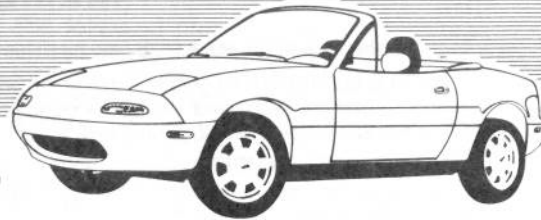


Mazda MX-5

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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we move towards the warmer weather and the festive season, it will be great to see more MX-5's on the road. It will also be the time for our first Annual General meeting. The details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Club has now conducted 4 outings — the last 2 to Newcastle — thanks Jacquie for your great work — and to the Blue Mountains. Mark Arena, your Club Captain, has done a great job in organising these trips. Its also pleasing to see an increasing number of members attending. Lets see you at our next run on November 11th to the Southern Highlands.

The MX-5 Club of Victoria is also progressing well. We have received a copy of their Newsletter and will have it at the next meeting. Elsewhere in this Newsletter are details of their events. If you are in Victoria at the time of these, you have been invited to attend.

Finally, let me thank all those members actively supporting the club, particularly those offering services and assistance.

I look forward to seeing you on November 11th and at the meeting on November 14th.

Pieter Versluis

THE NEWCASTLE TOUR

Although the day started a little wet, by the time we got to the Central Coast Mazda, most had their tops down.

The drive along the old highway from the Berowra tollgates was most invigorating. We can recommend it as a much better way to take your MX-5 to the Central Coast.

Morning tea, courtesy of Central Coast Mazda was welcomed and details of security measures for our cars was attentively absorbed. Club member Laurie Findlay has this fitted — ask him for details.

From Gosford to the Skillion at Terrigal and then to Belmont Sailing Club for lunch provided a great morning drive. Even the youngster in Terrigal who said "look mum, there's another Capri!!" was impressed. Ben in MX 5005 had a short discussion with a member of N.S.W.'s finest about his front number plate!

After lunch, all the curves to Newcastle harbour via BP Merewether, where we all filled our tanks at BP's expense. Thanks Jacquie for organising this. And where Mark took lots of photo's.

Ice Creams at the Brewery Wharf — and more group photo's — when Mark discovered alas — NO FILM! So back to BP for a re-run on photo's.

The day finished with a brisk run down the expressway.

MAZDA MX5 CLUB SUPPORTS SAFE DRIVING

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the MX-5 Club may be achieved as follows:

FULL MEMBERS: Registered owner or principal driver of Mazda MX-5 or spouse / son / daughter of registered owner or principal driver. Full members have full voting rights
FEE: \$50.00 (plus \$25.00 joining fee)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Anyone with an interest in MX-5's who is over 17 years old. Associate members have no voting rights and cannot hold office — all other rights are the same as full members.

FEE: \$35.00 (plus \$25.00 joining fee)

JUNIOR MEMBERS: Son / daughter of registered or principal driver or having an interest in Mazda MX-5. Must be under 17 years of age. No voting rights apply.

FEE: \$10.00 (plus joining fee of \$10.00)

A TOUR TO JAPAN?

Club member Donna Barlow has put together a possible tour to the home of our Mazda.
Short Details: **WHEN:** from March 29 to April 10, 1991 (Cherry Blossom time)

WHERE: Tokyo, Osaka, Hiroshima, Kurashiki, Kyoto

Including Bullet Train, Mazda Factory, Kenrokuen Garden, Approx cost: \$3,000.00

If you are interested in further details, be at the AGM on November 14th.

THUNDERDOME DECEMBER

"Connell's Ultra Thunderdome Run"

Join Club members for this ultimate week-end run.

30th November

Meet at Picton entrance on the F6 at about 3.00 p.m. Proceed at an "acceptable speed" to Holbrook (pitstop Goulburn). Accommodation and meal at Holbrook Hotel and adjacent Motel.

1st December

Holbrook to Melbourne to arrive at 1.00 p.m. Evening entertainment and accommodation to be arranged.

2nd December

With Victorians, provide MX-5's for Lap of

Honour for international drivers. Free Pit, Grandstand and VIP Single Passes for 2.

Return to Holbrook.

3rd December

Return to Sydney in your own time.

If you want to go, ring Brian Connell on 327 6508 or Alan Greenough on 938 1902.

Must know by November 14th!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Over 600 MX-5's have been sold in N.S.W. Let's drive towards getting these people join our Club!

At the next meeting on November 14th, we will have some cards and forms you may use to encourage membership.

NEXT MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, November 14th, 1990 at 7.30 p.m. at Western Suburbs Soccer Club, William St, Five Dock. *Parking: Secure parking in the Club car park.*

Agenda: President's Report — Financial Report — Club Captain's Report
— Elections — (see note elsewhere in Newsletter).

A GENERAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW

Club member Ray Kehl has arranged for members of the Channel 7 Sports Division to present details of their recent coverage of the Tooheys 1000 including some footage and examples of the cameras used.

