

## Delta Miata Lee Vining – Mono Lake Overnight Driving Tour

**July 18 & 19, 2009**

Dear Delta Miata Members,

We've just returned from previewing the Miata Driving Tour to Lee Vining and Mono Lake, an exciting and scenic trip through Yosemite's Tioga and Sonora Passes. Great roads, stops at scenic overlooks, unbelievable views – bring a camera – to the highest road in California. We will stop for lunch in Groveland at PJ's Café & Pizzeria – cost around \$10 per person. Dinner will be at the most unlikely spot – “The Whoa Nellie Deli” located adjacent to the Mobil Station with outstanding views of Mono Lake while dining outside. Cost at “Whoa Nellie Deli is \$7 - \$20 per person. Words fail to describe it adequately, and great food. Whoa Nellie should be on Guy Fieri's list for his TV show “Diners, Drive Ins and Dives”! Something for everyone at Whoa Nellie!!

Plan to stay overnight in Lee Vining or Mammoth. Motels in the area run approximately \$60 - \$100 per room. Make your reservation now!!

On Sunday, we will start with a super breakfast at Nicely's Restaurant, cost around \$10, then travel on Hwy 395 north to Bridgeport, then to Fales Hot Springs and Hwy 4 via the Sonora Pass. Hwy 4 over the Sonora Pass is absolutely “The Best Miata Road” I have ever been on! The only drawback is that it's over too soon. More unbelievable scenery as we wind our way down towards Sonora and lunch in Angels Camp at a great “Car-Themed” restaurant. After lunch, it's on to Copperopolis, Stockton and home. This route should avoid crowds and we should be home before 3 PM.

The cost to enter Yosemite Park is \$20 per car unless you already have or decide to purchase a National Parks Pass good at all National Parks. Bring cash or check. Yosemite does not process credit cards.

If you would like more information email me at [nausset@astound.net](mailto:nausset@astound.net). I've planned many a drive over the years for another car club and I have to say, this one's outstanding. Great driving roads, super scenery, very reasonable prices and the pleasure of your company – what more can I say?

Roger Colton

PS. Please be sure to let me know if you're coming **no later than Saturday, July 11th** so I will have sufficient maps made up and can pick the most convenient place to start off from.