**Trillium Miata Club**

**Underground Miata Network**

**& West Penn Miata Club**

**2017 Vermont Tour**

**May 19 to May 22, 2017** (May 1 version)

**Daily Itinerary & Groups**

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**Tour Rules**

**(PLEASE READ CAREFULY)**

* **Participation in the tour is solely at the participant’s risk.**
* **If you are leaving your group for any reason let your group leader know in advance.**
* **Safe operation of your vehicle is your responsibility and should be your primary consideration at all times.**
* **Never drive beyond your comfort level. If the pace of the tour exceeds your comfort level advise the lead by way of your CB immediately.**
* **Do not pass other vehicles until you are certain that you can safely do so.**
* **Do not pass other cars in your group. Remain in the same order.**
* **Do not blindly follow the car ahead. Be aware of and check road conditions and the location of other vehicles at all times.**
* **Leave sufficient room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front for stopping at all times.**
* **Obey the laws of the state that we are travelling in.**
* **Arrive at the departure point and start each day with a full tank of gas.**
* **We ask everyone to refrain from drinking alcohol during breaks and lunch stops while on tour. Don’t drink and drive.**

**ABOVE ALL DRIVE SAFELY AND WITHIN YOUR COMFORT LEVEL**

**HAVE A SAFE TOUR!**

**Thursday May 18/Friday May 19**

**For those travelling in a group from Best Western Fireside Kingston only**

**A few last-minute reminders:**

* Print and bring with you the tour material and route maps (no extra copies will be available). The only copies that you will have are those that you print off the website.
* Make sure your gas tank is full for departure as you arrive at the Fireside Inn
* **Bring your passport!!!**
* Group leaders are free to plan changes to the suggested routes.

**Day’s Itinerary Summary**

* The following is a summary of the day’s activities based on the suggested route. See the detailed route map for the specific suggested driving directions for the day.
* This is a long day’s drive so we need to get a timely start. If, for any reason, **you are going to be late for departure out of the parking lot,** please call: Gary Svoboda’s cell on Thursday morning before 8 am (519-221-5789) or Bernie Poirier’s cell on Friday morning before 8 am (905-866-8235)

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| **Approx Time** | **Km’s Travelled** |  | **Location** | **Comments** |
| **Thursday or Friday**  **to VT** | |  |  |  |
| 7:30 AM |  |  | Kingston | Gather at the Kingston Best Western Fireside Inn parking lot - 1217 Princess Street, Kingston, K7M 3E1 |
| 8:00 AM | 0 | **Departure** | Kingston | 1 group of 12 cars leaves Kingston Thursday morning (Gary Svoboda)  1 group of 6 cars leaves Kingston Friday morning (Bernie Poirier) |
| 10:45 AM | 49 | Border | Alexandria Bay | Stopping at the Duty Free – let’s keep it quick. |
| 11:25 AM  12:25 PM | 229 | **Lunch** | Tupper Lake, NY | Suggested lunch stop – **Marketplace Pub & Deli** (2494 Tupper-Saranac Highway, 518-359-9500) (Thursday’s group meets afternoon leader Tom Brown for lunch) |
|  |  |  | Adirondack State Park | Thursday’s Group will follow Tom Brown traveling as one group.  Friday’s Group will continue to follow Bernie Poirier |
| Approx.  2:00 PM | 445 | Break | McDonalds? | Gas and Bio-break stop somewhere |
| 4:00 PM | 558 | **Hotel Arrival** | Stowe, VT | Stowehof Inn - 434 Edson Hill Rd., Stowe 05672  Total travel time = 6 hours (According to the map – probably longer if we follow Tom ☺) |
| 4:30-6:30 PM |  | Informal gathering as we arrive | Stowehof - poolside | Once you check in, come and join us for a glass of wine or beer poolside. AND pick up your gear! |
| Thursday evening |  | **Dinner** | Stowe | For those of you arriving for the 5-day package. You are on your own for dinner tonight. Please form your own groups and make sure that new members are included (Is there karaoke in Stowe on Thursday night? ☺ ) |
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| Friday  10:00 AM | 0 | **Early Bird Run** | Stowehof | A leisure run for about 20 cars hosted by Tom Brown for the early arrivals. Ends with lunch in St. Albans at the Bayside Pavilion. |
| Approx  11:45 AM | 175 | Lunch | Bayside Pavilion  St. Albans | Lunch at in St Albans |
| Afternoon |  | Back to Hotel | Stowehof | Return in groups or on your own |
| 6:30-7:30 |  | **Buffet BBQ Dinner** | Stowehof | **Attendance required by all tour members**. Poolside, weather permitting. If raining, then indoors at Fritz Bar (formerly Coslin’s Pub - lower level of Stowehof). If you have not yet picked up your gear, do it now poolside. |
| After 7:30 |  | After-Dinner | Stowe | On your own – be it at the hotel or at any of the nightspots in Stowe. |

