

Club Talk



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President's Report:

Arno Boge

The report I had for this issue has been rewritten as a result of the horrendous fires in Canberra. I spoke with Steve Hinton, the Club's Canberra Chapter Convenor on Monday 20th January. Steve said that he and his family are fine and the same applied to our other Canberra members, as far as he was aware. I offered our assistance and told Steve to ring me, without hesitation, if he or other members needed help.

I encourage Club members to dig deep and contribute to the relief funds set up for the victims of the bushfires. Over 500 homes were destroyed in Canberra. I recommend we support the many people who were affected by this devastation.

I trust we will soon see an end to these conditions so that the fire-fighters and volunteers can take a well deserved rest. On a more cheerful note, we enjoyed very successful Club Christmas functions in both Sydney and Canberra, with the highest attendance in the Club's history.

This was certainly a terrific way to end a year in which we experienced a lot of enjoyable events.

There are two major events planned during March and April which I strongly encourage members to support. The Camp Quality fun-run for the kids at the Stanwell Park weekend facility; and the Coffs Harbour Easter holiday.

Help "put a smile on a sick kid's dial" by coming along and letting these children experience the fun of riding in an MX-5. Just ask anyone who attended last year's run about the impact on the kids of zooming around in our MX-5's. The more cars we have - the more kids who can have some fun. Also this year we would like to have enough cars and take the children's volunteer carers for a drive as well. We are also hoping to have media coverage, so we need a lot of cars to make a big impression.

Coffs Harbour will offer activities for different tastes - go-kart racing, 4-wheel drive eco tour, fun runs, and social events. Fill in the dates in your calendar (18th-21st April) and watch for more information in Club Events.

We are also continuing our "Tech" nights this year. Our popular Pittwater run is on again. There will be a Trivia night, and a Drag Racing night.

Our runs will continue to head off in every direction to discover new attractions and revisit popular venues.

Our range of runs is possible thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers from the committee and from our Club members.

The committee welcomes any ideas for runs and events. Why not get involved and plan a run on your favourite MX-5 road?

Best wishes,
Arno Boge



Welcome New Members

A Very Warm Welcome to our Latest Members

Steve Sterritt
John Komadina
Diane Taylor
Geoff Hollis
Elizabeth Sandel
Sean Quealy
David Battisson
Toni Battisson
Gordana Buzinec
Allan Cruz
Troy Stichbury
Thomas Murray

David Bolton
Craig Hennessy
Kevin San
Tim Fondum
Michael De Guzman
Russel Coleman
Rachel Keans
David Huntley
Mary Triant
Bobby Wong
Alex Gillies
John White

Andrew Papanicola
Edward Sohulz
Serena Sohulz
Simon Goodman
Brett Stone
Leon Williams
Nick Ballantine
Brian Rundle
Robyn Rundle
Peter Weinert
William Su

See you all at the next run...

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Welcome to 2003 and a New Year of Zoom Zoomin' 2002 was an action packed year, with several memorable highlights.

For sheer driving pleasure Thunderbolts Way, The Oxley Highway, and the back road to Bathurst via Tarana got my 2 thumbs up award (for putting a big grin on my face and the occasional sweaty palms).

This year we'll have more great runs like Ed and Patsy's Pittwater Run on February 16th, (bookings are essential).

The Camp Quality run will be held March 16, and we would really appreciate a full turn out so we can give both the kids and carers a run in our MX-5's. At Easter we will be heading for an overnighter at Coffs, and hopefully meeting up with the Banana Benders who are heading south. In May there's Kyle's Punt Run which promises to show you the quirkier side of Sydney. Don't forget the informal runs held the first Sunday of each month, they're always a hoot!

Out on the track the competition was fierce with the return of Carlos and David Raddatz to Wakefield Practice days, proving that NB's will do a low 1:15. I was happy to finally crack the 14 second barrier, with a 1:14.7, and I'm pretty sure you all got PB's last year, so congratulations to all those who bettered their times.

We had several entertaining Tech Talk evenings that enlightened us on Brakes (thanks DBA and Race Brakes), polishing your car (thanks Meguiar's) lubricants (Redline) and Filters (Unifilter). This year we will continue the Tech Talk with MX5 Mania focusing on ECU's on February 26th at Eastwood RUFC (Rugby Union Football Club), so if you'd like to know how to improve the power of your 5, come along, finger food will be provided, and the beer's cheap!

This year's concourse was held a Centennial Park, and congratulations go to the winners Elaine and Colin

Caldwell in their immaculate NA, and Riko Rubin, who offset all the deductions for non-standard parts to still clean up the NB class. Show'n Shine was won by Colin Bango (NA) Laurie Tesorerio (NB) and Elisabeth Sandel (NB-F).

The Peoples Choice Award was a runaway win for John Burgess with his sparkling NA Ltd Edition. This year we plan to hold the Concourse at Fox Studio and we will also include a category for racecars, for judging and showing to the general public

Finally a special thanks to Craig for a ripper Christmas Party and Mike for hosting great track days.

See you on the road,
Steve (*Slammer*)

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 this year to make our decision, so by the next Club Talk, we will 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

Coming Events

Update your organisers and diaries!!

