"THE FOUNDING FAMILY'S FRUSTRATINGLY FRANTIC FREEWAY-FREE FORAY"

Sunday, 4 March 2007

Abbreviations for the day are "TL" (Turn left), "TR" (Turn right), "SA" (straight ahead) and "a.k.a." (also known as)

Welcome to the "Founding Family's" inaugural "Foray". From 1990-95 we lived this fabulous stuff 24/7, but as this is the first MX-5 Club event we've run for nearly 12 years we're prepared for a hiccup or two – hope you can live with that possibility.

Today's drive would probably take little more than 2 hours if it were driven non-stop, but we're not expected for lunch much before 2 p.m., so "easy does it" is definitely the theme. You'll see in the notes ahead that we've recommended some "Coffee Stops" along the way, which could come in very handy once you work your way through this epistle and reach the list of items to be presented to us (the "Judges") at lunch to ensure your eligibility for judging.

The drive will introduce you to a few new kays of road that hopefully you've not yet explored. Some are very short, thru' 60 kay zones where sometimes that speed would be impossible in anything but a motorised magnet, some are longer and present opportunities to ignore speed limits, but all are there to remind us that one of our cars' most valuable assets is that great speed is not necessary to have great fun. The laborious title of our drive simply acknowledges its "dog's breakfast" route, with no implication whatsoever that you'll reach our late-lunch venue other than totally relaxed. Please keep it safe at all times, maintaining more than adequate following distances and showing our cars in a good light to other road-users, many of whom will undoubtedly wish they were a part of our day!!!

Some of the observation questions may well prompt U-turns and back-tracking, so we've detailed both an overall total and individual "between each instruction" distances. There will be an award for those who've travelled the "closest to official distance for the day", so do your best to spot the answers the first time you pass them.

In addition to the observation questions you'll find some trivia stuff thrown in. Every question answered correctly puts you one step closer to taking off one of today's "prestigious awards".

To ensure your eligibility for judging once you reach our lunch venue for today, please present the "Judges" with the following:

a feather,

a one-teaspoon serve of white sugar, sealed in its original container,

a beverage, in its original, sealed container (at the "Judges" discretion this may well be retained for their personal consumption at the end of what's going to be a fun but tiring day for them, so think very carefully about this and how many bonus points it may earn)

a component of your MX-5 (which will definitely be returned),

any other item with a clear MX-5 flavour, but not a component of your (or anybody else's) actual car – will be returned,

a pine cone,

4 tyre-valve caps (extra points for metal caps), which will also be returned.

The awards for the day will be:

"Closest to official distance for the day"

"Most correct answers"

"Car with the highest odometer reading"

"Most imagination shown in selection of presented items" and anything else we think of on the spur of the moment.

Please endorse the following details:
Driver's full name
Navigator's full name
Registration #
Colour

Upon reaching our lunch venue, please present the "Judges" with these pages, this page uppermost. Many thanks, as we've run out of band-aids for paper-cuts.

NOW, LET'S GET GOING!!!

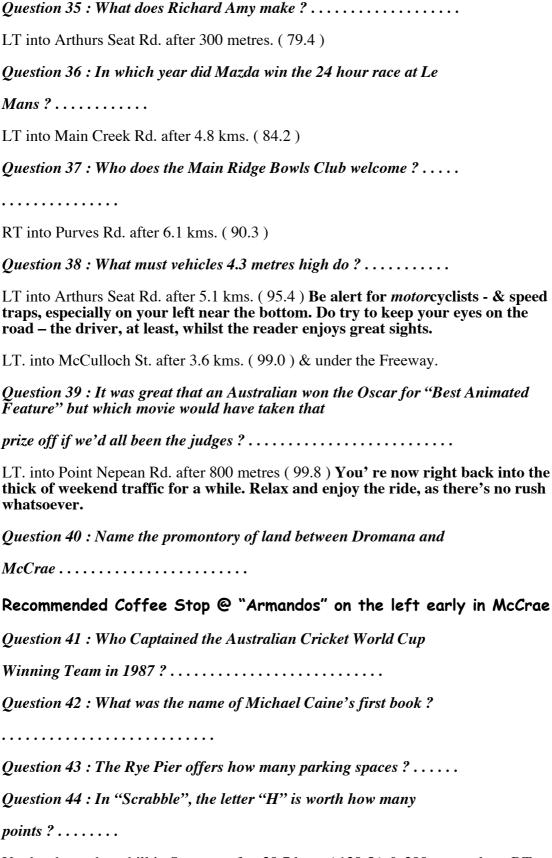
Commence at the Mentone Hotel Carpark, Beach Road, Mentone.

