



ROADSTER REVIEW

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July 2009

Same name, different route

by John MacChesney

Join John MacChesney on his version of the **Up and Down the Delaware** run on **Sunday, June 28**. The group will meet at Bulls Island State park which is on Rt. 29, 3.8 miles north of the center of Stockton, N J. Meeting time is **9:30 a.m.** and the run starts at 10:00 sharp.

The caravan will travel north along the Delaware River through Frenchtown and Milford, NJ. The run will continue north along the Delaware and cross the river at Reiglesville, then head south. The pit stop will be at Tincum State Park. From there everyone will back-road it down to New Hope, PA for lunch at Giuseppe's restaurant.

This is a rain or shine event. All are welcome; there is no limit on the number of cars. For more information feel free to contact me at 908-797-3639 or jmacches54@yahoo.com.

Hawk's Nest revisited

by Denise Balsama

We had such a good time last year, let's do it again with a twist! Join us on **Sunday, July 12** for a re-run through the woodlands of PA, scenic Hawk's Nest in NY state, and the beautiful Northwest Skylands region of NJ.

For added fun, we'll have a bug-splat target competition. Drivers will be given a paper target to adhere to their Miata in any (safe) place they wish. At lunch an appropriate "prize" will be awarded to the Miata that has a bug-splat closest to the bull's-eye.

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Leader: Denise Balsama

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Colossus of Roads
Leader: John Ketwig

We'll meet at Friendly's restaurant on Rt. 611 South in Tannersville, PA 18372 (I-80 exit 299) at **9:30 a.m.** and depart at promptly at 10:00. There will be a rest stop midway, a scenic stop along the Delaware River, then on to our lunch stop.



The conclusion of the run is at Bella Vita Ristorante in Wantage. The restaurant offers a fantastic dinner menu with most prices in the \$11-15 range.

I have rated this run as moderate, but the drivers must keep up the set pace and be able to negotiate a variety of roads as well as navigate through a busy town during this 3 1/2 hour run. There is a 12 car limit and reservations are required.

Please contact me by Wednesday, July 8 at President@delval.org or 570-424-6930 if you'd like to be part of the fun!

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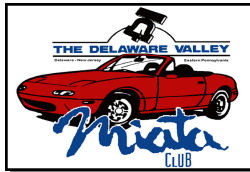
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The next Del-Val Board meeting will be **Monday, July 6**
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Another great resource for Miata enthusiasts can be found at www.miata.net. Take a look at the *Forum* and *Garage* for answers to all your technical questions.

**To submit an article for the Newsletter e-mail your article to NewsEditor@delval.org
Deadline is the 15th of the month**

I scream, you scream, we all scream for...

by John MacChesney

ICE CREAM! Who doesn't love it? Join my son, Kasey, and me on a delicious run through Hunterdon County in search of my favorite ice cream parlors – places only the locals know! This run will be held on **Sunday, July 19** beginning at Flemington Mazda at **11:00 a.m.**

We will travel over a lot of back roads with plenty of scenery along the way. The last place we visit sells hot dogs and hamburgers, if you're still hungry.

Be sure to bring your appetite so you can sample something from every stop. There is no limit on the number of people and the run will be held rain or shine.

Contact me at 908-797-3639 or jmacches54@yahoo.com.

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Miata-File 1992



Miata Lore...In 1992, the removable hardtop got a rear-window defroster, the trunk a remote release, and the rear suspension got a new crossbar bracing.

The Owner...Larry Goldsmith joined Del-Val in the spring of 2004 and quickly became involved with many events. He has led his Monmouth County Corner-to-Corner Run several times and organized a South Jersey Wines-and-Pines Run which visited three wineries. He also sponsors the Summer Nights at the Jersey Shore series of runs which is entering its fourth season, consisting of seven weeknight runs in alternating weeks throughout the summer.

The Car...Larry's crystal white 1992 Miata was purchased from the original owner in the fall of 2003 with about 64K on it. It is a base model and the only option on it when delivered was A/C...it didn't even have a radio. Larry has done some minor upgrades including and OEM radio, new speakers including the headrests and upgraded wheels from the original 14" steel to a set of 15" alloys from a 2002 model. With the addition of adjustable shocks, the tight little roadster now has about 78K on the odometer.

First Love...The crystal white is Larry's first sports car. As a teen in the mid-60's, a friend had a "bug-eye" Austin Healey Sprite which set the bug (so to speak) in motion. Finally, in 2003, he decided it was time to look for a toy and checked a few MG's. He then came across a deal on the Miata on eBay and the rest is history. Larry now owns a 2002 Blazing Yellow Special Edition Miata which he purchased after catching "yellow fever" at the 2007 Del-Val Picnic.