February

Monday, 10th February
Wakefield Park Trackday
Wednesday, 12th February
Committee Meeting
Sunday, 16th February
Pittwater Run
Wednesday, 26th February
Quarterly Members Meeting & Tech Night

March

Wednesday, 12th March
Committee Meeting
Sunday, 16th March
Formal Run
Wednesday, 26th March
Drag Racing
Sunday, 30th March
Wakefield Park Trackday

April

Saturday, 12th April
Driver Training Day
Wednesday, 16th April
Committee Meeting
Friday, 18th - Monday, 21st April
Coffs Harbour Weekend Away

May

Saturday, 3rd May
Trivia Night
Wednesday, 14th May
Committee Meeting
Sunday, 18th May
Formal Run
Monday, 26th May
Wakefield Park Trackday
Wednesday, 28th May
Quarterly Members Meeting

June

Wednesday, 11th June
Committee Meeting
Sunday, 15th June
Formal Run

July

Monday, 14th July
Wakefield Park Trackday
Wednesday, 16th July
Committee Meeting
Sunday, 20th July
Formal Run

Mike's Competition Report

Here we are in January and the start of another exciting new year with the MX-5 Club. I hope that you all enjoyed Christmas and the Festive Season and that 2003 will be a prosperous, enjoyable and safe year. The club has plenty of exciting events lined up for 2003 and for those with a leaning towards the competitive side of MX-5 motoring then we will endeavour to satisfy your appetites.

Our first club Practice Day for 2003 is to be held at Wakefield Park on Monday the 10th February. We look forward to seeing the familiar faces and hopefully a few new faces at this event. If you have not been to a Club Practice Day before come along and join in the fun. Experienced competition licence holders from within the club will coach club members who have not experienced the thrill of driving on a racetrack. Entry Forms, Helpful Hints and Supplementary Regulations can be obtained from the club's web site. Other club track days will be held at Wakefield Park on Sunday 30th March and Monday 26th May to complete the 2002/2003-competition year. On Saturday the 12th of April we intend to conduct a driver training day similar to the one held in February last year which was a great success. We will need to have a minimum of twenty starters to make the day viable so if you are interested please contact me or keep your eye out for the registration forms in Club Events.



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On the open competition side the club will be conducting a round of this years State Supersprint Championship in conjunction with the Z Car Club. The date applied for is Sunday 22nd of June, with Wakefield Park being the venue. This will be an opportunity for our club to put a little back into the sport that we enjoy and have been successful in during the past four or five years. Planning and organization of the event is well down the track. What we will need to successfully conduct the day is volunteer officials, scrutineers, timers, grid marshals, flag marshals etc. Please put the date in your diary and advise me or Zan

Menzel of your willingness to assist. For those wishing to compete in this years Supersprint Championship then I can advise that Championship Entry Forms are available from Sandra at the CAMS State Office, Telephone 9635 1366. Cost of entry is \$50.00 and you will need a CAMS L2S licence, I can provide you with a licence application form. The MX-5 Club are the current State Champions following our win in 2002, our third win in the last four years. So if you want to be part of a winning team, sign up for 2003. For more information then don't hesitate to give me a call. For those that want to be a little more serious and join the guys and gals that go Prod Sports Racing then I suggest you call Ed Chivers on 0418 573 891 who can provide you with all the details. It would be remiss of me not to mention the success recorded by the club and its members in open competition in 2002. Firstly in the Production Sports Car Championships Zane Al-said and Ed Chivers competed in most rounds of the CAMS Championship conducted over six rounds and the PSCRAA Championship conducted over eight rounds. The Championship rounds were conducted at Eastern Creek, Oran Park and Wakefield Park racetracks here in NSW plus one round at Winton in NE Victoria. In the CAMS Championship Zane recorded an excellent 3rd overall on 164 points to the winner's 183 points. Ed Chivers who missed one round was fourth on 125 points. The cars that finished first and second ahead of Zane and Ed were both Porsches. In the PSCRAA Championship, Zane was fourth outright and second in class C whilst Ed was sixth outright and third in class C. Congratulations Zane and Ed on a great result. Other club members who competed at selected rounds and acquitted themselves well included, Lou Iezzi, David Raddatz, Matilda Mravivic, Nick Martinenko and Val Stewart. As mentioned earlier Teamx5 were successful in regaining the Southern Sporting Car Club Shield after accumulating 120 points in the Club Championship during the 2002 Supersprint Championship. In second place was the New South Wales Road Racing Club on 96 points with the defending champions Toyosports third on 71 points. The Championship was conducted over eight rounds at Eastern Creek, Oran Park, both the South and GP circuits and Wakefield Park. Class success recorded were in class 1a, Robin Thomson first with 60 points and Peter Cooper second on 33 points. In class 1b Mike Hicks first on 72

points with Phil Barlow third on 20 points. Steve Lamont won class 2a on 36 points whilst in class 3c Matilda Mravivic won with a total of 61 points, second was Nick Martinenko on 52 points with Lindsay Burke third in his trusty Mazda 808 on 25 points. Other club members to run one or two rounds included David Raddatz, Bill Dougall and Derek Plante. Congratulations to all on a great overall result and some fine individual efforts.



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For 2003 we need to win the Club championship for the fourth time thus becoming the first club to win the shield on more than three occasions. Since writing the Competition Report for the "spring" edition of Club Talk there have been three successful club track days at Wakefield Park. Two Mondays, the 14th October and 9th December and one Sunday the 10th November. All days have been well supported with between thirty-five and forty-five starters. At the October meeting Matilda Mravivic recorded fastest time of the day in a time of 1.12.05. The eight-lap regularity winner was Steve Lamont with a time variation of 1.12 seconds. The November meeting included entries from members of the Clubman Association and the MG Car Club in Canberra. Darryl Sheather in his PRB Clubman in 1.08.81 recorded fastest time of the day. Fastest club member was Barry Faux in his recently acquired 200 SX Nissan whilst fastest MX-5 was Bill Dougall in "Bugger" and Val Stewart recording the fastest time for a lady in her Mazda RX 7. Chris Tonna won the regularity with a time variation of 3.83 seconds. At the December meeting fastest time of the day was recorded by Jason Hay in his indecently quick road going MX-5 with a time of 1.09.79 whilst Matilda Mravivic won back her fastest lady crown. Bill Dougall in "Bugger" won the regularity with a time variation of 2.70 seconds. After the first four rounds of the 2002/2003-competition season, the progressive point scores and fastest lap tables are shown at the end of this report. Look forward to seeing you at Wakefield Park on the 10th February, have fun and drive safely.

