

NEWSLETTER OF



# Show Me Your Curves

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## Maximum Miata

*This month's Spotlight is on  
The MAZDASPEED*

*Plus...*

*MoM's Web Site  
Treasurer's Report  
Ice Cream Runs  
Market Place  
And more....*



## 2005 Miata MAZDASPEED



Bill Jonas' "Daily Driver" in Lithuania , a *slightly* modified 2005 Black MAZDASPEED.



### **On the Cover**

Mazda maxes out performance of its little roadster by adding a turbo and suspension mods.

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### **You Gotta Read This!**

#### **Swimming Miatas???**



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## In the Rear View Mirror

### Sunday Brunch Cruise / Viewing - May 15

Another *Miatas of Muskoka* cruise and another less than desirable day. The largest gathering of members so far this year were a little reluctant to put the tops down before heading out for our scheduled Sunday Brunch run to the Rosewood Inn. However, convertibles are meant to be driven topless so down came the tops prior to departure. Gord & Laurel Bauldry lead us via the back roads to the beautiful Grandview Resort. Everyone, although a little chilled were encouraged by the improvement of the weather, headed inside to warm up (some even put their tops up, damn those PRHTs!!).



Our Miatas gather prior to departure

The group enjoyed a tasty brunch and discussed a few club issues over coffee before being introduced to George Popadyneec. George provided a brief background on his passion and we all went upstairs for the viewing of his work. Everyone was impressed with the ability of this photographer to capture the Muskoka spirit in his photos. Afterwards, George provided everyone with a sample card scene to take home with them as a momentum of the viewing.

The weather had improved substantially and the leisurely route home was a little more enjoyable.



Parking at the Rosemount Inn



For those who are interested George's work, it is available in several stores; The Muskoka Store, Penny Varney, Scotts of Muskoka, Rich Hill Candles, Barrons, Raymond General Store, Artisans of Muskoka and The Algonquin Gallery. They carry seasonal scenes. If anyone wishes any cards that are out of season, they can order them directly by e-mail. If they don't know or can't recall the title that's on the back of the card, then a brief description of the scene will be fine.

As for enlarged prints, any card scene or scene on his website can be ordered framed or unframed. They can be had in print sizes; 8x12, 12x18 or 16x24. His web site is [www.outdoorphotography.ca](http://www.outdoorphotography.ca) & his e-mail is [george.popadyneec@sympatico.ca](mailto:george.popadyneec@sympatico.ca)



## Treasurer's Report

The Miatas of Muskoka has a full disclosure policy and as promised in the March newsletter will be publishing a Treasurer's Report on a regular basis (likely to be quarterly) to outline the handling of funds collected. This report covers the period from March 1 to May 31, 2011.

Cash on Hand March 1, 2011 \$ 000.00

### Receipts:

Membership dues (14 X \$35)	\$ 490.00
Merchandise Sales	
Golf Shirts (8 X \$25)	\$ 200.00
Ball Caps (0X \$35)	\$ 000.00
 Total Receipts:	 \$ 690.00

### Disbursements:

Printing	\$ 151.42
Membership Cards }	
Notification Cards }	
Merchandise Procurement including set up	\$ 204.00
Web Site Costs	\$ 50.05
Includes: Set up Costs, annual fees	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 32.83
Inc: mileage, printer ink, George brunch etc.	
Total Disbursements:	\$ 438.30

Cash on Hand May 31, 2011 \$ 286.70

## Membership Update

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Jan Coulter

Bracebridge

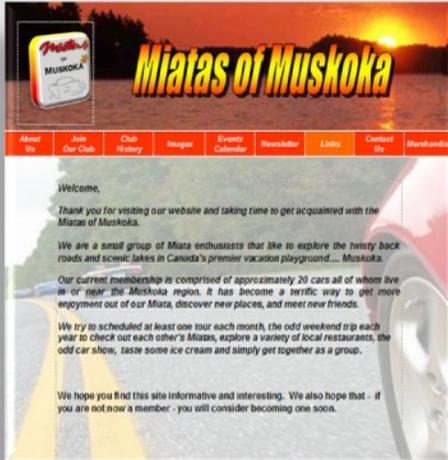
Black 2000





## Lookin' Ahead

Our little run to the Rosewood Inn for brunch allowed members to review and discuss a few club issues which we would like to recap here.



