



ROADSTER REVIEW

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Celebrating 20 Years of the Miata and Del-Val

August 2009

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.

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 per person registration fee, includes participation in the drive and the gourmet lunch. Please fill out the coupon on page 6, enclose a check for the total amount, and mail it in. There will be no rain date. Questions? Contact drkane4@verizon.net

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Flemington Mazda Tech Day

by Curt Springstead

On **Saturday, August 8**, Flemington Mazda has opened their doors to us for discounted service, parts and exploring their full product line with new car purchase incentives. The dealership is expecting us there between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with lunch on your own at one of the many eateries in the area or there is a place to have picnic lunch which is what I am doing. The specific offers for the day are:

- ◆ 15% off in service and parts
- ◆ S-plan (employee pricing) on all new in stock Miatas
- ◆ A trainer from Mazda will conduct a demo on a new 2009 Miata

- ◆ A raffle for a FREE oil change.

There will be an optional brief (1 hr) run that morning that will start and finish at the dealership. If you want to join the run we will be gathering at 8:30 a.m. and departing at 9:00 sharp. In order to make the day effective for you and the service team we would ask that you register for the event by contacting Curt Springstead at 973-831-2452 or vp@delval.org and tell us if you will be joining the run, what service(s) you would like to have performed and the year of your Miata. Once you have registered we will provide you with a confirmation and final details for the day.

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In the jewelry department, we offer an assortment of pins for the bargain price of \$5.00. These display both the club logo and numerous Miata graphics.

NEW!!! Regular items and limited edition 20th Anniversary items are now available for viewing on the club website!!!!

Contact Sharon DiIillio at 484-494-8620 or
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The next Del-Val Board meeting will be **Saturday, August 1 11:00 a.m. at Denise's house**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Denise Balsama at 570-424-6930 or e-mail: President@delval.org for further information.

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For new members: If you wish to join, complete the application form in this newsletter or visit our website at www.delval.org to download the application. Mail the form along with your payment to the Membership Coordinator listed on the form.

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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

Miata-File 1993

Miata Lore...The 1993 model year marked the end of Silverstone Metallic paint, the addition of a Mazda Sensory Sound System, and the new "diamond in a circle" logo replaced the MAZDA block script on the car's nose and wheels. One of the most dramatic of the Limited Editions was done for 1993, with the car in Brilliant Black but with a red leather interior and tonneau, as well as BBS wheels.

The Owner...Jason Lewitt joined Del-Val last year after finally finding the "right" Miata, "an original example 1st Gen." He says, "I will continue to enjoy being a part of the Del-Val Miata club and meeting new people."

The Car...He found and purchased his car from the original owner who "pampered, babied and garaged it since new." Excited that the car was all original and so well cared for, Jason loves his beautiful "C" package roadster with its black paint, tan top, leather interior and five speed. "Being the devoted car enthusiast I am, and wanting an old sports car, the Miata was the only answer!" he says. He would like to upgrade the sound system, possibly add a roll hoop but still retain the car's originality overall.

First Love...Jason fell in love with the Miata back in 1990 when "Mazda filled a niche that no one else was doing." He admits, "The only choice before that was a British car, while charming and wonderful, (I still want one) were not really reliable. Mazda did a perfectly proper sports car, and it gets you home!"

Memory Lane..."I can't tell you how much I love this car; it now resides proudly in my garage. My daily driver got the boot to the driveway!"



President's Perspective by Denise Balsama

As I'm sure you have noticed, Del-Val is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Miata as well as the upcoming 20th anniversary of the club. Many special runs and events have been planned and implemented for this special celebration. Our picnic in May was an outstanding success despite the dreary weather, pointing out the passion that our club members possess.

Our next special event will be the **Roadster Picnic** in September. The 20th Anniversary committee, and in particular, Damon and Michele Kane, have been working diligently to provide an outstanding day for the participants. Invitations to the Picnic have been extended to roadster clubs throughout the region. We anticipate a great variety of roadsters to join us in this celebration of two-seaters and "just-for-fun" cars.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity. The day will begin with a meet and greet in Harleysville, PA. Enjoy strolling around, checking out the cars, and meeting new people. The participants will then be broken into groups for a fantastic "Kane" run, and end at the Moravian Tile Works for lunch. Photo opportunities will abound! All of the details for this day and reservation information are on page 1.

I hope to see many Del-Val members on September 13 for the Roadster Picnic!

