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RE-BODIED MX-5'S OFFER CLASSIC ITALIAN STYLING

You may have heard of Jim Simpson's Simpson Design - he's a former Ferrari design apprentice whose Washington-based shop has been around for decades, and these days they turn Miata's into these Zagato- and Bertone-inspired custom kit cars.

They happen to be quite lovely. That green one up top apes the Aston Martin DB4 Zagato and the right one's clearly a salute to the Ferrari 250 SWB, though I'd say they stand on their own. Not bad for a Miata as a base.

They start with what looks like either an NA or NB chassis Miata, strip it of all the factory body work, and then create their own inspired masterpieces. Not only do they make re-bodied MX-5's that look like Italian exotics, but also some of the most iconic British coupes as well.

Simpson's website says his process involves 3D modelling, building 1/24 scale mockups, working with a custom wood buck, then shaping steel, fiberglass and interior to the buyer's exact specs. The completed car will run you about US\$25,000. 🌀



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AUCKLAND

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS...

Harris Ang, AUCKLAND

Michael Bullivant and Honey Que,
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WAIKATO

Gary and Maureen Major,
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Dianne Jerkovich and George
Hughes, WAIKATO

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John and Joan Christiansen, NEW
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Dan McLean, WELLINGTON

New members should start receiving emails from their regional co-ordinator regarding details of upcoming trips. If you are new to the club and coming along for the first time, please make yourself known to the event organiser.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, winter is now officially over and hopefully the weather will become more conducive to topdown motoring. Not that a bit of rain or snow deters MX5 owners, does it?

I always look forward to reading the run reports from the various regions. You would think that after 26 years the Club would have exhausted all the good places to go to. After all, New Zealand isn't that big. But no, people seem to find new fun and interesting places to visit all the time.

Another successful Driver Training Day was held at Taupo Motorsport Park in October, with 31 out of the 58 attending being new club members. Once again we were lucky with the weather and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. This issue of TopDown includes a report and photos. I have just started discussions with TMP for next year and will let you all know what develops.

Registrations for the 2019 Nationals, which opened at the end of August, have gone extremely well, and having

met our 80 car limit by early October, have now closed. If you missed out on registering but would like to go on the waiting list for a cancellation, please send a message through the Club website. Go to Contact, General Enquiry.

I end this report on a very sad note. Many of you will have known that Ross Campbell, owner of MX5 Mart, has been under treatment for cancer. Unfortunately this has not been successful and Ross has been given just a few months to live. Ross and Melody have been long-time supporters of the Club, having joined in 2002. They have been very active, contributing greatly to the Christmas runs held in the Waikato, Northern and BOP Regions, and frequently donating MX5 Mart clothing for raffles and other events. Ross has put MX5 Mart up for sale, so if you or any of your acquaintances would like to continue Ross' good work for the MX5 community, please let me know and I will put you in touch with him.

KEITH JONES, PRESIDENT

FROM MEMBERSHIP

IT'S A BIG JOB!

My wife, Donna and I recently took over as the Membership Coordinators for MX5 Club of NZ. Little did we know about how big a job it is.

Well done to Willie Williamson for his 18 years doing this job.

One of the first things we noticed is the amount of work just renewing members, especially as most of us (Donna and I included) didn't do the renewal process correctly. It causes delays as we can't process anything until the bank statements come from the Treasurer and we then have to check all deposits and match them up with our 400+ members. Worse if the information is not on the deposit ie. Name etc. And yes it happens. We get unknown deposits matching the membership Subscription amounts but no name or member number / Reg plate etc.

The other issue is that when members change houses, cars, phone numbers or email addresses we are not normally informed, as, of course the MX5 club is low on the 'to be informed list'.

The correct procedure is to use the online "Join" button and follow the instructions.

If the instructions are not followed correctly then the form won't go through and membership / renewal will not happen.

Once we have received the Renewal / Join Application then we process the Membership Cards in batches, as to do them one at a time is uneconomic and it is the same with the Name Tags.

Membership Cards are done one per membership. Note the membership is one couple with MX5's – so a couple will only pay the single membership rate (currently \$70 per year) If you have more than one MX5 it is still only \$70 but if you want a sticker for each car you will need to request them.

All requests etc. to 'membership@mx5club.org.nz'

Happy Zoom Zooming

DONNA AND MURRAY LEE,
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS

CLASSIC COVER INSURANCE FOR MX5 CLUB MEMBERS

BY KEITH JONES

The MX5 Club of NZ has negotiated an arrangement with Classic Cover Insurance which will give Club members a 10% discount on either their Prestige or Classic Cover policies.

You may have heard of Classic Cover Insurance, but thought it was only suitable for cars that only cover very low annual distances, eg. a maximum of 5,000km or so. This used to be the case but no longer. While they may not accept vehicles that do very high annual kilometres, those doing the average distances of 10,000 to 12,000km, or less, are eligible.

The Prestige policy is a new offering with extra benefits for those with new MX5s. If within the first 24 months of ownership, you have an accident and the car is a total loss, or the car is

stolen and not recovered, provided you bought the car new from a NZ franchise dealer, they will replace it with another brand new equivalent vehicle.

We have also negotiated that if you are insured with Classic Cover, your vehicle is covered for the MX5 Club's Driver Training Day. You will be covered while on the track for all events except Hot Laps.

As with any vehicle insurance policy, the premium will be based on a number of factors, eg. car value, where you live, driving record, any modifications to the car, but if you are interested in getting a quotation I can send you copies of the policy documents to review and a proposal form you can submit to Classic Cover. ❁

THE MX-5 FILES

In this issue we interview the last two new members to the MX-5 Club Committee, so you can get to know and perhaps recognise them at the next club run. A warm welcome to Barry and Denis.

NAME: BARRY POTENGER

AGE: 65

MX-5 REGION: Northern

DAY JOB: Telecommunications Field Manager

CURRENT MX-5: 2005 NC

ANY IMPROVEMENTS: Day driving lights

EVERYDAY DRIVE: Honda Accord Euro

WHY AN MX-5:

Many years ago, my sister in Wellington had a NA. I used to enjoy taking it for a run every time I was down there. When we needed a second car, why not a MX5. Never regretted it. It's also what I call a good family car, when you go out, you can't take the family with you.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE

CLUB: Approximately 3 ½ years.

FAVOURITE CLUB RUN:

The last Round the Mountain Run. Great drive in inclement weather, enjoyed the good company and accommodation.

FAVOURITE DRIVE ON NZ ROADS:

Too many to really choose from. The most recent was a week in Queenstown, the hire car was a brand new

Commodore, the weather great and the roads fantastic. And no speeding tickets.

