



# Miata Miles

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## Trillium Goes to Ottawa



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## **This is why we love our Miatas!**



The touring season is continuing at TMC. Despite repeated weather forecasts which involve words like “showers”, “thunder storms” and “rain”, members have attended a number of successful touring events.

Unfortunately, I’ll be missing the West Virginia tour this year, but such is life. I’m looking forward to hearing updates on the Ottawa tour and the West Virginia tour during our September meeting.

A number of members also had a great day at Scarboro Mazda’s first Mazdaspeed North event. A number of Mazda car clubs converged on Scarboro Mazda to check out this event. All reported having a great day.

Of course, our touring season isn’t coming to an end quite yet – there are still a couple of TGIF West tours being planned and rumours of a few more Sunday tours. Keep an eye on our website to be sure you don’t miss anything.

The website is a great way to keep informed. There are opportunities for improving the content, but the current executive needs some assistance. If you’re familiar with the program used (Joomla), please let us know – we’d love to have you help us learn more about how to post videos, photos and other details.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – at Continental Tire, TMC’s tire partner. The meeting starts at 10am.

Liz

## Sept 13th Monthly Meeting 10:00am

Continental Tire Canada  
6110 Cantay Road  
Mississauga

### Newbies...

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

- John & Sharon Zawilinski,  
Pickering 1999 Silver
- Robert Edge & Diane Doucette,  
Hamilton 1991 British Racing  
Green

## West Virginia 15 – September 2009

Hi Everyone!

It's time once again to start planning your summer touring season. If you are looking for the finest scenic, and exciting roads, this is a must tour. If you have not participated in any of the past tours, we encourage you to ask any of the past participants about what this tour offers you.

This year we are trying something a little different. The size of the tour will be limited to the number of lead cars participating on the tour. Each group will have a maximum of 7 cars and the total number of cars will not exceed 25 cars due to the hotel reservations.

So look at your calendars now and plan to spend a fabulous weekend with us in West Virginia.

Tour Dates: Friday September 4th -  
Monday September 7th

Hotel Rooms : A block of rooms have been booked for the 3 nights – 1st night in Pennsylvania and 2 nights West Virginia.

Signup forms will be available at the monthly meetings or by emailing us at the email address below. The forms will be available on a first come first serve basis. The completed forms are mandatory to ease the stress of the organizers.

Please address any questions to email: [bill\\_olijnyk@hotmail.com](mailto:bill_olijnyk@hotmail.com), or feel free to give us a call at 416-818-9127.

Cheers Everyone! - Deb & Bill -

## Used Auto Review August 11 2009

The Miata was arguably perfect the day it was released in 1989, but we're partial to the 1994 and later models. They benefit from a reinforced structure, offer optional airbags and swap the old 323- derived 1.6-litre four for a larger 1.8L mill good for 128 horsepower.

You might even be able to find a redesigned 1999 Miata for 10 G's. It grew slightly plumper and gained 12 horses. It's instantly recognizable by its fixed (rather than pop-up) headlamps and glass rear window in place of cloudy plastic.

Regardless of the model year your budget allows you to buy, every rear-drive Miata will plant a smile on your face as you unwind its small but willing engine and carve up your favourite back road.

The two-seater Miata is not about big performance numbers so much as it's about the spirit infused in every nimble turn of the wheel and snick-snick of the gearshift. It channels the 1963 Lotus Elan and every other British roadster - but without the unsightly oil slicks or wonky electrics.

Mazda's tiny convertible is a faithful ride. You'll likely have to change the gel-type battery, spark-plug wires and timing belt, but otherwise it never fails to respond to every twist of the key.

