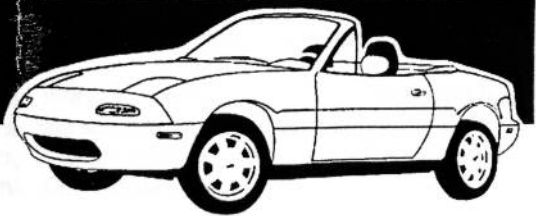


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NEWSLETTER

President's Report

It's great to see an increasing number of members attending the various outings and meetings. The club continues to grow and although this brings with it a few problems, the support from all of you is well received and appreciated.

Lea and Mark have again put this newsletter together but they still need more news items about our cars. The rest of us want to read about your MXploits (journalistic license). Keep those stories coming.

As we move towards the end of our first full year the club must take stock of it's direction. I am a little concerned that we are moving towards a split in the ranks between those who are seeking more competition and those who are looking for Sunday drives. The club must exist for all MX5 drivers and we should work together to further our aim of enjoyment. Club Captain, Ron Lyons, continues to organise events on some very interesting roads and the introduction of a points score for attendance and presentation (of the car not you) has been well received. Competition Secretary, Alan Greenough, organises events for the more serious competitors by arranging invitations for our club to be part of lap dashes and the like, run by other clubs. By running with other clubs this reduces the costs incurred by the MX5 participants dramatically, good one Alan. The event on October 19 he details in the Sports Desk should be a beauty!

It is important for all of us to remember that all these events are CLUB EVENTS and that we should support as many of them as we can. Try to go for at least some of the Sunday runs, and if you don't want to race with the competition group go and support those that do by cheering from the sidelines. We drive a very special car - let's make our club one to suit that car.

The next club meeting will be the AGM and this is the time when you will get the chance to increase your involvement. All executive positions will be vacated and the club will be looking for your nomination. Nomination forms will be forwarded to you with the November run information. The AGM will be held at the new MAZDA headquarters for NSW and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

In the meantime I will see you on the Gardens Festival Run and the Lap Dash at Catalina Park.

Pieter Versluis - Club President

Articles For Inclusion In The Newsletter To Be Submitted By The Friday Following Club Meeting



Sports Desk



Club Events - Sprint Meetings

Sunday October 19

Catalina Park - Katoomba. Catalina Park is an old racing circuit of considerable challenge.

Weekend November 9-10

Fairbairn Park - Canberra. Fairbairn Park, for the less adventurous, is a safe, small .8 Km circuit designed more for the hill climbing events.

The cost for each outing is \$40 plus a club license \$15. The basic safety requirements for racing are a FITTED Fire Extinguisher, ASA approved Crash Helmet, full body clothing -non synthetic for fire safety, bonnet strap and a blue, stick-on triangle on the drivers rear quarter panel to indicate where the battery is located. Contact me on 938 1902 for your entry forms for these events.

A High Speed Driver Training day is proposed for the members who have completed the Advanced Driving Course. The course covers correct racing lines and cornering, high speed braking and depth perception with many other topics. Should you pass the course you will qualify for a CAMS Racing License. The cost for the day is \$150 and we would require a minimum of 20 vehicles. Two possible venues are in the offing:

Thursday 28th November with Warwick Rooklyn at Eastern Creek, or

Saturday 21st December with Peter Finlay at Amaroo Park.

We will need to book the course as soon as possible so please contact me on 938 1902 and register your preferred date NOW.

The Alpha Romeo Club is running their annual 6 hour rally at Eastern Creek on 1st December. Teams of up to six cars run a relay style race on a handicap, established during practise. Entry requirements are a CAMS GC Provisional License and a Roll Bar. Cost is \$800 per team and I am negotiating sponsorship. I have two firm entries and desperately need more. Please phone me on 938 1902. Thanking you in advance.

Alan Greenough - Sports Secretary

Skid Marks

- The Upper Hunter

Which Southern suburbs passenger so admired the flavour of the wine she had been tasting that she had to have it in her soup?

Who was late to breakfast, then ravenously hungry - and why?

Which car turned up with red noses before any wine tasting. Hospital brandy perhaps Karen?

What frost encrusted enthusiast played golf at 6am Sunday morning? I suppose you can't place your ball in the water hazard if it's FRCZ.

Which female driver's passenger was referred to as an MX-5 wife. Maybe Tex knows.

