

MAZDA MX-5

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MAZDA MX-5 CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES. NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of you must be thinking "well what's happened to the newsletter?" and that's a fair question. Over the past few weeks it has slid down the priority list each time the Bank or clients have raised issues of importance.

However the club has taken steps to make sure that a regular newsletter reaches you with all the information about Club events, meetings and news about other States. But you will need to help.

In future the newsletter will be compiled by an editorial committee under the direction of Lea Findley and every member will have an opportunity to submit material. I'm sure all of you have a story to tell about your car. Now is your chance. Lea will be looking forward to your contributions. Send any editorial material to her at 11/108 Crimea Road, Marsfield 2122.

An exciting new direction for the club is the sporting calendar. The Executive has looked to Alan Greenough to lead us into this area and we look forward to seeing many of you at these competitive events.

In this context the opportunity to parade our cars at Amaroo Park on June 2nd is most welcome. Look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget the rest of the events this year - put the dates in your Diary and join us in enjoying the MX-5 !!

See you there.

Pieter Versluis

MAZDA MX5 CLUB SUPPORTS SAFE DRIVING

WEEKEND TRIPS

A small group of hardy souls ventured to Jindabyne on the weekend of May 4/5 on the first of our weekend jaunts. Club Captain Ron Lyons had organised a run down the coast, over Brown Mountain to Cooma and Jindabyne, overnight at the Aspen Lodge and then back to Sydney. It was a great experience to belt across the flat of Brown Mountain at 1-oh-oh!!! It was cold - so cold in fact that one member of the group was still cold at breakfast on Sunday, at least we think it was from the Saturday?

We enjoyed a most convivial dinner on Saturday night. It is rumoured that the only person who wasn't kept awake by the VERY LOUD BAND was the person who joined the lead singer in the bar. At breakfast he reported he had slept very soundly - although he was looking for some tomato juice to ease a "headache".

Sunday was to include a short photo session on the edge of the Lake before an early start for home. But the best laid planswere somewhat laid askew by a very flat tyre on a Blue MX-5. Mike now knows where the jack is and has proven to himself (and others) that the spare really is yellow.

The weekend was most exhilarating. I'm sure it will be a much longer queue over Brown Mountain next year.

JENOLAN CAVES RUN - APRIL 14

Twenty Eight MX5"S and one Pink Chevy!!! enjoyed the drive to Jenolan Caves.

Although it wasn't possible to visit the caves, individuals might have wanted to see Ron Lyons organise something suited for the Speilologist.

The drive back was a little wet but there was few complaints,

And yes, the Pink Chevy now has a white MX5 for company. Very good to welcome new members on these outings.

CAMP QUALITY

At the last club meeting it was decided to adopt Camp Quality as the club charity. CAMP QUALITY is a camping and support programme for children with cancer. Children of any age who can tolerate a week away from their family or the hospital are invited to attend the camps which are held each year. Each child is assigned a companion who is the child's supporter and encourager during the week. Special friendships are built up between the child and companion which last long after camp ends.

THE GOALS OF CAMP QUALITY

* To allow children to be children again, and to have fun. to participate in exciting activities, to make new friends. and as far as possible, be removed from all stress.

* To give the families of these children a much needed rest, knowing that the finest programme has been selected to keep their children happy. To ensure their safety, a one-to-one companion is assigned to each camper. And most importantly, medical supervision is an integral part of every camp plan.

* It is our hope that this camp experience will be such fun for the children that they will look forward to and anticipate their next camp and we trust that the memories from this special week will sustain them in the weeks and months ahead as they continue their medical treatment.

* Camp Quality is all about hope for the future!

The club feels that it can provide opportunities for these children and the Executive looks forward to the support of all members in fundraising and other events to benefit Camp Quality.

Club treasurer Tony Bonano has undertaken to organise a Black Tie Charity Ball to benefit Camp Quality. He will have more information at the next meeting.

CLUB MEETINGS 1991

VENUE: WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB
William Street
Fivedock

TIME: 7.30PM

DATES: ☒ July 17th
☒ September 11th
☒ November 13th - A.G.M.

ATTENDANCE/PRESENTATION AT CLUB OUTINGS

The executive has decided to 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 of the member register so make sure you sign on at each event. Trophies and 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!!

