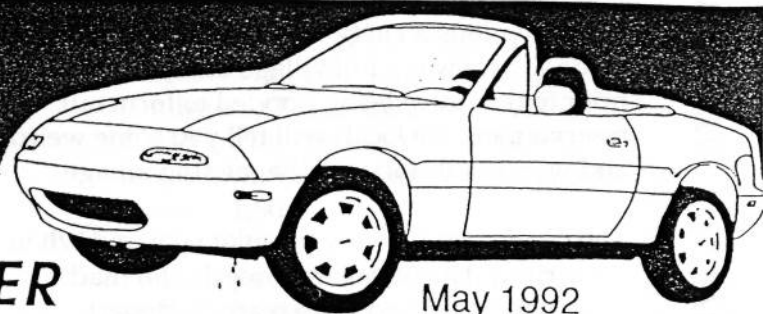


# Mazda MX-5

## CLUB NEWSLETTER



May 1992

### President's Report — Ron Lyons

Well, here we are again with the latest news to keep you up-to-date with all the 'goings on' in **our** club.

The emphasis is on the word 'our', however in order to give this word any significance, more involvement is required by **all** members.

So if you feel you have anything to say - good or bad - give me a call and view your thoughts. Help me to help you.

I am happy to say that due to the assistance of Mazda Australia, we have recently received almost 200 new enquiries for membership. I am very confident that these enquiries will result in the swelling of our ranks.

The increased membership will enable you to meet new friends and let you compare your 'baby' with other MX-5's.

On a sadder note, it is with regret that we have had to accept the resignation of Rodney Lewis from the Treasurer's position. A position that he held with distinction since November 1991. Thanks go to Rodney for all his efforts during that time.

Well that's all for now. Looking forward to seeing you at the next gathering, including our new recruits!

Your Club President,

Ron Lyons

### From the Steering Wheel of the Club Captain — Lea Findley

Hello fellow fun lovers or should I say "MX-5 Club adventurers". I say this with some humour, for those who follow us need that adventuresome spirit. I will confess we have taken wrong roads, dirt roads (oh dear), speed humps galore (we handled it), water, and more. But — we are trying to get a handle on this club captain thing and *by jove I think we've got it.*

We are trying to make it interesting and exciting, take some of you places you have never been or would not go by yourself. Landscape lovers, country cruisers, sprinters and those that just

want to come for the social outing. Oh, by the way, we cater for the cake and coffee gourmet as well. (Ask Colin for testimonial.) There is something for everyone.

If none of these things appeal, please ring me and give me the feedback. I need to get each of you to participate in an event you would enjoy, because the success of these outings will only happen with participation.

As you will see, a lot of people are trying to make it happen by planning some great outings — please join us — we are really fun people. ⇨

## The Burrajaorang Event

This area of our country is quite a sight, not only for its fabulous scenery but also for its historical value. There was a full village on the valley floor prior to the valley being flooded to form our reservoir and the locals will tell you some weird and wonderful stories of the missing village.

The picnic area is a very popular spot and when we arrived the vintage motorcycle club had already lunched and were ready to depart.

It did not take our lot long to park and head for the kiosk where items like *Burraburgers* and steak sandwiches were high on the priority list.

Naturally, this had to be shared with a family of kookaburras who also have these items high on their priority list.

Not all the valley was flooded, so the 4km run to the water's edge was tried by all. A small puddle of water seemed to be the main topic of conversation after our fearless President made his run.

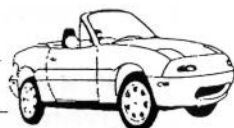
A sightseer should definitely have burning ears with Darryl on his tail and Colin (who didn't even know the place existed) said he enjoyed his nice quiet run. Sedate was his word.

Afternoon tea proved a great success as ideas, questions about our cars and cheerful conversation helped Darryl and a couple of others sort out a few problems they are having with their cars.

It also proved a great place for some to indulge themselves in the continental cake department.

A definite social day and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are a friendly bunch so please come along and see for yourself.

## Camp Quality



The Club remains committed to supporting Camp Quality in 1992.

Lea Findley's team is currently organising a day out for children at Richmond Airforce Base. The RAAF will host the day.

## — 1992 Calendar of Events —

May 17	Jambaroo
June 21	Northern National Parks <i>planned by Luis Gallur</i>
July 18 & 19	Canberra Weekend
August 16	Northern Beaches <i>planned by Colin Caldwell</i>
September 19 & 20	Hunter Valley Weekend
October 18	Bundanoon
November 15	Bathurst <i>planned by Darryl Head</i>
December 20	Christmas party <i>planned by Sue Forrest</i>

■ Approximate cost bed/breakfast/dinner \$47 per head. Numbers and deposits of \$25 per head by 24 May 1992

\* Approximate cost bed/breakfast/dinner \$58 per head. Numbers and deposits of \$30 per head by 19 July 1992

### Note:

Numbers can be advised earlier but deposits must be received by the dates advertised.

To book your place: Call Lea Findley at work on (02) 554 2856 or at home on (02) 832 1101.

## Bolt-on-bits

It is not usual for the Club to promote any one supplier of bits for your MX-5, but one American company has come to light that you should know about.

McCune Technology has two great products, all very affordable: a **trunk (boot) shield** that eliminates the danger of unsecured objects damaging the unlined left side rear quarter panel, and **door sills** that protect against scratches and scuffs. These two, plus shipping, are billed at less than US\$100-00.

