

# Sept.-Oct. 2011 MiataFest

**Miata Club of Minnesota sponsored by Morrie's Mazda**

## **Miata Club of Minnesota Participates in Eagan July 4<sup>TH</sup> Parade for Third Straight Year**

The Miata Club of Minnesota—North Star Chapter— had a sharp looking parade unit again in 2012. Eighteen Miatas participated in Eagan's largest community event. The parade of nearly 100 units had a beautiful sunny day. The Miata club was unit number 68 so all were thankful for the huge shade trees in the staging area that we could take shelter under. The Red, White, and Blue patriotic color scheme was evident including the order of cars two by two of Red, White, and Blue, followed by skittle colors. Former Miata Club member Debbie Stirtz—Eagan Convention and Visitors Bureau—provided color commentary of the event on the local Eagan Cable Network and later joined us for lunch with her husband. The older model Miatas were a hit with their blinking headlights. Candy was handed out by a number of Miata club members. Lunch which followed was delicious at the Doolittle's Woodfire Grill in Eagan.



# Up-North Drive

**Saturday October 1, 2011**

*Hosted by John & Lynda Miller and Darrel & Joni Spaeth*

**What:** Up North Drive

**When:** Saturday, October 1, 2011

**Where:** We will meet at the BP station east of Somerset, WI, at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am departure.

From Stillwater, cross the lift bridge and take WI 64/WI 35 east towards Somerset. Exit from WI 64 just past Somerset at the CR-C/WI 35 exit (9.8 Miles from downtown Stillwater). At the top of the exit ramp, turn left across the hi-way and take the first right at CR-C. You will be able to see the BP station from the intersection. We will park behind the BP in the empty office park area.

**RSVP:** John & Lynda Miller  
651-483-1830  
JohnNLynda@msn.com

Darrel & Joni Spaeth  
763-427-7307  
dspaeth@bluezooms.net

**Note: You must reserve your Hotel room by September 14, 2011 to receive the special Miata Club of Minnesota rate.**

Well, things are starting to come together for the Up North drive. As mentioned above, our destination this year is Ironwood, Michigan, right on the Wisconsin/Michigan border on US 2. We have found some really nice roads, some of which we have been on before and some we haven't. Even with the flakey weather this year, we should see some fall color somewhere on our route.

Please note that Lynda and John Miller will be on their Alaska trip for much of September. If you have questions about the trip while they are gone, please contact Darrel or Joni Spaeth. See contact information above.

Note that the Up North drive is the starting point for the extended trip to Michigan. Those participants in the extended trip will be leaving from Ironwood on Sunday morning, October 2. The non-extended trip participants will be returning to the Twin Cities on Sunday morning. If you are interested in the extended trip, check out this web address for more information:

**[www.miataclubmn.com/forum/index.php?topic=3623.0](http://www.miataclubmn.com/forum/index.php?topic=3623.0)**

## **Hotel reservations for Saturday night are as follows:**

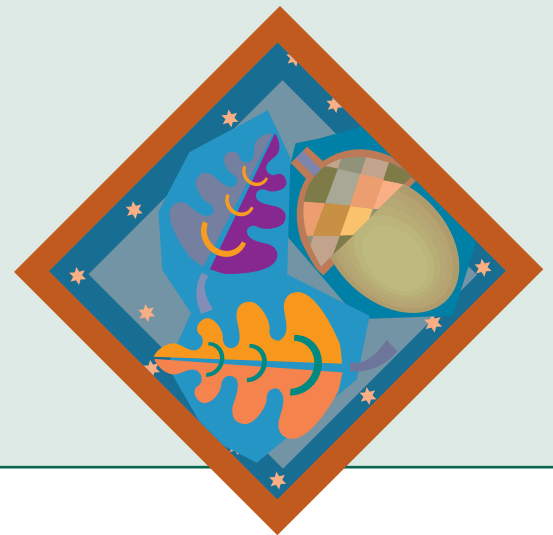
**Comfort Inn - Ironwood**, 210 E Cloverland Dr, Ironwood, MI, 49938,  
906-932-2224

- 10 Rooms - 2 Queens w/ Microwave & Fridge
- 10 Rooms - 1 King w/ Microwave & Fridge
- 10 Rooms - 2 Queens (no Microwave or Fridge)

All Rooms are \$95 + tax. Specify Miata Club of Minnesota by September 14.  
Cancellation policy: 24 hour advance notice.

