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# HAMPTON DOWNS DRIVER TRAINING DAY 2020

The Mazda MX5 Club's Driver Training Day will be held on the Club Circuit at Hampton Downs on 3rd October 2020. This is a National Event, all members are welcome.

This is a great day out to let you really find out how much of a fun car the MX5 is to drive (if you didn't know already) through a series of events designed to test and improve your driving skills.

In the morning there will be four different events: gymkhana, braking, cornering and slalom. In the afternoon, after a classroom instruction session, there will be time on track in safely sized groups. The first sessions will be limited to a maximum of 100km/h, with a final period where you can go as fast as you like.

This final period will require drivers to wear a racing helmet and will only be open to those who have either done a Driver Training Day before or who have track day driving experience.

Registration is on-line through the Club web site <https://www.mx5carclub.co.nz/>. The registration fee is \$150 per driver. Registration for those who have not been to a Training Day before opened on

## Open to All Members

20th July 2020, and for those who have been to one before, will open on 10th August. Registration number are limited to 50 drivers.

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As this is an off-road event, even though it is not racing, you may not be covered by your normal vehicle insurance policy in the event of an incident. If this is of concern to you we would recommend that you check with your insurer before registering.

We look forward to seeing as many new members at the Driver Training Day as possible.

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## A warm welcome to our newest members

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## From the President

Even though it's winter, it's great to be able to get back to normal MX-5 motoring life. From the posts I have seen on the regional Facebook pages and the emails I have received from Regional Co-ordinators, most regions are up and running with great events and good numbers of cars attending.

Hopefully we can keep COVID-19 out and can continue this way. However, as we have seen from many countries, this virus is an insidious wee beast and can attack the moment we let our guard down.

On the matter of **Regional Co-ordinators**, it is most unfortunate that we still have several regions without co-ordinators, including Manawatu, Nelson/Tasman and Marlborough. Not having a co-ordinator seriously reduces the enjoyment of all members in the region and I hope someone will step up and offer their services.

If you are interested, please let me know and I'll run you through what is involved. Regional Co-ordinators receive free membership of the Club while they are in the role.

You should all have received the notice about this year's **Annual General Meeting**, to be held at on ~~22nd August~~ **POSTPONED**. We hope to see as many members there as possible. If you can't make it, but have something you would like to have discussed, please send the details to the



Club's Secretary on [secretary@mx5club.org.nz](mailto:secretary@mx5club.org.nz)

Registrations are now open on the website for the **Driver Training Day** on 3rd October at Hampton Downs. You will find more details about this elsewhere in this issue of TopDown. As I write this report registrations are filling fast with new Club members. It is great to see a large contingent coming up from Kapiti. This event always sells out quickly, so if you were planning on coming, make sure you get your registration in as soon as you are able.

As noted in the last issue of TopDown, Mazda are producing a **limited edition model** of the MX-5 to celebrate 60 years of Mazda car production. If you were thinking of upgrading your MX-5 and would like one of these select cars, let me know and I'll put you in touch with Mazda NZ.