Mike Hicks

Club Talk

Wakefield Park Practice Days—Progressive Point Score 2002/2003

Class	Category	Name	13-Aug	14-Oct	10-Nov	9-Dec	Total
1	M / N	Warwick Pitt	6		6	10	22
	M	John Thomas		10		6	16
	M	Geoff Hemsall	10				10
	M	Stephen Sewell			10		10
	M / N	Matt Townsing			3	4	7
	M / N	Michael Bowden		6			6
	M / N	Ben Pomroy			4		4
	M / N	Ken Horspool		4			4
	F / N	Jan Horspool		3			3
	M / N	Chris Akmakjian				3	3
2	M / N	Peter McAulay	10	10		10	30
	M / N	Chris Fondum	4	3	6	6	19
	F	Jean Cook	6	1		4	11
	M	Arno Boge			10		10
	M / N	Peter McBey		6			6
	M / N	Mark Bocchi		4			4
	F	Kate Shacklady		2			2
3	M	Mal Bernhardt		2		10	12
	M / N	Vernon Rodriquez			10		10
	M / N	James Yu	10				10
	M / N	Rodd Clarke		10			10
	M / N	Daniel Lau		3	6		9
	M / N	Carl Lee				6	6
	M / N	Clarencio Mak		6			6
	M	Brian Anderson		4			4
	M / N	Sanjeev Israni			4		4
4	M	Steve Lamont	10	10	10		30
	M	David Lendrum	6	6			12
	M	John Penfold			3	10	13
	M	Michael Bowden			3	4	7
	M	John Burgess			6		6
	M	Rob Erskine				6	6
	M	Jim Crawford	4				4
	M	Luis Ramalhosa			4		4
	M	Phil Roberts		4			4
	M	Chris Kyriakou	3				3
	M	Ken Horspool			1	3	1
	F	Jan Horspool				2	
5	M	Craig Berthold	10	4	6	10	30
	M	Carlos Albornoz		6	10		16
	M	Chris Tonna	1	3	3	6	13
	M	David Raddatz		10			10

Wakefield Park Practice Days—Progressive Point Score 2002/2003

Class	Category	Name	13-Aug	14-Oct	10-Nov	9-Dec	Total
5 (Cont.)	M	Liam O'Hagan	4	2	4		10
	M	Ed Cory	2		2	3	7
	M	Kyle Alberts	6				6
	M	Kevin San				4	4
	M	Mike Hicks	3				3
	M	Leigh Addison		1		2	3
6	F	Matilda Mravicic	10			10	20
	M	Bill Dougall		4	10	4	18
	M	Mike Hicks		10		3	13
	M	Nick Martinenko	6			4	10
	F	Val Stewart		6			6
	M	Zane Al-Said	4				4
	M	Joe Knight		3			3
7	M	Jason Hay	4	6		10	20
	M	Barry Faux			10	3	13
	M	Gerard McCarthy		3	4	4	11
	M	Ed Chivers	10				10
	F	Matilda Mravicic		10			10
	M	Lou Iezzi	3			6	9
	F	Val Stewart	1		6		7
	M	Brian Anderson	6				6
	M	Nick Martinenko		4			4
	M	George Benedek		2		2	4
	M	Rico Rubin			3		3
	M	Robin Thomson	2				2
	M	Kevin Addison		1		1	2

Wakefield Park Practice Days – Best Laps by Class 2002/2003

Class	Category	Driver	Time	Date
1	M	Warwick Pitt	1.21.31	09.12.02
	M / N	Michael Bowden	1.21.86	14.10.02
	F / N	Jan Horspool	1.27.91	14.10.02
2	M	Arno Boge	1.20.15	10.11.02
	M / N	Peter McAulay	1.18.42	09.12.02
	F / N	Kate Shacklady	1.22.90	14.10.02
3	F	Jean Cook	1.22.57	09.12.02
	M	Brian Anderson	1.18.89	14.10.02
	M / N	Rodd Clarke	1.17.79	14.10.02
4	M	Steve Lamont	1.14.71	14.10.02
	F	Jan Horspool	1.25.21	09.12.02
5	M	Carlos Albornoz	1.15.09	10.11.02
	F	Melissa Pryke	1.27.09	14.10.02
6	F	Matilda Mravicic	1.12.44	09.12.02
	M	Nick Martinenko	1.12.72	09.12.02
7	F	Val Stewart	1.10.92	10.11.02
	M	Ed Chivers	1.04.98	12.08.02



The Texan Visitor



Wow! I have found a wonderful group of friends in the land down under. For those of you who didn't meet me, I am Bret Bailey and I am from Texas. I had the opportunity to be in Sydney in mid December for 10 days and was really worried about being 7,000 miles from family and friends so close to Christmas. Your club, my new group of friends, put all my fears to rest and showed me a lot of New South Wales to boot.

My adventure started because I wanted to meet Bwob. I sent him an e-mail asking if I could meet him and his wife for dinner some night while I was in Sydney. Bwob sent me contact information and then informed me that the NSW MX-5 Club would be having their Christmas party while I was there. I registered online, and received a confirmation note from Craig who was very surprised to receive a registration request from Texas. After assuring him that I was indeed "for real," he was happy to include me in several events that the club had planned while I was there.

The first event I attended was a going away dinner for an MX5 Club member. Craig made sure I knew where the event would be, how to get there, and made sure I got back to my hotel. While there, I met several members of the club, including Jean who graciously offered to take me on an MX-5 tour of the Blue Mountains. Jean met me at the Penrith train station with a sparkling 2000 Heritage, particularly appropriate as I drive a 2000 SE (the American version of the Heritage). Jean drove me through the Blue Mountains, showing me some fantastic roads and some great scenery. We even ate lunch on the patio of the Hydro Majestic.