Memory Lane...Larry is an unsung hero on many runs as he always seems willing to take the sometimes daunting role of "back door" car. Whether driving his bright yellow or brilliant white car, he's easy to spot at the end of often impressively long lines of Miatas rolling through the countryside.

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Meet a Member

Bill Kille hits the road...often

by Ken Crosswell

This is the third in a series of Meet a Member columns focusing on past and present officers and reps so important to the life of Del-Val as we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Miata.

Bill Kille, club vice president from 2006 to 2008 and Southern Liaison since 1997, loves to travel and his road trips in sports cars total 1/2 million miles with 350,000 of those behind the wheel of a Miata. His roadsters have rolled through 33 different states and Canada on a journey that began with a 1964 Triumph Spitfire.



The Spitfire was used for Bill's travel as a tech rep for an office machine company covering the South Jersey area. He admits, "I actually made money driving that car as I got paid a flat rate per month plus mileage." Two years later, tired of replacing head gaskets in the Triumph, Bill got a '66 MGB which became his fun car when his company switched employees to leased sedans. "I

drove those two cars about 150,000 miles before a wife, two sons, and two dogs had me selling the 'B' and getting a VW bus," he says.

Fast forward to 1993, recently single again and wanting to get back into another sports car, he was attracted to the now best-selling Miata. He recalls, "I'd liked the looks of the Miata the first time I'd seen one, so I traded my stodgy Dodge Shadow for a white '93." He and his youngest son drove the car from coast to coast in 3 1/2 days. They took much longer returning eastbound with a total of two weeks on the road. His son caught the bug and now owns a '99 Miata.

Eventually the Crystal White paint on the '93 began falling off, so Bill had it repainted bright orange to look like the Hot Wheels Reese's Pieces car. A distinctive feature of many Del-Val runs, it got traded in the day it rolled over 250,000 miles. Bill has since seen the car on Interstate 70 in St. Louis and found it on sale on the internet by its second owner in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It was advertised as being in excellent condition with 278,000 miles on the original engine.

Bill's current Miata, the '06 "Silver Bullet," is sometimes disguised as the Coors Light car and occasionally morphs into the "Girls Gone Wild Road Audition Car." As Bill points out, "You gotta get older, but you don't have to

grow up!" The car recently rolled over 100,000 miles as he continues his quest for the perfect road trip.

Road trip adventures include Miata events in Toronto, Miata Mountain Madness in the Poconos, Miatas in Moab, Utah (twice), Deals Gap (10 times with an eleventh on the calendar), Miatas at Myrtle Beach, Thanksgiving at Lowes Speedway, a couple of 24 hour endurance runs with Del-Val, Miatas Doin' the



Charleston, the Midwest Miata Gathering at the Indy Speedway, 2009 ZOOMin' The Mountains of East Tennessee, countless Del-Val runs and a Miata event in the panhandle area of Florida where Bill got the award for the longest distance traveled to attend.

After all the miles and all the smiles, including a Crab Run he hosted where 64 Miatas showed up, Bill declares, "The very bestest part of owning a Miata is the fun I've had and counting as friends all the great people I've met over the years at different Miata events."

Del-Val Miata 20th Anniversary Roadster Picnic – Sunday, September 13, 2009

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Message from the President.....

Welcome to the Delaware Valley Miata Club, fondly known as Del-Val. I hope that your membership brings you a new circle of friends as well as many wonderful driving experiences.

Denise Balsama

Summer Nights - 2009

by Larry & Lynn Goldsmith

Wednesday evenings

July 8 and 22

August 5 and 19

September 2

It's time for our fourth season of summer top-down evening cruising down in the Monmouth County area of the Jersey Shore.

For this series of informal runs, we meet at **6:00 p.m.** and head out at **6:30 p.m. SHARP.** The runs are planned for about an hour drive and end up at a casual dining location for a bite to eat.

July 8 - We are going to do a Western Monmouth County Run. We'll meet at the Mount's Corner Mall Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins (511 Soloman Way, Freehold NJ 07728) on Rt. 537 South southwest of Rt. 9 and just north of Centrastate Medical Center. We will start our run from there and wind through some rural back roads and end up in Allentown NJ. There we will stop at La Piazza Ristorante for pizza/Italian food.

July 22 - We will meet at the Wawa at the corner of Rt. 9 and White St., Howell NJ (approximately 1 mile north of I-195 on US 9 on the northbound side. The ride will take us east around the Manasquan Reservoir and then through Howell and Wall Townships ending at the Circus Drive-In Restaurant in Wall Township.

