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### Background

In August 1995, a group of Miata aficionados gathered in a basement rec room to plot the formation of a Miata Club for Ottawa and Gatineau. They did not want to fall under the umbrella of other organizations in Ontario, Canada or North America. It was decided to fly under the radar, make their own rules, and do their own thing.

Thus the **Underground Miata Network** was born.















August 2015 will mark the 20th anniversary of **UMN** and we will be hosting a major touring event in our home town. This would be especially interesting for visitors to Ottawa as we straddle the border between Ontario and Quebec and have inherited both English and French cultures.

The **Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2015** will show case the beautiful scenery and interesting roads of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. Participants will also be exposed to the rich history, warm hospitality, and delectable cuisine of our bilingual culture.

You are cordially invited to join us in Canada's Capital city to celebrate UMN's 20th Anniversary. What better way to rejoice the sense of freedom and the spirit of adventure that are the foundations of both the Miata and UMN.

Pour nos amis du Québec, avec lesquels nous avons maintes fois fraternisé, la célébration de notre 20ième anniversaire nous permettra de vous remercier de votre généreuse hospitalité au cours des années. Nous vous souhaitons bienvenue à Ottawa en Août 2015.

### Program at a Glance:

	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August
AM 		REGISTRATION 		
PM 	REGISTRATION 			
Evening 	REGISTRATION 	Reception 	Free! 	Banquet 

### Welcome to Ottawa, Canada's Capital

The area surrounding Canada's capital, known as the National Capital Region (NCR), encompasses 4,662 square kilometres (1,800 square miles) of an enchanting mix of urban and rural landscape. For the full urban experience, visit Ottawa for its array of restaurants & bars, markets and shops. While the NCR is well known for its pre-eminent cultural attractions, such as the National Gallery of Canada, Museum of Civilization, and the Museum of Nature, the region itself is home to over 80 museums and galleries.

The area is served by three rivers (the Ottawa, Rideau and Gatineau), feeding hundreds of lakes, surrounded by acres of nature. Hiking, fishing, golfing and skiing are mere minutes from any of the ten towns in the region. The communities on Ottawa's perimeter, such as Gloucester, Nepean and Kanata, provide accommodation options in quiet settings just minutes away from the attractions only the big city can provide.



Link to - <http://www.ottawatourism.ca/en/>



Link to - <http://www.tourismeoutaouais.com/en-ca>



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### Come Tour With Us

We look forward to leading you on tours over some of the best country roads of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. Situated at the confluence of the Ottawa River, the Rideau River, the Rideau Canal and the Gatineau River, we have a wide selection of interesting and picturesque roads that follow meandering waterways. If hilly roads with elevation changes are more your style, we are only a short drive away from the Gatineau Hills and Laurentian Mountains in the Province of Quebec. Not only do we have interesting roads, we are also situated in the centre many sites of historic and cultural significance.

For the Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2015, we have designed 8 tours for you select from. So come join us and enjoy our UMN hospitality, where we will be sure to make you feel at home.

### Description of Individual Tours

**Full-Day Tours:** Participants on these tours should meet in the parking lot at 8:00am. The tours will depart promptly at 8:30am. These tours would return to the hotel no later that 5:30pm.

#### Tour 1: Thousand Islands

The Thousand Islands is actually a group of 1,864 islands that straddles the Canada-U.S. border in the Saint Lawrence Seaway. After leaving the city on the 417 and 416, we will travel along the Rideau River and the St Lawrence Seaway. There we will have lunch and take a boat cruise among the islands, passing by many of the unique island cottages (and castles!) on both the Canadian and US sides. Tickets for the boat cruise will be approximately \$30. After the boat cruise, we will return to our hotel in Ottawa via secondary country roads.

