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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



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My Vision for Trillium in 2010 – Here Comes a Great Year!

In my first column as Club President, I want to begin by thanking you for the honour and privilege of electing me, and I also want to congratulate my fellow Club Executive members for 2010: John Flowers, Roy Locke, Richard Rutsch, Malcolm McClean, Deb Gordoneer and Brian Woodhurst. Also, on behalf of all of us, I want to send out a very big thank you to our Past-President Liz Burns for the challenging job of leading the Club for the past two years.

Now, I'll share with you my vision of how 2010 will unfold for the Trillium Miata Club.

Simply put, I want the 2010 club year to be a memorable one - filled with fun, excitement, variety and much friendship as we all enjoy the world's best sports car, the Mazda MX-5 Miata. To do this, I will concentrate on a few key areas.

Number 1: I want to build on our solid record of holding great tours. Our new Tour Director, Richard Rutsch, is already off to very fast start in organizing some of our bigger tour events this upcoming year. At our upcoming meeting, we will finish the process with a tour planning workshop, just like we had last year. So – please bring your ideas for tours, times and whether or not you can volunteer or lead some of the events. Remember, Club activities are only as good as we are all willing to make them.

Number 2: We will have great monthly club meetings. That means having interesting and dynamic outside-the-club guest speakers at every meeting talking to us on a wide variety of topics, all related to our cars

and how to enjoy them. That means having plenty of fun door-prizes for every meeting. That means having meetings so good that more and more members are coming out on a regular basis, and guests are aplenty. And meetings that don't end at Noon, but continue into the parking lot as we all take the time to check out each others beautiful cars before we head off for a group lunch and just maybe a quick mini-tour. Bottom-line, our monthly meetings are going to be great, “can't miss” events.

Number 3: I want to continue to build variety into our 2010 program. In addition to the larger tours, I want to make sure that we have many Trillium East and West mini-tours to make it easier for club members from farther away to have close-by activities. And we will continue our recent tradition of rotating through a few key meeting locations that move around the GTA and give all members a fair break when it comes down to how far we all to drive to get to a meeting. Also, I want to continue the Show and Shine event, and maybe even have an Autocross event for the first time in a few years – if there is interest.

Number 4: We will build on the excellent foundation that we have started with the Trillium Partners program. Our new Marketing Director will lead the charge as we continue to build mutually useful relationships for the Club with companies and organizations in the greater automotive community.

Finally, I want all Club Members to know that I am at your service when it comes to leading this club. If anyone has any suggestions, bright ideas, or concerns – please don't hesitate to call me at 519-824-7456 or email me at gs@adventusresearch.com.

Please remember that this is your club, and I and the Club Executive will all need your help to make it the best that it can be.

If we can check off the above list with a “Mission Accomplished” as we move through the year, then I have absolutely no doubt that this year will be a great one for our Club.

Gary Svoboda



Newbies...

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

- No new members for this month!

Report of the Elections Committee, December 2009

The following people have been acclaimed or were elected to the Executive of the Trillium Miata Club for 2010 at the monthly meeting held on December 13, 2009.

President: Garry Svoboda

Vice President: John Flowers (acclaimed)

Director: (3 positions)
Roy Locke
Malcolm McClean
Richard Rutsch

Treasurer: Deb Gordaneer (acclaimed)

Secretary: Brian Woodhurst (acclaimed)

Liz Burns becomes the (unelected) Past President and pledged to stay active in a support role on the Executive. At the conclusion of the elections, Liz welcomed back returning Executive members and thanked Cindy Clark for her year of service as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk W. Benson
Chair of the Elections Committee

Vermont Tour Preliminary Details

Departure date: May 21, Friday arriving in Lake Placid that night staying at the Crown Plaza Resort & Golf Club www.lakeplacidcp.com)
Room's rates including full buffet breakfast (menu in mailing to follow with full details): Single \$ 116.00
Double \$126.00

Depart L.P. May 22, Saturday, arriving

in West Conway staying at Grand Hotel West Conway,
www.northconwaygrand.com
Room's rates single or double including full buffet breakfast \$ 115.00
This hotel is across the street from the largest (or so I'm told) Sales Tax Free outlet mall in the US.