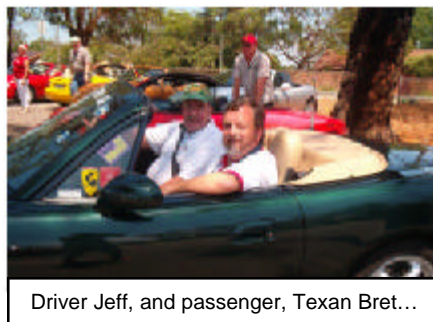
The next event on the agenda was the MX-5 Club run and Christmas party. Jeff picked me up early Sunday morning and we met the rest of the gang at the foot of the Sydney Harbour Bridge opposite the Opera House. It was great to see some of the vehicle modifications that you guys have done to your cars. It was especially nice to see a factory turbo, as we don't get those here in the States. The drive was great, the weather was great, and the company was great. I cannot get over how quickly I felt like a part of the group.

As a group, we drove some very nice roads -- it is rather difficult to find twisty roads with moderate altitude changes here in Texas. The following Christmas party was wonderful as well with some super people. I finally got to meet Bwob. I was fed a great meal and was presented with a club shirt as well as some pens, patches, and pins.

Craig then put together a run for the following Tuesday through the National Park to Wollongong. Craig picked me up at my hotel, but I soon dumped him for a better ride, as Bennie offered me a ride in the turbo. Man, I wish we could get that car in the States, guess I will have to add an aftermarket turbo to my 2000 SE. Again, the roads were great. We stopped at a pub and sat on the patio. We saw several Corvettes drive through the intersection near the patio, I think the 'Vette drivers were going around the block to get better looks at the MX-5's lining the streets. Of course, they were simply dreaming that some day, they, too, can have cool cars like these MX-5s.

Even as Texas is known as the Friendly State, we could learn a few things from you Aussies! Y'all made me feel right at home and helped me survive what would have been a dull weekend away from home. Thanks for the memories!

Bret Bailey
bret.bailey@attbi.com



Driver Jeff, and passenger, Texan Bret...

2002 MX-5 Club Christmas Party

Well where does one start to describe the MX-5 Clubs Xmas Party...I have no idea so here goes! It all started with picking the brains of the previous year's Xmas party, and trust me there were a few people to get around to! Special thanks to Trudy Yip and Jan Burgess for their immediate help! I'd organised my 30th a few years back with around 30 people, and this, looking back on it wasn't an easy task! So imagine thinking we had 84 people show up to last years party at the Riverside Oaks, the fact that more members had joined and were participating and the fact that the Riverside Oaks holds 90 at a squeeze... yep new venue time! So onto the internet I ventured and hunted around endlessly for that elusive "closer to Sydney, with cheap but nice buffet lunch, heaps of parking and capable of holding a lot more than 84 people". Just how many more was indeed the dilemma!



Our two resident MX5 Club party animals sharing a moment at the awards

I'd rang around, visited potential sites and even contemplated changing the date just to secure some sites...when alas, John and Jan Burgess (God bless them) suggested a venue that they'd discovered...so off we trundled for a visual!



Evie and John after Evie composed herself following hearing that she'd won

Well needless to say the car park was huge, there were no speed humps, and it was closer to Sydney than the Riverside Oaks, it was visually appealing, the room was nice and capable of holding up to 130 people...

Phew! That was our number one dilemma solved!

Well not quite as the menu had to be haggled out...but we got there in the end!



Our "Cotton Bud Couple" pick up their yearly award for Concours.



Yours truly giving an award to Daniella for a job well done as editor

Sorted...what else could there be right? I mean its only lunch for a car club isn't it? Wrong! I got an email off Jan saying what decorations do you have... decorations? So off to the \$2 shop I went and bought 2 huge garbage bags of Santa hats and proceeded to walk down the main streets of Sydney to curious onlookers, whilst Jan secured some table decorations as well! Next I had to go look at the trophies and decide how many, for whom and what kind I would get...endless fun! Arno and Laurie were looking after the audio visual needs and did a bonza job getting this done...a job well done guys! Much appreciated! I recently was handed 5 left over videos by Laurie at the Presidents BBQ to try and sell. I returned 5 minutes later with \$25 in hand...



Right Mrs. Jones, can you identify the person who stole your purse?

One of the prizebags we gave away full of goodies, I wanted one too!



That's how good Laurie's video was.



And today's winner of the funny face contest, Bob Hall, with the runner up.



Dear Santa, please let it be port, PPPLLLLLLEEEEEEEAAAASSEEE!!!

Next were the lucky door prizes and raffle prizes that we'd been given by our club sponsors John Newell's (thanks guys) and also Mazda Australia in Melbourne. A big Thank You to the Committee as well for letting me purchase extra goods to make the prizes even more fun this year. Meguiars and Uni-Filter also chipped in and donated prizes as well, with Mark Bocchi winning the grand prize which was a rampod valued at \$175! He was a very happy man indeed! I'd like to thank all the gag prize winners also for being such good sports and having a laugh at themselves!



Mark holding his Ram Pod, you should see the grin on his face now!



Arno showing our Texas visitor that we were mighty hospitable! Nice shirt....

I unfortunately missed out on the pre run but was told by people on it that they'd had a fantastic time but were sooooo happy to get to the Xmas party and get

and get into an air conditioned room and down a cold drink or two as well!!!



Ms CTZOOM getting her lucky door prize, well worth the \$5 investment!

Once settled Arno and George obliged with a speech and then it was game on...FOOD! I was starving as usual, and thankfully I was at one of the first tables to be called up!