Additional details on these and future runs in the series will be published in the next Roadster Review and will also be posted in the Forum section of the Del-Val website. For more information, contact me at larry@wooddreams.com or 732-671-2461. (732-768-8034 on day of run)

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I Smell Steam!

by Curt Springstead

Early fall foliage, scenic train rides, quaint country villages and a weekend of top down driving – sounds like a good plan to me. On **September 19 and 20** this weekend trip will start in Phillipsburg, NJ and follow the back roads near the existing and abandoned railroads on our way to Steamtown Historical Site in Scranton (<http://www.nps.gov/stea/>).

Our morning rest stop will be at the East Stroudsburg Signal Tower, a restored structure that once controlled a large amount of the rail traffic on the Lackawanna Railroad. Our route will then take us through some great scenic back roads leading us into Scranton. A short trip across town should have us at Steamtown by noon where we will spend the afternoon enjoying the museum, train rides, and Electric City Trolley museum. You will also be having lunch on your own as you wish.

At anytime you are ready you can head over to the hotel which is just a few minutes from the museum. That evening we will have dinner at 6:30 near

the hotel in an Italian restaurant that looks out over the valley below Moosic.

At 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning we will leave for a short one hour drive to Jim Thorpe, PA. En route we will experience the site of the well known Giant's Despair Hill Climb (<http://www.pahillclimb.org/Courses/Giants.htm>).

Once in Jim Thorpe (<http://www.jimthorpepa.com/>) you can enjoy, at your own pace, another scenic train ride and visit the many shops and eateries in the lovely village.

This moderate run will leave the Phillipsburg area at 9:30 a.m. so we can arrive at Steamtown by lunch to allow plenty of time for train rides and experiencing the many aspects of the historic site. There is a 10 car limit and we need to make hotel reservations no later than August 10 to keep the block rate that has been negotiated. Please contact Curt Springstead at csprings52@yahoo.com or 973-839-1702 to sign up for the run and get details of the trip.

Zoom Zooming with club founder Jeff Jury Gone to Pocono - Will return next month!!



Twisty Tail 2009



Run Review

A classic run for the driving enthusiast

by Damon Kane

I have always been a big fan of Ed Trahan's runs so I was thrilled to see one of my favorite "classic runs" back on the schedule. My enthusiasm for his runs is due to the fantastic roads he finds, the delightful landscape, and the pace that highlights the strengths of the car we all love.

Oh, lest I forget, Mother Nature threw us a curve. We "enjoyed" partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the high 80's and it was late April!

So we met in western New Castle county Delaware. A flat state, one could wonder where the twisty roads were. Ed quickly threaded us up to the north and west into rolling countryside. We rolled through Maryland and crossed the Mason Dixon Line into Pennsylvania. Ed entertained all of us over the CB radio with tidbits of local information. As we crossed into PA, Ed told us that one of the Mason Dixon markers lies under a manhole in the roadway. When I asked him about this later, he explained that the roadbed was raised so

they entombed the marker rather than destroy it.

We stopped briefly at Nottingham Park very close to the Herr's factory. Ed informed us that the happy looking Angus beef on the Herr farm nearby enjoy the waste potato chips (apparently not suitable for our waistlines) as part of their diet! We continued on into Lancaster County where the Amish and Mennonite culture is plain to see. I was particularly delighted by the friendly waves we got from the young men and ladies (never together), all dressed in their Sunday finest.

This was my second time experiencing this route. The biggest differences between this time and my first experience were the heat, the brilliant light and the thin foliage (still so early in the spring that the trees were just sprouting). True to the name "Twisty Tail," the route loops and crosses over it self and even backtracks on some of the same roads.

Michele and I served as the back door and observed that the cars kept together nicely, almost all of us enjoying the pace. Unfortunately our youngest participant, Ryan Bogutz (10) has a propensity for motion sickness and this run brought it out. So Ryan and his dad Albert in their 10th Anniversary Edition had to leave us at the lunch stop. This was our only minor hitch on an otherwise flawless run.

I cannot thank Ed enough for sharing this great set of roads with us. I cannot thank enough the other participants that enjoyed the driving as much I did.



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In the beginning...growing pains

by Brad Kravitz – 2nd President DVMC

Editor's note: This is the second in a series highlighting our past presidents' tenures in the Delaware Valley Miata Club.

In the beginning, Jeff Jury was Chief Cook and Bottle Washer for the DVMC. No one was more excited and dedicated. Dave Pollock had done it all before with the Volvo 1800 Club (GREAT car – look it up!). Mary Lynne Morgan caught that bug early, too. Other less familiar names also helped out early on. Ed Singer, Sue and Hugh Custer and Kevin Kirkpatrick were there to lend their help. Working closely together, these individuals got the Del-Val Miata Club off the ground. For that, we are all thankful!