Depart N.C. May 23, Sunday, arriving in Saratoga Springs staying at The Gideon Putnam Resort
www.gideonputnam.com
Room's rates, single or double, including continental breakfast \$129.00
www.gideonputnam.com

We are planning an optional dinner for Friday night at the Crown Plaza and for Sunday night at The Gideon Putnam; we are aiming for \$30.00 per person or under.

These two places are beautiful resorts where we believe all will enjoy the opportunity to mingle and share anecdotes. Menus will be available with the announcements and sign-up forms to follow in a few days.

Saturday night at the Grand, there is a restaurant and a pub at the hotel as well as many other type of restaurants nearby; I believe that many may want to go shopping to the "mall" which may make it more difficult to assemble in time for dinner however, all those that want to socialize will be able to meet at the hotel or at the pub.

Booking details will follow in the next few days but please note that we can only guarantee 25 rooms and after that it will be depending on availability and prices may change. **All three hotels pointed out that they will release non reserved rooms on April 21.** They claim to book up solid for Victoria Day week end.

West Virginia 2010, the 16th tour to West Virginia.

The hotels have been warned that we are coming back again.

The WV2010 Forms are available. (see pages 10-11)

This year we will have 4 groups, Sporty1, Sporty2, Cruise1 and Cruise2 We have leads for Sporty1, Sporty2 and Cruise2, we will need a lead for Cruise 1, and a few Sweeps.

This year, the Groups will be predetermined before we leave, so getting into your preferred group early, is easy.

Just contact the hotels and get your confirmation numbers and fill in and return the form, to Richard.

On the form is a space for you to fill in your preferred group and position in the chosen group.

But first come first served .

Only 25 cars this year from Trillium Miata Club, plus 5 possible spaces for West Penn Group which join use every year.

So don't delay.
We will have FUN.

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**



**Blahs Bash...
tickets will be
available
for purchase
at the January
Monthly Meeting!**

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**.

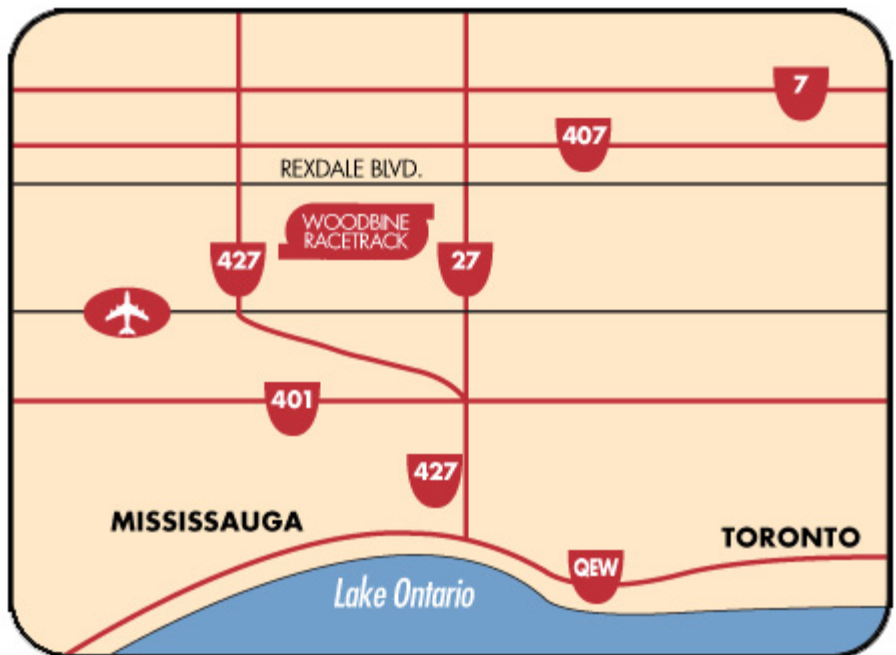
Tickets are **\$42.75 per person** – taxes and gratuities included.