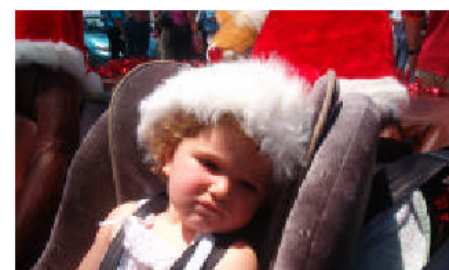
Our resident Santa, dipping into the luck door prize bag, WOO HOO!!!

I'm not sure of the exact chain of events from there on in (care of the hot weather, a few too many beers and that I'm writing this over a month after the fact), suffice to say that Bob Hall gave us a great speech (thanks Bob), Laurie's video was well received, the raffle tickets sold extremely well, and the awards / lucky door prizes and trophies went off without too much of a hitch at all. Considering I'm not much of a public speaker either I'm glad I had such a great audience as well...cheers guys!

I'd also like to thank all the people who helped make this come true...god bless you all!!!

I'd like to thank you all for coming, all 114 of you (glad I did that venue change!), and I'd like to remind you that next years will be just as much fun! Hope to see you all there...with Santa hats proudly displayed!

Craig Berthold



Elise getting into the Christmas spirit...

Wisemans Ferry Run 12/01/2003

Well with the weather looking like it was going to be 4 seasons in one day when I woke up on Sunday morning, I wasn't too sure how the day would pan out and how many people would indeed show up! So at 9.30am my chauffeur showed up, Carlos Alborno in his nice shiny black NB8A, as my little blue beastie was in dire need of a new clutch!



Needless to say it felt weird being the passenger for a change, but once used to the demotion, I looked around and took in the view that these lovely little convertibles offer! We arrived at Rofe Park in Hornsby to be greeted by many bright smiling faces and their equally bright and shiny cars...MX-5 heaven no doubt!



After handing out a few run sheets and chewing the fat about the general state of the world and who has the cleanest car/best tyres/loudest stereo etc, we all departed for the well renowned Galston Gorge! For those of you who have never driven through the 'Gorge' then you are indeed missing out on some very nice twisty corners that puts most drivers through their paces! Lots of fun indeedly!!!

From there we continued up through Galston and found our way onto the Old Northern Road. This went for a fair while with no end of scenery,

including lots of burnt out bushland and the usual open air country smells...some good and some not so good...such as road kill and fertiliser of the chicken variety! I swear that's the only downside of a convertible!



Finally we reached our destination of Wiseman's Ferry Pub, built way back in 1817, and sat down to a nice hearty meal cooked and served as only the country people know how...slowly and lots of it! This was naturally washed down with a few heavenly pints of Coopers Pale Ale, followed by some good conversation with the attending MX-5'ers. I myself found it very hard to leave...mainly because I'd eaten and drunk too much, but alas I waddled out and we were soon under way and lining up for the punt which would ferry us across the waters of the Hawkesbury River and on our way! We literally took over the ferry with MX-5's, with only Simone being caught behind!



The next section of road is very pretty indeed and is a fantastic road to take the MX-5 along for a blat and a quick fang! Just have to watch the bridges as the buggers can make you airborne if you don't slow down for them! Add to this, sections of rain and dryness and the inherent roof up/down every 5-10 mins and you have an interesting ride!

Eventually we wound our way through Spencer, Mangrove Mountain and Peats Ridge all the way back down to the Old Pacific Highway at the Calga Interchange.



Anybody who's a diehard corner fan will have at some stage been through the Old Pacific Highway route and will no doubt have been sporting a rather large grin from ear to ear! All weary and in need of refreshment we pulled into a hill top pie and coffee shop and filled up on caffeine and took in the view of the neighbouring valley which was all burnt out from the bushfires, right to the back door of the shop! Its not until I saw it first hand did I get such an idea how much was lost! (insert Steve Irwin 'Crikey' comment here!). From here most said their goodbyes with a few continuing back on the freeway and a few staying with the old highway for just a few more corners!



All in all it was a great day and good to spend quality time with the great members that belong to it!

*Craig Berthold,
Social Secretary*

Rear Fog Lights

The Lighthouse of the Road

Why rear Fog Lights? (Hint: It ain't eye candy)

By Kyle Alberts (aka: 'Biggles')

You may have seen my first article 'Friggin' with the Fog Lights' published in Summer Club Talk 2002 edition.

That was inspired by the Mazda MX-5 Model designated 'NB8B' introduced to Australia coming standard with front Fog Lights. It related to the law, the hows and whys of using them, light refraction physics and courtesies to other drivers.

Travelling to London and Paris last year, I noticed the MX-5 NB8B (current) model over there indeed had the rear Fog Lights fitted in a far more integrated way than the NA (pop up headlight) model range, that simply had a square light cut into the rear bumper bar and angled for maximum safety and effect.

Completing the Fog Light package in countries suffering far more frequent Fog attacks than us, the European MX-5's have the 'near side' (meaning 'near the kerb', whether left or right hand drive) reversing light remains, replacing the off side (drivers side) reversing light with a Rear Fog Light. This is unavailable here.

Why one, not two? As with Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen, one is lighter, simpler, less expensive to produce & fit. It drains less power being used, which is not insignificant, and – it discourages 'aesthetic usage', i.e., turning them on because *"they look good..."*.

When I've asked folk why they have their rear fog lights on, on a clear, dark night with no fog, I have been told 'because they look good'. Lucky I wasn't a cop, because after booking them for having their rear Fog Lights on without fog, I'd then have combed over their car looking for defaults, due to the poor excuse!

Fog Lights are an essential safety device – when there's Fog.

Think of a Lighthouse for ships, on a rough shore (South Head, Sydney Harbour for instance), in nasty weather. A beacon for danger.

Now think of a Rear Fog Light on a slow travelling vehicle, in fog, in a 110km/h zone. Hmm, you see the link. That's what they're for. Not eye candy at all. Using them without fog is like the Police using Tear Gas when there's no riot – utterly useless, unnecessary and anti-social.



