be a lot of fun for people. Lots of fun being a good thing! I was also roped in by Kyle :)

I am going to make the club more enjoyable by:

Doing everything I can to make sure that membership of the MX-5 club is as enjoyable and rewarding as can be. Also increasing the exposure of the club to ensure members get the maximum value from being a club member. Giving club members more input into the running of the club and making the club publications more accessible to the members, both in terms of contributing and receiving.

Anything else we should know: I'm really too tall to for the car, but willpower makes me fit!

Canberra

Name: Steve Hinton

MX - 5 : 1998 Evolution Gold with spoilers, skirts, 16" wheels, some wood bits inside and a chrome fuel filler!

Rego: MX-594 (used to have a '94 Clubman and I own the rego plate - no forethought!)

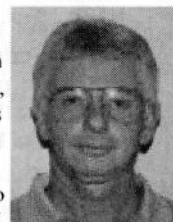
Member: been a member for around 2½ years

Why joined the committee: Some 15 months ago, our local co-ordinator (Rick Fisher) decided he needed a rest, and I thought I could introduce a few new ideas to the running of the Canberra chapter, (and there weren't too many other volunteers) I took on the role last year, and have just been re-installed as convenor for the next 12 months.

I am going to make the club more enjoyable by: Continuing the push towards a social environment within the club, (if the missus is invited, the mister is allowed to keep attending runs : and visa versa for the lady members!)

It's worked very well so far, with numbers on runs greatly increased. I have also enlisted the help of a small committee this year to assist in planning runs and some scribes to provide some reports on our activities for the newsletters. Maybe some Sydney members might find out how good our runs really are!

Anything dse we should know: I am a car fanatic, and intend to build a clubman car in the near future (one Canberra member has a Locost dubman near rego stage, so I'll call on his experiences).



CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Tech Talks

We've had a great response to our tech talk nights over the last couple of months and I thought I'd share with you some feedback from the last talk from Meguiars.

Here's what some participants had to say:

CTZOOM

Awesome tech night thanks to Slammer for organising and Flyin Solo for volunteering his car for the demo.

The important lessons learnt on the night (I'm sure these will be added to):

- Scratch X: rub it in fully then allow to dry for 10-15 minutes and then clean off with a "MICROFIBRE" cloth. (They do sell these cloths)
- For newer paint jobs, using any other cleaner is not going to do much
- Scratch X can be applied by applicator pad, microfibre mitt or random orbital sander with a foam pad. The pad giving the lightest clean and the sander and foam pad giving the heaviest clean
- Gold Class polish or wet look polish can be applied after the Scratch X
- Carnuba wax is their highest level of protection
- Older paint jobs, ie 80's and early 90's should use a paint cleaner, then a polish (no 2) or wet look. He said that if you use wet look, it is a polish and wax so there's no need to wax over it. You can use Gold Class or Carnuba to wax once you've applied number 2
- Dawn (dishwashing detergent) is no good for a car wash, unless of course you are going to repaint and want to strip everything off the paint!
- Lambswool wash mitt is the best as it doesn't trap grit
- I think the best tips were about rubbing in the product, letting it dry completely (10-15 minutes) and then cleaning off with the microfibre. Also, less product is better than more, using too much polish is a waste.

Others please add what I have missed:

lise

" 'Allo.. Was super keen to get into the Meguiars and get Savvie looking spankin again, so thought I'd share the results..

Gave her a wash with the lambswool mit (great!) and the erm, gold class shampoo? Used a hose with no nozzle to hose off, (no choice, it was broken!) but it worked a treat, low pressure (thanks benny) and I hardly had to dry her off.. Meguiars chamois was fab though, no smudge marks etc does everything it claims.

I only had time to polish the boot and rear bumper, rest will follow. Used scratch X with foam applicator pad and forward back/side to side rubbing it till it started gunking up.. and no i didn't use too much- I don't think. Wiped off with microfibre cloth, they're right, works much faster. Most of the scratches were still there, the fine ones that shine up under light, and some light water marks from something that settled in rain marks one day, but the surface felt prepped. Used gold class liquid wax, rubbed on and left for 20 mins or so.

Once I took it off, it left the surface shiny and smooth. I was a bit disappointed that not so many scratches came out, but maybe there's nothing that can be done- I'll try that buffing machine thingy next time! But the consensus at work was it looked better.