McCune Technology can be faxed on 1-919-424-1131 or write to PO Box 53834, Fayetteville, NC 28306 United States.

## Some More Problems Solved

### Soft rear window zipper breaking

If you try to zip in your back window with your top latches secured, the tension may be too great and your zipper can break. Zip up your rear window before you finally close the front latches and things will last a lot longer. If your zipper does break or tear out, your dealer has a fix-it kit.

### Windshield wiper and heater fan motor stopped?

The ghost of Lucas has found a way into the MX-5's wiring harness. On a very few cars the wipers and heater fan motor will not work occasionally. The fuse isn't blown; the ignition key switch is just off its contacts. Wriggle your key and all should come to life.

### Flood of Member Interest

The recent Mazda survey of MX-5 owners has resulted in a deluge of "If you want to know more about the MX-5 Club" cards. The post office in Marsfield has been taken over by MX-5 owners wanting to join. At least 200 cards so far, and Susan Forrest is trying to answer every one! Let's hope we see the Club grow bigger than it was after Vicary's.

## Letters to the Editor (more please)

*Dear Secretary, Mazda MX-5 Club*

*I'd like to pass on to Club members some of the experiences I've had when I've modified my MX-5*

*— Len McIntosh*

- ✎ More interior storage space can be obtained by removing the blanking plate under the radio and fitting a storage box from a 1990 Toyota Celica. It's a perfect fit in the hole and holds 2-3 cassettes and/or sunglasses. — costs about \$25-00.
- ✎ If your boot won't stay open with a new spoiler fitted, adjust the tension rods as per the manual to the stiff setting, and remove the rebound rubbers under the hinges, and cut about 1/16 of an inch off the top. This allows the boot to open further over centre, and it will then stay up.
- ✎ If fitting different wheels, check the offset. Standard MX-5 is 45mm. Anything under about 35-38mm will result in heavier steering and tramlining.
- ✎ To improve appearance of your MX-5 (especially on lowered cars) paint the black panel under the doors in the body colour. Makes the car look 2" lower.
- ✎ If the lack of a tinted top on the windscreen causes you problems, get any competent car window tinter to put a tinted strip across the top of the screen. Cuts the glare considerably. Cheap and effective.
- ✎ A considerable horsepower boost can be obtained for much less than the cost of a turbo kit (with no insurance problems). The Jackson Racing (US) Miata fuel management kit, in conjunction with a chiller Jackson exhaust, results in a 27% increase in horsepower and more importantly, torque. I've done over 7,000km on my kit, with much improved performance, and only marginally increased fuel consumption (maybe 1mpg less).
- ✎ If fitting a CD player with a stacker, (particularly on lowered cars) the best place is behind the drivers/passengers seat, under the carpet on the firewall. It's out of sight with the seat in the normal spot. Units fitted in the boot seem to suffer too much bounce on modified cars.

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- ◆ Five (5) 15" x 7" Mille Miglia mag wheels (8 spoke type) in as new condition. Tyres are Pirelli P700 195/50 x 15. Three are 50% worn, one is brand new, and one is a good spare. \$1,500.

Phone Len on 790 5287 (H)  
or 758 1966 (W).

- ◆ "Yep, I've done it again. I've bought another bloody hardtop. Red in colour and it's brand spanking new. This hardtop is off the latest model and comes with a heated rear window. Asking price is \$2,400-00 and will fit all models."

Contact John Kirk MX-5 Car Club  
of Queensland on (07) 265 1000, and  
get him off the hook.



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## MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

Calling all (Jelly) Bean Counters. The Club needs a new Treasurer. Yes folks, Rodney's sense of humour has run out, and so has his spare time.

He has left a great set of books, a thoroughly spring cleaned computerised system — and a big gap in the Club's management. A gap that must be filled — and fast.

Volunteers should contact Ron Lyons (02) 752 9005 at work or (02) 663 0452 at home.

What you'll need to be able to do the job is an IBM computer, 6 nights free between now and the November Annual General Meeting, and your MX-5 Club Membership.

## Club Name Badges

With this newsletter, you will find your Club Name Badge. For some of you, this will be the second badge from the Club. Sadly there was chaos last time the badges were done and no records can be found of who got what and if. So the Committee decided to start all over again. All financial members as at 30 March 1992 will be lucky this time. We have a strategy now, and new member badges will be issued at each Club meeting from now on.

If you have a regular passenger who'd like a badge of their own, contact Susan Forrest on (02) 819 7544 (AH). Pay her \$3-00 at the Club meeting and the badge is yours.

## News from other Clubs

### Western Australia

Mazda MX-5 Club of WA has imported the Cirinelli video *Miata — Line Sketch to Love Affair*, and now has a limited number of VHS copies available to MX-5 Philes for \$50-00.

The video is thirty minutes. It shows the development of the MX-5 and has interviews of all the important people associated with the concept. Peter Randall is the contact, by fax (09) 321 3906. First in ...

### United States

At long last our Club is on the mailing list (reciprocated) of several US local clubs. At the next Club Meetings look for the special newsletter catalogue and read what US MX-5-ers are up to.

## Know your Committee Members

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## SPORTING EVENTS

Please remember to keep the following dates free for the Sporting Events:

July 12	Supersprint
September 13	Supersprint
November 22	Supersprint

For more details, contact Alan Greenough.

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The material deadline for the next newsletter is 29 June 1992.