FIRST CAR OWNED:

A 1957 Hillman Minx, also the slowest car I ever owned.

DREAM CAR:

Frank Willets newly acquired V8 NC.

WHAT DID YOUR PARENTS DRIVE WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD:

From memory, an old Austin 8.

WHAT IS THE BEST MAINTENANCE ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED:

If you can't afford a brand new European car, you can't afford a second hand one either.

WHAT'S YOUR BEST ROADIE STORY:

In the early 70's, a friend had a Mark 1 Ford Zephyr. We stopped on the side of the road between Taupo and Rotorua. The axle broke when we went to move off. Had a spare axle in the boot. Jacked the car up onto a rock, removed diff and broken spline, replaced diff and axle. A Maori gentleman stopped and offered us the loan of his socket set, just drop it off at the local pub when we had



finished. I had to hitchhike into Rotorua for diff oil. Not a pleasant experience. It wasn't the first or last axle that we broke in the Zephyr. Never a Ford fan after that. I don't think my new company Ford Ranger is much of an improvement either.

ANY THING ELSE?:

Most scary moment. On a return Northern club run from Raglan, driver of a large SUV towing a horse float with six miniature horses aboard, went to sleep and crossed the centre line towards us. The first MX5 avoided him, the second MX5 lost it's rear end, and we had the side ripped out of our nice NB. It all happened so fast and it was just split second reaction to avoid hitting him fully head on. I often think back to the incident and reckon that the size and manoeuvrability of our MX5 saved our bacon. Two MX5's and one SUV written off and only one minor cut hand by the driver of the second MX5. 🌀

2019 NATIONALS UPDATE

8TH MARCH – 11TH MARCH 2019

Jointly hosted by Northern and Waikato.



Following the opening of Registrations on 31st August there has been an amazing response, so much so that as at the 27th September there were 77 cars registered which only left three spots left. By the time Topdown has been published these may have been taken.

It is great to be able to report that we even have a registration from one of our Aussie MX5 Club members who are coming all the way from Perth, Western Australia to attend. Maybe we will have to rename the event the International Rally.

Roll on March 2019.



NAME: DENIS SMITH**AGE:** Venerable**MX-5 REGION:** Auckland**DAY JOB:** Consulting Engineer**CURRENT MX-5:** RF GT**ANY IMPROVEMENTS:**

Special Edition Features

EVERYDAY DRIVE:

Landcruiser Prado

WHY AN MX-5:

I've had MGBs, and Triumphs TR2 and TR7V8 before but now want something that doesn't leak oil and always starts.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE CLUB:

2 years

FAVOURITE CLUB RUN:

Trip to Whangamata

FAVOURITE DRIVE ON NZ ROADS:

Anywhere winding

FIRST CAR OWNED:

Riley Monaco

DREAM CAR:

Lamborghini Espada

WHAT DID YOUR PARENTS DRIVE WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD:

Chevrolet Coupe

WHAT IS THE BEST MAINTENANCE ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED:

Never put a nut on a bolt or plug in a sump without tightening it up fully.

WHAT'S YOUR BEST ROADIE STORY:

Driving up from Capetown to a new job in Zambia in my new Vauxhall Victor Estate with wife and young baby daughter and sliding off the road in a mountain pass into a ditch. A pickup truck with 6 Africans in the back came



along, all singing out loud, jumped out, picked up the back of my car so I could back out, then jumped back into the truck still singing and refusing and money or compensation.

ANYTHING ELSE?:

I have always been involved with vehicles and engines and look forward to meeting lots of new friends in the club. 🌀

ZEN QUOTES....

» It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbour's newspaper, that's the time to do it.

» Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

» Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.

» Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

» If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

» If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

» Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.

» Duct tape is like "The Force." It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

» Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

» The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tyre.

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DRIVER TRAINING DAY

Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, Taupo - Saturday 6th October 2018.

REPORT BY JIM BARR AND TILLEY DUNSTAN // PHOTOS BY BRENDA WHITE

We arrived late on Friday afternoon for the meet and greet hosted by Sharon and Frank and were instantly made welcome by both old hands and new, putting us at ease very quickly – thank you all!

Up early the next morning for breakfast in town, then to the circuit for 8.30am registration. I had in mind Keith's reminder about plenty of fuel, but as 8.30 approached I started to panic about being late and seeing my tank half full decided that was plenty (you know what's coming – don't you!).

Arrived on the dot at 8.30 with plenty cars before us, but of course the old hands cruised in over the next 20 minutes - - should've topped up that tank Jim!

After Keith's introduction our first exercise was the Gymkhana. As you will see from the timed results this translates appropriately to "Jim Canna" in Scots or "Jim Can't" in English! I suffer from a rare affliction called "Conelexia" – this debilitating problem means I can never round a cone in the correct direction and garages made out of them can not be entered. Hence my first timed run of 42 seconds I suspect was made up of 15 seconds actual time round my own course and 27 penalty seconds for failing to round ANY cone in the correct manner. I then parked in the adjoining garage to the one marked with cones nearly killing some of my fellow competitors – sorry folks!

Most drivers completed the

course in 25 seconds with Harris Ang a creditable fastest in 25.03. My last run was made with my eyes shut and Tilley (henceforth called "The Navigator") screaming left and right to get to 25.89 seconds which I think still included a penalty.

So to the next exercise – Braking. I'm hoping at this point the Jim Canna problem doesn't extend to Jim Canna Brake! Alas not so!

Full on emergency stop in three runs from 50 to 70 to 90kph. Slam on anchors when your car gets between the cones (oh no!) You should stop alongside the gentleman manning this end of the exercise (sorry I also have name disease meaning I forget names on introduction). The Navigator successfully guided me between the cones, I slammed on the brakes, shot past where I should have stopped and forgot to engage the clutch. Jim Canna Brake either!

The speed step up I found quite significant in my head, knowing I had to stop suddenly and did make me think about my speed on urban roads. The last run was supposed to involve our friend throwing a cone for us to avoid while braking – unfortunately we ran out of time - a pity because I'm good at avoiding cones! At this juncture I need to point out The Navigator never stalled during her runs and probably stopped quicker (debateable) despite driving an automatic CX3 as her daily driver – all right dear?

Next is cornering – surely I know how to do this! Go hard as you dare, brake in a straight line between the cones (oh oh) then hard as you dare round the corner. I loved this exercise not least because it reinforced my father's words from 50 years ago "never brake in a corner boy".

Coming through and out of the corner introduced a new phenomenon however – The Navigator (not one to be bereft of words) and after screaming "brake" between the cones – was strangely silent – except for a funny little "Pssst", "Pssst" at the scary bits. I have to work on this!