## **Check our Club webpage:**

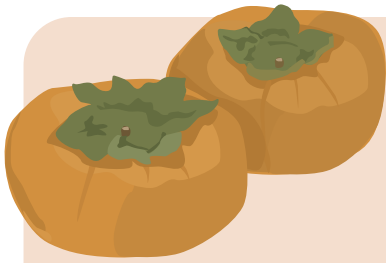
**[www.miataclubmn.com/forum/index.php?topic=3863.0](http://www.miataclubmn.com/forum/index.php?topic=3863.0)**



**Bob is checking out Sarah's engagement ring. He approves!**

**We hope to see everyone at the Fall Rally!**

**More October events will be posted in future emails. Watch your email for them or just zoom over to the Club Website and check out the events button at:**  
**[www.miataclubmn.com/](http://www.miataclubmn.com/)**



# Exotic Pumpkin Drive

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

(Hosted by Jon & Ann Kemske)

## Are you in the Market for Exotic Pumpkins?

Join us **September 21st** at the Exotic Pumpkin Patch in Andover at 5:30 pm. After an hour or so of pumpkin pleasures we will have a very short drive to dinner in **"The Marketplace Room"** at The T-Box Bar & Grill in Ham Lake.

### Check out these Web addresses:

The Exotic Pumpkin Patch: [www.dragonmaster.org/exoticpumpkins/](http://www.dragonmaster.org/exoticpumpkins/)

The T-Box: [www.tboxbarandgrill.com/index.html](http://www.tboxbarandgrill.com/index.html)

### REMINDER:

Remember, this is a backwards drive. We will be meeting at our destination – **John Druley's Exotic Pumpkin Patch** in Andover.

The best way to get there is to take Round Lake Blvd. North from Highway 10 in Coon Rapids. Stay on Round Lake Blvd. to 161st and turn East (right). Turn North Again at Verdin St. NW. Also known as Barret Rd. Turn left at 176th Ave. NW and proceed to 2632. Park on the street or in Driveway. We will stay for an hour, then drive over to the T-Box for dinner and fun.

**See you at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21st at the Exotic Pumpkin Patch.**

*Please RSVP to [Kemskes@gmail.com](mailto:Kemskes@gmail.com) by September 13th.*

Don't forget your cameras!

Club webpage: [www.miataclubmn.com/forum/index.php?topic=3893.0](http://www.miataclubmn.com/forum/index.php?topic=3893.0)



## St. John's Drive & Brunch

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Email notifications are sent to club members as a reminder of upcoming events. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to receive these notifications, send an email with your name and email address to Mike Simmons at [vicepresident@miataclubmn.com](mailto:vicepresident@miataclubmn.com) requesting your email address be added to the distribution list.

## 2011 COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

| DATE                     | HOSTS   | EVENT                             |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| September 9 - 11         | Rogers, Buendings, Fourres, Chris Holt & Sarah Loehrs | Fall Rally                        |
| September 21             | Jon & Ann Kemske                                      | Pumpkin Drive                     |
| October 1 & 2            | John and Lynda Miller, Darrel & Joni Spaeth           | Up North Drive                    |
| October 2 thru October 8 | John and Lynda Miller, Darrel & Joni Spaeth           | Extended Trip - Traverse City, MI |
| October 8 or 9 (TBD)     | Steve and Pam Flaten                                  | Fall Cider/Winery Drive           |
| October 16               | Board of Directors                                    | Annual Meeting/Cleanup            |
| October 23               | Chris Holt and Sarah Loehrs                           | Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup           |
| December 11              | Incoming Board of Directors                           | Holiday Brunch                    |

## St. John's Drive & Brunch



## Wednesday, June 29 Drive - Hosted by Craig & Nancy Fourre