The trim cleaner (the citrus one) was FABULOUS on my soft top.. it came about 3 shades lighter once I cleaned it, you should have seen the dirt that came off.. cleaned most of the marks off the beige with a wipe- will use a brush tomorrow.

So, generally, what we were told was helpful, I didn't feel like I might be damaging the car like I usually do when I'm trying to wash her- I'm a car wash klutz.. this method is pretty idiot proof."

Babalouie.....

"I bought the Clear Plastic Cleaner and the Clear Plastic Polish to use on my back window and the results were amazing. Even my wife noticed the difference at ten paces. Those Meguiar's guys know what they are doing."

Caffeine.....

"Wow what a difference! I'd been using the clay bar, then clear coat prep and swirl

reducer and then the gold class liquid wax since I bought the car, all by hand of course, It would take about 6-8 hours to do the whole car properly..."

Yesterday I picked up a random orbit sander, 2 buffing pads, a microfibre cloth and some scratch x from Meguiars direct (getting the same 20% discount as on the night of the tech talk) and I tried them out this morning...

I can now achieve a better finish than I did by hand, and have the complete car done in little over 1 hour!

Time savings were mostly due to using the buffer to apply the scratch x and the polish, but the microfibre cloth is about 10 times faster in removing the scratch x and polish than the Meguiars terry towelling cloths!

The finish, as Jeff will attest to, is astounding! All swirl marks greatly reduced or removed completely wow! I'm impressed...

Caffeine.....

"Also, may I add that the Meguiars cloth and trim cleaner is fantastic stuff! I got a chance to test it out in a "emergency application" last night...

Went out to pick up dinner (pizza and ribs, and unbeknownst to me, the whole way home the ribs were leaking water, oil and barbeque sauce all over the passenger seat!

Got home, noticed the 1cm deep puddle of brown slushy goo all over the passenger seat, mopped up what I could with a towel and then got stuck into the seat with the cloth and trim cleaner...

This morning you can't see where the spill was!"

Needless to say I was much relieved! I may have to do the rest of the seat now, as it's got a clean spot where I cleaned up the ooze!

So if you haven't attended a Tech Talk, you may wish to check out our upcoming ones in November on air intakes and January MX5-Mania will be hosting a talk on ECU's I hope to see you there.

*Cheers,
Steve (Slammer) Lamont*

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The first signpost we saw when leaving Ginger's was "68km's of winding road" Can you imagine the smiles on the drivers faces. Words cannot explain the feeling on the way down that mountain. However, one of the comments at the bottom was "That's the longest Race Track I've ever been on!" After all the fabulous roads we had experienced on this trip, this was the best.



Although the drive was superb, no-one was prepared for the wall of water that we drove into toward the bottom of the mountain, it was raining so heavily that we stayed dryer by continuing on

than we would have if we stopped to put our tops up.

After re-grouping and comparing notes on the Oxley Highway it was decided that it must be one of the best MX-5 roads we will ever find.

The group then moved on again, this time to Taree for



lunch, after lunch we began to head home in smaller groups. Some of us chose to stay with our Leader until he left the freeway to go back to Tamworth. Our group was back to just three cars driving straight down the M3, until an accident

turned it into a carpark. Just when we thought the twisty bits we over for the weekend we decided to exit the M3 carpark for the shortcut down the Old Pacific Highway.

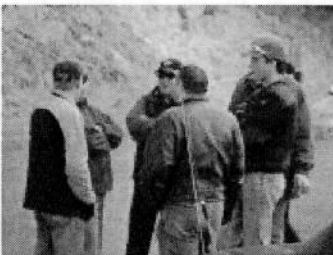
According to our Run sheets by the time we reached the end of the M3 we had driven 542km on Sunday bringing the weekend total to 1024km and some of us were still nowhere near home.

A great weekend was had by everyone and on behalf of all of us that attended the "Thunderbolt's Way Mega Run" a huge THANK YOU to Steve Carter for putting together one of the best weekends the Club has seen, all the way

from Tamworth. He has not only raised the bar for future weekends he has also proved that if you can't always get to Sydney you can do something to bring the Club to your area.

Who wants to do it again next year? Lots I bet!!!

John & Jan Burgess



EMAIL FROM SOME VISITORS TO THE CLUB.....