Note Odometer reading @	kilometres and zero Tripmeter.	
LT out of carpark and proceed south alon	g Beach Rd.	
RT @ roundabout after 2.8 kays into Nepean Highway.		
Question 1: What does Pompei build?		
Proceed south along Nepean Highway, continuing thru' Chelsea, Frankston & up Olivers Hill.		
Question 2: What does "Cougar Zero" do?		
Question 3: Who sells Holdens in Chelsea?		
Question 4: In which year does Chelsea celebrate its Centenary?		
Question 5: How far from Frankston to Mornington?		
Question 6 : Seaford is a free zone.		
Question 7: How much for "all movies" at Video Busters?		
Question 8: Which creek does Mile Bridge cross?		
Question 9: When does Amby sell flowers over the counter?		
Question 10: Where did Mr. Hope rise?		
RT into Old Mornington Road after 18.8 kms. (total 21.6) Be alert for cyclists.		
Question 11: What feature was it that Toshihiko Hirai, the "father of		
the first MX-5", claimed was essential to all "real sports cars"?		
RT @ roundabout after 2.2 kms. (23.8) into Mt. Eliza Way.		
LT into Canadian Bay Rd. after 200 metres (24.0).		
Question 12: Where are the Cottage Tea Rooms?		
SA @ traffic lights at Nepean Highway after 900 metres (24.9). Be alert for cyclists.		
Question 13: Who was the Olympian who said, shortly before the last Australian Tennis Open, that if Serena Williams won the		
Women's Final he'd compete in the nex	t Olympics naked?	

L1 into winona Rd. after 1.0 kms. (20.3). Snort, tight, narrow, run.		
Question 14: Where is Timbuktu?		
Bear left @ intersection after 1.9 kms. (28.4).		
$\mbox{RT} \underline{\textbf{310 degrees}}$ @ roundabout after 200 metres (28.6) into Two Bays Road. Be alert for cyclists.		
RT @ T-intersection into Moorooduc Highway after 2.5 kms. (31.1). This is a dangerous intersection.		
SA @ roundabout after 400 metres (31.5) (Eramosa Rd.)		
Question 15: Where do the steaks come from?		
Question 16: Who won this year's Oscar for "Best Actress in a		
Leading Role"?		
SA @ roundabout after 2.3 kms.(33.8) (Bungower Rd.)		
Question 17: Which is closer to the equator, Broome or Townsville?		
RT @ roundabout into Mornington-Tyabb Rd. after 1.7 kms. (35.5)		
Question 18: What's the cost of parking at the Mornington Racing		
Club ?		
SA @ roundabout after 1.7 kms. (37.2) (Racecourse Rd.)		
Question 19: Which side of the BM remains straight?		
SA @ roundabout after 1.4 kms. (38.6) (Dunns Rd.)		
SA @ traffic lights @ Nepean Highway after 800 metres (39.4)		
Question 20: What is the meaning of "esculent"?		
$SA\ @$ roundabout after 700 metres (40.1) ($Cromwell\ St.$) and proceed into Mornington Shopping strip.		
SA @ roundabout after 100 metres (40.2) (Eastern Ring Rd.)		
Question 21: "Vinnie's Boys" make?		
SA @ roundabout after 200 metres (40.4) (Barkly St.)		
Question 22: When was "Minzenmays" established?		
Recommended Coffee Stop @ "Avocado Blue" on the left		

