

Coronavirus Pandemic Impacts Club Activities

As the world deals with the coronavirus pandemic, there are many unknowns. Current restrictions limit the types of activities that we would normally be planning for the club, and it remains to be seen when we will be able to gather for meanders or other events.

Karl Schwemley reports that after checking with Wood County ODOT, the governor has ordered that all Adopt-A-Highway road cleanup sessions be postponed until further notice. We may be able to reschedule the spring cleanup, or just plan on skipping it and start in July. Karl will keep us informed.

The Spring Miatas at the Gap event is still on the calendar at this point. The organizers will make a final decision closer to the scheduled May 10-16 dates. Full details of the event can be found on our website in the January 2020 *M Edition*. Questions can be directed to Larry and Jan Sheridan at 419-356-4354 or Pat and Steve Beam at 419-822-4156 or 412-352-7345.

Life goes on, however, so be sure to keep be touch with your Miata friends by visiting our NWOhio Miata Club Facebook Group page. Join the Group and you'll be able to keep up on any changes to our activities.

You might also use these days to plan a meander for the time when we can all be together.

Stay safe and healthy!

NWOhio Miata Club 25th Anniversary Year

In celebration of this special anniversary year for the club, your editor will be bringing you some blasts from the past. Attached to this *M Edition* is a copy of the club's very first newsletter. In the coming months, old-timers will be able to reminisce about past events, and newer members will get to see how the club has grown over the years, and what fun we've had. Enjoy!

Tentative 2020 Event Calendar

Sun-Sat, May 10-16 Saturday, May 23 Sat-Sun, June 20-28 Saturday, July 18 Saturday, July 25 September 24-27 Saturday, October 17 Miatas at the Gap hosted by Larry and Jan Sheridan Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun Tour hosted by Buckeye Miata Club The Tire Squeal 2020, Southern Indiana Road Tour NWOhio Miata Club 25th Anniversary Party Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley Miatas at Margaritaville hosted by Gateway Miata Club Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley

For Sale - 2006 Miata

6 speed manual transmission with a 170 hp engine, and over \$4,000 of aftermarket upgrades that have improved the driving experience. The car is in excellent condition and well taken care of.

Asking price is \$8,500, but other offers will be considered. Contact John Tomaszewski at 567-230-0235, tomaszewskijohn69@gmail.com



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After Market Improvements 2011-2018

Sylvania Silver Star Head lights \$240 Factory MX-5 Floor Mats \$110 Paint Calipers/Dust Plates \$65 Rearview mirror w/compass \$215 Leather Seats \$1600 MX-5 chrome door sills \$120 Clearwater Speakers w/instillation \$800 PDR (rt. ft. door/fender) \$400 Rear Chrome License Plate Holder \$35 Trunk Lid Liner \$40 Speaker Bezels brush silver \$65 Replace seat belts \$ 395

Total: \$ 4,085

Required Replacements/Maintenance

Tires w/ Goodyear Eagle GT's \$550 New Air conditioning/Heating control system w/instillation \$800 Battery \$110 Windshield wipers \$24.50 New sparkplugs (@ 39,000 mi)/coil/repair wiring \$315 Recharge Air Conditioner w/ labor \$140 Regular 3,000-mile maintenance check K & N Air Filter \$45

Total \$1,984.550

Grand Total: \$6,069.50



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CX-5

MX-5 Miata

Stop in and talk to Nik, Mark or Bill, and check the club web site for the latest special deals.

NWOhio Miata Club

August 1995

NWOhio Miata Club Declared Official

As most of you know, we've been trying to form a critical mass of Miata owners in Northwest Ohio since about March. We now have eight dues paying members (see the attached roster) and four more who have expressed a real interest. We're listed with the Miata Club of America and we have money in the bank. That's enough for me. We're official! To sustain the momentum, I've

To sustain the momentum, I've attached our introduction letter/ membership application. Please play evangelist by making a few copies and passing them out to your Miata friends. I have a very liberal definition of friend, so I've been sticking them on the windshield of any Miata I see (the parked ones, anyway). If you'll do the same, who knows how many more members we could have. By the way, if you haven't paid your dues, you're not official. Please ante up.