### Miatas of Muskoka Web Site

Thanks primarily to the efforts of Paul Bennett we now have our own web site which he introduced over coffee.

It has been designed to reflect the Muskoka area and try and make others jealous of our cruising playground. The site is not by any means finished at this point but you can get a good feeling for the things we are trying to accomplish with it.

The site contains a number of different features which we ask you to check out at [www.miatasofmuskoka.com](http://www.miatasofmuskoka.com).

### Wednesday Night Ice Cream run - Commencing June 1

Commencing on Wednesday June 1st and every Wednesday afterwards we will be running an informal ice cream run. Each week we'll meet at the Independent Grocer's parking lot at 6:45 p.m. and proceed to drive to an ice cream shop for a treat. The goal is to take a different route to a different location each week while keeping the drive to about a ½ hour run only e.g. Gravenhurst, Port Carling, Huntsville or Rosseau. Look forward to seeing you on the First!!

### Capital Cruise - June 25

Our first overnight tour will leave early Saturday morning and travel through Algonquin Park stopping in Eganville (at a Miata friendly restaurant) for lunch before proceeding onto Ottawa. Members from the Ottawa group will meet us in Eganville and lead us to our hotel in Ottawa with an expected arrival around 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.. After checking in to the hotel & getting refreshed we'll meet for dinner a little later.



The return trip the following morning will have a more southern route via Perth, Kaladar, Haliburton and Bancroft. Our lunch destination has not yet been chosen for the return portion of the trip. The anticipated arrival of our return is late afternoon.

### Photo Club Session - June 29

The date of June 29 has been confirmed for this cruise. Yes it is a Wednesday night but this is the night the Muskoka Photography club meets and we have agreed this date to accommodate their members. They have picked a scenic location in Muskoka, a cruise will be organized to the site (Port Sydney Beech) and pictures of our cars will be taken by members of the photography club who will provide these digital images on a disk at a later date.



## Lookin' Ahead

## Cont'd

### **Cruisin' Bar B Q - July 10**

Our latest members from Orillia have agreed to provide a cruise in and around the Orillia area to explore some of the local sights ending up at Tom & Katie Courtney's house for a barbeque at the end of the cruise. We will start out from Bracebridge and wind our way via the back roads to a pre-determined meeting location where Ed & Judith Gigg will assume the leader's position for their portion of the tour. Members are being asked to contribute \$5 each towards the cost of food and all will be supplied by the Courtneys. Details will be communicated via email closer to the cruise date.

### **Burk's Falls Cruise - Date to be determined**

An outgrowth of our earlier Meet & Greet was a to plan a cruise to Burk's falls and back. We will provide more details in the future as they become available.

### **Ladies Cruise - Date to be determined**

Although there was a Ladies Cruise earlier this season, the weather didn't exactly play nice so the "Ladies" have asked to organize another cruise during the warmer weather. To that end we will try to fit a cruise in this summer "For Ladies Only". Watch this Space!!

### **Ottawa Group Touring Muskoka—Oct 1-2**

The Ottawa group (Underground Miata Network) will be coming to Muskoka again this year bringing a group of 12 cars to hopefully view the fall colours. This date is two weeks later than last year and now coincides with our Fall Colours cruise date. It's possible we could combine the two for a large Miata celebration, as they say in television, Stay Tuned!

## **Miscellaneous.....**

### **Miatas of Muskoka Merchandise**

Currently it is possible for members to purchase golf shirts and/or baseball caps with the Miatas of Muskoka logo embroidered on them. We have asked the membership what other merchandise they would like made available and we receive a varied list for such things as jackets, sweatshirts, visors, key chains etc. We will be looking at providing some of these items for purchase in the future and will advise you of their availability when we have everything in place. If you are interested and purchasing a shirt and/or cap please complete the order form provided in your Membership package and forward to Laurel Bauldry.

### **Feedback Required - Newsletter Ideas**

We would like input on the types of articles etc. you would like to see published in your newsletter. We have tried to maintain a general balance with a focus on the cars and club events but would appreciate hearing your preferences, should there be more technical articles, historical, more/fewer pictures, etc.? We ask you to please take a moment to consider and provide your feedback to us (just click on the mailbox).