I purchased my first Miata in September of '89. It was really a dream come true. I had two young daughters and a two-seat sports car was far from being a practical family car. With the blessing of my wife, I made the life altering purchase. Yes, I did say life altering. This car has taken me in directions that I could never have imagined. I loved this car from the very first test drive. I had a few months of enjoying life with my new baby when I started wondering about the possibility of a club of enthusiasts. I didn't have to wait long for the first copy of the *Miata Magazine* to arrive at my door gratis of Mazda. I sent in my membership dues post haste. Later that winter I was wondering about the possibility of maybe some local folks getting together. In short order, an invitation arrives for the first picnic at Washington's Crossing State Park. Talk about a tough wait! We headed to the gathering on that cold and blustery first Sunday of May - top down, of course. We got lost as a few others did and then to our amazement, we started the first mini caravan of six lost Miatas to the first official event! It was the first time that I was able to see what the car looked like in the mirrors. The meeting came and went with the officers being elected and an agenda for the club being laid out. I started to get friendly with Dave Pollock, as we were neighbors, and we shared a love for the 1800's.

That friendship continued at subsequent gatherings. Little did I know that I was being "groomed" for a position as an officer in the club. Dave encouraged me to "give it a try as Vice President" as our first VP pretty much was a no show.

I was elected (or was that rail-roaded?) VP on April 21, 1991. I hit the ground running. I found out by accident that an old friend worked as warranty manager for West German Mazda. We reacquainted (because of the Miata) and then brought West German on as our first sponsor. They supplied many of the door prizes at our earliest events.

Much to my sadness, Dave Pollock had to resign his position on the board that September due to a bad back. He was a constant mentor to me for many years. He left me in charge of the first regional meeting of Miata Clubs from the Mid-Atlantic Region north through New England. We were attempting to put together a weekend program for all of the members of our extended area. The planning session was a smashing success, but unfortunately we fell flat on our keesters with the Great Atlantic Miata Meet. We lost money on that deal! It was the first time that "Saint Gabe" Miller came to our rescue. The first real growing pain was about to strike.

In the January/February newsletter (yes folks, bi-monthly) our fearless leader, Jeff Jury, announced that not only he was stepping down as president, but Mary Lynne Morgan would be resigning her post, as well. Let me recap; in three months time, the club lost all three of our founders/officers! Yikes! I did the only thing that I could think of....EMERGENCY MEETING! The meeting was held on March 22, 1992. Did we still want to keep this club going? We needed people to step up and volunteer their time and energy. On a snowy Sunday, 35 brave souls gathered and a new slate of officers was elected. Of these officers, Myra and Dick Hodgdon, Stan Endlich, Sue Custer, David Wood and Kevin Kirkpatrick were instrumental in taking the club to the next level. Some of the best loved events

came from this talented group: Fall Foliage Tour, the Covered Bridge Tour, Weekend Getaways and the Auto Show to name a few. We took the bath that I mentioned after we had little participation from clubs other than our own and the DC Mazda Club for the Great Atlantic Miata Meet in June. The one really great thing that happened at Great Atlantic was meeting Swedish Racing Champion Bertil Roos. He came to address the group to promote his driving school based at Pocono Raceway. I know that I was impressed.

In May of '92, I took delivery of a black and tan C package Miata. My salesman was Gar Webb. Daughters, Jamie and Lauren, kissed the red '90 goodbye. Dave Thomas was elected as Vice President in July, 1992. I got my first cell phone in September of '92! It was a bag phone, remember those?! September also saw a new look and name to the club newsletter. The *Roadster Review* was created by Debbie Landan and Tilo Spranger and we went monthly with our publication. That meant writing a column and the dreaded DEADLINES! The RR was really looking good. By the way, Debbie and Tilo got married - to each other, of course!

