



Miata Miles


The Official Newsletter of the Trillium Miata Club

December 2009


Our December meeting is going to be jammed packed.



**Don't forget to
bring donations
for the Toy drive**



**Second Annual
Bake-Off**



**And then
there's your
touring videos**

Elections – Vote for your 2010 TMC Executive.



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My last column as President



It's been an interesting two years as President of Trillium Miata Club. One of the things I've learned over the two years is that you can't do it yourself. Although I'm the one that's been standing in front of general meetings, it's the people on the executive who have organized the details so that I could focus on the meetings.

To everyone who has been on the executive with me, my sincere thanks for all you've done during my time as President.

Our December meeting is Elections for the 2010 executive. We're going to show that we're a true democracy by holding elections for President and three Directors. My experience has shown that our club is as strong as our executive.

Come out to our December meeting and vote for the nominees who you feel will best serve the club.

Although the touring season is over, the traditions started over the past few years have made the December meeting one of my favourites. Don't forget to bring your baked goods, toys or cash for the toy drive and photos or videos of this year's tours.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting at GP Kartways. The meeting starts at 10am.

And I'm also looking forward to my supporting role as Past President.

Liz



Newbies...

The membership of the Trillium Miata Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members...

- Bob and Agnes Charlton Stayner
2010 Copper Red PRHT

"Scarboro Mazda has lost one heck of an asset After 15 years running Scarboro Mazda Al Balinsky has left and joined the dark side.
Yes that's right, Toyota
He is now at Woodbine Toyota
Sorry to see him go and we wish him the best of luck Dave Biagioni "

December 13th, 2009 – General Meeting Location:

Grand Prix Kartways
(Downsview Park)
75 Carl Hall Road

Meeting starts at 10am.

Elections meeting for the 2010 Trillium Miata Club Inc. executive.

Bake off – bring your baked goods to impress the other members.
There won't necessarily be prizes for the best entry, but we'll sure enjoy your work...

Annual Toy Drive – winner of the ticket draw receives the toys (and cash) for donation to the charity of their choice.

Show and tell – send your videos / photos from this summer's touring season to Liz; bring photos and funny incidents to share at the meeting.

TMC Website Assistance

We're looking for a club member who is familiar with Joomla. This the program which was used to develop our current website. There are some aspects of using this program which the current executive is not familiar with.

So, if you're familiar with this program, we would really appreciate your help in learning some of the ins and outs in order to improve the content of the website.

Please contact John Flowers (jflowers@rogers.com) to chat.

**Thanks
Liz**

Trillium Miata Elections Meeting Sunday, December 13, 2009

Final Report of the Nominating Committee

The following people have been nominated and/or acclaimed to the Executive of Trillium Miata for 2010. Each person listed below has agreed to stand for office. The nominations are now closed.

President: Garry Svoboda
Bill Jurgenson
(nominated from floor)

Vice President: John Flowers
(acclaimed)

Treasurer: Deb Gordaneer
(acclaimed)

Secretary: Brian Woodhurst
(incumbent, acclaimed)

Director: Jim Gordaneer
Malcolm McClean
Richard Rutsch
Roy Locke
(incumbent, nominated from floor)

There will be a secret ballot at the December meeting to select a President and three (3) Directors. The nominees will have an opportunity to make "election promises" in a short speech before the voting commences. Ballots will be distributed to TMC members who are present at the December meeting. The ballots will be counted by members who are not currently on the executive and who are not running for an office on the new executive. In accordance with TMC by-laws, absentee ballots (by proxy or e-mail) are not permitted. The results will be announced and the newly elected officers installed before the end of the meeting.

Please attend this important meeting and vote for the candidates you feel will best represent your interest and enthusiasm in Trillium Miata.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk W Benson
Chair of the Nominating Committee

The 2010 Blahs Bash!

Mark the evening of **Saturday February 20th** on your calendar and reserve it for the 2010 Annual Trillium Miata Club Blahs Bash!!

This year, the Blahs Bash is returning to **Woodbine Racetrack!**

Come for 5:00 pm for some **social time, tea & coffee, club announcements and cool door prizes**, including a draw for a free Miata detailing from our new Trillium Partner L.A. Detail! Go to the back section of the Racetrack Dining Room for our social time – reserved especially for us.