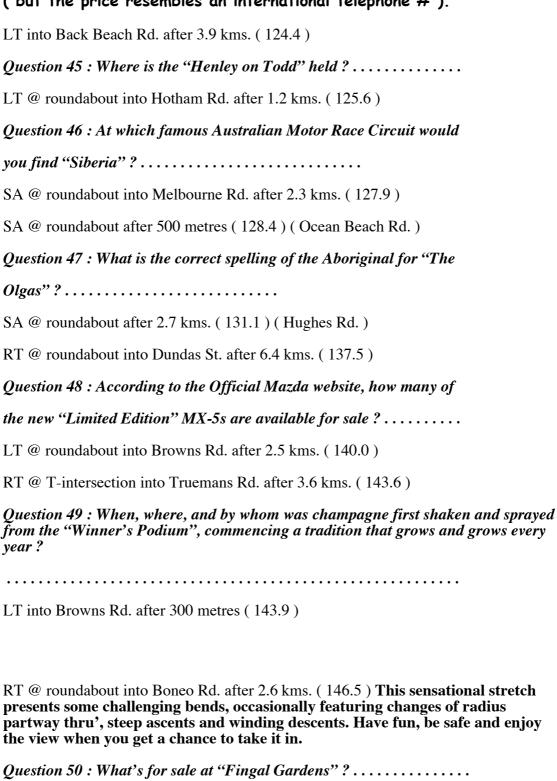
LT @ roundabout onto Esplanade after 600 metres (41.0)

Recommended Coffee Stop @ "Boys 4 Breakie" on the left corner
Question 23: How far to Dromana?
Question 24: If you missed "Kirk's", which is the next Pub?
RT @ roundabout after 1 km. (42.0) and continue along Esplanade
Question 25: Who won the "Repco Round Australia Rally" in 1979?
Question 26: Where's the "Bistro Sports Bar"?
$SA\ @$ roundabout after 5.7 kms. (47.7) ($Dominion\ Rd.$) Be alert for cyclists and enjoy the bends.
Recommended Coffee Stop @ "Southbeach Café" on the left
Question 27: What species of bird is a "tawny frogmouth"?
Question 28: Whilst you are driving below sea-level, through the
belly of which giant creature are you travelling?
LT into Nepean Highway after 8.8 kms. (56.5)
Question 29: How many screens at Dromana Drive-In?
RT into White Hill Rd. @ Moats Cnr. After 2.9 kms. (59.4) and almost immediate LT into Dunns Creek Rd. (a.k.a. Bittern-Dromana Rd.) This short stretch is lightly trafficked, but narrow with some testing bends, and the occasional motorcyclist at warp-speed. Have fun, be safe.
Question 30: How many sons at The Estate?
Question 31: Where is "Tussie Mussie"?
RT into Merricks Rd. after 7.6 kms. (67.0)
Question 32: What type of horses cross?
RT @ T-intersection into Frankston-Flinders Rd. after 4.3 kms. (71.3)
Recommended Coffee Stop @ Merricks General Store
Question 33: How many hours per day is "Stoniers" open?
RT into Point Leo Rd. after 3.3 kms. (74.4)
Question 34: Where there's a woodfire there's
RT into Shoreham Rd. after 4.7 kms. (79.1)



Up the short, sharp hill in Sorrento after 20.7 kms. (120.5) & 200 metres later RT to continue along Point Nepean Rd. Be alert for cars worth more than many of our homes, perhaps driven by those who "should be in a home".

Sorrento has many fine Coffee Stops, but our # 1 suggestion is "Just Fine Foods" on the left at the top of the hill - their vanilla slices are to die for & the recipe is for sale through your founders (but the price resembles an international telephone #).



RT into Cook St. (Mornington Flinders Rd.) after 17.3 kms. (163.8)

Recommended Coffee Stop @ the place on your right next door to what was obviously once a post-office - sorry, but recce runs failed to record its name!

LT @ roundabout into Wood St. (Frankston-Flinders Rd.) after 1.3 kms. (165.1)

LT into Shoreham Rd. after 6.8 kms. (171.9)

RT into "Ashcombe Maze" after 900 metres (172.8) Be alert for oncoming traffic hidden in the shadows and follow signs to our reserved parking area.

BON APPETIT !!!