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to see all the up to date news and events

Forthcoming events

Confirmed -

Southend Seafront	- 31st May
Bromley Pageant	- 14th June
London Tour	- 4th July
Newbury/Mazda Treasure Hunt	- 12th July
German Wanderings	- 17/20th July
Walton on the Naze	- 23rd August
Anniversary Rally	- 12/13 September

Being planned -

Trip to France	- 6/7th June
Barbecue/Fireworks	- Late July/Early Aug
Car Limits Day at North Weald	
Shuttleworth Collection	
Rayleigh Karting	
Greene King Visitors Centre	

Christmas Dinner - December 😊

Full details of each event will be posted on our web site and e-mailed to everyone on our distribution list as soon as the details are available.

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Monthly Club Meetings

Our meetings are always held on the last Wednesday of the month (except December) at 8.00 p.m at :-

“The Eagle”
Kelvedon Hatch, CM15 0AA

Good Food... Good Beer... and a good car park...

Next Club Meetings

Wednesday 24th June/ Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 26th August

Forthcoming Events

Bromley Pageant - Sunday, 14th June

The Bromley Pageant of Motoring is the world's largest one-day Classic car show and is held in Norman Park, Bromley. This year the MX-5 Owners Club will have a stand of 30 cars and other MX-5 Clubs such as Southern Coasters and SE Roadsters will also be represented. The 15/20 Celebrations MK1 will be there and this will be your chance to see the car and buy raffle tickets to win it. Details of our 'Run' to the pageant can be found on the North Thames web site or e-mail me at eric.terry@mx5oc.co.uk for details. Tickets available on the 24hr Ticket line 0871 231 0839. at £10.00 per adult and £4.00 per child, or on the day at a premium.



P&A Wood - Saturday, 15th August

There are still a few places available on this visit to the unique Rolls-Royce and Bentley Restoration facilities at P&A Wood located in Dunmow. They are one of the few companies able to complete an entire restoration on the premises, from mechanical work, machining and engineering, to coachwork and interior trim. They have been responsible for preparing over 100 winning 1st prizes at Concours competitions.

Their Engineering Workshop has been specifically designed to cater solely for the repair and maintenance of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars. Adjoining the Workshop is a Machine shop, Unit Overhaul Rooms, Vehicle Test House and Merlin Aircraft Engine Overhaul Shop. See <http://www.pa-wood.co.uk/workshops.shtml>

Contact Andrew Fearon at mx5ocuk@mac.com

Tech Day 2 - Saturday, 25th April

For those who are not sure – What is a Tech Day?

A Tech Day is the gathering together of car enthusiasts to learn about the technical aspects of their cars and to perform a variety of servicing actions or modifications. The work is conducted with the assistance of knowledgeable club members who are able to explain the workings of the car and guide the club members through the various procedures.

So, with the winter months behind us and the delights of spring and summer motoring ahead it was time to prepare our cars for the coming season. Following on from the success of Tech Day 1 last October Supertyres in Maldon again hosted the event, offering the use of their service bays and facilities free of charge and a free alignment check to everyone who attended.

The day began with the first arrivals at 8 o'clock. The main objective was to ensure that all the cars are roadworthy for the coming season. A steady stream of servicing jobs were performed throughout the day. These included oil changes for engine, gearbox and transmission, replacing a cam angle sensor 'O' ring, replacing a gear shift gaiter and the major task of the day was replacing a cam belt. Some modifications were also performed including a brake calliper upgrade and the fitting of an electronic remote boot release. All the jobs being done were watched by a collection of interested onlookers and many commented on just how much they had learned throughout the day.

A number of 5's made their way to the Alignment Bay for their free alignment check. The members who had their alignment recalibrated did a short road test and commented on the dramatic improvement this made to the car's handling. Lee George of Supertyres invited the club members into the bay and gave a detailed explanation of the principles of alignment and demonstrated the adjustment process. Everyone said how interesting this was.

By 4 o'clock the jobs were completed. Positive comments came flooding in. Fergy, our technical advisor and organiser of the event said "Thanks to everyone who turned up today, and also a big thanks to Supertyres. Comments on the success of the day are just too numerous to mention here.

Thanks again on behalf of the members for the excellent facilities and services provided by Warren Goodchild, Lee George and the team at Supertyres. We are all looking forward to **Tech Day 3** in the Autumn, hopefully in some bright new facilities.

Eric

Local Dealers offering discount and recommended by members

Having been asked by members where to get "Non Franchised" Servicing, spares etc, we now include this list of members local recommendations in monthly updates. If you wish to make a recommendation or comment on the service provided by a recommended service provider please contact Andrew or Eric.

PLEASE CHECK CURRENT RATES OF DISCOUNT ON OFFER BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.

<p>Romford Mazda – 299/307 Collier Row Lane, Romford, Essex, RM5 3ND, Tel. 01708 735 735. <i>Don Baikie in the Service and Parts dept. is a regular at our monthly meets.</i> 10% off Servicing and Parts</p>	<p>Milcars Mazda – Otterspool Way, Watford Herts, WD25 8HL Tel. 01923 257777 Service & Parts 01923 257755 10% discount on service and parts to Club Members</p>	<p>Docklands Mazda 259 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, London, E15 3EU, Tel: 020 8519 4343</p>
<p>Colindale Mazda 319 The Hyde, Edgware Road, London, NW9 6TH, Tel. 020 8358 8633</p>	<p>Potters Bar Mazda Baker Street, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 2DZ, Tel. 01707 622775 10% off Servicing and Parts</p>	<p>Dennis Goldings Motor Engineers of Chingford Non Franchised - All kinds of servicing MOT's upgrades etc. Call Grant on 020 8529 7979</p>
<p>Supertyres, Unit 15, West Station Ind Est, Spital Road, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6TW. Tel. 01621 840100 Free alignment check and Full alignment at special rates on presentation of membership card.</p>		