I would also like to welcome **Flemington Mazda** back into our schedule of events. Be sure to mark your calendar for the **Tech Day** on August 8. Show your support of this local dealer and get quality work performed at discounted prices.

Enjoy the cool temperatures of this unusual summer with tops down and smiles on your faces!

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A Magical Time to be Del-Val's Third President

by Dave Thomas

Editor's note: This article is third in a series highlighting the past presidents of Del-Val.

If you have been following the club's historical chronicles, you now know that Jeff Jury was our founder and first President. Although he had help, he was somewhat of a one-man show and the newsletter was the focus of the club with only a few 'events.' Our second president, Brad Kravitz had to deal with the club almost collapsing from the rapid resignation of officers and then imminent bankruptcy after a regional Miata meet. Thankfully, Brad set the club on its proper course and left it in good financial condition and with a large member base. That meant I got to enjoy the fun part! But first a little background.

Although the Miata was introduced in the summer of 1989, my first chance to sit in one was at the Philly Auto Show in January, 1990. As a former Triumph Spitfire owner, the Miata felt perfect. In the spring of 1990, I bought a new Mariner Blue (aka Smurf Blue!). I unfortunately never heard about the inaugural picnic so didn't become aware of the club until 1991 when my dealer told me about it. I went to a meeting at a park in South Jersey and was hooked. I was so crazy about it, in May of '92, I left our newborn son, Evan and my wife Marianne, at the hospital with the grandparents so I could attend a Miata run to Strasburg!

I attended that fateful 'Emergency meeting' Brad called in March of '92 to save the club. I wanted to volunteer in a 'modest' way as a state rep when (future president) Stan Endlich beat me to it. Although Brad had his officers, I told him I would help if needed. It wasn't long before he called to say his new vice president had been a no-show. He wanted me to be VP and was *very persuasive*. I'll never forget those early board meetings when Brad would bring about a dozen ideas on post-it notes and napkins on how we could make the club bigger and better – and we did!

After Brad's second term ended, he had to really push me to run

for president. Remember, I had a new son and only wanted to be modestly involved. After some heated discussions, my wife agreed that I could run – but only for one year. In fact, I am the only one-term president to date, although I put my time in later – in a big way! My vice president was Ken Warren who brought his love of motor sports to the club. Dick and Myra Hodgson continued on as Secretary/Treasurer, and our brand new newsletter editors were Gary and Michelle Fischman. Gary was a computer geek and was the first person to



tell me about this new technology called the World Wide Web (it's like e-mail with pictures – he said). He finished a year as newsletter editor and devoted his time on his new hobby called Miata.net. Who knew what it would turn into – and it all started at Del-Val. (BTW – have you seen Miata.net's Miata of the month? I was Miss May 1997!). Eric Evans (Mr. Toy Miata) replaced the Fischman's as newsletter editor in 1995.

One of the first things I wanted to do with the club was get a new logo – and possibly a new name. After attending a few regional and national events – I was tired of everyone asking what part of Delaware the club was from. No one outside of our area knew we were near Philly, so we proposed the name Liberty Miata Club. It was voted down, but we decided to include the Liberty Bell in the new logo – which was designed by my secretary's husband. It replaced our short lived "bridge" logo and is still the official logo!

The club now had over 275 members with an average age of 42 and lots of 'fun and crazy' members. Fre-

quent newsletter contributors, Laura and Judy Ritzko wore their propeller beanies on runs; Chuck and Cindy Hartwell occasionally showed up as Coneheads; and future president, Andi Goldt always brought her Super Soaker. More active members meant we had lots of run coordinators and often too many cars (40-50 was not uncommon). That year, we had 17 official club activities and some unusual ones at that. We had 47 cars caravan to Cape May for the Rites of Spring event. We participated in our second Miss Delaware pageant at Rehoboth Beach. We went to a winery and a hot air balloon festival. We had a Halloween parade with cars and drivers in costume and followed it with a Haunted Hayride. The club coordinated our first and only Funkhana (games for your car). We also had our second Pocono driving school (this time in a monsoon!)

But the highlight for me was our weekend trip to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon and Watkins Glen. I coordinated this entire event without ever driving the roads and had to drive solo (new baby, remember?) We had 35 cars and basically took over the little town of Wellsboro, PA. We had a great time driving the old Watkins Glen race course and hiked though the Glen seeing lots of nature and waterfalls. Back in Wellsboro, about 20 of us ended our night totally out of place at a biker bar called the North Star and laughed until our sides ached. We ended the year with a fabulous Christmas party in Lambertville with about 60 people and many ended up on the dance floor for some Soul Train line dancing!