**Groups from Kingston to Vermont**

**Thursday May 18, 2017 or Friday May 19, 2017**

**For those travelling in a group from Kingston Best Western Fireside only**

**Groups & CB Channels** (L = Lead, S = Sweep) (CB channel at top of column)

**Thu-1 Fri-1**

**Driver Co-Pilot CB-5 CB-5**

Tom Brown (meeting in Tupper Lake) **L** (after lunch)

Liz Burns **S**

Jim Casey Virginia Casey x

Arthur Donin Sandra Donin x

Bob Holt Carol Holt x

Dick Kumamoto x

Cathi McDougall x

Karolina Pironkov Ann Matheson x

Gary Svoboda Leah Bozic **L** (before lunch)

Paul Whittaker Carol Ketchum x

Lou Bortolin Lucy Bortolin x

Mary Howes Melanie Lindsay x

Al Oldfield Valerie Oldfield (meeting in parking lot) x

Bernie Poirier Jackie Poirier **L**

Rose Stipanitz S

Mike Taberner Diane Blais x

**Total Cars in Group 10 6**

**Those travelling on their own or in other groups – Likely arriving Thursday evening:** Dave & Angie Roger,Gloria & Jim Bartlett, Bryan Katz & Kerri Knudsen, Joel Daiter & Bonnie Shaul-Daiter, Tim & Shelley Bellamy, Peter Hargraves & Tasia Papadatos (UMN), Merv & Peggy Embury (UMN), Charles & Ginette Bergeron (UMN), Robin Villeneuve & Sharon Huang (UMN), George & Cindy Butts (UMN), Linda & Joe Zimlicki (WP), Ron & Pat Hoffman (WP), Jack Bartek & Nancy Galvin (WP), Kenneth & Karen Nagel (WP), Al Johnston & Marilyn Parsons. (17 cars)

**Those travelling on their own or in other groups – Likely arriving Friday evening:** Bruce Jackaki & Nancy Mellow, Gary Kornstein & Grace Correia, Doug & Joanne MacKenzie, Darryl & Megan Stokes, Ron & Lori Winter. (5 cars)

**Local cars – meeting us at the Stowehof**: Bob & Brenda Cruikshank, Mariann Steen

**38 cars in total! ☺**

**Friday, May 19, 2017 – in Vermont**

**EARLY BIRD TOUR**

**(For those who arrive in Stowe Thursday afternoon ONLY)**

**Tom Brown is hosting a ride for early arrivals - departing Friday morning from the Stowehof**.

Tom says: *Friday's "Early Bird Tour" (for early arrivals) will be a pretty relaxed day, with a 10:15 departure from the hotel. Starting the weekend off right, we will immediately head through Smugglers Notch, for first timers this is a short, VERY steep and twisty stretch of two-lane (actually, about one and a half) you just can't go fast through the notch as visibility is non-existent due to the large boulders on either side of the road. Next up is a round trip on the Hogback Road, which is a great two-lane through the Lamoille River Valley. The Hogback is a superb Miata road with lots of well-designed curves. From this point, it'll be a surprise! We are either going to head north to St Albans or south through the Appalachian Gap. We'll make this decision as we get closer to the actual date and road conditions are known. Either way, there are great Miata roads to travel, group lunch reservations on hold for whichever route we decide on, and a good way to kick off the weekend.*

*The entire route to lunch is about 1.5 hours, so NO BIOBREAKS are planned.*

Other than the above, please see the enclosed maps. Depending on the group size (approximately 25 cars expected), it is quite possible that we will split the run into two groups, driving the usual 5 minutes apart. Details of this will be decided the morning of the event.

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|  | Early Bird Run - Expected cars  (Trillium – Black, UMN – Green, West Penn – Blue) |
| 1 | Jack Bartek & Nancy Galvin |
| 2 | Jim & Gloria Bartlett |
| 3 | Tim & Shelley Bellamy |
| 4 | Charles & Ginette Bergeron |
| 5 | **Tom Brown (Lead)** |
| 6 | **Liz Burns (Sweep)** |
| 7 | George & Cindy Butts |
| 8 | Jim & Virginia Casey |
| 9 | Arthur & Sandra Donin |
| 10 | Merv & Peggy Embury |
| 11 | Peter Hargraves & Tasia Papadatos |
| 12 | Ron & Pat Hoffman |
| 13 | Bob & Carol Holt |
| 14 | Al Johnston & Marilyn Parsons |
| 15 | Bryan Katz & Kerri Knudsen |
| 16 | Karolina Pironkov & Ann Matheson |
| 17 | Kenneth & Karen Nagel |
| 18 | Dave & Angie Roger |
| 19 | Darryl & Megan Stokes |
| 20 | Gary Svoboda & Leah Bozic |
| 21 | Robin Villeneuve & Sharon Huang |
| 22 | Paul Whittaker & Carol Ketchum |
| 23 | Linda & Joe Zimliki |