Dinner will start in the dining room at 6:30 pm and the **races** start at 7:30 pm. We will be having a **hot/cold buffet style dinner with coffee/tea and dessert**.

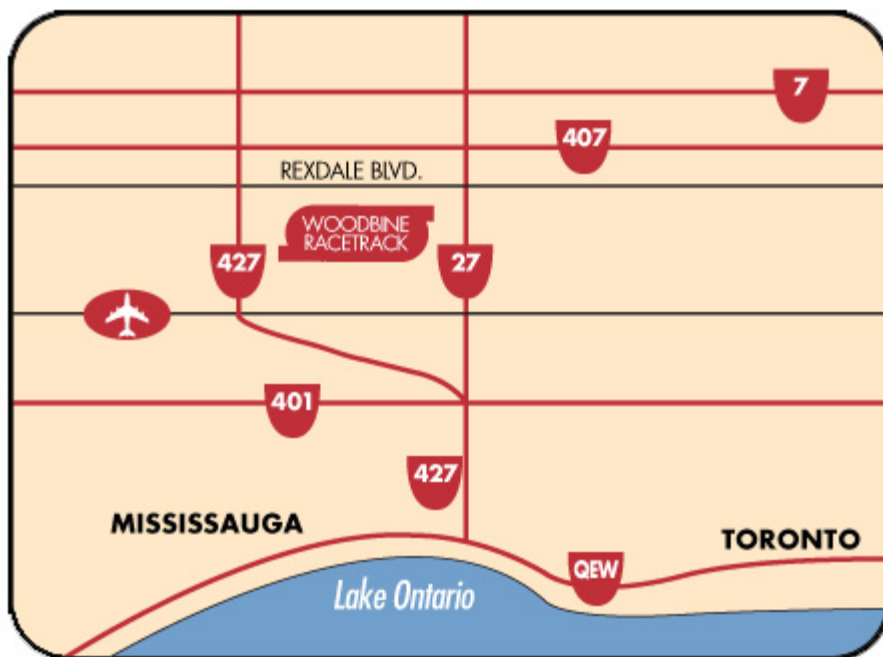
Tickets are **\$42.75 per person** – taxes and gratuities included.

Woodbine Racetrack is located at 555 Rexdale Blvd., Rexdale, Ontario (427 and Rexdale Blvd). For directions – see the map below.

Tickets will be available starting at the next Club meeting (the November meeting), and will be on sale until the end of January – **get them early and avoid the rush!**

If you have any questions, contact me or any of your club executive.

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Miata Prescription

Hi gang

Since this is Flu season and most of our cars are hibernating over the winter, and not within earshot, I'd like to talk to you about a certain issue that's sweeping the 1990-2005 Miata's. Some would call this an outbreak or perhaps even a pandemic but be aware that there are steps that you can take to prevent this crippling and troublesome issue from being passed onto your beloved Miata.

The danger that I speak of is the dreaded Slave Cylinder failure and experts say that it is indeed contagious.

Let me explain.

When your foot presses down on the clutch pedal you are actually engaging a piston that transfers mechanical energy into hydraulic energy, and this is

through the means of the clutch Master Cylinder under the hood located on the firewall. This hydraulic energy is then transferred down to the lower passenger side of the transmission where the clutch Slave Cylinder is located. Essentially the slave cylinder is taking the energy you had applied to the pedal to, in a round-about way, engage the clutch fork and therefore disengage the transmission from the engine.

Where the issue comes from is that the Slave Cylinder is prone to wear prematurely and this can cause poor clutch operation.

Once your car is stricken with this illness you may detect some of the following symptoms.

It usually begins with the clutch pedal feeling a little on the poor side. This can be followed by worsening symptoms such as a spongy or soft clutch pedal, poor engagement of gears when shifting and grinding of said gears or even in

some extreme cases a complete loss of the clutch operation.

If you have any of these symptoms please send an email to miatas@cogeco.ca and make an appointment as soon as possible with your trusted Miata specialist mechanic who will be happy to prescribe the remedy. Even if you have not had any of the symptoms your car can already have the virus and not even know it, so it's best to have an inspection done.

