

Mazda MX5 CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A belated happy new year to all of you. It has been some time since our last newsletter due entirely to holiday spirit and the pressure of work. Like many of you I have been attending to work in an effort to "keep my head above water". Please accept my apologies - I hope you find this newsletter of some interest.

Your Executive has been busy arranging a number of events for the year. Ron Lyons the Club Captain has put together a most interesting program - I will look forward to meeting you on those social runs. Ron suggested that club outings be held on the second Sunday of each month and so I'd ask you to set those days aside and join us in blowing our cares away.

Club membership continues to grow but we must all do our best to increase the numbers. Set yourself a target of introducing at least one new club member before our July run.

Vice President Bob Skelton has agreed to sponsor part of the newsletter each month so don't forget if it's promotional gear you want talk to Bob or Laurie at Mr Jackets.

The Club has been invited to provide cars for the Sydney Kings promotion at Darling Harbour on Tuesday March 20th. There has also been an invitation to be involved in the Australian Touring Car Championship at Amaroo Park on June 2nd. Both of these events give us a great opportunity to promote the club. If you would like to be involved in either event please let Pieter or Ron know.

I look forward to seeing you on our next run on April 14th.

NAME BADGES

The Club has decided to make name badges available to members for meetings and outings. Please return the Form you were sent with the information about the March 16th run to Ron Lyons as soon as possible so you will have your badge.

CLUB JACKET

As winter approaches the demand for club jackets should increase. These jackets are lightweight and windproof and clearly identify you as a club member. At a cost of \$55 they're good value. Order through any Committee member.

CLUB MEETINGS 1991

Venue: WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB
WILLIAM ST.
FIVEDOCK.

Time: 7.30 PM

Dates: March 20
May 15
July 17
September 11
November 13 - A.G.M.

ATTENDANCE/PRESENTATION AT CLUB OUTINGS

The Executive has decided too institute two competitions for members:

Attendance: Points will be awarded for attendance at Club outings on the basis of letting Ron know beforehand and then actually turning up. He will base the scoring on the member register so make sure you sign on at each event. Trophies/prizes will be awarded at the Christmas function.

At the same time committee members will be on the look-out for potential special award winners - such as "the lost cap award" or "wrong turn award". So be warned - and keep your eyes and ears open! and if you have any suggestions let any committee know.

Vehicle Presentation: At each event scrutineers will be appointed to inspect all cars for appearance. This will be based on how your car should look and will be scored as points you gain out of a maximum available for your car. It will not be a ranking system. This probably means a very early start the second Sunday of each month to wash - polish - vacuum!

QUEUE ETIQUETTE..

On club outings the sight of over 20 MX5's in a row is exhilarating. To make sure we stay in a queue remember to keep your eye on the car BEHIND you - in this way no-one gets lost and the queue stays in order.

SCUFF MARKS ON YOUR SILL?

Avoid these marks by purchasing some scuff plates or by using some red white or blue "race" tape. Available from most hardwares or motor accessory shops.

CLUB BALL

Tony Bonano is investigating the possibility of the Club holding a Charity Ball. This would be a black tie affair.

More details next newsletter.

Tony is being helped by Janet Borg but I'm sure they would appreciate a few helpers - especially if you have any experience in this sort of thing. Talk to Tony or Janet at our next meeting or outing.

THE LOTUS ELAN

All of you have seen and read the stories comparing the MX5 with the Lotus Elan - and we all have our own views - but wouldn't it be nice to do your own comparison!

We have made some contact with the Lotus Club with the view to running a day where our members will be able to mix it with Elan drivers. Let us know your thoughts and look for further details.

COMPETITION USES OF THE MX5

More and more members are talking about using their car in some form of competition - motorkhanas, hillclimbs, lap dashes, races or rallies (!) - although I've got it on good authority that with some rally rubber and a sump guard the MX5 is very fast in the forest.

The Committee is keen to satisfy all member requests (within reason!) and Alan Greenough would like people to contact him if they want the club to organise a Competition program. This may take the form of our own day or as a CAMS affiliated club seeking invitations from other clubs.

JAPAN TRIP

Club member Donna Barlow is still keen to arrange a trip to Japan although it will now be late 1991 or early 1992. Give some thought to the possibility of such a trip being in your plans and respond to the survey we forward with the next event notice.

12 HOUR RACE AT BATHURST THIS EASTER

It is possible that an MX5 might compete and members wanting to see our car beat home that other convertible made by Henry should talk to Alan or Ron Lyons.