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.

Gary Svoboda
VP & Marketing Director
519-824-7456; gs@adventusresearch.com



Hello **Trillium Miata Club** Members:
This is your opportunity to register for the

**2010 Trillium
Miata Club
Annual Blahs Bash**

on **Saturday, February 20th**. You don't want to miss this!!! We have an exciting new venue, fantastic door prizes, horse-racing, and of course lots of chat about our great cars - and it goes without saying of that this will be the highlight of our winter season! So far, **21 of your fellow members** have purchased tickets and are coming to this year's Bash, as follows:

- Liz Burns*
- Jim & Debra Gordaneer*
- Gary Svoboda & Leah Bozic*
- Roy & Laurie Locke*
- Margaret & Malcolm McClean*
- Bill & Lynda Jurgenson*
- John Flowers & Cindy Clark*
- Paul Whittaker & Carol Ketchum*
- Chris & Linda Agnew*
- Brian & Marie Woodhurst*
- Doug Dorsey & Linda Palmer*

If you haven't yet bought tickets, this is your chance to join the festivities. Although tickets will still be available at the next club meeting on January 10th, tickets will not be available at the door.

To register, just send a cheque (payable to the "Trillium Miata Club") to our new Treasurer , Deb Gordaneer before January 25th, and your tickets will be reserved and waiting for you at the door. (To avoid confusion, we will not be sending them.) Tickets are \$42.75/person & \$85.50 per couple. Also, just to let Deb know that your cheque is in the mail, **please send her an email in advance, to debragordaneer@rogers.com**

**Send your cheque
(payable to the "Trillium Miata Club")
ASAP to:**

**Ms. Debra Gordaneer,
Treasurer
Trillium Miata Club
57 Barrymore Road
Scarborough,
ON M1J 1W4**

And remember, the location & time for the Blahs Bash is:
Woodbine Racetrack
555 Rexdale Blvd., Rexdale, ON
(427 & Rexdale Blvd)

5:00 Social time, tea & coffee, club announcements & door prizes
6;30 Dinner (hot/cold buffet with coffee/tea + dessert) & more door prizes
7:30 Races

**See you at the
Blahs Bash!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Gary Svoboda
President – Trillium Miata Club
519-824-7456

Thought you guys would appreciate this.
Dave Biagioni
Miata Specialist

Ten Things You'll Never Hear In My Garage

10. Hey, can we put on some ABBA?
9. Nope, I've never had any electrical problems with my British car.
8. I really think I have enough tools.
7. A beer? No thanks, hon. I'd rather have a Vitamin Water.
6. I have too much space in here.
5. Of course I would never use an oily rag and electrical tape as a bandage. Take me to the emergency room!
4. That music is WAY too loud!
3. I think I'll just do wheels and an intake. I don't want to mod this one.
2. Cucumber and watercress sandwich anyone?
1. Well now, that project is finished.

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December 15, 2009

Pauline Benson
880 Dundas Street West
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Mississauga, Ontario
L5C 4H3

Dear Pauline,

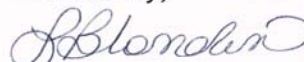
On behalf of the clients of Reconnect Mental Health Services, I would to thank you and the Trillium Miata Club for the generous donation of toys for our clients. The toys were distributed to 45 children of our clients. We used the cash donated along with additional funds from another donor to purchase gift certificates to ensure all the teenagers received a gift as well, as they are often the forgotten children. For many of these children, these will be the only gifts they receive, so we were very grateful to be able to offer the parents something to put under their trees.

I've enclosed a tax receipt for \$700, which is what I believe is fair market value for the gifts that were donated.