Luckily the fix for this issue is very simple, takes less than a couple hours and costs less than sending a student to university to become a doctor :)

Actually the diagnosis, repair, parts and labour are not expensive and when you take into consideration that this slickens your shifting, improves the clutch pedal feel, flushes out the old dirty clutch fluid and will keep you from being stranded at the side of the road this little piece of

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CLUTCH RELEASE CYLINDER DISASSEMBLY/ASSEMBLY

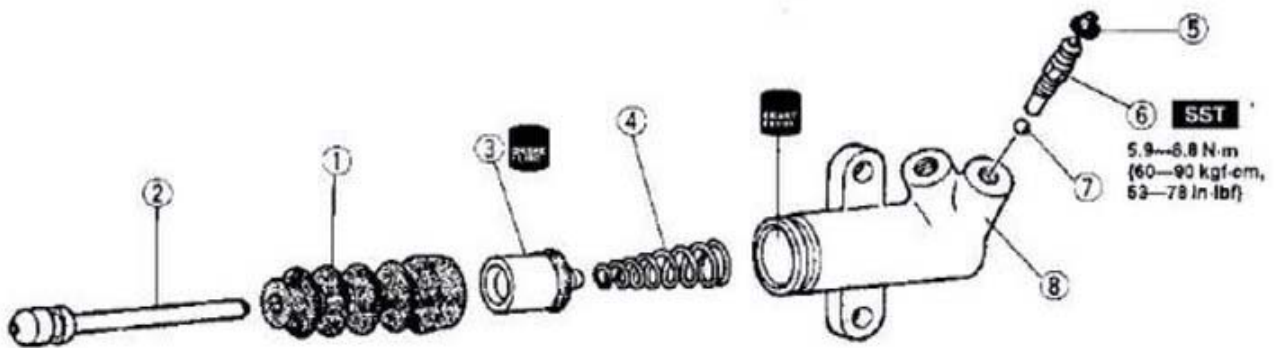
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1. Disassemble in the order indicated in the table.

Warning

- Applying compressed air to the cylinder component can make the contents suddenly pop out, possibly causing injury. Hold a rag over the cylinder opening when using compressed air.

2. Wipe all parts, and use compressed air to clean all ports, passages, and inner parts.
3. Assemble in the reverse order of disassembly.



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1	Boot
2	Push rod
3	Piston and cup component
4	Spring

5	Bleeder cap
6	Bleeder screw
7	Steel ball
8	Release cylinder body

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preventative maintenance may just be the best thing you've done to your Miata in a long time

Keep yourself and your car protected, and if you have any questions feel free

to contact me

Dr. Dave Biagioni

Miata Doctor

Miatas@cogeco.ca

Cape Cod Trip

Iris and I enjoyed a nice one week vacation touring around Cape Cod in September. We stayed in Provincetown MA where we came across a shop owner that took great care of her shop but not so much of her white Miata.

On the way home we found some great roads through Vermont and New York by always keeping the GPS on shortest route. We crossed Lake Champlain on the southerly point of water with a little ferry that cost us \$4 and was towed across the lake by a cable that lays on the bottom. If any boats pass by when the cable is stretched to the top, good luck, they are in for a rude awakening. The crossing is at Ft. Ticonderoga , New York .

Allen Stiehl



2009 Mazda MX-5 Miata - 10 Best Cars



Not surprising to us enthusiasts but Mazda's famous sports car made a top 10 list once again, this time from the annual Car&Driver magazine. Here's what the had to say.
Dave Biagioni.

Mazda modernized the concept of the classic British roadster with the original Miata in 1989, and two decades later, the process is still in progress. Suspension tuning strikes an inspired balance between everyday comfort and track-day readiness, there's enough power to make a track day rewarding, the transmission is race-car crisp, and the steering provides that rare sense of connection that makes the car an extension of the driver's will.

Although it's a two-seater with no superfluous sheetmetal, the Miata is roomy enough for two adults (NBA players need not apply), with enough space in the trunk for a couple of duffels. The convertible top has long set the standard for simplicity of manual use—it can be operated with one hand from the driver's seat—and Mazda also offers a power-retractable hardtop. Like the softtop, it's a gem, folding up or down in just 12 seconds.

Because it's civilized enough for everyday use, the Miata is more than a track toy. And because it's affordable—pricing starts at about \$22,000 USD, and even loaded with every option, it just crests \$30,000 USD—this is sports-car fun almost anyone can afford.