In late 1994, I had the opportunity to purchase a slightly used and rare 1994 Laguna Blue with tan top (only 341 made) that I still have today. I took that car to the 1995 Rock 'n' Roll National event in Cleveland (we were the first group to tour the R'n'R Hall of Fame) and to the Toronto National event in 1996. I stayed active in the club after my presidency and somehow was convinced to be the chairman of our na-

I Smell Steam! *Updated*

by Curt Springstead

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 lead-

ing us into Scranton. At Steamtown you will have lunch on your own and spend the afternoon enjoying the museum, train rides and Electric City Trolley museum.



Where should we go today?

by Curt Springstead

Have you been to a really special place for a lunch lately? Found a great view, park or historic site? Explored an interesting shop, museum or attended an interesting event? Maybe you were out and said "Wow what a great road this is!" If you can answer yes to any of these questions then you are well on the way to helping us grow our event offerings.

My goal, as Event Coordinator, is to add to the number and diversity of events that we offer to our members. What we need is ideas for runs, whether they are just for the ride itself or because they lead to a great destination. Some have asked about attending events as group without tying it to a run. In that case car shows, parades, fairs, flower shows, or concerts all fit the bill. Before you turn the page please realize all we are asking for is ideas. I understand that organizing events and leading runs is not everyone's idea of fun, and time can be a

We have made a change in the hotel to stay downtown in Scranton at the Hilton so we can walk to the restaurant - Molly Brannigan's - an Irish Pub across from the hotel and visit a few sites in town.

Sunday morning we will leave for a short one hour drive to Jim Thorpe, PA. On the way we will experience the site of the well know Giant's Despair Hill Climb. In Jim Thorpe 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 Panera's in Phillipsburg, NJ at 9:30AM. 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.

factor. However, we have people who think that is great fun who can take your idea and bring it to reality.

I also suspect more than a few of you might like to try creating a run or event but are afraid to volunteer because you have not done it before. Again that can be addressed; perhaps you can work out the route and someone else agrees to be the drive leader for you. Last year Denise and I split an event, she took us to the break and I took us to lunch, creating a run that everyone enjoyed at half the effort for each of us. Myself, your state reps, and a few other experienced members stand ready to help you contribute to our event calendar.

So here is my challenge, I want to see how many of you can call 973-831-2452, email vp@delval.org or post in the forum (Rides, Runs & Reviews) your ideas. I promise to respond to all of them - let's see how many we can turn into new items for the calendar.

Summer Nights - 2009

by Larry & Lynn Goldsmith

Wednesday evenings

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.

August 5 - Lynn's Run

Lynn's Run in June got rained out so we are going to try it again... We will be meeting in the parking lot behind the Dunkin Donuts (26 Rt. 34, Colts Neck NJ 07722). It is located just north of the intersection of Rt. 34 and Rt. 537 and approximately a mile north of the intersection of Rt. 18 and Rt. 34 on the west side of the road. If you turn into Merchants Way from Rt. 34, go to the second right after the bank and the parking lot is there. The run will take us through portions of Colts Neck, Marlboro, Holmdel, and Middletown before ending up at the harbor in Atlantic Highlands where there are several casual restaurants.

August 19 - Jersey Freeze

We will be meeting at the Park-and-Ride lot at Exit 105 of the Garden State Parkway (Eatontown 07724). When coming from the south follow the signs to Rt. 36 and Monmouth Park. For this run we are going to take some back roads and head north and west and end up at the Jersey Freeze in Freehold for ice cream or a bite to eat.

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)

Meet a Member

Hawkins 'hooked on power'

by Ken Crosswell

Note: This is the fourth in a year-long series featuring members who held office during Del-Val's formative years. Last month's article focused on former VP and current Southern Liaison Bill Kille.

Randy Hawkins, former Treasurer and Secretary of Del-Val from 1995 to 1998, has had a love of fast cars since admiring his father's '64 Mustang and '65 Thunderbird when he was eight years old. It took a while to get into his father's fast company. He admits, "Even though my first NEW car was a '76 Pacer (I know...), I finally purchased my first sports car in 1984 (a Corvette). I have been hooked on power and speed ever since."