– **Keith Jones, President**

## Membership Update

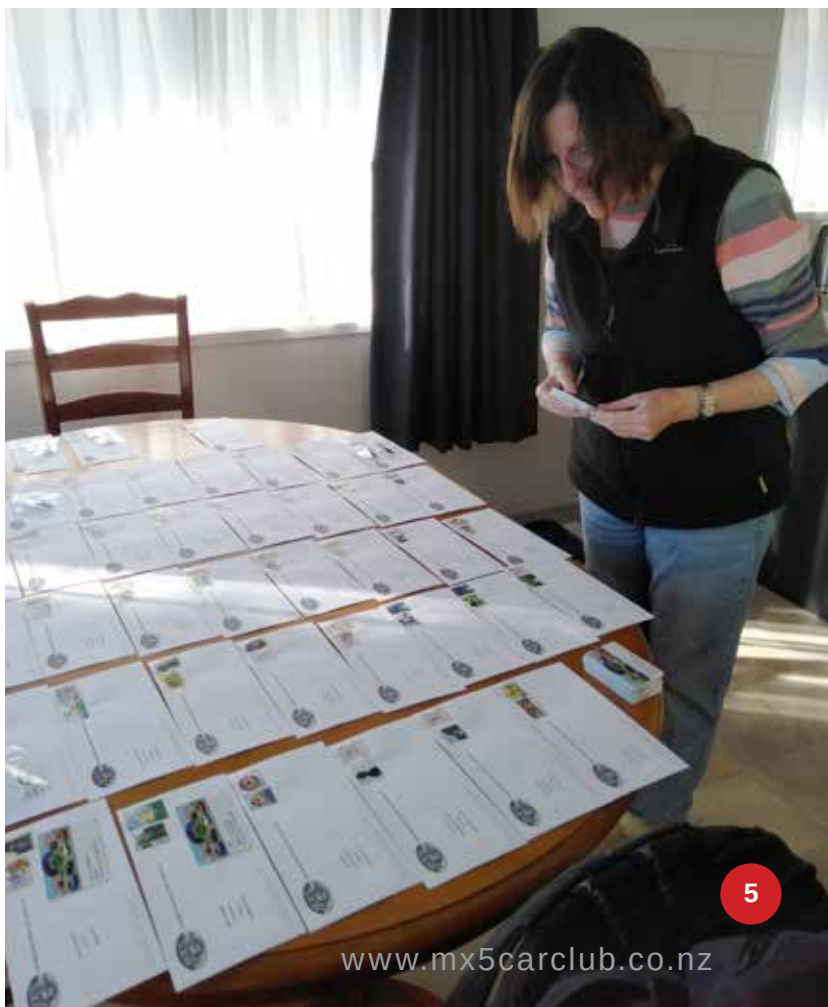
In case you haven't realised yet, it is the new Club financial year and membership fees need to be paid. We have kept the fees the same as the last 2 years (\$70).

So far we have had 244 members who have paid up which leaves 136 members to go. If you are 1 of those please let us know if you are intending to pay or are leaving.

As you can see in the photo Donna and I spend a lot of time organising cards and nametags and posting them off to members as well as answering lots of queries. Sometimes information doesn't get to us or is missed because of the volume that comes in, especially at the beginning of each financial year. The more information you provide the easier it is for us.

If you haven't paid up this will be the last TopDown you will receive as the membership list will soon revert to current financial members only. Thanks to all those that have helped us over the last year and Happy Zoom Zoom.

– **Donna and Murray, Membership Team**





# UDDERLY FANTASTIC MORRINSVILLE RUN

JUNE 21ST, 2020

**Yahoo! First run after lockdown, pity its raining, no worries, a chance to get our MX-5 out and meet the group again.**

We arrived at the old faithful BP Drury for the 10am start and the rain had stopped. Lots of catching up with friends and some new members which was great to see.

Booty gave us the “how are you?” speech and some info on future events and of course the “be sensible out there” talk, and also don’t forget to look at the cows in Morrinsville town, then it was time to go.

We expected 50 cars but a few pulled out so I’m not sure how many in the end. However we certainly took up a bit of space on the motorway.

We moved down the motorway then off at Bombay. We had to go down Harrisville Road but half a dozen cars in front shot right past it. Suddenly we were the front car with a bunch behind including some new members.

We thought we better stay on course as it won’t look good if one of the old hands gets them lost.

Northern / Auckland

Report by **Morrin Layton**

From there we headed through Tuakau, across the Waikato on to H/way 22. 18kms on we did a left for 5kms, then a right onto Rotongaro Rd. We were to have a grass driver skill test at a farm but as we saw Booty heading the other way in his NA we thought its not on, probably too wet.

So we headed off to Huntly, passing the power station from behind and that’s something new. Down H/way 1 to Taupiri, a couple of left turns then on to Ten Foot Rd – a long straight road which was tempting – but I thought be responsible, we’ve got new members behind.

Eventually we came to the Tahuna-Morrinsville road and headed to Morrinsville. We pulled in to the public loo’s for a bit of relief along with our friends from behind.

Having looked for a place to eat that was open or full up, we lost contact with everyone so headed with the Wakefields to Gordonton to the Willow Café and had a great feed.

After lunch we tried the new Expressway behind Huntly and headed home. It was a great first run after lockdown, great to see our friends again.

Thanks to Booty for arranging things, let’s hope we can continue with more runs in the future. ●





# CO-COORDINATOR CONFESSIONS

**This Morrinsville run was one I had planned for late March but as the date approached, the country went into lockdown and all bets were off.**

I'd planned a grass gymkhana challenge on the way (well, it was so dry and drought-like in March) but alas on a wet, rather gloomy Sunday when we had the run that had to be postponed.

I'd pre-run the course back in February as had Morrin who always makes worthwhile suggestions and corrections.