Keith had obviously gone for an early long lunch and an extra beer at this point as the hooter to change exercises failed to be heard, so we had a lot of extra runs – great fun – Pssst ! Boy I'm glad we weren't doing the Jim Canna at this stage!

Last of the morning training was the slalom – yup more cones, but only one run per driver as lunch loomed. A rather pathetic 25 seconds for me – I'm sure I would have improved with more practice. The Navigator, however, demolished a cone on her run blowing out her time as either the driver or co driver had to replace the cone before completing the run. After losing Rock, Paper, Scissors I replaced the cone. (Apparently it was poor navigation on my part anyway).



After lunch we get to the real nitty gritty – an excellent talk from Keith who was back from the pub re driving position and how to flatten out the corners and position for the next corner, rules for the track time etc. Then a follow the leader drive round the track for us newbies after which we lined up in our respective lanes for track time.

A hyper nervous Tilley had Gordon the very brave professional driver as co-pilot (thank you for arranging Keith). Gordon reassured Tilley by telling her he would leap out if things got too rough and Tilley drove slow enough that he could do so safely if he so desired!

My turn – and I loved it – not a cone in sight, corners for Africa, rumble strips to show the line, a few sweaty moments – had I braked enough before the corner? Pssst woops Pssst!! Hard to keep to 100kph on the straights but I needed the rest. Fantastic!! Glance

at fuel gauge – 5km to empty!!

Far out how did that happen? – this was the 3rd or 4th run including Tilley's – she must have been driving faster than she thought! So off at pit exit to find a service station in town to fill up before the hot laps.

Hot Laps – no restrictions other than not trying to out brake a fellow driver – all good. Helmet on, roof off. My little RF had only been off Waiheke Island once since new, we have two short straights restricted to 60 and 80kph respectively, so she got a bit of a shock to be doing 170kph at 6500rpm in 4th down the back straight, double declutch to 3rd for the chicane and pit bend, jandal to the floor up pit straight, etc,etc. Absolutely brilliant! I know the above is nothing for all you good drivers, but I was having a blast!! I could still smell rubber on my skin two showers later!

So to the dinner for which we had to dress in "bad taste". Tilley

seemed to think I didn't need to pack anything different from my normal attire but I did anyway. A great night, lovely people, heaps of laughs – we'll be back!!

Finally a big big thank you to Keith, Sandra and all you wonderful volunteers who made all us newbies so welcome and at ease throughout the weekend. Also a big thank you to Mazda for their continuing support of the club no doubt helping to make weekends like this possible.

PS – You must all be wondering how I got around Auckland the city of cones. Well I emigrated to Waiheke Island where they never fix the roads! 🌀

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Sunday 1 July 2018 at
Mazda Headquarters Mt Wellington

PRESENT : 90 (individuals)

APOLOGIES : 56 (individuals)

Glenn Harris, General Manager of Mazda New Zealand, welcomed attendees and thanked Brenda White, our outgoing President, for her time and friendship.

MINUTES FROM THE 2017 AGM :

No matters arising from the 2017 AGM minutes.

Accepted Mark Brinsbury / seconded Jeff Griffin

PRESIDENTS REPORT :

As per August magazine

TREASURERS REPORT :

Balances as at 31.5.18 of \$5,904 – cheque account and \$38,869 - savings account.

Glenn Campbell thanked Trish, the outgoing Treasurer for all her efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE :

None to hand

ELECTION OF OFFICERS :

President :Keith Jones
Nominated Marilyn Harp,
seconded Marilyn Molloy.

Keith then thanked Brenda and took over the Meeting as President.

Vice President :
To be elected at first committee meeting

Secretary : Marilyn Harp
Nominated Keith Jones, seconded Barbara Austin

Treasurer : Sandra Jones
Nominated Keith Jones, seconded John Wakefield

Committee members :
Ron Bol
Nominated William Williamson,
seconded Lee Keighley

Jenny Wieland
Nominated Sandra Jones,
seconded Mark Brinsbury

Mark Brinsbury
Nominated Keith Jones, seconded Brenda White

Denis Smith
Nominated Keith Jones, seconded Marilyn Harp

As there were no further nominations for the Committee, Sandra Jones proposed the committee should have the power to co-opt members.

Proposed Sandra Jones / seconded Keith Jones

GENERAL BUSINESS :

1. Club Membership Card – this is given to each member at the time of their annual subscription renewal. Much discussion as to whether this should be a year by year card, and made of a cheaper material, i.e. cardboard, or whether it should be left as is at present. The cards cost approximately \$4 each. Finally, three options were put to the Meeting – a) the status quo to remain, b) a paper card given annually, c) a card such as that used by the AA, which is given at joining and then not renewed annually. A show of hands opted for the status quo to remain, with a plastic card given annually on renewal of subscriptions.

2. South Island membership – it has been brought to the National Committee's attention that some members in the South Island feel they are not getting any benefit by being a part of the MX5 Club. Again there was lots of discussion around what could be done to make South Island members feel more embraced. Several suggestions were made, and will be discussed by the incoming National Committee. It is hoped the National Conference will be held in the South Island in 2021.

3. Life membership – Willie Williamson raised the question of Life Members. Keith Jones noted that the procedure for conferring Life Members was set in the Constitution. Willie nominated Peter Glover (Regional Co-Ordinator for Southland) and Brenda White, for Life Membership.

4. Distribution of Committee minutes to all members – Lee Keighley asked if the minutes of the committee meetings could be distributed or put on the website. It had been decided in a previous committee meeting that as from this year's AGM, a summary of all committee minutes would be distributed to Regional Co-Ordinators. It was noted that this had been the normal practice several years ago.

NATIONAL EVENTS:

1. Taupo Track Day 6 October 2018 – All places are now full for this, with approximately 30 new members and 30 current members taking up the opportunity to participate. As we will be using the full track in the afternoon, volunteers are required to act as Marshalls.

2. National Conference 9 – 11 March 2019 - Accommodation will be at Hamilton Airport Hotel, which will be for our exclusive use for the weekend. Registration will be on Friday afternoon, a choice of one of four different runs on Saturday, dinner on Saturday night, a run to Leadfoot Ranch (home of Rod Millen) on Sunday and dinner on Sunday night. The final breakfast will be on Monday morning, before departure. Registration details will be in the August TopDown. At present, 65 cars at least are expected.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1155hrs, followed by a run to the Howick Club for lunch.