**The West Penn Miata Club will again host a Miata Regional on June 24 - 27, 2010. It will be held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in the midst of the Laurel Highlands. The area offers a beautiful landscape steeped in history with numerous attractions to tour. These include the newly renovated Bedford Springs Hotel, painstakingly bought back to its original splendor, the new Frank Lloyd Wright home, Duncan House, and two houses designed by his apprentices. Your MX-5 Miata will enjoy zoomin all the new twisty, windy, & curvy roads.**

**Registration is now open. Go to <http://www.westpenmiataclub.com/mania10.html> for the registration form.**

**You'll need to send a money order in US funds to Linda Zimliki.**

**Act quickly if you're interested – most of the registrations are already filled.**

## 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](mailto:jflowers@rogers.com)) to chat.

Thanks  
Liz



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# mazdaspeed north



Scarboro Mazda, our Trillium Miata Club Partner, held a charity event on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This full day event was a celebration of Mazdas in motorsports.

The event was the biggest of its kind in Canada and featured Dyson Racing Team, as well as their ALMS LMP2 class Mazda MZR-R B09/86 Lola LMP2 Coupe and AIM Autosports Star Mazda Series Formula Car.

There was a good showing by TMC members throughout the day. Don Mitchell won a free alignment on his Miata because he was able to guess that the first Miata debuted at the Chicago Auto Show in February 1989. Don had been investigating alignments, so he was thrilled to have Scarboro Mazda do it for him – for free!!

Bill and Lynda Jurgenson trailored their MX5 Lotus XI Crossbreed to the event. Bill's work caught the attention of a number of people.

Fun was had by all who stopped by throughout the day – and the weather was acceptable...

We're looking forward to other events planned by TMC's partners.

Liz

## Club Pins

Doug Dorsey, a.k.a. The Badger handles our club name tags. Name-tags are now included with an annual membership so there's no reason not to have one!

Contact Doug ...

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Club Pins are also available through The Badger for \$5.00 ea.



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# Happy Birthday!

| <b>Co-Pilot</b> |                      | <b>Driver</b> |                   |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 09/01           | Christine Annis      | 09/01         | Tom Jack          |
| 09/02           | Marguerite Crouch    | 09/01         | Gary Svoboda      |
| 09/02           | Sylvia MacFarlane    | 09/06         | Robert Sims       |
| 09/02           | Judy Barker          | 09/06         | Brian Lackey      |
| 09/04           | Lynda Jurgenson      | 09/06         | Barry Dohms       |
| 09/13           | Anne-Marie Woodhurst | 09/12         | Stan Ruthen       |
| 09/15           | Sharon Zawilinski    | 09/13         | James McDonald    |
| 09/21           | Gerda Biro           | 09/17         | Eli Melnick       |
| 09/23           | Linda Hand           | 09/17         | Brian Lynas       |
| 09/24           | Jane Rocoski         | 09/18         | Virginie Jaran    |
| 09/25           | Diane Doucette       | 09/22         | Bob Edge          |
| 09/25           | Helen Olmstead       | 09/23         | Doug Bray         |
| 1/11            | Mary Mitchell        | 09/26         | Ted Lomax         |
| 10/08           | Elaine Laprairie     | 09/28         | Bill Moody        |
| 10/13           | Lee Farr             | 09/28         | Bill Olijnyk      |
| 10/13           | Barb Tocher          | 09/29         | Kathryn Hyland    |
| 10/17           | Neilly Robertson     | 09/29         | Catherine Rolstin |
| 10/21           | Cecelia Anderson     | 10/02         | Kevin Balgopal    |
| 10/21           | Catherine Martin     | 10/03         | Arthur Donin      |
| 10/23           | Sandra Donin         | 10/06         | Mark Evans        |
| 10/31           | Pauline Benson       | 10/10         | Louise Kelly      |
|                 |                      | 10/18         | Wayne Ashton      |
|                 |                      | 10/21         | Calvin Kafka      |
|                 |                      | 10/23         | Jim Rafuse        |
|                 |                      | 10/26         | Doug McPhail      |
|                 |                      | 10/29         | Al Johnston       |

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](mailto:jflower@rogers.com) to Book a Tour.  
Contact Club Executive for any other events.