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Dinner Tour Planned For August 22

Now that there's the potential for getting several cars together at the same place and time, a Summer evening tour to dinner has been suggested. This will be the first real opportunity for us to get together and socialize. We can even think about organizational details such as officers, an events calendar, etc. Plans call for a 6:00 pm rendezvous near Sufficient Grounds in the River Place shopping center on Route 25 in Perrysburg. We will follow a meandering route over some nice back roads in Wood county, ending up at Kaufman's Downtown Restaurant (163 S. Main) in Bowling Green by about 7:30. That will give us time for a couple of hours of socializing, since it's only about 30 minutes back to the Toledo area using I-75. Please RSVP to Bill Potvin at 891-9191 so we'll have some idea of the size of the group.



Name That Newsletter Contest

You'll note the generic masthead of this first newsletter issue. Well, here's your chance for immortality or maybe infamy. Communicate your suggestions for a proper name by phone, fax or letter (sorry, no e-mail). To get in the spirit, here are a few examples: Clutch Chatter -NWOR-SCCA; Miatatudes -Sacramento Miatas; Exhaust Notes - Northcoast Miata Club; Rotors & Roadsters - DC Miatas; Miata Sounder -Puget Sound Chapter; NEO Classic - Northeastern Oklaholma Chapter.

Unless you want to live with the lame title of *Retro Rag*, I suggest you get those cards and letters in asap.

Bonafide Bonus

It pays to be an official (read that dues-paying) member of the NWOhio Miata Club. Brown Mazda has extended us a 10% discount on all service. Mention your affiliation when you check in. Service Manager Greg Lew has an upto-date member list. With any (See Bonafide on Page 2) (Bonafide from Page 1) luck we'll soon have neatsy keen membership cards to flash. If you combine this perk with the discounts available as a Miata Club of America member, it's obvious that this Miata Club thing can be a money maker.

Rock & Roll National Miata Rally

If you haven't yet gotten the word, this year's national Miata event is being hosted by the Northcoast Miata Club right in nearby Cleveland Ohio. The dates are August 24-27, 1995. The schedule of events begins with registration and socializing Thursday night. On Friday there will be tours in the country, hot laps at Nelson Ledges road course and supper and evening fun at a Drive In movie.

There are more road tours and track time at Nelson Ledges on Saturday with an evening awards dinner at Crawford Auto Museum in Cleveland. The weekend will finish with a special preview visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Sunday, followed by brunch on the ore carrier Wm G Mather. At last count there were about 230 cars registered, but still room for more. The entry fee of \$300 per couple includes entry to all events plus lunches, dinners, T shirts and other "good stuff." At least two cars from our group will be going. Call 216-467-7711 for more info.

First Miata/SCCA Novice Rally

The first semi-official event for the NWOhio Chapter was held on Sunday, July 9. Bill Potvin was rallymaster and instructor for a Novice Rally and School, presented in cooperation with the Northwestern Ohio Region, Sports Car Club of America. Although the turnout was small, Miatas comprised 40% of the five car field. Members Don and Debbie Resnick and Bill Holmes. participated in their first ever time and distance rally. It consisted of a course of about 90 miles, mostly in the flatlands of Fulton county. Competitors followed instructions over an unknown course while maintaining specific average speeds. Everyone got to the finish, although some saw fewer than the six checkpoints which were set up along the route. There will likely be more opportunities to try this type of motorsport fun in the Fall.

Meet the Members Corner

Among the newest NWOhio recruits are two cars and their drivers with widely varying backgrounds. Karyn and Mike Teadt have owned their 1990 white B Pkg Miata since it was new in 1989. Don't look for an "old" car, though, since the odo has just turned 1000 miles. That works out to about 300 miles per battery. Mike is director of global communications for Vickers Corporation and Karyn works for USAir at Toledo Express. They both enjoy travel, sailing and raising daughters Morgan (8) and Marlee (4). Mike is a life long resident of Maumee while Karyn is a Deetroit transplant. That probably explains why they'll be attending the Rock & Roll Miata Rally.

Also new to the club are Donald and Deborah Resnick. Residents of Sylvania since just last year, they moved here from New York after their marriage. Their Miata is a 1995 Montego Blue model with black interior and top. They joined the chapter at the Novice Rally where they showed a real talent for the sport their first time out. Not surprising is their interest in gourmet food, cooking and wine, since Don is a chef at the Toledo Country Club. Deborah is director of the photography program in UT's Art department. Their other interests are skiing, golf and auto racing. Don would like to use the Miata for its intended purpose at a driver's school. Welcome to these new members.

For Sale

1990 Miata, Red with black, B Pkg, 5-spd, air, driven only May-Oct, 17,000 miles. Many other extras, all service records. Asking \$12,500. Call Chuck Ewing at 419-877-0943.