TMC Monthly Meeting 2009 November 8 2009



Welcome address by Liz to the membership

There were no new members or guests.

John Flowers:

Calendar update: December 13 – next monthly meeting at GrandPrix Kartways.

January meeting at Tam Heather Curling Club Scarborough – Planning for the 2010 season.

February Blahs Bash – Woodbine Race Track

August (3rd weekend) Bayfield Parade – to be Parade marshals – see the website for details (8 cars needed) around Goderich.

May/June 2010 – 4 weeks – East Coast to San Francisco, Glacier National Park call Bill Jergenson for details.

Richard – Mystery tour to Coburg after lunch

Liz Burns:

Remember the hands free law. There might be some exemptions – CB's are now "illegal" because they are a push button type of speaking device. Various members are investigating how we can make these hands free to meet the new regulations. Bill J. stated that there are voice activated mikes and headsets available. These are being looked at and more details will follow. Dave B. and a friend are working on solutions through this winter and we will have more details come spring before we start using the CB.

Gary S will make this a priority for 2010.

Kirk Benson & Larry Whitney:

Nominations for the Executive committee for 2010

President's position – Gary Svoboda, Bill Jurgensen

Vice President - John Flowers

Director's positions (3)

Nominees: Jim Gordaneer, Malcolm McClean, Richard Rutsch, Roy Locke

Secretary – Brian Woodhurst

Treasurer – Deb Gordaneer

John Flowers suggest closing the nominations – seconded by Brian Woodhurst.

The process includes one vote per member – list of nominees will be in the December Miata Miles.

Reminder: Roy has tickets for the Blahs Bash (February)

Peter has 50/50 tickets, license plates covers, etc. see him at break.

Sylvie thank you for bringing snacks. Please remember to bring a toy or cash donation to the December meeting. Whoever wins the cash & toys will bring them to their favorite charity also receives a tax receipt for the value. Second annual bake off at the December meeting bring your goodies!

Al Balinsky - General Manager – Scarborough Mazda Started racing about 10 years ago. Races Ferrari, Porches, etc. The dedication of the people is what makes racing so exciting. Boxer is overrated.

Advanced Driving courses @ Shannonville. \$325/hour – Full track for 1 or 2 hours (\$650). You need more then one instructor if you have 30 cars. Al suggested Ian Law (Car Control School) – basics, how to sit in your car, how to adjust your seatbelt. "When in doubt both feet out" – if you don't know what to do – don't do anything. Let the car take care of itself. Minimum of 15 – 20 cars. Go at night around 7:30

We will gage interest at the January meeting and Bill Jurgensen has volunteered to be our contact person for this event. RX8 incredibly well balanced, easy to drive car – tested on the race-track. The earlier models of MX5 are phenomenal track cars. Mosport is 2.5 miles up and down with blind corners – too fast track for non-professionals.

Shannonville is a harder track to drive, you have to be more precise – but you don't drive it as fast. Great place to learn and play with your car. There are lots of tracks, which can be rented for a few hours. Helmets not mandatory – but recommended. These can be rented at the racetrack.

Liz Burns: If some members ask for driving school time – Al will check his schedule and will tell us what he has available.

Al - Upgrade brake pads and perhaps tires. No need to upgrade the car. Most important thing for a car (at the racetrack) is tires, tires, tires. Drilled rotors look phenomenal, good for day to day driving but not for racing/performance.

www.Autoblog.ca for information on upcoming Miatas. Dealers are on a "need to know" basis.

Alignments once a year minimum – in the spring is recommended.

Buy and Sell Discussion:

Antenna mount – Grant from Peterborough was able to make these before. Peter may be able to find someone to make these for club members.

Bill J. going to Virginia to pick up parts – if anyone needs anything – call Bill

If anyone has things to sell or wants to buy something – add it to the website for all to see & share.

Vermont – Long weekend in May. Keep date free.

Much thanks to Al for the use of Scarboro Mazda for today's meeting.

Roy has made arrangements at Swiss Chalet for lunch today.

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Club Nametags

Doug Dorsey, a.k.a. The Badger, handles our Trillium Miata Club member name tags.