| DATE   | EVENT DETAILS   | CONTACT   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Sept 4<sup>th</sup><br/>To<br/>Sept 7th</b> | <p style="text-align: center;">West Virginia Tour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**** TOUR IS FULLY BOOKED ***</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anyone wishing to join us will now be put on a waiting list - we've had cancellations every year</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Bill Olijnyk<br/>416-818-9127<br/><a href="mailto:bill_olijnyk@hotmail.com">bill_olijnyk@hotmail.com</a></p>                   |
| <b>Sept 13th</b>                               | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Monthly Meeting – 10:00am</i><br/>Continental Tire Canada<br/>6110 Cantay Road<br/>Mississauga</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Liz Burns<br/>519-831-7712<br/><a href="mailto:eburns@sentex.net">eburns@sentex.net</a></p>                                    |
| <b>Sept 18th</b>                               | <p style="text-align: center;">TGIF- West</p> <p>Starting point: Tim's at Wellington &amp; Imperial (Guelph). From 401, take HWY 6N (Hanlon Expwy), take Wellington exit toward Cambridge (Tim's &amp; Pioneer Gas are on the right).</p> <p>Route travels west of Guelph, cuts through Preston (Cambridge) &amp; Doon, then onto Ayr, St. George, Harriston, Troy, Sheffield and back across to the finish. Cheers<br/>Pat &amp; Dianne<br/>97 Black</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Pat and<br/>Dianne Bellamy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="mailto:sabian@sympatico.ca">sabian@sympatico.ca</a></p> |
| <b>Oct 4th</b>                                 | <p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Meeting – 10:00am<br/>Frenchmen's Bay Yacht Club<br/>635 Breezy Dr.<br/>Pickering</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Liz Burns<br/>519-831-7712<br/><a href="mailto:eburns@sentex.net">eburns@sentex.net</a></p>                                    |
| <b>Nov 8th</b>                                 | <p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Meeting – 10:00am<br/>Location TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nominations for 2010 Trillium Miata Club executive</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Liz Burns<br/>519-831-7712<br/><a href="mailto:eburns@sentex.net">eburns@sentex.net</a></p>                                    |
| <b>Dec 13th</b>                                | <p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Meeting – 10:00am<br/>Location TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elections for 2010 Trillium Miata Club executive and Toy Drive</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Liz Burns<br/>519-831-7712<br/><a href="mailto:eburns@sentex.net">eburns@sentex.net</a></p>                                    |

**For more information check the Trillium Miata Website  
[www.trilliummiata.com](http://www.trilliummiata.com)**

# Trillium West Miata Club

## CURRENT EVENTS

Our regular meeting place is at the Tim Horton's in the Canadian Tire - Maisonville parking lot. If you would like to attend any of the events please contact the club at rsorrent@uwo.ca . We will be able to let you know if there have been any changes to the posted plans and what to expect from the event you wish to attend.

| Event                          | Date   | Time   | Tour Information   |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                | <b>Last<br/>"Summer<br/>" Tour</b>                   | Sunday<br>Sept. 20<br>tba                          | On Sunday Sept 20 there will be a breakfast and "summer" tour through Oxford, Brant and Waterloo counties with breakfast at Dean Michael's on Hwy #59 just south of the 401 at Woodstock. This is the last official weekend of summer! Three weeks later we have or autumn tour to Hockley Valley. We will set up a meeting place for the London contingent with 2 more more places to join the group en route. Roads along this section of the Grand River are just an extension of roads used by Gord on his Dover tour last year. We will add in some interesting architecture and if you blink you will miss Punkeydoodles Corner. |
|                                | <b>Thanks-<br/>giving<br/>Day<br/>Colour<br/>Run</b> | Monday<br>October<br>12 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30 a.m. | We will head up to the Hockley Valley and check out the trees to and fro. This one is weather contingent, so stay tuned for a final announcement.  |
| <b>Chat<br/>Morn-<br/>ings</b> | Every<br>First Sun-<br>day of the<br>Month           | 9:30 a.m.  | Next Door<br>Northwest Corner of Richmond and Fanshawe Park<br>Road  |



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