Randy's Miata follows his power quest with a number of hot add-ons. Named "Mazilla" on its license plate, the car was turbocharged with a Bell Engineering Turbo kit within one month of being purchased in May of 1993. At that time it produced about 50% more horsepower than a stock Miata. Since then, he has upgraded the system twice and the car now makes well over twice the stock hp at almost 230 hp at the wheels with a Flyin' Miata kit. Fully set up for racing, but still very drivable on the street, it has been autocrossed, drag-raced and driven at Pocono many times.

After introducing Del-Val to autocrossing he has participated in just about every track event the club has attended. Mazilla is well known as "not the cleanest car" on the track (just ask Howard Marder), but it is always a fast car. Randy's fascination with turbocharging extends to his other cars, a Callaway Twin Turbo Corvette and a Subaru WRX STi.

During his years as Treasurer and Secretary of Del-Val, Randy shared du-



ties with his wife, Lisa. These years included the National Miata Mountain Madness event, including the 4-ring-circus at Pocono Raceway with autocross, tire testing, funkana, and high-speed driving school. Randy still asks in awe, "How DID such a small group of people pull this off?"

Randy has fond memories of crazy track days with Howard and John McConnell and running at Summit Point in a group with about 10 high-powered Supras and four Vipers with an instruc-

tor trying to keep him on the best driving line. The Wellsboro over-nighter also has a special place on memory lane, although Randy declares, "What happens in Wellsboro, stays in Wellsboro...just like Vegas." Besides the fun of watching Howard Marder getting his pristine car dirty at his first track event, Randy praises "all the wonderful events that we have attended over the years, and the friendships that we have found through the club."

Scenic Hunterdon

by Bob Green

Need a little break? Shore too crowded? City too hot? Come out to Hunterdon County on **Sunday, August 23**. My wife, Roann, and I invite you to explore the Miata-perfect byways of our home territory. No crowds, light traffic, clean air, real hills, and rolling farmland.

We'll gather at **10:00 a.m.** in the Clinton Park and Ride, at the intersection of Center Street and NJ Rt 31 S. The Country Griddle Restaurant, 190 Center Street Clinton NJ is adjacent for coffee and morning necessities. I-78 exits for the Clinton Park and Ride are 17 Eastbound, 18 Westbound. At 10:30 a.m. we'll leave picturesque Clinton, site of the famous Red Mill, and weave through the hills of Franklin, Union and Bethlehem townships. We duck across the Musconetcong River into Warren County, and then pit stop in Bloomsbury on the Hunterdon-Warren border.

After we explore lovely Alexandria and Holland townships, we end this 60+ mile jaunt across the Delaware River at the historic Riegelsville Hotel and Inn in Riegelsville PA, for a relaxed lunch under a leafy canopy on Chef Jeremy's outdoor patio. The food is great; the desserts, better.

This moderately paced run is virtually stoplight free and we hope to regroup minimally. Twelve cars seem the right size, but more can be merrier.

Call 908-537-2594 or e-mail Bob at reggreen@embarqmail.com.

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

Make checks payable to THE DELAWARE VALLEY MIATA CLUB

Driver Name _____

Make/Model of Roadster _____

Number of Participants _____ X \$17.50 = _____ TOTAL PAYMENT

Driver Email _____ Driver Phone Number _____

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Stroudsburg, PA



Zoom Zooming with club founder Jeff Jury

Gone to Pocono - Will return next month!!

Zooming in the Lonestar State

by Karen Jarvie

Randy and I attended the Mazda MX-5 Miata World II National Mazda Event in Grapevine, TX over the Memorial Day weekend. It was fantastic! The weather was great and there were many activities and runs - Sunset Drive, Motorsport Ranch, Cavanaugh Flight Museum, Ft. Worth Stockyards to name a few. There was a Show & Shine and an Amazing Rally.

The ultimate events were those at the Texas Speedway. Everyone lined up at the hotel for the parade to the Texas Speedway. After arriving at the Speedway, there was a group picture taken on the track. The events included the Oval (our car got up to 98 mph), road course, auto cross, and funcanna. Randy came in third place for his class/

year Miata in autocross. There was also another picture taken at Victory Row of each individual car. The whole track day was a lot of fun.