# Miatas around the World

## *A look at what's happening in the world of Miata*

### ***This Miata goes for a swim....***

These photos taken by Ashley Campasino shows a red Mazda Miata being pulled out from the bottom of the family swimming pool in Stewartstown, Pa. on June 30, 2008. Ashley's neighbour, Kim Taylor thought she had set the emergency brake after parking the Miata. Unfortunately, her wayward red convertible nonetheless rolled downhill, crashed through a fence and plunged into the Campasino's in-ground pool. "Police and the tow truck driver estimated the car was going 40 mph before it hit the water." 40 mph? Must have been quite a hill.



# Did you Know

## ***Miata Sales are Dropping In Canada***

In a recent survey done by Sympatico Autos it was revealed the popularity of our beloved two seat roadster is dropping dramatically. As indicated below sales have decreased by over 55% in the first Quarter of 2011 compared to last year. The new model (ND) is due in 2012 and appears couldn't come at a better time for Mazda.



### **Worst-selling cars in Canada, January-April**

◀ 25 / 30 ▶

Which vehicles just aren't that popular in Canada this year? We analyze sales to find out



#### **#6 - Mazda MX-5 Miata: 72**

Year-over-year % change: -55.3%

One expects to see 2-seat convertibles positioned near the top of the rarity scale in a country with long winters. But MX-5 sales are less than half what they were at this time last year.

◀ 25 / 30 ▶

As a side note the RX8 sales are substantially less, selling only 22 units, an astounding 215% decrease year over year.



## Miata For Sale

2008 PRHT

Asking \$25,000



This is a lovely low mileage vehicle (only 4,800 km) with the Power Retractable Hard Top (PRHT).

It also has the following equipment"

- Black on Black with cool cloth seats ,
- Automatic Transmission
- Retractable hardtop
- 4 cylinder
- Am/fm radio, CD player
- Air conditioning
- Power windows and locks

Original Owners, Non smokers

Parked every November to May in heated storage

You may contact us by email at [bill.fontaine@sympatico.ca](mailto:bill.fontaine@sympatico.ca) or by telephone at 705-887-3676.

The vehicle is located in Fenelon Falls, Ontario,





## Spotlight On

## 2004-5 **MAZDASPEED Editions**

Miata enthusiasts in North America received a special gift for the holidays as the *MAZDASPEED* Miata made its official debut at the Los Angeles International Auto Show in December 2003.



Fitted with a ball-bearing single-scroll turbocharger and an air-to-air intercooler, the 1.8-liter, four cylinder engine increases horsepower to 178 bhp, 25 percent more than the normally aspirated Miata. To handle the extra power from the turbocharging system, the engine block was modified to accommodate the oil line for the turbo. The cooling system receives an increased radiator core volume with increased coolant capacity, the six-speed manual transmission, clutch and pressure plate, drive shaft and differential all were optimized, and a Denso tube-fin air-to-air intercooler added to keep the *MAZDASPEED* cool due to more extreme temperature changes under the hood.



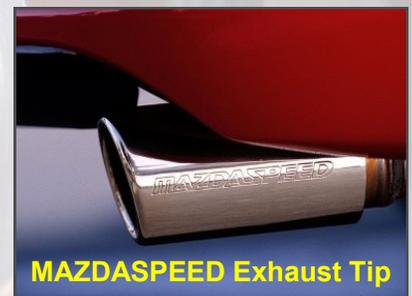
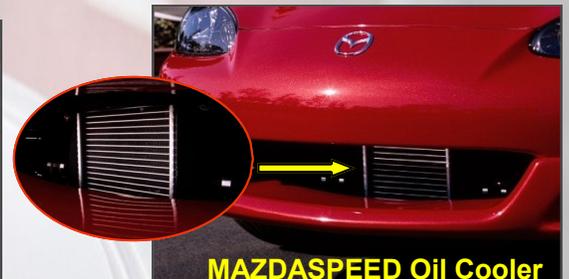
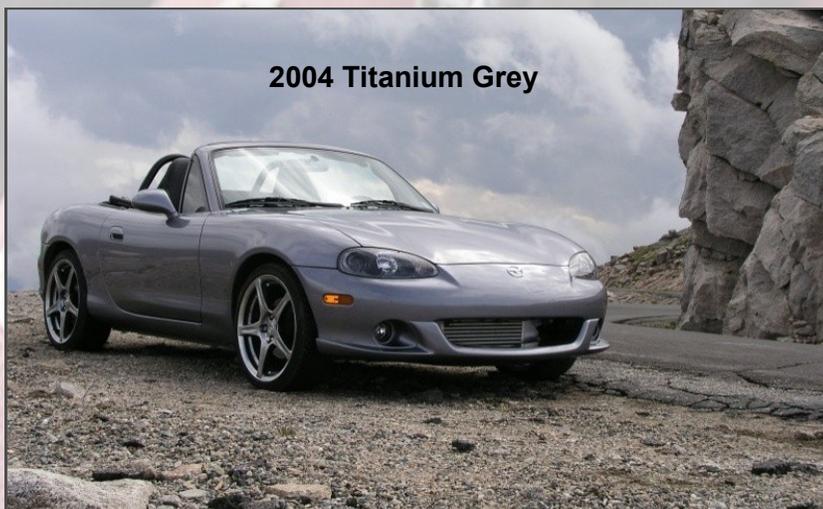
As with all MAZDASPEED vehicles, special attention to detail permeated throughout, including a red wrinkle finish with turbo logo on the engine valve cover and an anodized aluminium oil cap with MAZDASPEED logo.

