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Born in Coventry, once the heart of the British motor industry, **Brian Long** is a professional writer with a passion for vintage and sporting machinery. A trained mechanical engineer and a long-term owner of both the MX-5 and rotary Mazdas, he has had a strong connection with Mazda products for well over a decade.

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