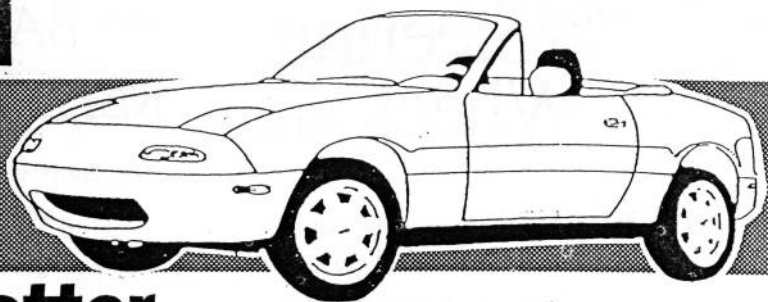


# Mazda MX-5



## Club Newsletter

JUNE '92

### President's

R E P O R T

Your Club President - Ron Lyons

#### CLUB PRESIDENT - A WOMAN!

Attendance at our May Club meeting prompted more than one comment to the effect that it wouldn't be long before the MX-5 Club Committee was completely female. The rain certainly dampened some spirits but I fear the televised tribal war exerted a powerful pull on the male instinct.

Although the meeting was informal the Committee reported on up-coming events, the success of the current membership drive and the possibility of establishing branches in the ACT and Newcastle. The purchase of a Laptop computer was also discussed. Its function would be to manage membership and financial data and possibly solve some of the problems surrounding

publication of the Newsletter. Perhaps you have an opinion on this and other matters you might like to air at the next Club meeting on July 22nd.

#### MONEY CHANGES HANDS.

The resigning Treasurer was in attendance to hand over responsibility. Until the next election the Treasurer's function will be fulfilled by Susan Forrest. Colin and Elaine Caldwell will assume Sue's membership workload. The President of the Mazda Car Club also attended. He outlined his club's

sporting activities and extended a warm invitation to our members to participate.

#### BRIAN'S LUCKY NIGHT.

Of particular interest to new members was the provision, for the first time, of back copies of the Club magazine. Special thanks to Paul and Faye Heeks.

Founding member Brian Wu has agreed to manage this service which will be available only at meetings with a limit of one set per member per meeting. (At the next meeting Brian will explain what this means! - Ed.)

A grinning Brian also walked away with the evening's door prize: an Award winning bottle of 1990 Chardonnay.

### FROM THE Steering Wheel OF THE Club Captain

- Lea Findley

18 x MX-5 + 1 x 626 = ????

It was black as pitch on his side of town when the phone rang (early) - but we decided to press on regardless!! So positive.

Parramatta 9.00am was sunny and 17 cars, soon with their tops down, headed off. Was our Suzy in "mode 3" yet? Or is she definitely afternoon material?

No names will be mentioned but a certain couple who had some action together on our last trip were at it again. A definite statement were the pink socks, bearing in mind the same lady looking very glum in black and orange. His statement was his hat - he was definitely wired for something: maybe a communication breakdown.

There was a third escapee last time

but the same person was not visible at 9.00am. (Turned up at the ferry later in the morning - believe it or not).

We can always trust our Pres. when he plays tail-end Charlie, gathered up Rud van Munster half way through Parramatta but he was pushing his luck when he stopped to recruit a poor unsuspecting young man at Glenhaven. Did he get him? Stay tuned for the results - next Newsletter.

Did you know you can get 18 MX-5s (and one 626) on the Berowra ferry? It's a fact - and we have pictures! >>

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## FROM THE **Steering Wheel** CONT...

>MUNCHY (her rego plate not her name) is a pro (photographer) and had her camera out at every opportunity and I'm sure for a (small?) fee copies will be available.

By the way someone needs to tell T.A. that with the top down in the rain you need to do 80 km/h. His son gets the bravery award for dedication to the cause.

A fun day with lots of laughs even though it rained. The roads Luis and Karen picked were fabulous and in some parts a real test of our driving skills.