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Statement of Financial Performance

for the Year Ending 31 May 2018

FY 2016 / 2017	Income	FY 2017 / 2018
\$		\$
20,076	Membership	20,014
68,488	National Events	13,865
4,786	Regional Events	0
3,104	Merchandise Sales	1,916
0	National Raffles	0
1,618	Northern Raffles	2,606
0	Advertising	1,900
98,071	Total Income	40,301
	Cost Of Sales	
3,845	Merchandise	2,279
9,807	Membership Expenses	9,411
55,836	Event - National	4,587
9,368	Event Regional	759
5,297	Track Day - National	8,310
84,154	Total Cost Of Sales	25,346
13,917	Gross Profit	14,954
	Expenditure	
352	Stationery	385
0	Advertising	145
11,511	Postage	5,252
707	Bank Charges	725
1,096	Website Expenses	589
0	MYOB Online Software/Support	12
1,254	Raffle Costs	741
670	General Expenses	58
50	Donations	701
5,000	Sponsorship - National Events	0
926	Insurance	926
200	Subscriptions - FOMAC	200
21,766	Total Expenses	9,733
-6,719	Operating Profit	5,221
	Other Income	
218	Interest Received	53
218	Total Other Income	53
-6,501	Deficit/Surplus of Income over Expenditure	5,274

I certify that this Statement of Financial Performance has been submitted to and approved by the members at a general held on the 1st July 2018

Signed:

Patricia Wiseman

Mazda MX5 Club of New Zealand Inc.

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Statement of Financial Postion

as at the 31st May 2018

Year 2016 / 2017			Year 2017 / 2018	
\$	\$	Assets	\$	\$
1,136		Cheque Account	5,904	
38,830		Savings Account	38,869	
920		Trade Debtors	0	
0		Northern Club Raffle Accour	1,090	
2,163		Stock On Hand	1,203	
480		Prepaid Expenses	1,077	
	43,528	Total Assets		48,143
		Liabilities		
5,966		Membership Fees In Advanc	5,306	
	5,966	Total Liabilities		5,306
	37,562	Net Assets		42,837
		Equity		
44,064		Retained Earnings	37,562	
-6,501		Current Year Earnings	5,274	
	37,562	Total Equity		42,837

I certify that this Statement of Financial Position has been submitted to and approved by the members at a general held on the 1st July 2018

Signed: *Patricia Wiseman*

Position: Club Treasurer 2017/2018

NOTE: THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT FEATURED IN THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE (ISSUE 4) OF TOP DOWN MAGAZINE.



JOINT MX5 WEEKEND IN CHEVIOT

MARLBOROUGH & NELSON/TASMAN RUN:
SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT BY SANDRA
PRICE // PHOTOS BY CARYL SIMPSON & ASH
PRICE //

The long weekend of September 13th-16th saw hundreds of beautiful cars, many of them American from the 1950s and 1960s era, converge on the racecourse at Kaikoura for the annual "Beach Hop".

The original New Zealand event of this kind was the Whangamata Beach Hop which has become a massive annual event. It will be held again next year from March 27th-31st.

Kaikoura was really busy as the event attracted a large number of visitors, many also in interesting cars! There were food and craft stalls to enjoy as well as browsing the cars on display.

Lots of people had dressed up in colourful 1950s style clothes, there was a band, the weather was fantastic - blue skies and 23 degrees- what's not to like?

Four Nelson/Tasman cars and one from Hokitika joined in this

September weekend away organised by our Marlborough cousins. With nine people from Marlborough and one couple from Christchurch, we made quite a group!

Most of us all stayed at the Cheviot Motel and Holiday Park as Kaikoura was booked out. It was a really comfortable and pleasant place to stay. The local Cheviot Hotel provided good pub food (i.e. very large and hearty dishes) on the Saturday night.

On Sunday we drove southwards for brunch at a café in Greta Valley, to join up with a large group from the Christchurch MX5 Club.

Before and after brunch we thoroughly enjoyed some great MX5 driving routes organised by



SOUTHERN REPORT:



Ray from the Christchurch Club.

With a total of 27 cars in the convoy, the sun still shining and the skies blue - are you getting the impression that we had a good time? In fact Ash and I think it was really the BEST MX5 weekend away we have ever been on!!

Thanks very much to Stan and Nola for organising the weekend and inviting us to join in with the Marlborough group.

Also, we are really stoked that so many Christchurch Club members chose to come up and socialise with us. Looking forward to more enjoyable joint events. 🌟

NORTHERN REPORT:



BLUE FUNDRAISING RUN

NORTHERN RUN: SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT BY MARILYN HARP & PHOTOS BY BRENDA WHITE

Personally, I think the best MX5 runs are those raising funds for a great cause, so I was pleased to be able to help with the organisation of the Prostate Cancer Blue Run on 23 September.

Josie and I had several trial runs putting the route together and then we added things to note and things to collect.

Outside Mazda Headquarters on a quiet, sunny Sunday morning, we started off approximately 20 cars decorated in blue. The blue dressed participants paid their \$10 per person entry fee and started off towards Mangere and through the relatively new tunnel, over the Harbour Bridge and finally winding

through Auckland's East Coast Bays to eventually end at Long Bay. Along the way leaves, rat's tails from a Norfolk Pine tree, bark, and several other oddities were to be collected.

Mark and Ron went up early to Long Bay to secure our spot and put up donated flags and bunting from the Prostate Foundation. It was lovely to sit in the sun at Long Bay, the first real sunshine Auckland had seen since winter.

All participants were asked to make a picture with their collections and everyone judged the best. Congratulations Anne! We also awarded prizes for best dressed (Martin looked amazing) and the

best car (Josette won that award).

We raffled a lovely bag and contents donated by Mazda and that alone raised \$350 – congratulations Morrin. Mark had donated pictures which we sold and Taylor had donated a car groom. Even Janet's cupcakes were sold to add to the profits.

After a BBQ lunch and a few more raffles, we added up and found we had raised over \$1,300. Thanks Conrad for making up the balance to just over \$1,400, a very tidy sum from a relatively small number of Northern members.

Thanks everyone who came for your support of Blue September and prostate cancer. 🌻

WAIKATO REPORT

RUN TO NIKAU CAVES

WAIKATO RUN: 26 AUGUST
2018 // REPORT & PHOTOS BY
GRAEME DENTON (DENTO)

At 10am on Sunday 26th August 13 MX5s with 22 people met at the Rototuna carpark for a chat and to collect takeaway coffees.

Graeme who was the leader for the day gave a short welcome and an introduction into what is planned for the National Rally in March 2019.

By the time you read this, you will have registered for this event. Welcome to Donna and Murray Lee who had come through from Auckland.

