

# THE *M* EDITION

## April Luncheon

**Date:** Saturday, April 17, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Place:** Delta 109 Tavern & Eatery, 214 Main Street, Delta, Ohio

Although Covid-19 is still a concern, the Beams have organized their traditional spring lunch at the Delta 109. Social distancing and masks will be in place and **attendance will be limited to those who are at least two weeks past their final vaccination.**

Come ready to see your Miata friends again and enjoy delicious French fried onions, mushrooms and all the many delights that Brett, Rich, Mike and his crew put together for us.

RSVP to hosts Pat and Steve Beam by April 10.  
Email [patstef74@windstream.net](mailto:patstef74@windstream.net) or call 419-822-4156



## Planning Ahead During a Pandemic

*by Greg Wilkins*

In an abundance of optimism, Terri and I have been planning a meander. We have been talking with some folks at the North Coast Miata Club about doing a "meet in the middle" meander. So far, we have a date and a meeting place.

The thought is we will meander from one of our usual starting spots to the meeting place and they will do the same. We will share lunch together and do some activities to promote mingling, and then head on home afterwards (although there are some wineries in the area that may be worth a visit).

The date selected is June 5th and the meeting place is Veteran's Memorial Lake Park in Norwalk. We have reserved a nice picnic shelter for that day. The idea is folks to pack and bring a picnic lunch. We are also exploring the possibility of a food truck, but plan A is for folks to bring their lunch.

There are still plenty of details to work out and of course we never know what might happen between now and then with COVID. However, we wanted to get the June 5th date on the club calendar with more details to follow.

## Tentative 2021 Event Calendar

Saturday, April 17	Luncheon at Delta 109 hosted by Steve & Pat Beam
Saturday, April 24	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley
Saturday, May 8	On the Road Again Meander organized by Steve and Pat Dettmer
Sun-Sat, May 9-15	Miatas at the Gap organized by Steve & Pat Beam
Saturday, May 29	Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun Tour hosted by Buckeye Miata Club
Saturday, June 5	Meander with Northcoast Miata Club by Greg and Terri Wilkins
Sat-Sun, June 12-27	The Tire Squeal 2020, Southern Indiana Road Tour
Saturday, July 25	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley
Saturday, October 16	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley

## 2021 Spring Miatas at the Gap

The good news is that the spring “Miatas at the Gap” tour is on for this year. The bad news is that the 20 car limit has been filled with veterans of the event, including several from our club. Since there may be drop-outs, if you are keen to go, you can still get on a wait list by contacting Steve and Pat Beam at (419) 822-4156.

Area tours will be conducted Monday May 10 through Friday, May 14. This adventure is all about driving the “Dragon” at Deal’s Gap: 318 curves in its 11 mile length, so those runs will be the highlight.

In addition, the group will drive to many other sites in and around the Great Smoky Mountains. Headquarters will again be at the Highland Manor Inn (800-213-9462). Visit the Inn’s website at: [www.highlandmanor.com](http://www.highlandmanor.com).



## The Tire Squeal 2021 - June 12-27

*by Bill Potvin*

The folks in Indiana have again put together an event that provides a chance to do a nice road trip to try some new twisty roads. It involves driving a loop of roads at your own pace, while stopping to sample the local food, featuring that “delicacy”, Indiana Pork Tenderloin, described as a bigger-than-bun, hubcap-sized-breaded pork sandwich. The route is named after Germany’s Nürburgring. Since it’s Indiana, it’s called The Schweinefiletring™ (translation: Pork Tenderloin Ring)!

It’s set up as a charity event for Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, so donations are appreciated, but not required. There is also a competition aspect, where you can score points to win prizes by visiting points of interest and restaurants. The contest is optional, so you can also just just drive the route and do your own thing. More info than you need can be found at <https://schweinefiletring.com/home>

Last year we had four cars from the club participate in the event and it was a great road trip. See what fun we had in the **July 2020 M Edition**. We did one day of back road driving to a motel in the area, two days driving around in circles and catching local attractions, then a day’s drive back home. If this sounds interesting, contact me, and we’ll see who is available what dates, and go from there.



## From the Prez

Looking forward to hitting the road and seeing old friends again.

*Bill Roan*

## The Loss of a Good Friend

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Gloria Bracken on March 4. She and Frank have been active members since joining the club in 2008.

Gloria had battled cancer since 2012, but always maintained a positive attitude that inspired and brought joy to those around her. Her spirit and zest for life will be remembered fondly.

Our sincere condolences to Frank and Richard. See the story of Gloria's amazing life at <https://www.hermanfh.com/obituary/gloria-bracken?lud=63BC3D7EF930FBFD49A6E1BEAA85D7DB&fbclid=IwAR3-Te8pmfz6QXrSpr9dCRSimRBgXQ-BmUCxr2he4x7Rfaw78ltRIsDSKo>

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## Adopt-A-Highway - April 24

ODOT thinks we will be back in business soon, so our first roadside cleanup session in two years will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 24. We'll meet at Nazareth Hall, on SR 65 in Wood County, about a mile south of SR 235. It will take less than an hour and a half, followed by an optional drive to have brunch in Grand Rapids.

Please volunteer to help by contacting chairman Karl Schwemley at 419-356-0404 or [kschwemley@bex.net](mailto:kschwemley@bex.net) so that we can be assured of a good turnout for this first outing of 2021.



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the latest special deals.**