Which trip leader(s) took our clean and shiny cars 5Kms up the WRONG dirt road. I think L²F² have some idea.

Apparently there is no truth to the rumour that the Muswellbrook news reporter received the prestigious "Flat Tyre Award".

Skid Marks

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Which club treasurer was seen in a North Ryde shopping centre, lurking with intent to extract magazine contributions?

Does anybody know the collective noun for a group of MX5's. How about a competition? Just for openers, what about a HURTLE of MX5's? Maybe not - spoonerisms on turtles may give the wrong impression, particularly if there is a herd of them.

The following were suggested by an envious group of associates.

- a libido of RED MX5's
- a mollycoddle of Miata's
- a pose of MX5's
- a, dare I say it, wank of MX5's
- a performance of MX5's

or a polish of MX5's

Your additions would have to be better than some of these. How about it?

It appears that there is no truth to the rumour that a one of our members has taken up ballroom dancing and was seen doing 3 Pierrettes, using his MX5 as his partner, on the Amaroo Park race track.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a passenger on the Hunter Valley Trip, I thought the temperament of the drivers on the run was marvellous. No loonies, just good driving and sound judgement. This attitude is obviously fostered by the club's captain, Ron. Just look at his haircut, you can see that he is a level headed man.

A. Passenger.

Dear A.

Thanks for the comments. We take our driving seriously and we do support safe driving. As for our level headed captain, have you ever heard of the "wind shear factor?"

E. ☺

Dear Editor,

May I say "thank you" to the wineries who offered their hospitality on the recent Hunter run. In particular, Reynolds stands out clearly, not just for the delightful lunch of homemade soups and breads, and the wonderful views, but for the quality of John's wines. Much careful thought, finesse and a high level of skill is readily apparent. What a contrast to the lusty approach of Andrew "I'm a winemaker and I'm O.K." Cruickshank. His wines were like V8's - all grunt and full of character. Sheridan, Mount Arrow and Drayton all had their strengths and were most accommodating to the mob that swarmed, picked and lapped their way through. I enjoyed the a great weekend and it was a credit to the organisers.

Guy S.

Dear Guy,

Glad you enjoyed the trip. The organisers found it hard going. They had to sample so many wineries to come up with such an interesting selection. Our hearts go out to them.

E. ☺

Club Captain's Report

The Past is Past

The fun of past runs has been enjoyed by many, and for those of you who were unable to join us, well, you missed some amazing times. So what's next I hear you ask?

Sunday October 13	The Blue Mountains Garden Festival
Sunday November 10	Canberra / Southern Highlands
Sunday December 8	Christmas Party (Local)

November is a special month as we are organising a day for our official charity, namely **CAMP QUALITY**. Many children suffer with debilitating illnesses and Camp Quality offers these children some enjoyment. The club will be travelling to the camp to take the children for rides in our cars. We need lots of vehicles as each child has a "minder" who needs to accompany them. More details as the event comes closer.

The RATINGS GAME. Yes the dreaded system of awarding points for those of you participating in club outings. Some of you may have seen a sinister looking character lurking with intent near your precious MX's. No it's not a Parking Officer, it's your Club Captain casting his scrutineering eyes over your car endeavouring to award points. How do I do it, good question.

1.	Ring prior to run	30 points
2.	Turn up on the day	10 points
3.	Car body work clean	20 points
4.	Wheels clean	20 points
5.	Tyres clean	20 points
6.	Interior clean	10 points
7.	Tyre pressure correct	10 points
8.	Enough petrol for trip (if one tank is sufficient)	10 points
9.	Car is secure when left	20 points
10.	Complete run	10 points

Different items are checked each run and if your vehicle isn't up to scratch, points will be deducted from the total. (Shame, Shame). Should you advise in advance that your attending and not on the day you won't be eligible for your 30 point bonus.

A tip for those who enjoy the scenery on our trips. BEWARE of horses enjoying a gallop in their paddock, for all may not be what is seen to be as one of our members found on the Gosford run. Pointing out to his co-pilot the beauty of galloping horses in the paddock he found these horses weren't actually IN the paddock rather in the driveway between TWO paddocks as the gallant steeds crossed his path. He was later heard to say "these MX5's have great brakes" and "where did I put my change of clothes."

Ron Lyons- Club Captain

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