Anti-social? That's a bit rough isn't it Biggles? No, and I'll tell you why. I'll give you an example; I sat upon the Bradfield Hwy, swinging over the Harbour, for half an hour on one occasion. I'd just passed the toll booths, and the traffic stopped dead – an accident. Since inserting the Bus Lane, folk who know that spot know that you have just one lane. One lane, and no escape. You cannot turn around. You cannot get over the fence on either side. You're stuck there on the Harbour Bridge, if the car in front fails to proceed.

I was in the MX-5 (Moz) behind a Pajero – with rear Fog Lights on. (We all know what *Pajero* means in Spanish – this may well be why). This means my head height was at exactly that of this 4WD's tail light cluster. Fantastic. Not! The Pajero's Fogs are particularly large and bright – brilliant in thick fog, on a motorway, when the Pajero is crawling at 20km/h and the MX-5 is zooming up behind it a lot quicker, perhaps: Warning, MX -5!! Pajero ahead!!

His Fog Lights were so bright and piercing, the effects of his brake lights (much lesser intensity by design) were such that I hardly

noticed them come on & off when we started moving again.

Fog is thick moisture vapours. This disperses light, thus blanketing them from a distance. You'll remember in the 'Friggin' with the Fog Lights' article, I mentioned how it reflects headlights light back into the driver's eyes – that means it's no longer going forward – it cannot get through the moisture vapour very well. At all.

Hence, the problem with seeing each other at night, in fog.

Rear Fogs are effectively a 'high beam' light, only coloured red. This is to pierce through the fog vapours as strongly as possible, sending a warning signal to others behind then. Reflection not being an issue as with front Fog Lights, looking in your rear view mirror shows a vast, red ball of light – reflection back to the car from behind. This is critical on high speed roads – F2 to Wollongong, M5 to Canberra, M4 up to Katoomba – and European motorways, Autobahns and high altitude US Interstates, where many dozens of cars can pile up from one burst of Fog.

Different drivers, in different vehicles with different skill sets – and confidence levels – can travel at dramatically different speeds of Motorways, when a highly variable whiff of Fog blows over the road – from total white out, to a wisp – in just a few meters. Some slam their brakes on – others blow straight through. Most slow down. Slow down by.... how much? That's the point. Bad visibility, and all of a sudden, everyone's travelling at different speeds.

Enter, the Rear Fog Light. They are compulsory in Korea, as the entire country is mountainous; Hence, every Hyundai and Kia is now blazing away on a Saturday night, in Sydney... (Continued on page 11)

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So, back to dear old Mr Pajero, Fog Lights ablaze on a crystal clear, dark, moonless night, with me stuck behind him. I felt like my face was being mashed into his rear light cluster. Head ache arriving, what do I do? Put my sunglasses on? Why does this *Pajero* have his friggin' Rear Fog Lights on??

My top 5 guesses:

#5. He/she has *no idea* what they are for

#4. They've seen other 'Pajero's' (in many other makes ;-)) with *theirs* on – with no fog – why not me too?

#3. I've paid for them, I'm gonna use 'em.

#2. Attention seeking device; "Have you *noticed me* in my nice *new Pajero* yet?" (This would be sadly subconscious, methinks.) But the winner is....

#1. "I think they look good".

This is the *worst* of all reasons, and is the toss away excuse used for folk *really* turning on the rear Fogs for all the other reasons, listed above.

On a dark, moonless night, would you shine a torch into a friends eyes? No. You'd find other ways to gain attention. Like, wit. Or taking your clothes off. Or something.

When you see a car coming the other way at night, do you flick your high beam lights on, and leave them on? No. It's silly, moronic and dangerous, which is why it's illegal.

Like having your rear Fog Lights on, with no Fog.

So please – it's not cool. It doesn't gain you attention for the right reasons. It doesn't even look good. Don't render your brake lights less effective. It's illegal, and with very good reason. Save 'em for the Fog.

Cowra Weekend

We had a great time. And at a huge cost of \$77 a night for dinner, bed and breakfast, this was one weekend that definitely did not break the bank. (Pity about all that wine we bought....oh well.)

On Saturday we drove via Bathurst. Did a couple of circuits around the track. Craig was sideways at one stage. Couldn't believe how steep the road is. And it is a public road, with driveways leading off it!



We stopped at the Japanese Gardens in Cowra before going to the Motel. The design of the gardens was testament to a huge amount of planning. Luckily the local area has magnificent boulders – some of which were moved to the Gardens to make interesting features. The waterfalls, tearoom, museum, and views were all superlative. We wandered around for nearly an hour.

The Motel staff were *v e r y* organized and our key was hanging in our door, so no delays at all when checking in. I wonder who had the brainwave to park all the gold MX-5's together? They did look beautiful (not that I'm biased).



For Saturday night we were all asked to wear our favourite hat and plan an act to perform in front of everyone. The friendly Motel staff entered into the spirit, with one waitress telling all of us her favourite joke. Some of the hats were very inventive. Tom wore a miner's hat with a lamp on the front. He was a gynaecologist! Jan's witch's hat turned her hair green. (A truly magical hat.) Arno's Austrian hat compelled him to stand up and recite a ditty (whilst his wife hid under her serviette). There were only a few performers but they did a sterling job. One of our Canberra friends,

John Brown – yes that's his real name - did a little skit that had us all rolling with laughter. Rosemary played the piano whilst John Burgess stood next to her, "performing" as a candelabra (!!??). Our fearless Scotswoman recited an involved piece without once getting tongue-tied. Prizes were handed out. (What are we going to do with that "Party Animal" t-shirt, Arno?)