#### Tour 2: St Sauveur, Quebec

St Sauveur is a picturesque village in the Laurentian Mountains of Quebec. In winter it is at the centre of several ski resorts. In summer the mountain air and quaint village make this a popular holiday destination. Visitors have a choice of shopping at the Outlet Mall or visiting the boutiques and restaurants in the village. Leaving the city along the Rockcliffe Parkway we will follow the southern banks of the Ottawa River to Hawksbury where we will cross the river into the Province of Quebec. There we will follow the north shore of the Ottawa River, through the town of Lachute towards St Sauveur.

#### Tour 3: Upper Canada Village

We will be taking country roads south to Upper Canada Village where you can experience what life was like in rural Canada in the 1860s. The over forty authentic historical buildings were rescued from local villages before the area was flooded with the construction of the St Lawrence Seaway. Visitors would be able to tour a functioning Woollen Factory, a Bakery, a water-powered Saw Mill, a Steam Flour Mill, a Blacksmith shop and much more. Costumed interpreters would be on hand to demonstrate what life was like in the 19th century. The entrance fee to Upper Canada Village is approximately \$18.00.

#### Tour 4: Canal Locks and Twisties

This tour will take us west of Ottawa; where we will drive through scenic, and at times, twisty roads along the Rideau Canal system. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Rideau Canal was opened in 1832 as a precaution in case of war with the United States. It provided a "fast" route between Ottawa, Canada's Capital, with the garrison city of Kingston, on Lake Ontario. The series of 45 locks at 23 stations are marvels of 19<sup>th</sup> century engineering. Now operated by Parks Canada, these locks are still housed in their original structures and make use of their original mechanisms. Aside from visiting some of the more picturesque locks, we will be stopping for lunch in the charming the village of Westport.

#### Tour 5: Brewery and Cheese Factory

Travelling east of Ottawa we will be driving on rural roads through farm country. Our first stop will be at Beau's All Natural Brewery in Vank Leek Hill. Beau is an award winning, family-run, "micro" brewery where they brew, sell, market and deliver their own products. After lunch we will continue over rural roads to the St Albert Cheese Factory. Originally known as "Fromagerie # 743", the facility was established in 1894 as a cooperative to serve local dairy farmers. After a brief tour and cheese tasting, we will take a meandering route through country roads back to our hotel.



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**Half-Day Tours:** Participants on these tours should meet in the parking lot at 8:30am. The tours will depart promptly at 9:00am. These tours would return to the hotel in the early afternoon.

**Tour 6: Merrickville Canal Tour (half day)**

This half-day tour is a good alternative for those who do not want to devote a full day on the **Canal Locks and Twisties** tour. We will depart our hotel through downtown Ottawa onto Colonel By Drive; which runs along the historic Rideau Canal until it merges with the Rideau River. From there we will follow the river west to the town of Merrickville. The town was already a well-established industrial centre when the canal was being built in the early 1800's. Merrickville now prides itself in its artistic community, boasting over thirty local artist and artisans. Our drive back will follow the Rideau Heritage Route back to the city.

**Tour 7: Mackenzie King Estates (half day)**

Nestled in the Gatineau Hills north of Ottawa is the country estate of Canada's 10th prime minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King (1874 – 1950). Although King was an accomplished politician who served as Canada's Prime Minister for 22 years, he is also known for his eccentricities. After he died in 1950 the public learned that he was a spiritualist and would hold séances in his home, seeking guidance from his dead mother. He also constructed elaborate faux ruins, using discarded material from demolished buildings of Ottawa, and other famous buildings. Many of these "ruins" are still standing. We will take the picturesque Gatineau Parkway on our way to the estate and drive along the Gatineau River on our way back to the hotel.

**Tour 8: Chateau Montebello (half day)**

From the hotel, we will travel east along the Ottawa River to one of Quebec's most prestigious resorts. Built in 1930 as a private wilderness retreat for business and political leaders, the Chateau was constructed entirely of red cedar logs. Despite this rustic building material, the Chateau still displayed the grandeur and opulence of that by-gone era. Over the years, the Chateau has hosted royalty, presidents, prime ministers and the "rich and famous". Following our visit, we will continue west along the Ottawa River and cross back into Ontario near Gatineau.