At 10.30am we headed off through Hamilton's northern suburbs to reach River Road and Ngaruawahia. Clearly the instructions were inadequate, as by Ngaruawahia several cars had dropped off the parade! However, Ken, our tail-ender, rounded them up. In Ngaruawahia, we met with the Mason's and Wakefield's to give a group of 15 cars.

After a drive on a windy, bush clad, damp road we stopped to regroup just past Waingaro and took a group photo. Many more kilos of similar road followed but with traps such as unmarked slips, patches of mud, and pieces of timber. Groups of motorcycles sped by in the opposite direction.



Eventually we spot a large Telecom tower which marked our turn off to the west and a further 18km to Nikau Caves. This is a narrow road which rises high and gives a great view of the surrounding countryside.

We arrived at Nikau Caves right on the arranged time of 12 noon and were directed to our dining area which was outside with a view to the adjacent farmland.

Philip and Anne Woodward opened the cave on their farm to the public in 1994. As that business grew they needed a designated centre to operate from and eventually in 2008 the Cafe opened. Their philosophy for the Cafe is; fresh, seasonal, local and hospitable. Some parts of this must be a challenge in this remote area. The Cafe and Cave Guiding business is very much a family affair. The family farm is now leased to Nikau Coopworth which

is a Coopworth sheep stud run by the Woodward's daughter and her husband.

Anne Woodward welcomed us and detailed the menu, which included; Shearers pie, Salmon Bake, Homemade Sausage roll, and toasted sandwiches. Price range \$8 to \$12.

A very nice lunch and great service.

Graeme then suggested that rather than a convoy, people find their own way home. This was met with the usual and expected derision. However, a route was recommended via Hetherington road to the back of Huntly by the power station. This proved to be a great drive in the afternoon sun and the Waikato River was followed on the West side to Ngaruawahia and back home.

Another great day out in our fun cars with great people. 🌟

HAWKES BAY REPORT:



The twins taking in the view of Lake Taupo



HAWKES BAY VISIT THE MOON

HAWKES BAY RUN: 12 AUGUST 2018 // REPORT BY MIKE HURLEY //
PHOTOS BY ROSEMARY HURLEY //

As advised we meet up at BP Bay View ready to head towards Taupo. Most have guessed the cryptic message advising our trip today refers to the Craters of the Moon in Taupo. It's a fine, but cool day when we set out. Nice drive through to Taupo, not much traffic to annoy us. Into the village and stop outside the Thai restaurant as pre-arranged. Funny how lunches seem to go a bit longer than planned!

On the road towards Wairakei and turn off to go up to the Craters. Gosh! The carpark is nearly full.

Pay our dues at the kiosk and head on in and meander our way around the well-defined paths, heeding the numerous danger signs. It didn't look a very big site from the entrance, but it is certainly bigger than it looks. Lots of steam, big holes with boiling mud and hot water, and a very steep climb up to the hilltop

lookout to get a view of the entire site. Back out to the carpark and make plans for the return.

We stop at the lakefront for a coffee, take in the view of the mountains then head for home. A bit more traffic this way, and we even get the one or two who just HAVE to pass the sports car come hell or high water!

Lovely weather, good company and something different as a destination. ❄️

HAWKES BAY REPORT:



DAFFODIL OUTING

HAWKES BAY RUN: 16 SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT BY MIKE HURLEY //
PHOTOS BY ROSEMARY HURLEY & TRISH //

As has become traditional in Hawkes Bay, Sunday 16th September sees us meeting up at Gull in Hastings and heading south in beautiful weather. Heading south to Taniwha on the Takapau plains in Central Hawkes Bay to the large Daffodil plantings. These plantings cover several hectares, and every September the gardens are open for pick your own sales with the profits going to various charities.

4 cars top down and a couple who are "soon to be mx5ers" tagging along in a tintop. I think we have convinced them of the joys of owning a MX5.

1st stop at Waipuk for a quick loo stop as the loo's at Taniwha are a bit limited. Just as well because on arrival the car park is looking pretty full. I think all the groups who got rained out the previous weekend are here

today! So getting priorities right, find a carpark, then a coffee and a natter. Then a wander around and pick a bucket or two of Daffodils, check that the swans in the lake haven't been eaten by the crocodiles and generally enjoy the nice time amongst the flowers. And who should we run into, Nicky and Graeme, who, due to family commitments we haven't seen for a while. Then a surprise visit by a car from Manawatu, who just happened to be going past, so doubled back to come in and say hello. You just never know who, or, where you may run into people you know!

However, time pushes on and soon we are on our way again heading for lunch in Dannevirke. But with Mike leading, it was never going to be a simple follow the main road, oh no! There are sideroads and stuff to check out.

After meandering our way past Orua Wharo, through Takapau, Ormondville, Makotuku and Matamau (look them up on Google maps) we duly arrive at our lunch stop at the Vault in Dannevirke.

You can't just have lunch and get going again, lunch always involves lots of nattering, comparing vehicles, reinforcing to the visitors the joys of mx5ing etc etc. Then it's time to head home, which is achieved by using highway 50 through Tikokino. Quick stop on the outskirts of Hastings for a talk on ideas for next month, once again impress on the visitors what they are missing out on, then break up and head off on our respective ways home.

It may have been a shorter days outing, but the weather man certainly did us good. 🌞

HAWKES BAY REPORT:

HAWKES BAY GO TO THE WOP WOPS

HAWKES BAY: 15 JULY 2018 // REPORT BY MIKE HURLEY // PHOTOS BY ROSEMARY HURLEY

Following the instruction sent out a week earlier with the cryptic message we are going to the Wop Wops, we meet up at the round-a-bout at Paki Paki south of Hastings. We welcome our new imports from Auckland – Trish and Roger. Mostly still none the wiser as to our destination, we set off heading south to stop for a quick coffee in Waipukurau.

Now we head south onto roads rarely travelled by us, meander our way through hills and valleys to emerge at Ormondville; still not our destination, and still no one has guessed where we are going.

Head towards Norsewood, hang a right to go past the Norsewear factory then duck down an alley beside the building. Lo and behold – there is a sign proclaiming this as Wop Wops.

Turns out the locals have tidied up a bit of wasteland, planted native trees and shrubs, made a

few tracks and even have an eel sighting stand beside the creek, complete with huge eels waiting to be fed. It might only be a small park, but the locals have obviously put some time and energy into it.

A quick stroll around, ooh and aah at the eels and then off to upper Norsewood and the delightful café in the main(?) street.