I have enclosed a brochure about Reconnect so that you are able to report to the club where the toys were donated to. Reconnect is a community mental health agency that provides a range of recovery-based programs for adults experiencing serious mental illness. We serve clients in the west Toronto area. More information is available on our website at www.Reconnect.on.ca or by calling me direct at lblondin@reconnect.on.ca or 416-24-2050 x227.

On a personal note, I wanted to thank you for thinking of Reconnect even though I was not able to make the meeting. I was very happy when Richard came home and told me you had won the draw and had thought of us. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the next Trillium Miata meeting.

Yours truly,


Lorraine Blondin
Programs Manager

2010 West Virginia "16" Topless in the Mountains Registration Form

Prerequisite:

You must be a paid TMC member at the time of the tour and your Miata must be maintained (mechanical & tires).

1. Name - Pilot: _____

1. Name - Co-Pilot or NONE: _____

2. Address: _____

3. Telephone #: _____ Cell: _____

4. eMail: _____

5. Emergency contacts while you are away:

i. _____

ii. _____

6. Miata: Plate: _____ Year: _____ Colour: _____

7. Meeting Location for tour (Fort Eire duty free store or Other)

Check one: Fort Erie: _____ Other: _____

Other (please explain) _____

8. Special Requests: _____

9. Are you able to? Lead _____ Sweep _____

10. Contact Information: Telephone: 905-891-7236 or 416-805-6919
eMail: rutsch@sympatico.ca
Mail: 1175 Ogden Ave, Mississauga,
Ontario, L5E 2G8

**2010 West Virginia “16”
Topless in the Mountains
Registration Form**

11. This year the groups will be prearranged and requests to be in a given group will be made on a first come first served basis. In order to make the request both this form and the hotel registrations must be done.

The groups are as follows:

- Sporty 1 Group (5 to 7 cars)
- Sporty 2 Group (5 to 7 cars)
- Medium Cruising Group (6 to 8 cars)
- Slow Cruising Group (6 to 8 cars)

So if you like to insure you are in a given group, getting your form and hotel reservations done and returned to Richard Rutsch, preferably by e-mail, you will have a better chance of securing that position in the given group.

Preferred Group.....Preferred Position.....

12. Hotel Information is as follows.

- Sept 3rd Hampton Inn Johnstown PA \$109 814-262-7700
- Sept 4th & 5th Hampton Inn Buckhannon WA \$95 304-473-0900
- Reservations under “Trillium Miata Club”

**Thanks !!! Your West Virginia tour leaders Richard Rutsch and Lorraine
Blondin**

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

Finally, a real, classic Hawaiian shirt specifically featuring all three generations of Miata/MX-5. This shirt is made of 100% combed polished cotton and made entirely in the USA. It features a matched pocket (men's shirts only), real coconut buttons, double-stitching, and side vents so the shirt can be worn outside or tucked in.



Our limited time special introductory price for paid-in-advance pre-orders is \$42.95 for sizes S-XL, \$44.95 for XXL and \$46.95 for XXXL. Please note this introductory price will be available only on the first 500 shirts ordered on a pre-paid basis.

This print is currently in production and expected to be available to ship by March 1st.

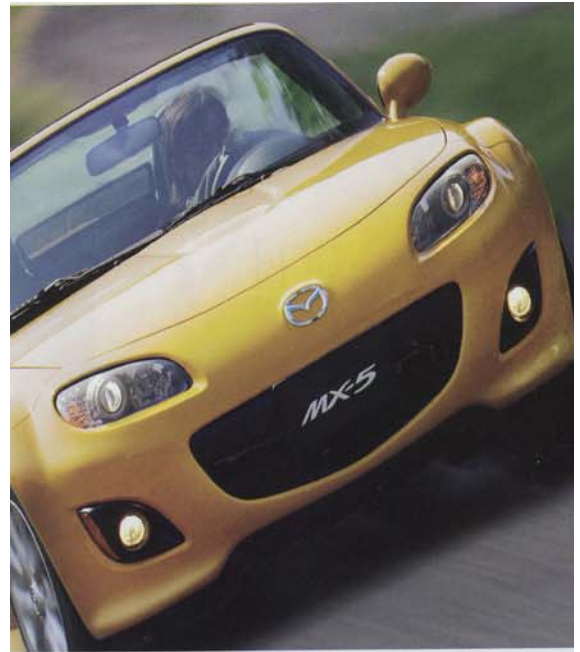
To order yours contact Thompson Automotive.