Akuna Bay coffee shop will never be the same but we all enjoyed the venue, the rain could not dampen our spirit (Right T.A.??)

The June outing was planned and led by Luis and Karen Gallur and a very successful day it was. Great roads and great company. Thank you all for joining us and we look forward to our next outing.

### "The Date"

Saturday May 30th - out came the baby, she had to look her best (if not better). She had a date. A date with an M.G.

She didn't know which one - there were over 60 to choose from - all colours, all ages. My what a glorious situation! What a dream! To park next to a glamour who was part of her heritage really made her oil bubble. Extra care had to be taken with every detail - the top, the bottom, inside and out. Didn't she look good.

Sunday, May 31st, 4.30 am! Goodness is it always this black at this time of day? They are taking my top down. Are

## BATTERY REPLACEMENT

Have you had to replace your battery yet?

We'll get ready for a shock. They are priced at \$172.00.

Some Queensland members have been looking at alternatives.

The results of their findings will be in the next Newsletter.

Or look through the Queensland Newsletter at the next Club Meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Membership drive continues apace.

Great to see so many cards coming in.

Colin is doing his best to answer all of them but please don't stop encouraging new members.

Colin is looking to keep very busy.

they mad? I'm freezing - what are they thinking of??? But then I do look my best topless - and by dawn I will be extremely attractive, irresistible in fact.

Nothing gets a girl going like a good work-out and boy do I feel great! From the mountains to the sea (nearly) and now I'm waiting to view the talent and get going with my date. Hot coffee, who needs it, my oil is boiling already. What a fantastic sight - oh my, how can I choose one?

But why have one when I can go with all 60? And that's exactly what I did. I had a fabulous run, everyone waved at me and was ever so friendly, I met old friends, talked old times and thoroughly enjoyed myself. A little vintage number invited me to the

## 1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 18 and 19**  
Canberra Weekend  
Fully booked

**July 22**  
Club Meeting

**August 16**  
Northern Beaches Run  
planned by Colin Caldwell

**September 19 and 20**  
Hunter Valley Weekend  
Approximate cost \$58 per head.  
Deposit cheques of \$30 payable to Wayfarer Motel to be sent to Lea Findlay c/o Club address by July 19.

**September 23**  
Club Meeting

**October 18**  
Bundanoon Run

**November 15**  
Bathurst Run  
planned by Darryl Head

**November 18**  
AGM and Club Meeting

**December 20**  
Christmas party  
planned by Sue Forrest

seaside for lunch so off I went, what a great day, weather PERFECT.

Sussex Inlet is such a lovely place and "themselves" said the hamburgers were the best they had ever eaten. Unfortunately all days must end but naturally being irresistible as I am, invitations were extended and dates set for more get togethers which of course I am looking forward to with smoking tyres.

"Himself" even suggested to "Herself" that perhaps my garage could be extended to accommodate a little number with an M.G. badge. As you know "Herself" feels very nostalgic when she's around them so maybe.....

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## ..... Sporting News .....

Have you entered for the Club Supersprint on Sunday 12 July. If not fill out enclosed entry form and send direct to: The Secretary, ARDC, Amaroo Park, Annangrove Road, Annangrove 2156, with a cheque for \$40 (if received prior to 5pm 7/7/92 or \$60 up to 10am on 12/7/92). --- **STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!** - The club will be conducting a SPEED EVENT SERIES comprising Supersprints at Amaroo Park on July 12, September 13 and November 22 with the final event being a hillclimb at Ringwood (Raymond Terrace) on December 6. Handsome Trophies will be awarded at the Club's Annual Christmas function including a Ladies Trophy, so come on girls! --- **SUPERSPRINTS: WHAT ARE THEY?** -- Supersprints are timed lap dashes-two cars at a time. At Amaroo the procedure is two timed flying laps per run with up to 5 runs being attained over the day dependent on number of entries. Drivers can individually decide if they wish to race with the second car or drive at their own pace at a discrete distance. The speed at which they drive is also entirely up to the individual and there is no disgrace in slow times particularly novices. Supersprinters are all ages and both sexes and enjoy themselves immensely. It is as dangerous as the driver wants to be. However, because you use all of the road with no other traffic worries you will find yourself going faster than you ever have driven-and what a BUZZ! So come along and join the fun. Experienced drivers will be on hand to guide you on "the clean fast line". ---