I ran it again a week before to make sure all was ok post-Covid, with a mate driving my ND in absolutely torrential rain and we tweaked a few more instructions.

I reconfirmed with the pub that they would set aside an area capable of taking 60 and we were all go.

Come the day and Kay and I arrived early

## Report by Allan (Booty Zoom Zoom)

ie 8.45 am. That's always dangerous because she got a chance to go shopping again at the merino/possum store and once again she didn't disappoint.

Cars started arriving almost immediately after us and we ended up with 37 on the run and a couple more joining us on the way. Initially I had received just on 50 registrations of interest. Understandable with the weather that a few reconsidered. For water restrictions there were some immaculate cars

It was wonderful to see old acquaintances and friends again and super to see new members Lori, Naz, Alex and William and Gary join us for the first time. All well below our median age which bodes well for the club.

Briefing over we headed off, not part of the group, to get to the farm before everyone else and wave people past.

A complete melt down on the navigational front on my behalf saw me missing an off ramp, next one 10km away, backtracking, crossing the



*Leon's 20th Anniversary Edition alongside a pink-wrapped NC of new member Naz.*

Rangiriri bridge, taking a wrong turn and consequently doing an additional 70km to get to the farm which meant that a few kms before we got there the leaders started coming through! Got there and managed to wave to the majority of the pack coming past with thumbs up and friendly toots and we were now right at the back of the field.

Kay's sister and husband-MX5-wizkid were at the farm and they followed us through to Morrinsville. We really need to work on the throttle cable on wizkid as it clearly doesn't allow for fuller throttle settings.

Turning right into Ten Foot Road someone ahead of us was turning left (must have missed it).

Arriving last at the Pub where many had eaten or were eating I was disappointed to see they had halved the area allocated and agreed 2 days before the run, which meant that we were spread out all over the town.

Oh well it was great to get the cars back out on roads they were designed for – and the next one will be able to handle everyone for lunch.

Thankyou for coming along and sharing the day. ●



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**JUNE 21ST, 2020**

**First drive since Lockdown, and it seems everyone is keen to get out and about. About 70 of us met at Judgeford Golf Course Café for a coffee and a chat.**

First time we have used the Golf course and it was great, lots of room, not squashed into a café. Thanks to Gary for organising.

Time came for us to get driving and I handed out the drive sheets. We were on our way up over the Paekakariki Hill then joining onto SH1 driving through to Waikanae. Exit off express way to drive towards the beach and along the back roads through to Peka Peka.

Joining back to SH1 again driving through to

Otaki then turning off again to travel more back roads before joining SH1 again at Manakau. Going through Levin then turning off to go over to Murrayfield.

This is our lunch spot, after trying to get 35 cars parked; it was time for a drink with lunch and a chat.

We had a great day, was great to get out and about again. Thanks all for coming. ●

## Kapiti Coast

**Report & Photos by Sharon Ewing**







# BYE BYE TO THE LOCKDOWN BLUES

Taranaki

**MAY 23RD, 2020**

**After seemingly months locked up being good, Level 1 suddenly appeared and we had the chance to get the wheels turning again.**

A fine but cool start saw north cars meeting in Inglewood for a pre-launch social catch-up (appropriately distanced of course). Seemed a lot of lost time to catch up. By the appointed departure time we were still one car missing, but as they knew the first stop we decided to head south without them. It later turned out that they planned to join the run the next day. Well a day late is too late. And Joan had made the bacon and egg pie for their picnic lunch too.

A nice cruise to Hollard Gardens in Kaponga, picking up an extra car in Stratford en route. Met the south cars at the gardens, including a very

**Report by Jock Sutherland  
Photos by Lesley Sutherland  
and Mike Powell**

Holden-like MX-5, and it turned out that Bruce and Pam's MX had a flat battery. Discussion followed and surprise surprise, 2 or 3 others admitted they'd had the same problem! It just doesn't pay to ignore the MX for too long. They don't like it.

We all enjoyed a nice stroll around the gardens, exploring the many quirky parts. The family play area was a real hit although some of the available seats were just not the appropriate size, and the early concept model MX-5 just didn't quite seem right somehow.

Anyway back in the cars and a nice meandering

route to our picnic lunch venue at Kaupokonui Beach. The place was quite busy, for a beach in the middle of nowhere and our line-up of cars attracted a bit of interest. Socially distanced, al fresco, self-catered lunch followed.