**Self Guided Tours:** In addition to full-day and half-day tours, participants also have the option of going on self guided tours to see many of the landmarks of the National Capital Region.

Detailed maps and driving instructions will be provided. Some of the points of interest that will be visited include:

- The National Gallery of Canada
- Canadian War Museum
- Canada Aviation and Space Museum
- Canadian Museum of Civilization
- Parliament Buildings
- Governor General's Residence
- Prime Minister's Residence
- Various Embassies and Consulates

**Tour Selection Guide:**

Tours	Full Day	Half Day	Destination Tour*	Driving Tour*	Ontario	Quebec
1: Thousand Islands	✓		✓		✓	
2: St Sauveur	✓		✓	✓		✓
3: Upper Canada Village	✓		✓		✓	
4: Canal Locks and Twisties	✓			✓	✓	
5: Brewery and Cheese Factory	✓			✓	✓	
6: Merrickville Canal Tour		✓		✓	✓	
7: Mackenzie King Estates		✓	✓			✓
8: Chateau Montebello		✓	✓			✓

\* **Destination Tours:** In addition to interesting drives, we will be spending 2-3 hours at the destination.

\* **Driving Tours:** Although we will be visiting interesting locations along the way, the drive is the main feature.

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**C2M2-2015** would not be complete without opportunities for our Miata community to socialize, share experiences and make new friends. Two Social Events have been planned:

**Meet and Greet Reception** – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

- Light pastries and cake will be served together with Tea or Coffee.
- Alcoholic Beverages will be available for purchase.

**Closing Banquet** – Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 7:00 pm – Midnight.

- Three course sit-down dinner.
- Alcoholic Beverages will be available for purchase.
- Professional DJ so we can dance the night away!

### What about the other evenings?

In addition to the convenient restaurants at your hotels, there are plenty of restaurants within 5 minutes drive of the **C2M2-2015** home base. These include:

- Lone Star Texas Grill
- East Side Mario's in St. Laurent Mall
- Perkins Family Restaurant

Your Hotel Staff will assist you in finding what suits your taste.

### Byward Market

This is an excellent place to stroll around during the day or in the evening. From street food to haute-cuisine, the market has it all. Established by Lt-Col. John By in 1826, the ByWard Market is one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets. The legendary builder of the Rideau Canal, Colonel By himself laid out the street plan of the Market, designating George Street and York Street to be extra wide to accommodate the creation of a public market and gathering place. Within an area roughly four blocks square, you'll find museums, cafés, specialty food shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants, pubs and more! Easily accessible from the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre.

<http://www.byward-market.com/>

### Casino du Lac-Leamy

If you are looking for something a bit more exciting and want to explore your relationship with Lady Luck then the Casino du Lac-Leamy will be the place for you. Situated on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River, and 15 minutes drive from **C2M2-2015** Home Base, the casino complex includes several restaurants as well as a "Théâtre" offering live shows and performances. <http://www.casinosduquebec.com/lacleamy/en/> Lac-Leamy is also the site of an international fireworks competition in August of each year. Details for the 2015 competition have not yet been announced and we will update this web site as soon as more information is available. In the mean time, this is the web site of the 2014 competition.

<http://www.feux.qc.ca/home/>

### Speak like a Canadian, eh!

When travelling, it always helps to be able to speak the local dialect when you are "out and about"! Here are some useful guides:

• Loonie -	A common word for the Canadian one-dollar coin.
• Toonie -	A common word for the Canadian two-dollar coin.
• Double-Double -	A coffee with two creams and two sugars.
• Serviette -	A paper napkin. Not slang, simply 'napkin' in French.
• Two-Four -	A case of twenty-four beers.
• Mickey -	A flask-sized bottle of hard liquor.
• Toque -	Pronounced "Tuke" as in Luke. A knit cap usually worn in winter.
• Hydro-	A reference to electricity, not water.
• Washroom –	Same as "Toilet" in UK, or "Rest Room" in US.
• Giddyay, Giddyay-	Hello or good-day.
• Miata-	World's best roadster owned by smart and stylish people.