**WHAT DO YOU NEED?** - Helmet to AS1698, Mounted Fire Extinguisher to AS1846/1848 Min. Cap. 9 kg., independent bonnet tie down, Blue Battery Triangle (blue insulation tape will suffice), racing numbers (available for modest charge at shop at track), CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD and CURRENT CLUB RACING LICENSE. Club racing license can be purchased from me on the day for \$15, but must ring me (Alan Greenough) on 938-1902 prior to the day to ensure I physically have enough. Clothing must be non-flammable-wrists to toe. ---

**FINALLY - SPECIAL NOTE:** Next year the Club will be running its own events and needs CAMS qualified stewards. A Basic stewards course is being run on Saturday 18 July. Interested members please phone urgently. Club events being considered are a motorkana and/or hillclimb.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not much space for letters this month, which was handy since we didn't have any. But thanks to the members who forwarded other material. Made for some great reading. Keep up the good work I'd rather be in a position of having too much than not enough.

Wouldn't we all!

## NO TAR

### ON THIS RUN !!

The club run on the 17th May was a sunny, hoods down, good day out for the club. The run took in a wide variation of road types and driving conditions, free-ways, suburban and narrow winding country roads in bright sunshine, drizzle and finally, steady rain. A turn out of 31 cars, including many visitors "checking out" the club, made for a colourful and spectacular sight.

The route explored the escarpment of the South Coast from Picton to Gerroa. The roads were generally good and not

those pot-holed tyre munchers. The route was altered on the day to avoid a section of fresh bitumen with its attendant car spotting and cleaning hassles. Top marks for acting on this bit of local knowledge Lea!

A descent of some 2000' (600 m) from Picton to the coast and forays into the hinterland gave us sunny postcard views towards the coast and the ominous clouds rolling around the edge of the escarpment gave a Wagnerian grandeur to the views inland.

From the lunch stop at Jamberoo, we went up the Saddleback for the view and discovered drizzle at the altitude, but five

minutes downhill, we were back into bright sunshine again.

The return climb up Mt. Kembla and across the ridge to Mt. Kiera made both car and driver work as the road twisted and climbed in feral fashion.

As we crested the last climb in the late afternoon, the heavy cloud made good its promise and we motored home in the rain, hoods up, speed down.

The lunch and afternoon tea stops gave both members and visitors an opportunity to swap notes on wheels and other interesting modifications, as well as to refresh friendships and make new acquaintances.

### SPORTING EVENTS

July 12	Supersprint
September 13	Supersprint
November 22	Supersprint
December 6	Hillclimb

For entry forms and more detail call Alan Greenough.

### A COUPLE OF CAR SHOWS.

**Vintage. Street. Classic.**  
Show and Shine Spectacular 1992.  
Where: Silverwater Park.  
Clyde St., Silverwater.  
When: August 9th.

**First Annual Small Car Sunday**  
Where: Valentine Sports Park.  
Meurants Lane., Parklea.  
When: August 30th.

More details at the Club Meeting.

### INTERSTATE GUESTS.

An MX-5 couple from Tasmania, quietly lunching in Jamberoo discovered they were not alone in their selection of toys as their car was pointed at, pamphletted and finally they were beguiled into joining the run, by the ever enthusiastic membership secretary.

### HANKY PANKY ?

Brian Wu, a long-standing member of high repute, found himself in the affectionate embrace of another man's passenger! In fact, the passenger just couldn't keep their paws off him.

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## WOMEN DRIVERS! - by Ron Smith

On receiving our instructions for the day on how to drive in convoy, (keep an eye on the car behind you and slow down or pull over until they catch you up so that we remain together and no-one gets lost) we set sail down the F5 with our first turn-off being the Picton exit.