FOR SALE

Janet Borg has an almost unused black hardtop for sale. If you are interested ring Janet on 416 3175.

EASTERN CREEK - NOVEMBER 29TH 1990.

What a great day !

What a great circuit !

Members who attended this Jim Murcott Advanced High Speed Driving Course thoroughly enjoyed the day. Even those members who used one of their other cars (a Mercedes no less) had a good time. And yes an AMG Mercedes is faster than an MX5 - but is it as much fun??????

Some people used the opportunity to gain their CAMS licence. How long before we see some MX5 race cars?

At the end of the day the consensus was "great value" and "boy not only did I have fun but I learnt a few things as well" and "a must have event in 1991". I'm sure Alan Greenough will want to organise another day this year. Let him know if you want to go.

Mark Arena captured the day on video and has copies available at a very reasonable \$45. Ring Mark on 02 521 7158 if you'd like a copy.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The following organisations/suppliers have offered beneficial prices and services to club members. An earlier club meeting whilst not endorsing or recommending any product decided to relay such offers to members. Here they are:

BOB JANE T-MARTS fleet prices on wheels and tyres.

AMG discounts on body-kits wheels suspension parts competition parts. Talk to Brian or Simon at AMG Edgecliff on 3276508.

FINISH LINE ACCESSORIES (Melbourne) Contact Barry at P.O. Box 272 Caulfield South 3162.

SMASH REPAIRS If you do need this (!) then talk to Luke at LUTON SMASH REPAIRS 152 Gipps Rd. Smithfield on 6047444.

INSURANCE good rates may be obtained from Tom at Shannons on 958 7666 or Mclean Conway on 727 7744 or Gino at Trans-West on 601 7166. In each case make sure you mention that you are a club member. An important warning concerning your hardtop....it is most likely that your motor vehicle policy does not cover your hardtop when it is not attached to your car ie in your garage or loungeroom (!) and it is highly likely that your householders policy will not include cover for such articles. It is worth checking with your broker or insurance company to make sure it is properly insured. If you are not sure ring Gino and he will be able to help you.

CLUB OUTINGS 1991

**** SET ASIDE THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

PRIOR TO EACH RUN RON LYONS WILL SEND YOU DETAILS OF START TIME AND MEETING PLACE(S). DON'T FORGET TO LET HIM KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING.

APRIL 14 ... JENOLAN CAVES

MAY 12 METROPOLITAN - BREAKFAST RUN

MAY 11/12 .. SNOWY MOUNTAINS WEEKEND

JUNE 9 METROPOLITAN CLUE RALLY

JULY 14 BASTILLE DAY - BLUE MOUNTAINS FRENCH RESTAURANT

AUG 11 MUDGEER OR CANBERRA (POSSIBLE WEEKEND)

SEPT 8 NEWCASTLE

OCT 13 BLUE MOUNTAINS - BREAKFAST AND GARDENS FESTIVAL

NOV 10 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

DEC 8 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

VICTORIAN CLUB - SPEED EVENTS

Members might like to attend the following Victorian events and compete. Let Alan Greenough know if you wish to attend.

MAY 5 SUPERSPRINT WINTON RACEWAY

EASTER WEEKEND - BALLARAT

SOME HELP WANTED

Club member John Ross wants to keep his seats lint free. Has anyone got a suggestion?

John also advised that a wax called "MOTHERS NATURAL FORMULA WAX" manufactured in Huntington Beach California and available through Command Auto in Botany or your local accessory shop gave his car a great shine.

YOUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT- Pieter Versluis 8871265(H)
VICE PRESIDENT - Bob Skelton
SECRETARY - Anne Kehl
TREASURER - Tony Bonano
CLUB CAPTAIN - Ron Lyons
COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Janet Borg
Alan Greenough

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP OF THE MX5 CLUB MAY BE ACHIEVED AS FOLLOWS:

FULL MEMBERS: Registered owner or principal driver of Mazda MX5 or spouse/son/daughter of registered owner or principal driver. Full members have voting rights.

FEE \$50 (plus \$25 joining fee)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Anyone with an interest in MX5's who is over 17 years of age. Associate members have no voting rights and cannot hold office.

FEE \$35 (plus \$25 joining fee)

JUNIOR MEMBER: Son/daughter of registered owner or principal driver or having an interest in MX5's. Under 17 years of age. No voting rights apply.

FEE \$10 (plus \$10 joining fee)