**Saturday, May 20, 2017 – In Vermont**

**Day’s Itinerary Summary**

* The following is a summary of the day’s activities based on the suggested route. See the detailed route map for the specific suggested driving directions for the day.
* Tom says: *This is Day 1 of the Official Vermont Tour. 223 Kilometers. That's how far we will drive to* ***Curtis's BBQ, in Putney, VT****. Total driving time to our destination is about 3 hours - 20 minutes. The return to the hotel can be as little as 1 hour - 50 minutes if you take the road most travelled. Nearly every inch of this trip which travels through the center of the state is either scenic farmland or tidy towns. Curtis's BBQ is a Mecca, for car clubs and Motorcycle clubs, and is worth the trip, bring your camera for this one. You'll want a picture of this roadside attraction.*
* Group leaders are free to plan changes to the suggested routes.

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| **Approx Time** | **Km’s Travelled** |  | **Location** | **Comments** |
| 7:30 –  8:30 AM |  | Breakfast | Stowehof Inn | A “Vermont Hot Country Breakfast” is included at the Stowehof Inn |
| 8:45 AM |  | Gather in Groups |  | Gather in assigned groups in the parking lot. |
| 9:00 AM | 0 | **Departure** | Stowe, VT | Depart Stowehof Inn. We will depart in groups about 5 minutes apart. Please ensure FULL GAS TANK and EMPTY BLADDER prior to departure. |
| 9:50 AM |  | Bio-Break | Waypoint #3 | Bio Break – Stopping at a convenience store/gas station with 2 restrooms |
| 11:00 AM |  | Bio-Break | Putney, VT | Bio Break – in Putney |
| Approx.  1 PM | 223 | **Lunch** | Putney, VT | **Lunch is at Curtis’s BBQ in Putney** |
| Afternoon |  | Hotel | Stowe, VT | Return to Stowehof Inn in groups or on your own. Straight-line return as per GPX takes approximately 50 minutes.  If you are departing on your own, LET YOUR GROUP LEADER KNOW.  Once back at the hotel, consider hanging out poolside (weather permitting) or in Fritz Bar. |
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| **5:30** |  | Wine & Cheese | Stowehof Inn | Join us poolside for **Wine & Cheese** before dinner |
| **Evening** |  | Dinner | Stowe | On your own – be it at the hotel or at any of the many great restaurants in Stowe. Form your own groups and please see that new members are included. |
| Approx  9 PM |  | Movie | Stowehof Inn – poolside | Outdoor big-screen movies under the stars and by the firepit (Second floor conference room if weather is wet) (Suggestion- Bring a DVD of a car movie) |
| Later at night |  | Fireside | Stowehof Inn - poolside | After the movie, stay near the fire-pit for a marshmallow roast or look for an impromptu sing-along ☺ |

**Driving Groups - Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**Groups & CB Channels** (L = Lead, S = Sweep) (CB channel at top of column)