New members (driver and co-pilot) receive their 'regular name' badges soon after initially joining the Club.

If you lose your badge, or would like an additional or 'nickname' badge, contact The Badger at

doug.dorsey@architect-on-duty.com or 416-704-0715 to place your order.

Your first badge is free with initial membership, and after that badges cost \$5.00 each.

A pin fastener is available at no charge instead of the standard issue spring clip, or a magnetic fastener can be purchased for an additional \$2.00 .



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Contact Doug at (416) 436 3920 or dlippay@xplornet.com

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Meeting closed 11:35 – see you all at the December meeting with toys and food.

Next Meeting December 13th at Grand Prix Karways.

**Deadline for newsletter articles is
one week
after the Monthly meeting.**

Happy Birthday!

	Co-Pilot	Driver	
12/14	Yvonne Pyper	12/13	Jerry Vernhout
12/14	Nanci Ruthen	12/15	Barry Green
12/20	Anne-Catherine Jean	12/18	Bryan Katz
12/21	Jackie Poirier	12/18	Brian Finney
12/21	Leslie Anne Sheldon	12/19	Tom Anderson
12/24	Carol Ketchum	12/19	John Flowers
01/01	Debbie Hiltz	12/21	Richard Soderberg
01/02	Ana Lowrie	12/22	John Rose
01/04	Linda Agnew	12/27	David Roger
01/07	Nouha Evans	12/27	Phil Hooper
01/11	Linda Hooper	12/29	Peter Wassmer
01/16	Angie Roger	12/30	Kenneth Foley
01/18	Mark Rice	12/13	Jerry Vernhout
01/19	Dale Colbourne	12/15	Barry Green
01/21	Dave Biagioni	12/18	Bryan Katz
		12/18	Brian Finney
		12/19	Tom Anderson
		12/19	John Flowers
		12/21	Richard Soderberg
		12/22	John Rose
		12/27	David Roger
		12/27	Phil Hooper
		12/29	Peter Wassmer
		12/30	Kenneth Foley

If your birthday is wrong or not appearing on the list contact Chris Agnew to update the database.



Trillium Miata Club Tours & Events Calendar 2009

Note:

TMC Events Calendar may change subject to available venues.
Contact Tour Captain John Flowers 905-260-6650
jflower@rogers.com to Book a Tour.
Contact Club Executive for any other events.



DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
Dec 13th	<p>Monthly Meeting – 10:00am Grand Prix Kartways (Downsview Park) 75 Carl Hall Road Toronto (Ontario) M3K 1R 2B9</p> <p>Elections for 2010 Trillium Miata Club executive and Toy Drive</p> <p>Lunch Location Mandarin 1027 Finch Ave West North York</p>	<p>Contact Liz Burns 519-831-7712 eburns@sentex.net</p>
Jan. 10	<p>Monthly Meeting – 10:00am Tam Heather Curling Club 730 Military Trail Scarborough (Ontario) Guest Speaker - Ian Law Lunch Location - TBA</p>	<p>Contact Liz Burns 519-831-7712 eburns@sentex.net</p>
Feb. 20	<p>The 2010 Blahs Bash! Mark the evening of Saturday February 20th on your calendar and reserve it for the 2010 Annual Trillium Miata Club Blahs Bash!!</p> <p>This year, the Blahs Bash is returning to Woodbine Racetrack!</p> <p>Come for 5:00 pm for some social time, club announcements and cool door prizes, including a draw for a free Miata detailing from our new Trillium Partner L.A. Detail! Go to the back section of the Racetrack Dining Room for our social time – reserved especially for us.</p> <p>Dinner will start in the dining room at 6:30 pm and the races start at 7:30 pm. We will be having a hot/cold buffet style dinner with coffee/tea and dessert.</p> <p>Tickets are \$42.75 per person – taxes and gratuities included. Woodbine Racetrack is located at 555 Rexdale Blvd., Rexdale, Ontario (427 and Rexdale Blvd). For directions – see the map below. Tickets will be available starting at the next Club meeting (the November meeting), and will be on sale until the end of January – get them early and avoid the rush! If you have any questions, contact me or any of your club executive. Gary Svoboda</p>	<p>Contact Gary Svoboda 519-824-7456 gs@adventusresearch.com</p>

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