Carefully noting the warning signs of the approaching Picton turn-off at various kilometre distances, I found that the two cars in front of me had failed to do likewise and were continuing down the freeway past the exit. Approaching a freeway exit at 100 km per hour, you do not get a great deal of time to weigh up the pros and cons of staying with the group and turning off, or pursuing the two drivers in front of me, to tell them that they had missed the exit. Our only instructions had been what to do about the car behind us and not what to do about the cars in front of us. Both cars were being driven by ladies on their own and their identities shall remain anonymous except that from henceforth the adventurers shall be known as Mike and Mal.

The first car that I managed to catch and draw alongside was "Mike in the White" and having told her of what had happened I then set off in pursuit of "Mal in the Red". Due to traffic conditions this took a little while and in fact, she did not slow down until I put my headlights on and then she realised something must be wrong. We then all pulled over to discuss what we should do next. Mal was extremely apologetic and explained and I quote, "that she was following the car behind her." I had no answer to this statement at the time and haven't really come up with one since, except to suggest the obvious that maybe she should have been following the car in front, and not the car behind!

Armed with a map that I had picked up from the NRMA ten minutes before closing time on the Friday before the outing, on a "just in case" basis, we decided that the best thing to do was to continue on down to Mittagong and turn off there and head for the coast via the Macquarie Pass and then down to Jamberoo for lunch. Our MX-5 convoy of three managed to do this quite successfully and arrived only twenty minutes later than the main group.

Each time the convoy reformed after our various stops I always found Mal and her car filling my rear view mirror. I suspect that maybe she attached a towrope to my car while I was having lunch, so that she would not get lost again, as she always seemed to be at the same proximity to the rear of my car.

On a slightly more serious note I would recommend the trip from Mittagong across to the coast via the Macquarie Pass to anyone, as the views coming down the Pass are quite spectacular.

My wife and I had a really fantastic day and I honestly look forward to going adventuring with Mike and Mal on the next outing. I don't recall ever having had so much fun sitting down. In fact my wife insisted that I fill out the membership application form and send it off as soon as we got home, which I duly did. Watch for a special new hat bought subsequently in memory of the trip, on the next club outing.

Disclaimer: My wife wishes it to be known that she had nothing to do with this article and that any sexist remarks, innuendoes, actual or implied, have nothing to do with her and that the article is written solely by the driver.

### TRIP TO JAMBEROO AND BERRY - by Vivian Sophocleous.

What a sight 27 MX-5s spinning down the F5, although red was the predominant colour, blue and white came a close second, several yellows made a bright splash and one "Special Edition Green" was very smart indeed!

Considering the majority of drivers were new members, "First Trippers" so to speak, everything went off very well only three cars (Oh what a Feeling!!) took a wrong turn on a tricky intersection of the Freeway just before Jamberoo, but they caught up via an extra scenic mile or two just in time for lunch.

Luckily the weather was pleasant until late afternoon and a quick photo session was taken of a wind swept group on Saddleback Mountain.

A spiffing good time was certainly had and many of the "First Trippers" said they thought the day was well organised by a competent Club Captain Lea Findley and Committee Members well done!

## OH WHAT A FEELING !!

Damn it, the car behind me has a different colour. It's now WHITE. Oops I'm right on the tail of a bomb of a Beetle - got to hit the brakes. Trying to stay so cool in my hoon machine, I gritted my teeth graciously as that metal box from Sweden zapped past me.

Where the hell is that MX in front of me? Still no MX?? Oh no, from my rear vision mirror a pair of popped up lights were glaring at me and signalling to pull up left. It can't be - the colour had changed again - it's now RED! Yeah, Melbourne was never on our schedule, at least not this time around. Gee I felt so lousy as our mini-convoy of 3 looped our way cross-country to Jamberoo.

But hey, wait a minute! Macquarie Park is spectacular and it was great swinging around those tight bends in my little capsule. We still made it to Jamberoo for lunch - thanks to our Aussie mate who led the rebel pack.