<http://www.thompson-automotive.com/>

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

Happy Birthday!

	Driver		Co-Pilot
01/03	Glen Knox	01/01	Debbie Hiltz
01/09	Carl Nelson	01/02	Ana Lowrie
01/15	John Redman	01/04	Linda Agnew
01/16	David Wilson	01/07	Nouha Evans
01/19	Christine (Chris) Jefferson	01/11	Linda Hooper
01/21	Dave Biagioni	01/16	Angie Roger
01/24	George Rocoski	01/18	Mark Rice
01/26	Doug Dorsey	01/19	Dale Colbourne
01/28	Paul Whittaker	01/21	Dave Biagioni
01/31	Holly Walker	02/06	Richard Rutsch
02/10	James Gordaneer	02/08	Jackie Vernhout
02/15	Keith Falconer	02/14	Debra Gordaneer
02/16	Terry Matussi	02/16	Ann Finney
02/18	Gord Coker	02/16	Lori Knowles
02/18	Allen Stiehl	02/23	Graham McIlroy
02/19	Mark Lowrie	02/25	Leah Bozic
02/20	Bob Carnegie		
02/24	Peter Caylor		
02/24	Ron Robertson		
02/27	Darrell Stokes		
02/28	Doug Hand		



Convertible Mazda MX-5

The Mazda MX-5 continues to dominate our Convertible category for the fifth year in a row.

What's not to love? An affordable price (\$28,995), handsome styling, a rev-happy engine and ride and handling that embarrasses supposed 'sports cars,' three times this price.

We don't want to hear a peep about this being a 'chick car,' either. First off, the more aggressive styling and other improvement introduced last year cured any of that stigma, and second, those who've actually driven the Mazda don't seem to carry that wayward opinion. Heck, one judge's brother-in-law, a die-in-the-wool, big-block American iron type, admitted there'd be an MX-5 in his garage next to his GTO after a joyride in the two-seater.

Here's the thing about this lightweight, Japanese-built roadster: At the wheel, it just speaks to you. You know what the fully independent suspension is doing, there's all kind of feel coming through the rack-and-pinion steering, the short-throw manual shifters beg to be rowed and the 167 horsepower 2.0-litre engine loves to rev. As the wife says, "any good relationship is based on communication."

Don't forget either, all this is experienced in the open air, via the standard soft top - folded manually with one hand - or the four seasons-friendly power hard top.

Other pluses include the cabrio's usable trunk, dynamic stability control and fuel economy as good as 7.1 L/100km (39 mpg). The cabin is tight for tall folks and the price can brush \$50,000, but through 20-plus years and three generations, the MX-5 has remained largely unmatched in the convertible segment.

We just wish Mazda would bring the Miata name back.

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
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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 Gary Svoboda 519-824-7456 gs@adventusresearch.com</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!! This year, the Blahs Bash is returning to Woodbine Racetrack! 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. 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. Gary Svoboda</p>	<p>Contact Gary Svoboda 519-824-7456 gs@adventusresearch.com</p>
March	<p>Monthly Meeting – 10:00am TBD Guest Speaker - ? Lunch Location - TBA</p>	<p>Contact Gary Svoboda 519-824-7456 gs@adventusresearch.com</p>
April	<p>Monthly Meeting – 10:00am TBD Guest Speaker - ? Lunch Location - TBA</p>	<p>Contact Gary Svoboda 519-824-7456 gs@adventusresearch.com</p>

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