**By Club** (Trillium – Black, UMN – Green, West Penn – Blue)

**Sa-1 Sa-2 Sa-3 Sa-4 Sa-5 Sa-6**

**Driver Co-Pilot** CB-3 CB-5 CB-12 CB-15 CB-17 CB-21

Jack Bartek Nancy Galvin S

Gloria Bartlett Jim Bartlett **S**

Tim Bellamy Shelley Bellamy **S**

Charles Bergeron Ginette Bergeron x

Lou Bortolin Lucy Bortolin x

Tom Brown **L**

Liz Burns **S**

George Butts Cindy Butts x

Jim Casey Virginia Casey x

Bob Cruikshank Brenda Cruikshank **L**

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Merv Embury Peggy Embury x

Peter Hargraves Tasia Papadatos x

Ron Hoffman Pat Hoffman x

Bob Holt Carol Holt x

Mary Howes Melanie Lindsay x

Al Johnston Marilyn Parsons x

Kerri Knudsen Bryan Katz x

Gary Kornstein Grace Correia **L**

Dick Kumamoto x

Bruce Jakacki Nancy Mellow x

Doug MacKenzie Joanne MacKenzie x

Cathi McDougall x

Kenneth Nagel Karen Nagel x

Al Oldfield Valerie Oldfield x

Karolina Pironkov Ann Matheson x

Bernie Poirier Jackie Poirier **L**

Dave Roger Angie Roger **S**

Mariann Steen x

Rose Stipanitz **L**

Darryl Stokes Megan Stokes x

Gary Svoboda Leah Bozic **S**

Mike Taberner Diane Blais x

Robin Villeneuve Sharon Huang x

Paul Whittaker Carol Ketchum x

Ron Winter Lori Winter x

Joe Zimlicki Linda Zimlicki **L**

**Total Cars in Group 6 6 6 7 6 7 = 38**

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 – in Vermont**

**Day’s Itinerary Summary**

* The following is a summary of the day’s activities based on the suggested route. See the detailed route map for the specific suggested driving directions for the day.
* Tom says: *For those that were not here for the Friday ride we will begin today through Smugglers Notch and Hogback Road. As you pass through the town of Hardwick, try to distract Gary Svoboda (and Paul Whittaker), so they don't notice the old book store on the right, in the center of town.  After our first bio-break we turn south through the idyllic towns and roads of the Connecticut River Valley.* ***Our lunch stop*** *will be at the* ***Lake Morey Resort*** *on Lake Morey, in Fairlee, VT. We have reserved the Lakeside Dining Room. Total mileage to the resort is 152 scenic Kilometers.*
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| 9:00 AM | 0 | **Departure** | Stowe, VT | Depart Stowehof Inn. We will depart in groups about 5 minutes apart. Please ensure FULL GAS TANK & EMPTY BLADDER prior to departure. |
| Approx. 10:15 AM | Waypoint #4 | Bio-Break | Danville, VT | Biobreak – plenty of room the cars, two restrooms and good coffee/snacks |
| 12:00 | 152 | **Lunch** | Fairlee, VT | **Lunch – Lake Morey Resort** |
| Approx  1:30 | - | Gather in Groups | Fairlee, VT | Departure for afternoon run back to Stowe – please try and leave in groups and the order you arrived in today.  Or, if you are departing on your own back to the hotel, LET YOUR GROUP LEADER KNOW.  Once back at the hotel, consider hanging out poolside (weather permitting) or in Fritz Bar. |
| Approx  2:45 | 243 | Hotel | Stowe, VT | Return to Stowehof in groups.  Free time until evening closing banquet. |
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| **Evening** |  |  |  |  |
| 6:30 PM |  | **Group Photo** | To be announced | Dress Up for the Closing Banquet & Smile for the Camera! |
| 7:00 –  8:30 PM |  | **Closing Banquet** | Hotel | **Attendance required by all tour members** 4 Course Meal for ALL tour participants, plus tour wind-up activities and thank you’s. |
| After  8:30 PM |  | Evening – After Banquet | Stowe | On your own – be it at the hotel or at any of the many great restaurants/bars in Stowe. Form your own groups and please see that new members are included. |

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Mariann Steen x

Rose Stipanitz x

Darryl Stokes Megan Stokes  **S**

Gary Svoboda Leah Bozic **L**

Mike Taberner Diane Blais x

Robin Villeneuve Sharon Huang x

Paul Whittaker Carol Ketchum x

Ron Winter Lori Winter x

Joe Zimlicki Linda Zimlicki **L**

**Total Cars in Group 6 7 6 6 6 7 = 38**

**Monday/Tuesday, May 22/23, 2017 - Return**

**Day’s Itinerary Summary**

**For those returning home on Monday**

* Depart for home at your leisure.
* Consider teaming up with fellow club members who are leaving at about the same time.
* Design your own route home. Some suggestions…
* If you are looking to get back to Canada ASAP, consider crossing the border in Vermont or upstate New York.
* If you are looking for a scenic drive home, consider driving through Adirondack State Park in NY.
* If your final destination is in Ontario west of Toronto, consider crossing the border at Buffalo, and avoiding driving through Toronto during a holiday weekend. In that case, Interstate I90 is a quick drive with plenty of rest stops.
* If you have some extra time, consider a 1 to 2-hour detour to one of the Finger Lakes.

**For those that are staying over on Monday**

* There are no pre-planned activities for the day.
* There are many towns and villages with sights to see and stuff to buy. If you are looking for a short excursion, consider downtown Stowe itself if you haven’t had time yet. Suggestions for longer excursions could be Montpelier (the State capital), and Burlington (Vermont’s largest city).
* Enjoy yourself and drive safely!

**Phone Numbers & Email**

* **Gary Svoboda’s Cell 519-221-5789**
* **Gary Svoboda’s Email** [mazda.liaison@trilliummiata.ca](mailto:mazda.liaison@trilliummiata.ca)
* **Gary Svoboda’s Home # 519-824-7456**
* **Bernie Poirier’ Cell 905-866-8235**
* **Tom Brown’s Cell 802-233-9060**
* **Stowehof Inn 802-253-9722**
* **Kingston Best Western Fireside 613-549-2211**

**See you next year!**

**Victoria Day Weekend - May 19-21, 2018**

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