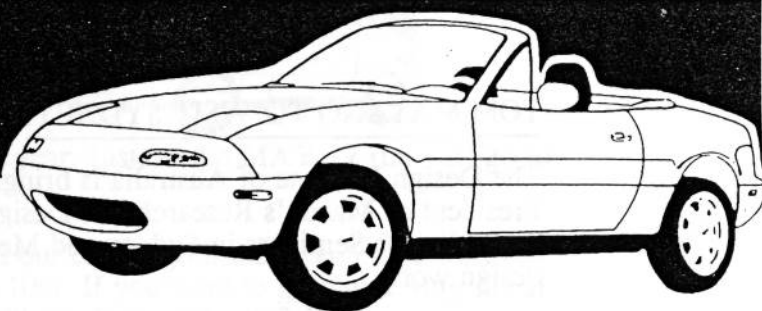


MAZDA MX-5



CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 1992

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Welcome to 1992! Hope you all had a safe and happy festive season and are ready to get back into the full swing of things.

1991 was an exciting year for our Club. It gave us the opportunity to meet our Club Patron - Hirai san - and included runs to the Southern Highlands, Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Snowy Mountains and the Hunter Valley. This year our Social Outings have been switched to the third Sunday of each month to avoid the long weekend clashes. A full calendar of Social and Sporting events is included elsewhere. Keep these days free and show your support by participating in these events.

On another matter, we saw a decline in membership numbers when renewals were due last July. However as a result of a phone survey conducted by the Committee we were able to re-recruit members we thought we had lost. Thanks to Anne Kehl, Rod Lewis and Sue Forrest for their marvellous efforts.

In closing I would like to thank Mark Sweetman for his efforts in producing our Newsletter last year. His efforts were much appreciated.

Look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming social and sporting events.

Your Club President, Ron Lyons.

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

In Queensland the membership fees are \$50.00.
From the Qld newsletter:

"When Mazda of USA wanted a name for the MX-5 they first came up with 'Seca'. However, they discovered this was already registered by Yamaha, so Rod Bymaster, Manager of Production and Planning, Mazda USA, started delving into his dictionary. Being an intellectual (like us) *This was really added by our northern cousins - yes the same ones who have the trouble with fading curtains because of daylight saving!!!* he also searched through his ETYMOLOGIES OF WORDS, seeking origins and developments, and found that the old high German word for 'meed' was 'miata', meaning 'reward'.

The Miata Club of America is conducting a MID-WEST MIATA NATIONAL in Indianapolis from July 30 to August 2 this year. The event includes hot laps at new Putnam Park Road Course AND an opportunity to drive around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. What about it Alan can this be on our Sporting calendar???? The Miata club of America has 28,000 members!

TOM MATANO TO VISIT SYDNEY.

The Design Institute of Australia is bringing Tsutomu 'Tom' Matano, Vice President of Mazda's Research and Design Development Centre in California to Australia for Seminars in Sydney and Melbourne on aspects of his automotive design work.

Tom is a passionate car enthusiast and under his design direction, Mazda have produced such innovative and award winning models as the MX-3, MX-6, 626, 929 and most notably the MX-5.

Tom's international experience sets him amongst the top automotive designers in the world, having come to Mazda after working with General Motors USA, GMH in Australia and BMW in Germany.

The Seminar on April 9 is open to the public and tickets at \$20 each are available by phoning 02 929 5188.



A MIATA VIDEO!

A California based company CIRINELLI VIDEO PRODUCTIONS has produced a video titled, "Miata.. Line Sketch to Love Affair". Like the Miata (they say) it is truly a work of art.

The tape costs \$(US)29.95 + \$(US)4.00 postage which includes a voucher for a 50% discount off your next order.

Cirinelli's address is:

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FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN.



There will not be a run at Easter this year. Instead the MAY 17 run will go to Jamberoo.

In May the MG Car Club has invited our club to join them on a breakfast run. This is to be either May 3rd or May 10th. If you want to go please ring me at home so I can talk to the MG Club. Please Phone 02 - 832 1101

SPORTS REPORT

STOP PRESS: The Australian Racing Drivers Club has invited us to compete in the following events at Amaroo Park:

July 12 Supersprint.

September 13 Supersprint.

November 22 Supersprint.

These are invitation events and we will be there with five other Clubs. The following members will receive Entry Forms automatically: Ross Hutchinson, Les Jeffry, Brian Johnson, Mark Kaplan, Rod Lewis and Alistair Lonsdale.

If you would like to join this merry band of peddlers please give me a call on 02 938 1902.

Some members have enquired about Advanced Driving Courses. Two local organisations highly recommended are:

Peter Finlay's Advanced Driving School (Ph 02 858 2923). Peter is an accredited CAMS Racing Licence tester and conducts advanced driving, high speed and racing driving courses up to the level of Formula Ford racing cars which you can hire.

The Advanced Driver's Training Club is highly recommended by Ross Hutchinson. It is a non-profit club committed to training and practising advanced driving techniques. Phone 02 858 3935.

Finally members may be interested to know that an MX-5 has won its first trophy in Open competition. A class win in the opening round at Bathurst of the NSW State Hillclimb Championship (but don't ask how many entries there were).

Alan Geenough.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	22	Committee Meeting
May	17	Social Drive to Jamberoo
	20	Club Meeting
June	21	Social Drive
	24	Committee Meeting

Club meetings have been booked at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club, William Street, Five Dock in the Fisherman's Room, starting at 7.30pm.

SOME PROBLEM SOLUTIONS

REAR WINDOW CARE: The MX-5's soft rear window can get a bit hazy after a few thousand kilometres of top down motoring. Use Mequiar's #10 Professional Plastic Polish to gently remove those unsightly lines and scratches. Works like magic!

PASSENGER SEAT RATTLES: Every MX_5 has this problem. When no one is in the passenger seat and it is in normal position it rattles as you drive down the road. This is due to a little amount of "play" in the reclining mechanism that allows the seat back to move when it is unloaded. The simple solution is to tilt the seat back a bit past the normal position (15 degrees) and move the seat briskly to its rearmost position. This will 'pin' the seat back into place and keep it from rattling. The other solution is to always "save rattling - travel with a friend".

TRUNK LOCK HARD TO USE: Many have complained about the stiffness of the lock on the boot. Some have even broken keys trying to get it open. A simple part replacement is all that is needed. The factory has issued a service bulletin (#075/89 dated 10/12/89) that describes the cure. It could be the rubber cushions on the underside corners being too large. This is more likely in earlier models. If you are having trouble gently push down on the boot lid as you turn the key. This will help until you get the new cushions.

FRONT NUMBER PLATE BLUES: A number of MX-5's are driving around sans front number plates. One member has had four discussions with the constabulary including a long heated talk in Goulburn. Two of these have cost \$51.00 each! He now has a front number plate attached - but it does spoil the lines doesn't it.

THE TRANSIT LANE: If a 4/5 seater sedan has to have a driver plus two passengers - ie one empty seat - are MX-5's allowed to use the transit lane with one empty seat??

MX-5 TURBO! Tynan Motors has established an agency for installing BBR Turbos to the MX-5. The fitting of a turbo kit does not have Mazda Australia's endorsement and so may void warranty - check first if your are interested. The unit costs in the range of \$9325.00 but it does add amazing performance claiming 0 - 100 in 7.59 sec and standing 400 in 15.43 sec.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: We need some for next newsletter PLEASE.