The rest of the day was fun. I made sure I stayed pretty much front of the line so that I'd be noticed should I detour. The pelting rain did not dampen my spirit one bit. When I saw the sign that says SYDNEY I know I'm in familiar territory. When I saw the COATHANGER I know I'm home.

As I bashed away on the keyboard of my PC I reminisced the day of May 17. Really for 75 bucks a year where can you have so much fun, meet a friendlier bunch of people, be an adventurously creative individual and still be able to hang in as a team. Eat your heart out Princeton or Harvard. Give me the MX-5 Club, NSW Australia anytime. It's beaut to be back Downunder.

OH WHAT A FEELING. AUSTRALIA

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## ENTRY FORM - CLOSED SPEED EVENT

PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS CLEARLY

EVENT: A.R.D.C. Championship DATE OF EVENT: 12th July 1992  
 ENTRANT: Name ..... Club .....  
 Address ..... Badge No: .....  
 .....P/Code ..... Telephone (w) .....  
 Licence No: Basic/GC ..... (h) .....

DRIVER: Name ..... Club .....  
 Address ..... Badge No: .....  
 .....P/Code .....  
 Licence No: Basic/GC ..... Civil: .....

VEHICLE: Make: ..... Turbo/supercharged: Yes.....No.....  
 Model: ..... Rotary: Yes.....No.....  
 Engine Type: ..... C/C (size) .....

## CLASS ENTERED

CLASS	0-1300	1301-1600	1601-2000	2001-3000	3001-Over
Standard Veh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road Reg					
CLASS 2	0-1300	1301-1600	1601-2000	2001-3000	3001-Over
Modified Veh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLASS 3	0-1600	1601-2000	2001-3000	3000-Over	
Sports Sedan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
CLASS 4	0-1300	1301-Over			
Libre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

ENTRY FEE: \$..... Is personal accident insurance required:  
 SIC LICENCE: \$..... Yes/No  
 LATE: \$..... Preferred Competition No: .....  
 TOTAL: \$.....

## DECLARATION

"I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the National Competition Rules of CAMS." "I also acknowledge and agree as a condition of entry that neither the CAMS, nor the Promoters or Organisers of the race meeting/event or their respective servants, officials, representatives or agents ("The Organisers") shall be under any liability whatsoever for my death or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by me as a result of my participation in the race meeting/event howsoever such death or bodily injury, loss or damage is caused whether by negligence or otherwise".  
 (Under 18 must be counter signed by Parents or Guardian.)

Signature: Parent/Guardian ..... Driver: .....

Entrant: .....

## OFFICE USE ONLY

AMOUNT RECEIVED \$..... CASH/CHEQUE

DATE.....

RECEIPT NO:.....

CLASS:.....

COMPETITION NO:.....

SCRUTINEERED:.....

SCUTINEERING SHEET (Official Use Only)STEERING

Box ..... Tie Rod Ends ..... King Pins ..... Wheel (30cm)....

BRAKES

Foot, Cable &amp;/or Hoses ..... Pedal Pressure &amp; Travel .....

Hand Brake .....

WHEELS

Nuts ..... Spokes ..... Bearings ..... Oil Leaks .....

TYRES

..... Rim Width .....

SUSPENSION

Shackles ..... Springs ..... Shocks ..... Linkages .....

Sway Bars .....

ENGINE

Fuel Lines ..... Card Return Springs (2)..... Breather .....

Oil Leaks ..... Sump Plug .....

BODY

Doors ..... Rear-hinged Bonnet Hood (2 fasteners) .....

Windscreen (Laminated) ..... Firewall ..... Hood .....

Exhaust ..... Brake Lights .....

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Mirror(s) (50sq cm) ..... Helmet (AS1698) ..... Roll Bar....

Goggles (AS1609) ..... Clothing ..... Safety Belt .....

Fire Extingusner (AS1846.1848 Min Cap 9kg) ..... Battery Triangle .....

Competition No ..... Eng Modifications .....

Slicks ..... Class Category .....

Remarks

Signature of Scutineer

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