On Sunday we drove to Grenfell. Birthplace of Henry Lawson - with a big statue to prove it. Then off to a winery. After a bite of lunch at a lovely café in Cowra, we drove home via a scenic route, through Tarana. We drove on an MX-5 road. Stopped at the pub at Tarana, Craig patted the dog in the back of the ute so much I thought he was going to take it home with him.



Continuing on, we drove very close to the Blue Mountains bushfires. Saw "Elvis" drop a load of water onto the fires.



We arrived home well satisfied with a top weekend - and we have the photos to prove it.

Thanks Jan and John. A job well done!

Linda Boge

MX5 Club of NSW Inc 2003 Competition Calendar

Date	Day	Event	Venue	Host Club
7th February	Friday	Practice Day.	Eastern Creek	ARDC - L2S req.
8th February	Saturday	Supersprint	Phillip Is. - Vic	AROCA
10th February	Monday	Practice Day.	Wakefield Park.	Mazda MX-5.
15-16 March	Sat/ Sunday.	Prod Sports Races	Eastern Creek	ARDC
23rd March	Sunday.	NSW Supersprint 1	Oran Park South.	MGCC Newcastle
23rd March	Sunday.	Supersprint	Winton - Vic	AROCA
30th March	Sunday.	Practice Day	Wakefield Park.	Mazda MX-5
11th April	Friday	Practice Day.	Eastern Creek	ARDC - L2S req.
12th April	Saturday	Driver Training	T B A.	Mazda MX-5
19-20 April	Sat/Sunday.	Prod Sports Races	Wakefield Park	W P.
4th May	Sunday	Supersprint	Sandown - Vic	AROCA
16th May	Friday	Practice Day.	Eastern Creek	ARDC - L2S req.
17-18 May	Sat/Sunday.	Prod Sports Races	Oran Park	NSWRRC
25th May.	Sunday	NSW Supersprint 2	Oran Park G P.	NSWRRC
26th May	Monday	Practice Day.	Wakefield Park.	Mazda MX-5
31st May	Saturday.	NSW Supersprint 3	Eastern Creek	ARDC
22nd June	Sunday	NSW Supersprint 4	Wakefield Park	MX-5 - Z Cars
27th June	Friday	Practice Day	Eastern Creek	ARDC - L2S req.
14th July	Monday	Practice Day	Wakefield Park	Mazda MX-5
18th July	Friday	Practice Day	Eastern Creek	ARDC - L2S req
19-20 July	Sat/Sunday	Prod Sports Races	Oran Park	NSWRRC
20th July	Sunday	NSW Supersprint 5	Eastern Creek	Mini Car Club
9-10 August	Sat/Sunday	Prod Sports Races	Wakefield Park.	W P.
22nd August	Friday	Practice Day.	Eastern Creek	ARDC - L2S req.
23rd August	Saturday	NSW Supersprint 6	Oran Park G P.	NSWRRC
7th September	Sunday	Practice Day	Wakefield Park	Mazda MX-5
14th September	Sunday	Supersprint	Winton - Vic	AROCA
20th September	Saturday	NSW Supersprint 7	Oran Park GP	Mini Car Club
27-28 September	Sat/Sunday	Prod Sports Races	Eastern Creek	ARDC
18th October	Saturday	NSW Supersprint 8	Oran Park South	NSSCC
3rd November	Monday	Practice Day	Wakefield Park	Mazda MX-5
5th December	Friday	Practice Day	Eastern Creek	ARDC - L2S req.
8th December	Monday	Practice Day	Wakefield Park	Mazda MX-5

NSW Supersprint Championship 2003

The MX-5 & Z Car Clubs are joining to host the
4th Round of the championship on
Sunday 22nd June 2003 at Wakefield Park.

Interested in entering or assisting on the day?
 Contact ether Mike or Zan (details on back page)



MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



For those of you who are not familiar with the Member of the Year (MOTY) Awards, I will explain how the Committee decides on the Member / New Member of the Year.

Each member of the club is awarded points for attending Club Runs, Meetings and Club Events. This is one of the reasons you sign the Run Book when joining us for any event.

Points are also given if you organise or assist with a run, write an article or submit photos for Club Talk.



In addition you can earn MOTY points by introducing a new advertiser to Club Talk, arranging a Guest Speaker for a General Meeting, donating prizes or arranging sponsorship for the Club.

The MOTY Awards are designed to reward the members who have contributed that bit of extra time and effort to the Club. We also like to encourage all members not only to attend runs, but to go that little bit further and participate in organising events and give much needed input to Club Publications.



Our Club is here for ALL the Members, so if you have an idea for a run, please come forward. We would be happy to help you with your run. Perhaps you have some special photos taken while out and about and a story to tell. Again we will assist with getting your story published. We would love to hear how you came to purchase your MX-5, why you joined the club and your comments after your first Club Run.



Why not add to your "2003 - TO DO LIST" - to become the MX-5 Club MOTY (existing Members) or MX-5 Club New MOTY (anyone joining from 1/01/03). All you need to do is have a great time on the Club runs, take some photos, write some stories and invite the other members to join you on your favourite drives.

How easy can it be? You get to have heaps of fun and get recognition for it!!!

Looking forward to coming on **your** run or reading **your** story.

*Jan Burgess,
Membership Secretary*



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Track Days - Want to GET INVOLVED???

We are looking for members to assist with the Track Days at Wakefield Park in the following areas:

- o Timing - using the computer timing system. It's a simple job worked in shifts, and you will be in the air-conditioned comfort of the tower. Good company assured!!!
- o Scrutineering - only takes an hour before proceeding start for the day, easy to follow check list and a great team to work with.
- o Grid & Flag Marshalls - Yet another great team to join, again simple jobs worked in shifts, enjoy being part of the excitement of the track - controlling the flow.

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



Update We had our club Xmas lunch at the Cork Street Cafe at Gundaroo, a small town near Canberra, preceded by a quick run through Queanbeyan then Bungendore and then off along a disused section of the old Federal Highway - nice drive!! A total of 23 folks for lunch, a great turnout for our little group.