Hi Jean,

Now that we have returned from our honeymoon we would like to thank you for the great event you organised.

As well we would like to thank all participants for there friendly welcome to a young German couple! It was great to see Sydney at night. We drove through parts like King's Cross and Paddington which we probably would not have seen otherwise.

Let us know, if some of your club members will visit the Rhine area in Germany, next time.

We also would suggest to stay in contact. Maybe we could join the MX-5 Club of Australia as "virtual members". Anyway we would be thrilled if there would be a thing like a club sticker or anything like that. We would send you one or more stickers from our MX-5 Club of Cologne in return.

Many greetings from the other half of the world, Suzanne and Christoph

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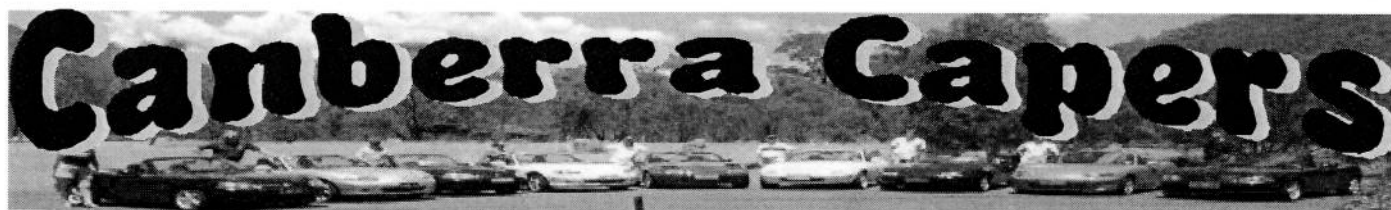
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Contact either Mike Hicks or Zan Menzel - see back page for contact numbers.

Canberra Capers



MX-5, Datsun Run to Temora -
Sunday, 22 Sept 2002

What an absolutely outstanding run we had to Temora on Sunday. The weather was just perfect for driving an open top sports car, sunny not a cloud in the sky, no wind, a very pleasant 23 degrees C. Most of the cars assembled at the National Dinosaur Museum at 0830, (looking at the state of some of us at that time of the morning maybe it was a most appropriate venue to start and we should have stayed there!!).

Nevertheless, we got underway and as cars joined up enroute and caught up, we totalled 7 MX5s and 4 Datsuns, a great turn out. After an hour's good driving through the very picturesque countryside we stopped in Harden for a morning coffee. Revived we continued through more beautiful country roads. The very vivid yellow Canola (rape) fields contrasting against the deep green wheat crop fields certainly added to the spring feeling in the air. You could really smell the canola blossom on the air and mingled with good agricultural aromas as we sped along you certainly knew you were in the "country".

We arrived at the Temora Aviation Museum a little after 11 o'clock just in time to see the first aircraft getting airborne for what turned out to be a spectacular day of air displays. We witnessed a variety of very well preserved and beautifully restored aircraft being put through their paces, some performing gracefully and others very dramatically and very noisy!!

The aircraft on aerobatic display included, a Vampire, Meteor, Birdog, Spitfire and Dragonfly. The Spitfire was definitely a sentimental favourite, but I enjoyed the spectacular performance of the little Dragonfly and its aerobatic skills. I think we were all impressed with the set up at the Temora Aviation Museum. It is very spectators friendly, plenty of space and seating with shaded stands and hangar area where everyone can clearly see the aerobatic display unhindered. Good eating facilities, BBQ steak sandwiches, hot dogs cold drinks what more could you ask for. The Museum itself is also a very well presented. The entire display is credit to the history of aviation in Australia.

At around 2.30 pm the aerobatic displays over those of us left set off for home. A few had left earlier following the first segment of the aerobatic displays. We decided to return on a slightly different route via Cootamundra and Colac. The weather was still perfect and the countryside covered in mile after mile of Canola fields was just as pretty. A brief coffee stop saw us arrive back in Canberra at around 5pm just in time for a nice cool beer on the back porch to watch the sun set and reflect on what a great day it had been and the good company we had kept throughout the day.

Cheers,
John Brown

Wonderful Winton

Well... what more can I say! Winton was a fabulous day, good weather and a track that was made for MX-5s (or is that the other way around?).