Many crossing the river and venturing out onto the beach and into the extensive sand dunes. Didn't notice any MXers venturing into the water. Well, we're not that silly.

After a lovely low-key day's run we went our separate ways.

Thanks to organisers Nora and Grant T. ●







Taranaki

# MX-5 CRAZY HAIR RUN

**JUNE 21ST, 2020**

**A 10.30am start at the Tariki Cafe car park on a lovely winter's day. After a catch up, it was tops down to enjoy the fresh air and scenery.**

Many of us took up the challenge, arriving with crazy hair dos, and a good laugh. 11.00am and 11 cars head away, along Tariki Road to Ratapiko, carrying on over the Tarata saddle to Tarata and through the Tarata tunnel. These lovely twisty roads are ideal for our MX-5 roadsters. All sealed roads, and awesome views looking down into the valleys. Under clear skies you could see for miles.

Through Tikorangi on our way to Waitara Beach for a leg stretch and comfort stop. The cold southerlies were about so not much camaraderie at this stop and soon back in the cars and on to the warm Pikopiko Eatery at Fairfield Garden Centre

**Report by Nora Hunn**

**Photos by Lynda Bell**

for lunch. The food was tasty and enjoyed by all.

We held our yearly informal AGM after Kai, thanking members for their input and support during my first year as coordinator. I informed all of notices to hand and presented my report of the year's activities. The gathering was then open for discussion and I first asked whether anyone had any new ideas for the coming year ahead. Comments and feedback received. Members indicated they were happy with the way the club is running, and myself, Jock, Kaz and Lynda were reappointed to continue as the administrators.

To end our day, Cliff and Joanne were voted the two winners of the crazy hair day. ●





# MUSSEL CAR RUN TO COROMANDEL



**JULY 18TH, 2020**

Heading on a Saturday for a change to the North Island's home of fabulously fresh mussels that is Coromandel were 25 MX-5s of all ages and stages.

That's one of the great things about this MX-5 club – you won't hear someone saying "oh yours isn't a ..." or "it hasn't got a ....." like several other well-known Muscle car clubs.

Our members love to both use and admire their cars and why wouldn't you, fabulous to drive, especially with top down, reliable, economical and fantastic value.

**Adding up all the odometers at the start showed that these cars had covered over 2.34 million kms!! That meant an average of 93,647 for the cars attending – especially good when we had 2 cars that totalled less than 10**

**Northern / Auckland**

**Report & Photos by  
Allan (Booty Zoom Zoom)**

**thousand kms between them (new ND's).**

The lowest ODO read 2,422km (Simon's new ND soft top) and the highest was 233,338km.

The day we chose followed a horrible period of rain with Northland getting its 1 in 500 year flooding and many of the Coromandel peninsular roads closed. In fact, I was thrilled that everyone that said they were coming turned up, as I feared a few dropouts because of the weather and some last minute changes with our caterers. Thankyou everyone.

Luckily for us our roads were all clear (except







for all the Peninsular traffic that had to use the twisting coast road to get home) and the sun came out before we left and tops were down all day.

It's best not to arrive too late for the start as all eyes are on your parking skills. Our President Keith Jones didn't disappoint, having 5 attempts to park straight in the allotted space much to Sandra's embarrassment and everyone else's merriment.

Keith was quickly reminded that we have a national drivers training day coming up. Oh wait, he is the chief instructor. He blamed it on it being Sandra's car and he rarely gets the chance to drive it. Their efforts later earned a Crunchie Bar at lunch.

We had a suggested route sheet but attendees were able to pick any way they liked and most chose the suggested route which was the by now familiar twisting roads of Ararimu and eventually



**Allan (Booty Zoom Zoom) and Kay**

coming out at Waitakaruru. There really are only a few ways out of Auckland and by now, we have tried them all.

At Waitakaruru, the beautiful bright red NC







hardtop of Colin and Marilyn Molloy who live down that way joined us. Poor Colin had to get a push start by yours truly with my bugged hip as somehow he had managed to flatten the battery whilst waiting for the cars to arrive. We had no sooner gotten him up and running, Martin and Brenda the lead car came up followed closely by the gaggle.

The drive up the coast is always pretty; it was very slow this time, which for a change gave everyone a chance to admire the vistas.

Lunch at The Pepper Tree café was lovely,

### Photo above by Brenda White

especially so for those of us choosing a hot steaming pot of fresh Coromandel mussels. The noise level with people in such a convivial and communicative manner was frankly deafening, forcing a few to wander outside. A few spot prizes and it was another run done and dusted.