We have lunch, a quick stroll, get stuck in the clothing outlet shop for too long, then on the road to meander even further westward and take a circuitous back road to get back to SH2 and a left turn heading for home. Heading for home??? Oh no! Not yet!

Onto SH50 and then off to the left and meander around roads some of us didn't know existed, picking up plenty of mud and dirt as we go, even though we are still on tar seal. Back to SH50 and home via Tikokino and stopping at Bridge Pa just outside Hastings to say



our farewells and to admire the amount of mud and dirt we were able to pick up.

Dirtiest my MX5 has EVER been!
A good outing all the same. 🌀

TARANAKI REPORT:

POKER RUN

TARANAKI RUN: 12 AUGUST 2018 //
REPORT & PHOTOS BY KAZ BRUCE //

Rex and I arrived at 1.30pm at the East End Reserve Car Park in New Plymouth for the start of the Poker Run to help raise money for one of our local Colleges, the 1st 11 football team for Francis Douglas Memorial College.

Ding Bell one of our avid Taranaki MX5 Club members had suggested that the Club take part and as he is also a member of the Egmont Sports Car Club it was an opportunity to check out their cars.



We had four Mx5's displaying their colours, Ding & Lyn and Grant & Annette with a foot in each Club's camp and Ray and Carol. ▶



It was a beautiful clear August day, so tops down we proceeded to tiki tour all over New Plymouth City and out to Oakura Beach and back again.

Not only were their sports cars, but also, muscle cars, and family cars.

Our first 'card' found us at Te Rewa Rewa Bridge on the New Plymouth coastline, an obligatory drawing of the Bridge completed

we set off to a sports field where I attempted to kick a rugby ball over a goal, enough said, and we picked up 'card' #2, next stop Oakura Beach and the building of a sand castle along with card #3 and then finally at the last stop at Francis Douglas College, Rex attempted to kick a football past the goal keeper, on the second attempt he got the ball past before picking up card #4.

We then followed instructions and

arrived for a drink and a sausage and prize giving. Grant & Annette picked up a couple of prizes.

I decided that my favourite 'other' car on the day was an E Type V12 JAGUAR. It was a very enjoyable day.

The Taranaki MX5 Club received a thank you the next week for participating and helping to raise over \$1000 for their away competitions. 🌀



LOOK AND YOU WILL FIND

TARANAKI RUN: 16 SEPTEMBER 2018 //
REPORT BY OWEN JOHN // PHOTOS BY
KAZ BRUCE // RUN LEADER: OWEN JOHN //

Our start point was the Inglewood rail yard at 1pm where 14 MX5's arrived for a run of approx 100kms to find the answers of nine visible questions during the run.

A late start at 1.10pm and we headed east to inland Huirangi, across the Waitara river swing bridge and a couple more inland roads that MX5's enjoy.

A short stint up the Main North Road and then headed inland up the Okoki Valley. This area usually sees 4x4's rather than MX5's.

A great photo shoot at Okoki School was done before a few km's of metal road up and over the scenic Kaka Road to the Uruti Tunnel and then a lovely sealed winding road back to the main road.

Time had gone too quick so the run was shortened and we headed straight to our coffee stop "Mud Bay Cafe" in Urenui.

Well some much unexplained answers from many, but what a fun run. Prizes were given to the two 2nd place getters, Heather and Rob, and Lesley and Jock. WOW 1st place went to first time eventers in a borrowed MX5. Congratulations to Joan and John. That must be an incentive to join the MX5 Club (and they did).

A booby prize was given to Lynda and Ding to organise a run before the year end. "No not because they arrived in a 2018 RF GT Ltd



edition" they didn't actually answer many Q's right.

A great sunny tops-down zoom, great scenic MX5 country roads, great zooming for an afternoon with such great people. Judy and I thought that was great, we must do it again eh, that would be great. 🌀



BOP REPORT:

ROAD TO RAGLAN

BAY OF PLENTY RUN: 12 AUGUST 2018 // REPORT & PHOTOS BY KAREN STRUIKSMA-VIA FACEBOOK

Stunning day for a MX5 drive to raglan. 18 cars starting at Kaimai Cafe for a early morning tea. Picked up three cars at Horahora Road and two more at Te Awamutu rose garden.

We travelled to Raglan via Bridal Veil Falls. The waterfall is 55 m high, and has over time caused the formation of a large pool at the base of the waterfall.

Then we had a nice lunch at The Wharf Kitchen and Bar on the waterfront. ☼



SOUTH WAIKATO TO ROTORUA DRIVE

BAY OF PLENTY RUN: 9 SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT BY VICKY POWELL // PHOTOS BY DOROTHY LOCKE-VIA FACEBOOK

Luckily a fabulous day for MX5 driving for our first outing with the club in months. Whilst the main group met up at the Kaimai Café, we left Rotorua at a more leisurely hour to meet the group in Arapuni.

After a relaxing coffee and watching many motorbikes and cyclists enjoying the sunshine, the first MX5's started to approach our viewing spot. What a great sight – 11 cars lined up in Arapuni.

We took a minute (or five) to catch up and check out Steve and Jo's latest addition (only the second ND in the BoP club).

Then it was off for a tour on great South Waikato Roads to Rotorua via Mangakino. The roads were awesome MX5 roads, and we



enjoyed the smells of the country along with the sunshine.

Once we made Rotorua, it was a stop at the Pig and Whistle pub for lunch and chat. ☼



RUSH COLLECTION

KAPITI RUN: 16 SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT BY SHARON EWING

We had 16 cars meet us at Countdown car park Waikanae. Three cars from Wairarapa made the early trip to Waikanae, so we ended up a full day doing the round trip. Was a nice day. We headed off North through Otaki, Manakau and Ohau, then around the back of Levin through to Shannon, then turning off up through Opiki and Longburn then around the back of Feilding to Colyton Rd onto Hahua Rd where Rush Collection is. We were greeted by Joy and Terry and later met with Tim.

This is a huge collection with lots

of memories for the family. There are historic open wheeler race cars, thousands of toy models, motor racing artifacts, commercial vehicles and even a few bicycles. I found out that getting into a racing car is the easy bit getting out is a struggle; it was like you are sucked in. Thanks so much to Terry, Joy and Tim for your hospitality.

After the collection we headed over to Ashhurst and had lunch at the Ashhurst Inn, the food was nice but the service was a bit slow.

Thanks to all for coming, it was an enjoyable day. 🌀

KAPITI REPORT:



DRIVE AND PICNIC LUNCH AT PELORUS

MARLBOROUGH RUN: 23 SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT PROVIDED BY GAYLENE ST JOHN

A good turnout of 12 cars and enthusiastic MX5ers left WOW Car park at 11am and yes, predictably under sunny bright blue skies.