Following is a blurb by Chris Fondum re our last run to Mallacoota, a two day excursion through the mountains and along the state's south coast. Regards, Steve 0403 577 020

Mallacoota Run: 16-17 November A very enjoyable run with seven cars turning out for this overnigher to the far south coast.

Six cars - Harry and Sandy Wilcock, John and Jan Broughton, Malcolm Bernhardt, Chris Fondum and friend Bron, Troy Stitchbury and Katherine, Sharon Johnson and Marree - got away from the Gull service station at Hume about eight-thirty and enjoyed a fairly good run down to Cooma before sweeping further south along the more open and enjoyable (read less policed) part of the highway through the high plains to Nimmitabel.

Dave and Toni Battison who had allowed us a sporting half hour start caught the group shortly after Nimmitabel and immediately took after Sharon/Marree and Malcolm who were setting the early pace up front.



Here the road becomes marginally tighter as it turns further south and winds through more undulating country on the run down to Bombala.



A coffee stop at the Cosmos Café in Bombala and we push on down the Monaro to the Victorian border and along the Cann Valley Highway through Coopracambra National Park to Cann River. A great drive. Nice sweeping road through tall forest country. From Cann River more great driving along the Victorian part of the Princes Highway to Genoa and then down some fantastic twisty bits to Gypsy Point and finally Mallacoota.



After checking into the local pub and a quick spot of lunch we make our way back to Gypsy Point to meet the unlikely Captain Roger Rumbottle for an enjoyable couple of hours of gentle river cruising. Fantastic bird life in this largely untouched river includes sea eagles which nested in the tops of tall timbers by the river bank. It was a spectacular sight to see them swoop and take river mullet that our tour guide had brought to feed them.

After a long day it was good to relax back at the hotel with a few drinks before dinner and a few more. The hotel proprietor was hosting his nephew's twenty first to which it seemed a good proportion of the town was invited. It was a fairly noisy bash and naturally we did our best to fit into the spirit of the things. Some probably drank more than others. And just when most were ready for bed the hotel proprietor brought complimentary champagne. What could be done...



Next morning after a late breakfast – the cook had been at the party too – we head back to the Princes Highway and up the coast to spectacular Twofold Bay. Why are those cars stopping on the side of the road...and waiting? Surely no-one has made a navigational error. Canberra club members never make a U-turn on their runs...

The situation is soon recovered and we stop at a look-out on the southern end of Twofold Bay before pausing further up the road to wander about the historic site of Boyd Town with its famous Seahorse Inn. (Continued on page 15)



Then on to Eden and a wander around the wharves at Snug Cove before taking in the Whaling Museum in Eden and returning for a fish and chips lunch at a dock-side café.

After lunch it's time to head back to Canberra.

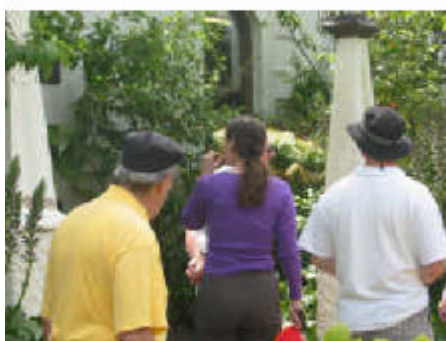


Up the Princes Highway to Pambula and along a great twisty road to Bombala via Wyndham. Then it's back along the Monaro to Cooma where we stop for a refreshing ale at the Australia Hotel before a gentle cruise home into Canberra.



Once again a great run with extremely pleasant company. Thanks to Harry and Sandy for their organisation.

Chris Fondum



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New Sponsor News

Paintless Dent Removal.

By Kyle Alberts (aka 'Biggles')

We Roadster owners are a fussy lot, as evidenced in an article in the 'Drive' section of the SMH, early February. Research shows that owners of 'topless' vehicles are far more particular about the service we receive, and the condition of our cars in general.

Well, we didn't need Sherlock to tell *us that* did we. No surprises here, but the smallest blemish can upset us terribly; All that Meguiar's, car covers and garaging - then someone leans on our baby...



Greg has been performing 'paintless dent removal' panel beating for 12 years and showed me the hand made tools – made by himself – which he uses to caress and massage panels back to perfection. Or near perfection, dependant upon the above criteria.

Which is what he did, in removing my permanent palm mark from the black, and utterly unforgiving finish on our MX-5.

Many thanks to Greg for the great job in restoring our baby, and the interesting education for me as well.

The MX-5 is known to have both soft paint and soft panels, both just the way cars are made these days. The former is due to the water based environmentally friendly paints modern manufacturers use. The latter, well; it just is!

Did you know that you do not necessarily need the full traditional panel beating (being panel filler and painting) to have small dings repaired?

During a fast wheel rotation at Wakefield last winter, I unthinkingly leant on the mudguard to stand up: The heel of my hand dented the curved, black panel. I've been staring at it with chagrin ever since!

'Round bottomed' dents such as this, and hail dents can be literally massaged out, if there's rear access, and the bottom of the dent does not form a 'V' shape, or crease, by fella's like Greg Aghayan of J.S. Craig Panel Beaters in Artarmon.

My dent would have cost \$120 to have fixed, but Greg only charged me \$100, as he will now do so for you, too. He needs to see the dent to quote it, initially.

Greg is the in house resident 'Paintless Dent Removal' maestro within the normal panel beating workshop of J. S. Craig Panel Beaters and now offers a 20% discount to all MX-5 Club of NSW members for his services. You'll need to show your card, and he's at 8 Carlotta Street, Artarmon. 9906 2577.

I've never had a panel beater fix it while I wait before! Great job, Greg.

Kyle Alberts
Committee Member

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