With the road closures it was really a case of mostly back the same way but a few hardy souls blasted over to Matakana for a look.

Here's to more KM's in our MX-5s. ●





# FLOODS, LOCKDOWN AND POSITIVITY

JUNE 21ST, 2020

**Mid-June we decided it was time for a run after many weeks of MX-5 inactivity.**

Met at our usual meet and greet Venue to move off at 10.30 am for a run to the Waihi Beach RSA. This is a fabulous place to have lunch with panoramic views from the club rooms right over Waihi Beach.

One strange thing about this run was that not one MX-5 vehicle was seen to have its top down all day. Admittedly the temperature was dialled in at freezing and the threat of rain always present. Got a txt from The Skippers from Hikuwai midway through the drive to Paeroa to say they couldn't get down to Waihi due to bad flooding. When we arrived in Paeroa they were waiting for us which indicates a true love for their newly acquired NB MX-5 ex-Gerry and Rachel Hamilton.

The weather forecast was no good for the day which understandably had some members pulling out on the day. However we set off from Hamilton with 13 cars and surprisingly we didn't strike any rain until we reached Paeroa to meet up with 5 cars from the Coromandel area.

After the usual pit stop off we went in our convoy over to Waihi Beach. We cut some roads between Paeroa and Waihi Beach from the run as the rain was at this point very heavy.

After a hearty buffet meal which seemed to be enjoyed by all we started to drift off and make our individual runs back to our homes.

## Waikato

**Report by Gary Major**

**Photo by Martyn Jones**

We enjoyed a pleasant cup of coffee at the Karangahake Gorge Railway Station with three other members who I won't name as they shared their story of the massive impact that the Covid Lockdown had on their very successful export business. After I heard this I felt very humbled that lots of us had got through more or less unscathed.

Because of their glass half full rather than half empty attitude, they have the desire and purpose to forge ahead. Big ups to you two, I am sure you know who I'm talking about.

Sad to learn that Tom and Jill Hunt may be hanging up their MX-5 badges due to personal reasons. If we don't see you on any more runs then I will understand why. You have been extremely loyal members of the Club over a long period of years.

Now that we are out of the silly season of lockdowns (fingers crossed) I hope that we can get right back into our monthly runs.

I have contact with a Club member of an English MX-5 Club and for the foreseeable future it is impossible for them to enjoy the freedom that we are now sharing in New Zealand. ●





# A LOVELY RUN! HAPPY AS!

JUNE 28TH, 2020

This being our first run since compulsory “no driving around the country side”, it was decided to do a simple run out through the backblocks of Central Hawkes Bay and meander our way back to Tikokino for lunch.

Six cars turn up (including our newest member Jane) at Gull in Hastings for the off. A quick natter, an even quicker briefing and we are away heading south with a veer to the east and pick up Middle Road out of Havelock North. One of our favourite MX-5 roads.

Carry on out to the Patangata Pub, hang a right to come out onto SH2 at Waipawa. Into Waipukurau and a quick toilet stop. And an impromptu morning tea!

Heading even further south we follow a long straight road, just enough to get one thinking this is boring, then it morphs into a decidedly cool MX-5 road. This brings us to a turnoff to head back towards Ormondville. Just before

## Hawkes Bay

Report by Mike; Photos by Elaine

the village we hang right to take the road to Takapau (for yet another toilet stop). Us oldies know where all the loo stations are! Head across SH2, across several one way bridges and left to join up with SH50, right again and stay on this road to Tikokino for lunch.

Our hopes of getting into the main dining room were dashed by a largish family birthday. Never mind, the very obliging hostess got us tucked away on a larger table in the bar area so it all worked out ok.

A lovely run, lots of catching up achieved, got our new member interested in the goings on etc, great lunch and then time to head home. Happy as! ●







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# THE RUNS SEEM TO GET BETTER AND BETTER

JULY 19TH, 2020

We left home in Paeroa at 9.00am Sunday morning in light drizzle to get across to the Hamilton meeting point. In at the Rotouna supermarket carpark we were met with a great early turnout of 19 cars and sunshine – certainly a good omen for the day ahead.

Gary gave the briefing, congratulating the group on a brilliant turn out, also advising that the Waikato club membership had reached the 50 member milestone with 38% of members being present for this run – impressive.