The enjoyable trip raised an interesting question – what do individual driver's hand signs mean? Have we correctly interpreted their signal to mean "we need help"?

After turning back, to check that this was indeed the case and helping them, they decided to turn around and go back to Nelson.

Their instinct proved to be correct as their car gave up the ghost and literally stopped some distance from Nelson. Unlike the MXC5 "what's up helpers" they then had a difficult time finding help to reach home after having to leave their pride and joy on the side of the road.

When we finally arrived at Pelorus as tail-end Charlie and explained the reason for the delay, we drove down to the DOC camping ground to have lunch.

We chatted and socialised, covering a range of topics, not

just about cars. The Club has some experienced overseas and national travellers, and it was just a case of listening and enjoying the possibilities of adding further ticks to an ever evolving and interesting bucket list.

After lunch those with time and energy tackled the lovely walks, gentle or strenuous, before driving back and enjoying on the way the recommended ice creams from the Hira Store.

Our thanks go to Dave and Jan Sigley sharing their experience and for arranging this event. 🌀

MARLBOROUGH REPORT:



COUNTRY CRUISING

MANAWATU RUN: 9 SEPTEMBER 2018 //
REPORT BY DENISE AND PETER GRIFFITHS
MADMXV // PHOTOS BY DENISE GRIFFITHS,
SUE AND GREG COLLIER //

The plan was to meet at Viv's Kitchen in Sanson for a 10am start. The day showed promise with some sun and no threat of rain so tops down was the order of the day. Nine cars planned to join the run although one misread the start time and arrived 30 minutes after the cars had left. The planned route was to take them through the Rangitikei area north of Marton up the Turakina Valley over Mt Curl where wonderful views of the surrounding area prevail.

Marton is the hub for this beautiful farming area, is situated on the Wellington — New Plymouth railway line, 185kms north-west from Wellington, and stands 145 metres above sea-level. The town was named after Marton, Yorkshire, England, the birthplace of Captain Cook.

Originally called Tutaenui, Marton was established in 1866 then renamed in 1869 after the birth place of James Cook. Wikipedia cites "it is not known if this change of name was influenced by the mistranslation of 'tutae' (meaning

'dung') and 'nui' (meaning 'large').

The first attempt at settlement was made in 1866, and in 1868, owing to trouble with the Maoris, a blockhouse was erected on a site now occupied by the beautiful St Stephens Anglican church. The town was constituted a borough in 1879, prior to which it was governed by a town board. The population of the borough at the census of 1906 was 1,268.

We were Tail-end Charlie following the cars, Sue and Greg were unable to do the run but offered to take a few photos up on the Mt Curl Rd.

Being very rural roads, it was not long before we came across a mob of sheep so all the cars bunched up for a while. There was a couple of kms of gravel to be taken slowly then back on the smooth and Zoom Zoomy sealed roads. We turn up onto



Mt Curl Rd as we climbed up and over Mt Curl. This road is narrow and winding with a little gravel as you descend the other side. A few more sheep again bunched everyone up so when the lead car took a wrong turn most followed.

We carried on arriving at the Cheltenham Pub for lunch first.....not bad for a Tail-end Charlie.

15 minutes later they turned up with one car ended up back at Viv's Kitchen for lunch (must be their famous Cream Horns that caused the route change).

A great day in our cars thanks Sue and Greg for their photos. 🌟

KAPITI COAST REPORT:



WAIRARAPA DRIVE

KAPITI COAST RUN: 19 AUGUST 2018 // REPORT BY RODGER CAMPBELL //
PHOTOS BY SHARON EWING //

The day dawned with the Wellington contingent meeting at the new Manor park car park.

As the cars rolled in, stories of past runs proliferated (notably the Corvette - MX collision), drivers and passengers froze waiting for the allotted 9am departure.

From there it was a beautiful drive on a clear warm day over the Rimutaka's to Wild Oats Cafe in Carterton.

We watched the snow topped

Tararua's come into view as we sat outside in the sun drinking coffee, then Sharon and Keith, gave us our driving instructions.

A jaunt through historic sites around Carterton, Gladstone and the backblocks of the NW Wairarapa followed.

We visited several memorials, saw a tractor on a large tree stump, a half size plane on a pole (an amazing bit of history there). Best of all we learned why

there are 36 oak trees lining Te Whiti Road, Gladstone (check-out the memorial there yourself). We answered a multitude of questions which we could source by reaching the correct spot, before finally arriving at Tinui for a delicious lunch in the sun. At lunch our answers were marked and there were prizes kindly donated by MX5 Mart. Thanks MX5 Mart.

And the weather stayed beautifully sunny all through the Wairarapa for a great drive home. ☀

SOUTH WAIKATO RUN



At Cambridge meeting point



Remainder of cars at Lake Karapiro

WAIKATO RUN: 30 SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT BY DAVE BARLOW // PHOTOS BY DENIS CROSSMAN

Fifteen MX5's met at Cambridge at 10am. The day had dawned beautifully fine at Matamata after a light frost. Top down, Helen and self proceeded to Cambridge via HoraHora and up the southern side of Lake Karapiro.

Was great to have two BOP cars join the group which included Steve and Jo in their Soul Crystal Red 2019 Model Soft-top which is understood to be the first in New Zealand.

Most cars had arrived by 10-15 and organiser Ken Brown gave a briefing before we departed right on 10-30. By this time, it had clouded over with a light rain threatening over towards Mangatautiri.

Ken lead us out, all tops down, through Leamington, towards Roto-o-rangi, on up and over Kairangi Road, onto Parklands Road, Baileys Road, Wharepunga South, Arohena, Arapuni for a comfort stop.

Tops still down, and most relieved of morning cuppa's, we then proceeded onto and over lake Arapuni Rd to Waotu, Wiltsdown, onto Paronui Rd into the back of Tokoroa. We got a light shower, just past Waotu, however, only the "quick under motion", late model cars put their hoods up.

Lunch was pre-booked at the Sweet Rose Cafe, in Tokoroa. Great food and fellowship.

After lunch, some went onto Rotorua and Taupo, most were led by Ken back down Old Taupo Road and then back to Cambridge via Orepunga Rd and Karapiro. Helen and self peeled off and back to Matamata via HoraHora Rd.

Thanks to Ken Brown for a well organised tour of great South Waikato back roads, well suited for spirited MX5 Sports cars. I did not note the distance, but it must have been close to 200km's.

Also thanks for Dave and Margie Strongman for being Tail End Charlie.