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 each 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.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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

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

AMG: discounts on Body-Kits, wheel suspension part, competition parts. Talk to Brian or Simon at AMG Edgecliff on (02)327 6508

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

LUTON SMASH REPAIRS: If you do need this!!! then talk to Luke at Luton Smash Repairs, 152 Gipps Rd. Smithfield on (02)604 7444.

INSURANCE: Good rates may be obtained from Tom at Shannons on (02)958 7666 or Mc Lean Conway on (02)727 7744 or Gino at Trans West on (02)6017166. 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, i.e. in your garage or lounge-room. It is also highly likely that your householders policy will not include cover for such articles. It is worth checking with your broker of insurance company to make sure it is properly insured. If you are not sure ring Gino at Trans West and he will be able to help you.

CLUB OUTINGS

Set aside the second Sunday of EVERY month.

Prior to each run Ron Lyons will send you details of start time and meeting places. Don't forget to let him know if you are going.

JUNE 2	AMAROO PARK - PARADE LAP
JUNE 9	Metropolitan Clue Rally
JULY 14	BASTILLE DAY - BLUE MOUNTAINS FRENCH RESTAURANT
AUGUST 11	MUDGEER OR CANBERRA (POSSIBLE WEEKEND)
SEPTEMBER 8	NEWCASTLE
OCTOBER 13	BLUE MOUNTAINS - BREAKFAST AND GARDENS FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 10	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS
DECEMBER 8	CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

— UPPER HUNTER VALLEY RUN

A weekend run, overnight in Muswellbrook and a half day at your own leisure in the Lower Hunter.....

Brief Summation:-

Two Pick Up Points:

Parramatta 8.30am Saturday

Windsor Bridge 9.30am Saturday

For lunch at the Reynolds Winery, Tarramon Road, Wylong.

From there we go to Callatoota Estate to Cruickshanks. Andrew Cruickshanks makes nothing but red wine.

Late Saturday afternoon we travel back to Muswellbrook, to enjoy the hospitality of John and Marcia at the Wayfarer Motel.

We will enjoy a Ship to Shore smorgasbord prepared by our hosts and relax in a country atmosphere with some of the delicious wines purchased during the day.

Next morning, a country style breakfast and then travel to Mount Arrow Estate to sample some more wines delightful wines. From there down into the lower Hunter to Draytons for Port Sampling.

The rest of the day can be at ones leisure.

The cost of the weekend will be \$71.00 per head (arms, legs and bodies will be free!) Lea and Laurie Findley will organise this trip in conjunction with Ron Lyons and knowing their penchant for wine and having a good time - and a good time is what we will have. Lea will take \$30.00 deposits at the meeting on July 17th.

SERVICE PROBLEMS

A number of club members have experienced problems with service to the extent that the Executive is looking to make contact with Mazda N.S.W. for advice. Look for more details.

MX-5'S INVADE KANGAROO VALLEY FOR PATRONS VISIT

Our club patron Mr Hirai joined over 120 members and guests in 80 cars on a drive from Sydney to Kangaroo Valley on March 16th.

Club Captain, Ron Lyons, organised the day at very short notice and the success was a tribute to his work; the assistance of Mark Arena who placed the Ad in the Sydney Morning Herald and those who turned up.

Mr Hirai was mightily impressed by the display, the enthusiasm and knowledge of members and the black Akubra (Thanks Colleen)

Everyone enjoyed his company with many taking the chance to have Mr Hirai autograph their Logbooks or Special Edition MX-5 Books.

Our thanks also to Desi and Alan at Mazda for their support and catering.

Perhaps we can next visit with Mr Hirai on his home turf and have a look at the birthplace of the MX5!!

P.S. News from South of the Border was that the Mexicans managed a cavalcade of 30 - 40 !! cars for Mr Hirai's visit. (NSW 1, VIC O !)

KEY RING OFFER

Ben K - The Sales Manager at Canterbury Mazda has commissioned a great looking key ring which captures the cars lines in exquisite detail. With this you will have your cat with you all the time.

Call Ben on (02) 758 2600 or drop in at Canterbury Mazda and he will sell you one at the Club Price of \$11-50 - but make sure you tell him you are a club member.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

At the last meeting there was some discussion about the membership year for each member. As a result renewal notices will be forwarded at the end of each quarter and membership will fall due at the end of the quarter in which you first joined. Not complicated - in any case Tony has it under control.

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: \$50.00 (plus \$25.00 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: \$25.00 (plus \$ 25.00 joining fee)

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