Rolling out at 10.30am and off to the North East and around the Eastern side of the Lake Waikare, near Te Kauwhata and a re-group in the lay-by on the Northern end. It's a great look when a line up of MX-5s nearly fill the a whole lay-by area, with some locals coming out to take photos.

About 10 minutes down the road we saw the lead car pull into a parking space in Te Kauwhata

Waikato

Report & Photos by Martyn Jones

township for a quick 'pit stop'. Next thing there was a queue of drivers and crew outside the local toilet block with the same idea.

The main street was busy with traffic and two large groups of motorcyclists also enjoying fine sunny weather. Quite a few 'toots and waves' from vehicles driving past, obviously impressed with our colourful gathering.

Stage next – to the Pa sight on the Eastern side of Mt Taupiri. Same thing at the Pa – we nearly filled the car park with cars having to double park.

The next stage took us back West through Glen Murray and around the back of the Glen Afton coal mine on awesome roads and scenery, past the Waingaro Hot Springs, then onto our final







destination at the Harbour View Hotel in Raglan for a well-deserved lunch.

We guessed some drivers were surprised to see how big our group was as they gave way on one way bridges and side roads along this route.

Raglan was buzzing and busy and the Pub had reserved tables for us and provided a great menu.

This was our third run with the club being newish members and the runs just seem to get better and better. We spoke with two members who told us this was their 100th run. We also had two new member couples on their first run.

A big thank you to Gary and Maureen for another fantastic day – and we all appreciate the hard work and effort you guys put in to making these runs interesting and such fun.

And thanks to an awesome friendly group of fellow MXers. ●





# A CLASSIC NAMEPLATE IS REVISED

Once upon a time, Mazda had an upscale brand called Eunos that was exclusive to the Japanese market. Included among the offerings was the Eunos roadster – AKA the MX-5 with some snazzy trim.

The car launched in 1992 with a black exterior punctuated by a red leather interior and exclusive wheels. Now the Eunos is back but from France!

Mazda's French division announced the new 2020 MX-5 Eunos Edition, with just 110 planned for production. It's not a Eunos brand like it was previously, but this new offering pays homage to that original 1992 model.

The exterior wears a very delicious coat of Jet Black paint, and the interior is dressed in burgundy Nappa leather. The black wheels

come from Rays and are exclusive to the Eunos Edition and, of course, you'll get special badging identifying it as such.

Under the hood, everything remains the same. Mazda's Skyactiv-G 2-litre four-cylinder produces 181 horsepower (135 kilowatts) for the Miata, connected to either a six-speed manual or a six-speed automatic transmission. Available equipment includes Mazda's i-Activsense safety systems, infotainment unit with extensive connectivity, and the nine-speaker Bose sound system to name a few.

Such exclusivity does come at a cost, however – specifically €34,600 which would translate to approximately \$39,580 if you could buy it in the United States. ●



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# PREPARING FOR WINTER — KEEPING LEGS DRY

Contributed by Keith Jones

Those of you who have owned NA or NB models are probably very familiar with the need to keep the water drain tubes behind the seats clean.

The drain system of the MX-5 is very simple. Water runs down the hood, into the plastic drain sockets located at the front edge of the hood just behind the seat belt towers, down rubber tubes, into the door sills, and out the drain holes in the bottom of the sills.

However, if the drain tubes get blocked, water backs up after it rains and causes wet carpets. Similarly, if the sill drains are blocked, the water can't get out and you hear a sloshing noise as the water runs backwards and forwards with acceleration and braking.

For those of you whose first MX-5 is an NC, the system, and the need to keep it maintained, is the same. The photos show the locations of the holes. They can be difficult to see unless you know they are there as the hood gets in the way.

The drain tubes are actually forward and inboard of the holes in the direction of the arrows. Various different 'tools' have been used for keeping the tubes clean; plastic coated curtain wire is probably the most popular.

Using the wire once a year, or more often if your car is parked outside, to push out any accumulated gunk is a good policy, and will ensure you don't get wet carpets.

It is also worth checking the underside of the sills to make sure the water drains are OK. In the NC these have plastic covers to prevent water from splashing up into the sill. However, the covers can get damaged, stopping the water from draining out. ●



Above: LH drain hole. Below: RH drain hole.



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The Polo features the **30th Anniversary logo** especially developed for this occasion.



All details of sizes for men and women, and prices, are on the updated **Merchandise** page on the website.

The second item is a matching Club cap with the same logo as the shirts.

All other current Club merchandise is listed on the website, with detailed instructions of how to order and pay.

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