The current Committee members will retire and nominations for all positions will be accepted at the meeting.

MX-5 CLUB TOUR

14th October, 1990

At 6.30 am on a sunny Sunday morning, 17 MX-5's rolled out of the relative safety of their garages and headed for the 'wild west'.

By 8.30 am we were dining in style in the grand dinner room of the famous Hydro Majestic Hotel.

Mid-morning and residents and on-lookers at the charming village of Leura, were taken by complete surprise when a well ordered procession of MX-5's passed down their main street.

Another orderly procession through 'Blue Mist' garden, this time on foot, was followed by a disorderly 'fang' — whoops!, I mean an enthusiastic belt around the cliff tops, appropriately named 'Cliff Drive'.

And so we arrived at the Revolutionary Restaurant and Scary Railway. Slipping into steel cages shaped like long sardine tins, we plummeted through black holes and waterfalls, cold winds and ear-piercing screams numbed our senses.

A delightful D.I.Y. lunch was followed by a head(light) count to reveal that we had lost a few MX-5's . . . Dear God, this was awful! No worries mate, because we also gained a few late arrivals so there. The attendance book balanced, even if the accounts book didn't!

All day long those enchanting words — Bell's Line of Road, had been ringing in the mind's of the drivers. Finally it was time to leave.

But just as the pace car moved over, some smart-alec yelled out "there is no petrol in Sydney". Well, that was it, the convoy just broke up, MX-5's were seen scurrying in all directions, looking for the elusive unleaded!

A one hour guided tour of the Spectacular Mt. Tomah Botanic Garden was a fitting way to end a perfect day in the Colourful Mountains west of Sydney.

Mark

A MODEL MX-5

A number of members have purchased Tamiya MX-5 models and constructed their own little left-hand-drive MX-5. If you ask for the EUNOS ROADSTER, you will get a right-hand drive car.

Benefits to Members

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 club members. Here they are:

★ BOB JANE T-MARTS

Members are entitled to a discount on tyres and wheels equivalent to fleet prices.

★ AMG

Discounts are available on body kits, wheels and suspension parts. talk to Brian or Simon at AMG Edgecliffe on 327 6508.

★ **FINISH LINE ACCESSORIES** - Melbourne
Information on prices has been displayed at Club meetings. Contact Finish Line at P.O. Box 272, Caulfield South 3162.

★ **SMASH REPAIRS** (*Hopefully, something you won't need!*) But if you do — Luke at LUTON SMASH REPAIRS, 152 Gipps Road, Smithfield on 604 7444, will offer you the right service at the right price.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday November 11th: Tour to the historic southern highlands, including a golf tournament — details elsewhere.

Sunday December 16th: Christmas Party — Centennial Park. This will be designed to be a family day. Please let us know if you will be attending!

January: The Victorian Club is conducting a run to Apollo Bay on the long weekend (for them - not a long weekend for N.S.W.).

February: An overnight stay in Jamberoo, including a tour, a gymkhana and a dinner. Details next Newsletter.

February 24th: Victorian Club running a Sprint Day at Benalla. Entry Forms will be made available to members.

CLUB OUTINGS

Club member Bob Skelton has suggested that a club pointscore be implemented in conjunction with these tours. Points would be awarded for attendance and car presentation. What do you think? Bob will detail his plan at the next Club meeting.

CLUB PATRON:

As a result of our approach to Mr. Toshihiko Hirai, the following reply was received: →

CLUB JACKET : \$55

An increasing number of members are wearing the Club jacket. They're lightweight and windproof — just the thing for the cooler evening drive. They come in Blue with white embroidery of your name and MX-5 Club. Order through any Committee Member.

NEXT CLUB OUTING

SUNDAY, 11th NOVEMBER

This will be a run to the southern highlands and includes a stop for morning tea, lunch and a special MX-5 Golf Tournament.

Meet at the Waterfall tollgates — on the left, just after you've paid your 60c at 9.00 am for a 9.15 departure.

The Golf Tournament will be a special 5-hole event with the following rules:

PLAY only 5 holes. **USE** any 5 clubs — 1 must be a putter. **START** with only 5 tees and 5 balls. — **GOOD FUN AND PRIZES GALORE!**

See the attached Running Sheet for more details.

THE DAY AT EASTERN CREEK

In our first Newsletter, details we provided information about this day. Due to changes in the date of the 'Sydney 500' to November 10th, we have had to change our day to November 11th.

There may still be a couple of vacancies — ring Alan Greenough on 02 938 1902 if you want to attend.

In addition, some drivers are unable to arrange a flag marshal, so if you want to act as a flag marshal, give Alan a ring.

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Dear Mr. Versluis

RE: PATRONAGE OF THE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB OF NSW

Thank you for the many words of praise to our MX-5 and your very kind proposal.

I am most pleased and honored to accept your offer to be Patron of the "MAZDA MX-5 CAR CLUB OF NSW".

I look forward with eagerness to hearing from you about your club activities and your members' successes.

Thank you once again for your generous offer.

With Best Regards,

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