

# ***“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 ways of road that hopefully you’ve not yet explored. Some are very short, thru’ 60 km 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 # ..... NA / NB / NC ( Please circle )

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 along 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 ? .....*

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*Question 3 : Who sells Holdens in Chelsea ? .....*

*Question 4 : In which year does Chelsea celebrate its Centenary ? ..*

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*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" ? ....*

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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 next Olympics naked ? .....*

LT into Winona Rd. after 1.6 kms. ( 26.5 ). **Short, tight, narrow, fun.**

*Question 14 : Where is Timbuktu ? .....*

Bear left @ intersection after 1.9 kms. ( 28.4 ).

RT **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 ?*

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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 ?*

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*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" ? .....*

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*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 )

*Question 35 : What does Richard Amy make ? .....*

LT into Arthurs Seat Rd. after 300 metres. ( 79.4 )

*Question 36 : In which year did Mazda win the 24 hour race at Le Mans ? .....*

LT into Main Creek Rd. after 4.8 kms. ( 84.2 )

*Question 37 : Who does the Main Ridge Bowls Club welcome ? .....*

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RT into Purves Rd. after 6.1 kms. ( 90.3 )

*Question 38 : What must vehicles 4.3 metres high do ? .....*

LT into Arthurs Seat Rd. after 5.1 kms. ( 95.4 ) **Be alert for motorcyclists - & speed traps, especially on your left near the bottom. Do try to keep your eyes on the road – the driver, at least, whilst the reader enjoys great sights.**

LT. into McCulloch St. after 3.6 kms. ( 99.0 ) & under the Freeway.

*Question 39 : It was great that an Australian won the Oscar for “Best Animated Feature” but which movie would have taken that*

*prize off if we’d all been the judges ? .....*

LT. into Point Nepean Rd. after 800 metres ( 99.8 ) **You’ re now right back into the thick of weekend traffic for a while. Relax and enjoy the ride, as there’s no rush whatsoever.**

*Question 40 : Name the promontory of land between Dromana and*

*McCrae .....*

**Recommended Coffee Stop @ “Armandos” on the left early in McCrae**

*Question 41 : Who Captained the Australian Cricket World Cup*

*Winning Team in 1987 ? .....*

*Question 42 : What was the name of Michael Caine’s first book ?*

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*Question 43 : The Rye Pier offers how many parking spaces ? .....*

*Question 44 : In “Scrabble”, the letter “H” is worth how many*

*points ? .....*

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 # ).**

LT into Back Beach Rd. after 3.9 kms. ( 124.4 )

*Question 45 : Where is the "Henley on Todd" held ? .....*

LT @ roundabout into Hotham Rd. after 1.2 kms. ( 125.6 )

*Question 46 : At which famous Australian Motor Race Circuit would you find "Siberia" ? .....*

SA @ roundabout into Melbourne Rd. after 2.3 kms. ( 127.9 )

SA @ roundabout after 500 metres ( 128.4 ) ( Ocean Beach Rd. )

*Question 47 : What is the correct spelling of the Aboriginal for "The Olgas" ? .....*

SA @ roundabout after 2.7 kms. ( 131.1 ) ( Hughes Rd. )

RT @ roundabout into Dundas St. after 6.4 kms. ( 137.5 )

*Question 48 : According to the Official Mazda website, how many of the new "Limited Edition" MX-5s are available for sale ? .....*

LT @ roundabout into Browns Rd. after 2.5 kms. ( 140.0 )

RT @ T-intersection into Truemans Rd. after 3.6 kms. ( 143.6 )

*Question 49 : When, where, and by whom was champagne first shaken and sprayed from the "Winner's Podium", commencing a tradition that grows and grows every year ?*

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LT into Browns Rd. after 300 metres ( 143.9 )

RT @ roundabout into Boneo Rd. after 2.6 kms. ( 146.5 ) **This sensational stretch presents some challenging bends, occasionally featuring changes of radius partway thru', steep ascents and winding descents. Have fun, be safe and enjoy the view when you get a chance to take it in.**

*Question 50 : What's for sale at "Fingal Gardens" ? .....*

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 !!!***