This event reminded us of the Daytona Miata National a few years back that we attended. The hotel was spectacular and the food as well. One lucky person won a brand new MX-5 at the drawing at the banquet. Other DelVal members who attended were Sam and Kathy Repici, Pat and Onick Voskianarian and Gary Fischman and his wife. Also attending were Harry and Barbara Maxwell. Gary bought a new black Miata in Texas and drove it home. The next National is in San Diego, CA in 2010. California here we come!!



Living it up in Texas!



The Philly SCCA has updated their autocross (Solo 2) schedule. If you are looking to get some safe performance driving experience this summer, make sure you check out their website for more info, <http://www.phillyscca.com/solo2/index.html>.

The following are for the Summer Series Events:

8/2	#7	Warminster Community Park	Full Day Format
8/30	#8	Warminster Community Park	Full Day Format
9/20	#9	Boeing	Full Day Format
10/11	#10	Citizen's Bank Park, Philly (T/U Lot)	Full Day Format
10/25	#11	Warminster Community Park	Full Day Format
11/8	#12	Boeing	Full Day Format

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My Ears are Ringing

by Curt Springstead

Sometimes nature presents some very interesting visual sights; in this case it created a very interesting audio experience. A TV spot about the Ringing Rocks Park set me on a hunt to incorporate it into a run. Our trip will start at the McDonald's at 536 US Highway 22 E, in Whitehouse, NJ. On **Sunday, August 16** we will form up at **10 a.m.** and depart at 10:30 immediately motoring north into the rural parts of Morris and Somerset counties. A few miles north of our start the route will bear left and head around the northern shore of the Round Lake Reservoir on our way to Milford NJ for a brief break. Since there are limited facilities and no refreshments at the park we will make a very short drive from our break and take in the unique Ringing Rocks State Park. A short walk from the parking area is the rock field for which the park is named. Bring your hammer, perhaps walking shoes as well, and be amazed at the unique sound of the rocks found in this field. Scientists have spent years trying to understand the phenomena and there is no certain answer to the mystery. But frankly we don't care - it is just a cool place to visit. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ringing_rocks)

Once we are back in our cars we will loop back to NJ and cross the Delaware River at Frenchtown. From there we enjoy the countryside on our way to the Round Valley State park and Lebanon, NJ. Our lunch break will be at the A&W stand on Route 22 in Lebanon, a site enjoyed by the drivers on one of our summer nights tours last year. This sedate run will be limited to 16 cars. Please contact Curt Springstead at csprings52@yahoo.com or 973-831-2452 to let me know you are coming or if you have questions.

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Spinning Wheels Anyone?

by Gary Dillio

From 1995 through 1998, the club put together a series of multi-day drives that they called the "Spinning Wheels" series of events. There were 2-3 day drives to Tennessee; Bennington, Vermont; Charlestown, South Carolina; the Adirondacks; the Catskills; Virginia Beach, VA and Mount Washington, NH.

In 1998, the club took a 6-day drive through Chicago and on to South Dakota.

The longest of these Spinning Wheels events was a 9-day trip to Nova Scotia (1997) and, the granddaddy of the series, a 10-day jaunt to Seattle, Washington (and back!) in 1996.

Looking at old newsletters, the reports of these trips captured the joy of driving the Miata and of sharing that joy with other club members.

If anyone is interested in commemorating this great series by helping us to plan one or two multi-day trips for 2010, please contact Gary Dillio at membership@delval.org or call 610-583-8307 as soon as possible.

When we assemble the possible participants, we'll need to talk about where we would like to go, when and for how long. The club does a lot of its business these days via conference call, so there won't even be a need to travel to the planning session.

These trips have been open to a limited amount of vehicles, so the earlier you call, the better chance you will have to be included in the fun.

Mansions, Swamps and More

by Stu & Karen Slifkin

We had such a good time in 2005 and 2007 that we are going to do it again!

Please join us on **Sunday, August 30** as we partake of a drive through some of the wealthiest areas of New Jersey. The drive will feature many of the mansions, both old and new, in the Bernardsville Mountain, Mendham and Harding Township areas as well as a drive through the Great Swamp Nature preserve. We will stop for a 30-minute visit to the Raptor Trust, one of the country's premier privately funded wild bird rehab centers, where we will see owls, eagles, hawks and other birds of prey.

Expect numerous country lanes, possible wildlife sightings and outstanding homes in some of most prestigious residential areas in the state. The run and stop will take 2 ½ to three hours. It will end with lunch at The Store restaurant in Basking Ridge.