## 2004 MAZDASPEED Edition

The already-able Miata chassis was dropped 7mm in ride height through the use of red-painted, shorter springs with higher spring rates. Silver-painted, MAZDASPEED-tuned Bilstein dampers soak up vibration while larger front and rear stabilizer bars and a silver-painted front strut tower brace increased chassis rigidity and improve road-holding capability. All four corners received silver-painted brake callipers and ABS.

Other features included a special suspension, upgraded 6 speed transmission and clutch assemblies, upgraded drive train components and 17-inch Racing Hart aluminium alloy wheels shod with high-performance tires. Perhaps the most obscure detail change of the MAZDASPEED overhaul of the MX-5 was the fitting of a custom, lightweight oil dipstick.

The exterior, was only available in Velocity Red Mica or Titanium Grey Metallic with a black vinyl soft top and subtly tattooed with MAZDASPEED badging, it sported smoked headlamps and a unique front under-spoiler with recessed fog lamps. From the back, a rear under-spoiler, rear deck spoiler and large exhaust tip with MAZDASPEED logo differentiates it from the standard Miata.



# 2004 MAZDASPEED Edition

The standard interior sported black cloth seats complete with red centres, red door inserts, and a black leather-wrapped steering wheel, shift knob and handbrake with red stitching. Silver instrument panel gauges showcase the MAZDASPEED logo as do the foot pedals, stainless steel scuff plates, floor mats and body-coloured rear view mirror cap. A unique curl-fit finish adorns the centre stack panel and shift panel. Standard audio is a 225-watt six-speaker Bose® sound system with six-disc CD changer and speed-sensing automatic volume control.

A black cloth soft top with black leather bucket seats and red stitching were the only factory options available.



**Curl- Fit Finish on Centre Panel**



**MAZDASPEED logo on Silver Gauge package**



**Body Coloured Rear View mirrors**



**Brushed Metal Foot Pedals**



**Stainless Steel Scuff Plates**



**Standard Cloth Interior with Red Accents**



**Optional Leather Interior with Red Stitching**

## 2005 MAZDASPEED Edition

The 2005 MAZDASPEED model was basically identical to the previous year with a few minor changes. In addition to the two ordinal colours it was now available additionally in Lava Orange Mica and Black Mica. The aluminium wheels were still provided by Racing Hart but were slightly different than the 2004 model.



The standard interior now consisted of Black cloth-trimmed upholstery (no red inserts) but maintained the Leather-wrapped steering and shift knob, with red stitching. The optional Black leather seats could be had with either red or silver stitching.

The 2005 production run was shortened to only 1428, due to a fire at the production facility.



**MAZDASPEED Optional Interior (Left) and Standard Interior (Right)**



**Leather Wrapped Shift Knob  
with Red Stitching**



**2005 17" Racing Hart Wheels**

# 2005 MAZDASPEED Edition

2005 Black Mica



2005 Lava Orange



2004 MAZDASPEED Brochure

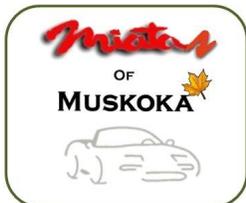


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“Join us because of the car, you’ll stay because of your friends”