The track being just a few hours down the road from Canberra, and having seen from the Auscartalk site that our southern brethren were planning on running at an Alfa Romeo track day, I decided to bite the bullet! Find a fire extinguisher, fix a bonnet strap, lodge the entry, and we are away. Chris Fondham offered to come along, and it was great to have company for trip down and back.

Chris left his car at John Brown's place - thanks John! - and we headed off around 2.30pm. Before we left Canberra there was hail, and I reckon there was snow on the windscreen at one point! The trip down to Benalla was full of foreboding, we were driving in and out of rain, and the weather generally was less than impressive for a track day. The forecast was cold weather and showers for the following day.

Fortunately, Sunday in Benalla dawned sunny and clear, though a quite cool slight wind. During the day there was some light cloud, so track temperature was ok, but nothing to get excited about. Fortunately, the forecast showers never even looked like turning up.

We rocked up at the appointed hour (7.30) to find the gates locked and a queue a km long (it seemed). However the gates opened a few minutes later, and we all streamed in. All five MX-5s were pretty

much together - Rick (the yellow car who visited our last Wakefield day), Steve, Peter, James ... and me. As an Alfa Romeo track day, Alfas were thick on the ground, there were also some Fiats from SA (including a couple of nice looking 124 coupes), a Porsche 911, a modern FFord, three or four clubmen, a WRX, an SX200... - oh, and I nearly forgot - a Renault 12!. None of the newer FWD Alfas, mostly Alfettas and a few 105s, in total, about 70 entries, lots more than we have at Wakefield.

Another difference was that unlike our track days, the Alfa people did not start cars singly, rather in pairs, and to my mind paid a lot less attention to keeping overtaking to a minimum. In my case, it meant that, as I learnt the circuit, I was overtaking more cars each time I went out. The day had the feel of a race meeting, rather than a practice day. This was brought home to me when for the last session groups were combined, and I was gridded last of my group and the next (slower!) group! Suffice it to say I was hopping mad, as I had been looking forward to my last chance to post a decent time. Whether it was the earlier practice, the adrenaline levels, or simply the challenge of getting through the traffic without losing time, I was in no mood to muck around, so muscling a few Alfas out of the way managed my best time of the day (1.16.95 on Yoko 539s). This compares with James' best MX-5 time of 1.12.28 (on A032Rs), 16th on the day versus my 37th - roll on the track tyres!!

The Alfa club run their track days starting with an untimed 15min practice session in the morning, so you got a solid 15 mins on the circuit with probably 15 - 20 other cars, then three sessions of five timed laps which because they time from the start/finish line meant that we had basically seven laps per session including a full warmup and virtually a full slowing down lap.

Probably because of the prevalence of overtaking, drivers are rostered for flagging duty at four places, two on the main straight, one on the back straight, and one in the centre of the first of the hairpins. There are some very good views to be had of the good and the not so good lines!!

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The Winton club circuit is a top track for an MX-5. Two short straights, one with a very slow entry and the other with a quite noticeable uphill climb, keep speeds down. From the start/finish, there are two fairly straightforward right handed right angle corners, followed by a lefthand sweeper which is taken as a double apex corner, followed by a slight right hander - this combination of three apexes being (to my mind) the most challenging part of the circuit. This leads to some heavy braking for the following right hander - the first of three (right/left/right) 120 degree hairpins which are pretty slow (especially if you are in an Alfa!!!), the last of which leads onto the back straight.

At the end of the back straight brake hard again for the right/left/right esses, which lead onto the main straight - these need care to carry as much speed as possible into the main straight, but also to stay off the wall (fortunately pretty well back and protected with tyres and rubber belts at this point!).

A quick but relatively standard MX5 has it all over all but the very quickest Alfas. Like I say, this track was made for our cars!

The sweeper bears some resemblance to turns 6 and 11 at Wakefield, but they are very different tracks, though both are very safe and just so much fun in an MX-5. If

you haven't tried another circuit than Wakefield, go to Winton-I guarantee you will have a ball! You guys (and gals) from Victoria - why aren't more of you out there? - you don't know what you are missing out on!!

Thanks to Chris for the company and support, to the guys from the MX-5 club of Victoria for the support, advice - and the valve caps! (thanks Steve - I owe you!). Also, thanks for showing Chris the view around Winton from a fast moving passenger seat!

Like General Macarthur, I'll be back - the only questions are - when, and who will come with me?

Ed Cory

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