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### Registration Fees:

- \$150 per person if payment is received before 31 March 2015
- \$175 per person if payment is received after 31 March 2015

**Cancellations:** For cancellations made before 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, the registration fee, less \$25, will be refunded. Unfortunately refunds would not be possible after this date as we have to make firm commitments with our caterers.

### What is included in the Registration Fee:

- Participation on all tours.
- Invitation to the Meet and Greet Reception on Friday 7 August, 2015.
- Invitation to the Closing Banquet on Sunday 9 August 2015.
- A Souvenir Package of carefully selected items.

### What is NOT included in the Registration Fee:

- Cost of Hotel accommodation
- Meals during the tours.
- Some tours include visits to attractions. Entrance fees, if any, are not included.
- We will inform you of the estimated cost of meals and attraction tickets for each tour.

### Registration Process:

1. To register for **C2M2-2015** please complete the Registration Form below. Please ensure that the e-mail address is correct as this will be our only means of communications with you. Once completed, click on the "Submit" button.
2. An e-mail will be sent to you within 24 hours confirming receipt of your registration form. This e-mail will also contain detailed information regarding payment of the Registration Fees.
3. Registration would be complete on receipt of your registration fees.



Driver	Co-Driver
*First Name: <input type="text"/>	First Name: <input type="text"/>
*Last Name: <input type="text"/>	Last Name: <input type="text"/>
*Vegetarian? <input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetarian? <input type="checkbox"/>

\*E-mail:   
 (Please ensure that your e-mail address is correct as this is our only means of communications with you)

Participant Profile (Optional)  
 Please provide us with some information about your Miata, and where you are from, so that we can know you better.

City:	<input type="text"/>
Province/State:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>
Miata:	<input type="text"/>
Year:	<input type="text"/>
Colour:	<input type="text"/>
Do you have a CB?:	<input type="checkbox"/>
License Plate:	<input type="text"/>
Miata Club Affiliation:	<input type="text"/>

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The Home Base for **C2M2-2015** will be located at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre located at 200 Coventry Rd. Ottawa. Two hotels are co-located with this facility. There will be ample indoor parking to accommodate all our precious Miatas.

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A car wash area will also be available with a water hose and basic car wash supplies.

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Room blocks, at a preferred price if booked before 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015, have been reserved at both hotels. Room bookings should be made directly with the Hampton Inn or the Courtyard Marriot using the "Book a Room" links below.

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You may wish to arrive by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 as **C2M2-2015** activities will start the next morning.

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Book a Room at  
Hampton Inn

**C2M2-2015 Rate: \$135 (before 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015)**

**Hotel Features:** *(Please confirm with hotel)*

- 100% non-smoking hotel
- Complimentary Breakfast Bar
- Complimentary Local Calls & Calling Card Calls
- Complimentary Indoor Parking
- Indoor Pool / Whirlpool / Exercise Room
- Complimentary WiFi Internet
- Irons / Boards, Coffee Makers, Hair Dryers,
- Microwaves and Refrigerators in all rooms
- 24 hour Coffee & Tea service in lobby area.

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Book a Room at  
Courtyard Marriot

**C2M2-2015 Rate: \$140 (before 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015)**

**Hotel Features:** *(Please confirm with hotel)*

- 100% non-smoking hotel
- On Site restaurant, The Bistro, open 6:30 am to midnight
- The Market, open 24 hours, offering snacks, refreshments, microwaveable items and sundries
- Complimentary WiFi internet
- Complimentary indoor parking
- Mini-fridge, microwave and wet bar in all guestrooms
- 24 hour state-of-the-art fitness facility and indoor pool open from 6am - 11pm

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/12537016/owner/11893515/home>



Google Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/3EAM5>

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