This is a relatively slow run meant for sightseeing. It is a rain or shine event.

We will meet at **9:30 a.m.** at the Old Mill Inn in Bernardsville, just off I-287 six miles south of Morristown. We will drive off promptly at 10.00 a.m. For those coming from the north on I-287, get off at exit 30 B. The entrance to the Old Mill Inn lot is less than a hundred yards on your right. For those coming from the south, you too will exit at 30 B, cross over I-287 and the entrance will be on your right.

Due to limited parking at the Raptor Trust and the restaurant, the run will be limited to 20 cars. Please e-mail Stu Slifkin @ sslifkin@comcast.net to reserve a spot and to confirm restaurant reservations. You can also phone Stu at 908-876-5870. On the day of the event you can call 908-361-5723 if you need further directions.

Monmouth County Back Roads and Beach Run

by John Bartolotta

We would like to invite you to take part in the Monmouth County Back Roads and Beach Run on **Sunday, September 27**. This run is approximately 60 miles long and will take us through both rural areas and the sea coast of Monmouth County, crown jewel of the Jersey Shore! This is a Level 2 SEDATE run and will be limited to the first 15 cars that sign up.

We'll start our run in Lincroft, NJ, then wind our way through Colts Neck and Howell passing some of the most palatial homes and picturesque horse farms the state has to offer. Some of the roads we'll be driving have been in use since colonial times. After a nice drive through winding rural back roads we'll begin to make our way toward the coast to sample more of the county's curvy roads. Soon we'll find ourselves at the shore where we'll drive along the ocean, going through beautiful Spring Lake and Belmar.

A great drive deserves to be topped off with a great meal and good conversation. For that, we've chosen 507 Main in Belmar for casual dining. We'd love to see you there to join us for a unique and fun ride. Please contact John and Theresa Bartolotta at Jbartel29@aol.com to let us know you're coming and if you'll be doing: 1) Drive Only or 2) Drive and Lunch.


May your tank always be full and the road ahead filled with curves!

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tional event, Miata Mountain Madness. So even though I only had one term – I put in 18 long months in coordinating what many feel was the best national event to date.

My daily driver is now a Porsche Boxster, another great car, but it will never compare to what the Miata provided me – great memories and life long friends! I feel blessed to have been part of it all. And that little baby I mentioned - he is now 17 and has absconded with my Miata!

Delaware Valley Miata Club - Membership Application			
Please complete this application and mail the application along with a check for \$25.00 to:			
<p>The Delaware Valley Miata Club 1109 Madison Ave. Prospect Park, PA 19076</p>			
<p>The membership fee covers a full calendar year and includes a subscription to <i>ROADSTER REVIEW</i>, our monthly newsletter; various discounts at local Mazda dealerships and accessory vendors; a Delaware Valley Miata Club logo window decal; access to Del-Val Miata Club logo clothing and most club events.</p>			
<p>For further details, please visit our web site: WWW.DELVAL.ORG</p>			
Basic Information (All Information Required)			
Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		<i>Please Note: The name field(s) below will be used exactly as specified for your name tags.</i>	
Last Name (Member/Primary Driver)		First Name	
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Street Address (1 st line)			
(2 nd line, if any)			
City	State	Zip Code	COUNTY (not USA)
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Email Address: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		Miata Color	
I want my newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> EMAILED to me <input type="checkbox"/> MAILED to me			
Demographic Information (optional)			
The following information will be kept confidential. It is used to give us some idea of club membership make-up			
Member's Age:	Member's Sex:	Marital Status:	
Would you be willing to help in any of the areas noted below? (please check all that apply)		How did you hear about the club? (please check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> membership <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> event planning <input type="checkbox"/> website <input type="checkbox"/> as an officer <input type="checkbox"/> as an area rep		<input type="checkbox"/> friend <input type="checkbox"/> dealership <input type="checkbox"/> website <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> auto show <input type="checkbox"/> windshield flyer	
Payment Information and Licensing Statement (required)			
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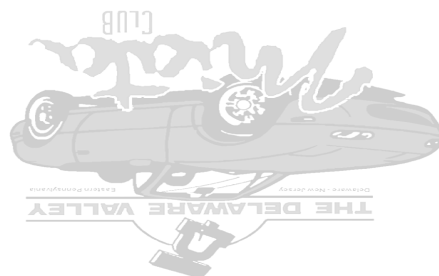
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