I went for "a ride" around Pocono Raceways' North Course in a Miata driven by Bertil Roos in August of 1992. It was an eye opener, to be sure. We talked about a one day driving school to be held the following summer. In October of '92 I attended the Third East Coast Rally and Driving School in Savannah, GA. I drove down alone and was scared to death. I knew no one and I was intimidated by the driving school. The event changed my life – again! I was hooked on high speed driving events. I met some amazing people that I am still friends with. I am still chasing Del-Val member Marty Lazarow around the track after 16 years! After that experience, I was determined to bring a driving school to our club. Run by Roos Racing, we held our first driving school

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20th Anniversary Roadster Picnic

by Damon & Michele Kane

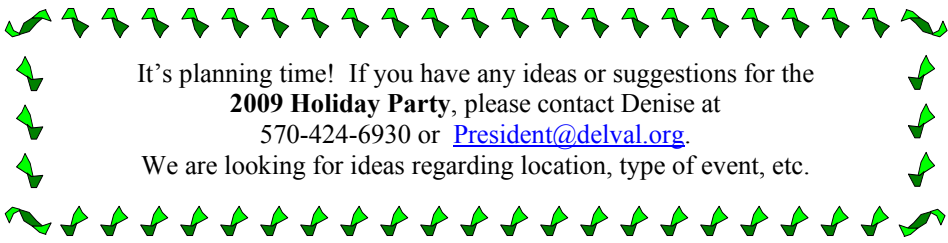
This year the Delaware Valley Miata Club celebrates the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the Miata and the forming of the club. We have planned a special event that celebrates all makes and models of roadsters. If you enjoy a sports car that offers open-air excitement, please bring it along to join in the celebration.

The event consists of a great drive that includes scenic views and twisty roads, and a catered picnic lunch at the end of the drive. We will meet in Harleysville, PA for the start of the drive, take some time to meet each other and take a look at the assembled cars. The drive is designed to exploit the best features of our favorite cars. We will take a wide loop through upper Bucks County. We will then end at the Moravian Tile Works in Doylestown, PA to assemble the cars once again and enjoy a gourmet lunch.

This celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, September 13, 2009**. We will assemble at **9:00 a.m.** at the Harleysville, PA Wal-Mart at the corner of PA routes 63 and 113. From there we will depart in groups of up to 20 cars for the drive. The groups will enjoy a 60-mile drive that will take about two hours. The drive will end at the historic site of the Moravian Tile Works in Doylestown PA.

We welcome all makes and models of roadsters, but the event is limited to the first 120 cars. A registration fee, as indicated in the coupon on page 4, is per person. The fee includes participation in the drive and the gourmet lunch. Please fill out the coupon, enclose a check for the total amount, and mail it in.

There will be no rain date. Questions? Contact drkane4@verizon.net




It's planning time! If you have any ideas or suggestions for the **2009 Holiday Party**, please contact Denise at

570-424-6930 or President@delval.org.

We are looking for ideas regarding location, type of event, etc.

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in August of '93 at Pocono. I saw the use of specialized "slide cars," instruction of the proper "racing line" and practice of different braking techniques. Track sessions ended the school. I think that just about all the attendees were novices that year. Many returned the following year.

In February of '93 I took possession of my third and presently owned Miata. It is a black with red leather interior SE #108/1500. It now has 178,000 miles and is still taken to the track. In '93, the club was still trying to come to grips with the money lost hosting the Great Atlantic Miata Meet. With monetary donations from our members and the advent of dealership sponsors, the club became solvent once again. June of '93 also saw Leanne and Dick Stell come on-board as Delaware State Reps.

When they say that you are only as good as those you surround yourself with, they must have known the group of people that I was honored to work alongside of! It was truly a group effort. It was hard, but it was as rewarding as it gets. I thank you for allowing me my ramblings. I hope that I was able to paint a picture of our club's early years. My memories and friendships will last a lifetime! The club was turned over to Dave Thomas as our third President. Dave?

If I lead, will you follow?
By Denise Balsama


This year I thought I'd try something different – a **Mystery Run on Sunday, August 2.**

The start point for this run is Hot Dog Johnny's on Rt. 46 E in Buttzville, NJ. We'll meet at **8:30 a.m.** and leave promptly at 9:00 for our adventure.

After a scenic, twisty, and moderate ride, we'll be at our destination, which is about 50 miles north of the start point. Veterans of my previous runs may be familiar with some of the roads that we'll take.

Our day includes an hour-long walking tour (perhaps history? perhaps impressive architecture? beautiful scenery/landscape?) and lunch. There will be some uphill paths, so comfortable walking shoes are recommended. After lunch you may want to explore the area on your own.

The cost for the tour and lunch is \$20 per person. **Paid reservations must be received by July 22 and there is a 15 car limit.** Contact me at President@delval.org or call 570-424-6930 to reserve your space on this mysterious run.

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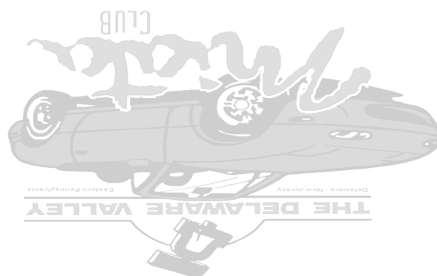
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