Great day, Bring on the next!!! 🌀

TARANAKI:



'SPEEDY LADY' - A LITTLE HOON ON THE TAUPO TRACK

TARANAKI: SEPTEMBER 2018 // REPORT & PHOTOS BY JOCK SUTHERLAND

If you fancy a few laps of the Taupo Track but are a bit shy for the Club track day, or simply don't fancy risking your own car, then the Taupo MX5 Track Drive might be an option.

Having recently given up paid employment and been given a voucher for a few laps by my colleagues who knew we have an MX5; we headed to Taupo for a few days break.

As it was also 40 years since Lesley arrived in New Zealand on a two year working holiday, I thought that she should do the laps as recognition.

Heading to the track at the agreed day and time, the weather was pretty miserable and wet. After discussion with the man, Alan, we rescheduled for a couple of days later.

Alan took us for a couple of laps in a sedan to see the track layout and get an idea what it is all about.

Returning a few days later in better conditions, Alan got Lesley geared up and took her for a couple of laps, explaining the lines to take, where to brake and other tips. Then she was off on a few laps on her own. The whole track to herself and the pre-drive nerves

replaced by a bit of a thrill she looked pretty tidy.

How quick was she? Well, faster than the five drivers most recently doing the same thing. She says she got up 80, but I think it was somewhat more. I was taking photos and she wasn't even in some them. Gone before I could click the shutter!

A pretty fun experience and the only down-side was the non-stop debrief all the way home to New Plymouth! 🌀

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MAZDA FACTORY RESTORATION MAKES OLD MX-5 MIATA GOOD AS NEW

In August 2017, Mazda announced that it will be offering factory quality restoration work for the original, NA body Mazda MX-5 Miata introduced in 1989. The program also included parts support, as Mazda wants to underline how much the original Miata still means to it. The program was launched with exemplary work carried out on a Miata owned by Mazda, but the first customer car has now been finished.

The first car was picked from 600 applications sent to Mazda. Out

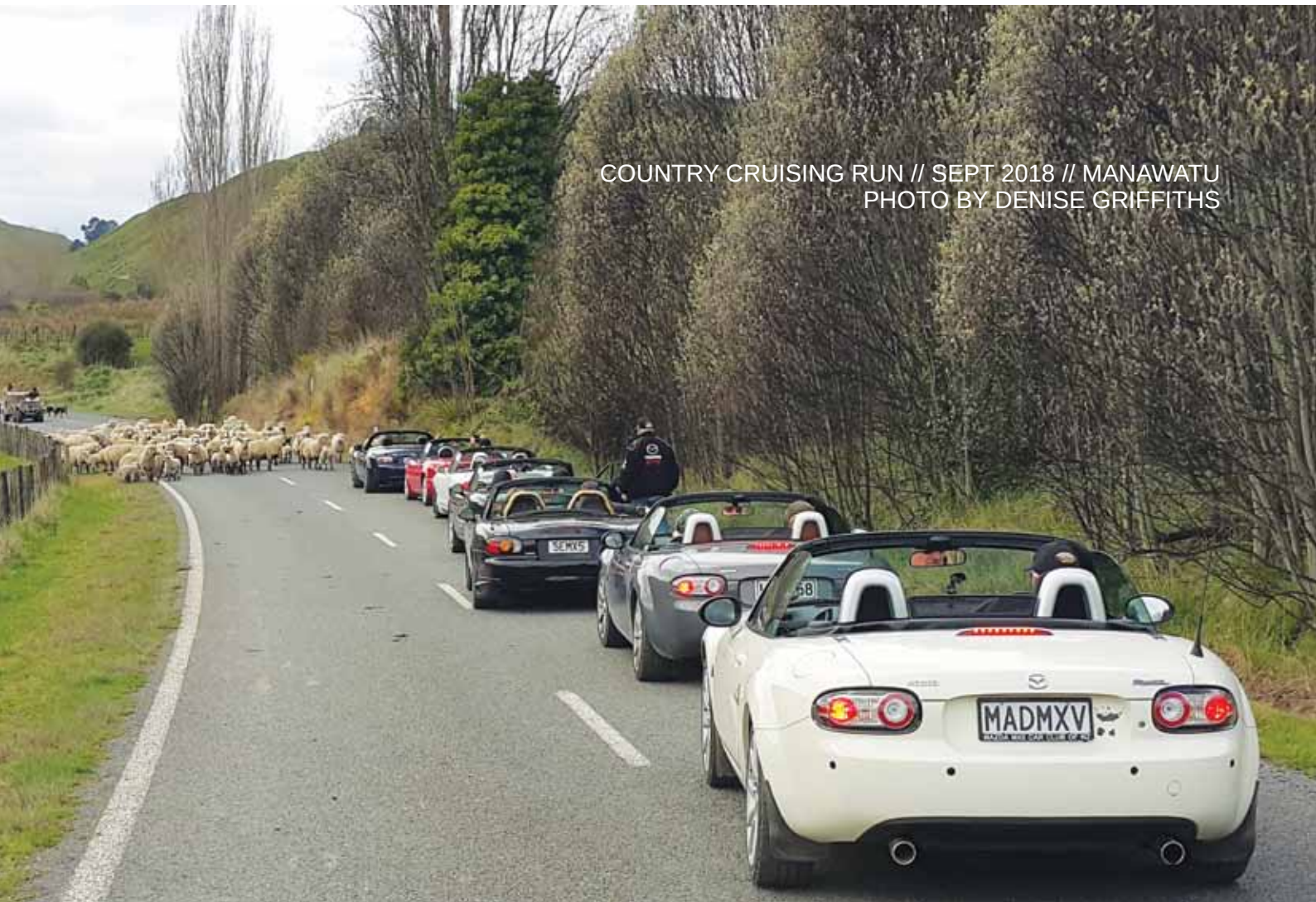
of all these cars needing factory certified work, the 1992 British Racing Green V-Special owned by retired tomato farmer Keiji Nishimoto was chosen to be the first. The Eunost-badged limited-edition car was bought new by Nishimoto, and he told Mazda the car had been instrumental in creating some wonderful road-trip memories. The V-Special edition came in a British roadster-style colour combination: "Neo" green over tan leather, complete with a retro-style Nardi wood wheel. The car also has a front strut bar and a limited-slip differential.

Unfortunately, according to Japanese Nostalgic Car, the service will only be available to owners in Japan for the time being. The service will also only be for first-generation models.

In addition to offering full vehicle restorations, Mazda has also put first-gen Miata parts back into production, including the original Bridgestone SF325 185/60R14 tyres, Nardi wood steering wheel, and the soft top. 🌀

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