

THE *M* EDITION

Miatas Do Dayton - And Then There Were Four

by Bill Potvin



There were initially seven cars that planned to spend a couple of days checking out the sights of Dayton. That number was reduced to six when the due date for the birth of Karyn and Mike Teadt's grand-daughter was changed, and they were off to Florida to be present. Then Greg and Terri Wilkins reported that they had contracted Covid on a three week vacation to Alaska and, rather than quarantine for a week, had driven the 2400 miles back from Seattle. Another two day road trip was just going to be a little much.

The last unexpected change came when Jarvis and Marsha Gamble also tested positive for Covid. Luckily, all of the cases were mild, but the timing also took the Gambles out of the picture.

So it was Linda and I, Steve and Pat Beam, Tom and Fran Thayer, and Marv Himmelein and Dan Ewing who headed south on our adventure. Dan and wife Fran were long time members of the club who sold their Miata several years ago, so it was nice to see him again.

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Midsummer Meander

Date: Saturday, July 30, 2022

Leave At: 1:30 pm

Place: Loma Linda's Parking Lot, 10430 Airport Hwy, Swanton, Ohio

Ready to join us for a last minute meander?

We will meander to Bryan, Ohio, where we will dine at

Grand Plaza Mexican Grill, 139 West Butler Street, Bryan, Ohio.

Check out www.grandplazarestaurant.com. Looking forward to seeing you!

RSVP to hosts Pat and Steve Dettmer by July 27.

Phone 419-350-5986 or email stevepatd@gmail.com

Tentative 2022 Event Calendar

Saturday, July 30	Midsummer Meander hosted by Steve and Pat Dettmer
Saturday, September 3	Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun Tour hosted by Buckeye Miata Club
Saturday, October 8	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Gamble & Himmelein

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It was a pleasant drive in good weather mostly down SR 235 to Dayton. We arrived at the Rip Rap Roadhouse for lunch, as planned, and were surprised to find it to be, for a biker bar, of the biker-sheik variety. The food and service were excellent, and the craft beer helped alleviate the road dust. We WERE glad that we would be leaving after lunch, however, since that evening was the weekly “bike night” which draws up to 1,500 (that is not a typo) bikers!

It was then on to the Air Force Museum, the first of the area attractions we planned to visit. Everyone in the group had been there before, but, as the largest aircraft museum in world, there is always something new to see. A highlight for Steve was seeing the B-47 that he was assigned to polish when he was in the Air Force. He even pointed out the swirl marks! The 3+ hours that we spent there really just allowed us to sample a small number of the 360 exhibits. Marv and Dan were returning home, so the remaining six couples said their goodbyes and headed to our motel.



Miateers Do Jimmie's Ladder 11



Linda and Pat

After checking in, we got a bit of rest and then made our way to dinner at Jimmie's Ladder 11, a neat restaurant housed in a former fire station. We again enjoyed good food, drink and service and toasted the Wilkins, who had recommended all three of the meal venues that we were to enjoy so much.

After a leisurely breakfast at the motel, our next stop was Carillon Park, featuring a marvelous collection of buildings and exhibits highlighting the technology and history of Dayton dating from 1796. Again, there was more to see than we could manage in the three hours we had allotted, but we did our best. This is certainly a must see location for anyone visiting Dayton. One of the features of the park is the Carillon

Brewing Company, where the decor, food and brewing process replicate that of the 1850's, so it was a natural place for a nice lunch.

Our final stop in Dayton was the nearby Packard Museum, billed as the largest collection of that marque in existence. It was another time machine experience, with cars representing the history of Packard production from 1899 - 1958. We ogled over all of the models on display, but were particularly impressed by those from what most people regard as the “golden era”, the 1920's and 1930's.

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Pat Beam recalled that her uncle had driven Packards, and got this story from her cousin: *We had more than one. He bought his first one after he delivered a load of pigs somewhere in Toledo. He first went to Buick dealer but they would not wait on him since he looked like a working farmer. He had always admired the Packard so he went there and paid them cash with the check he had from selling the pigs.* Great anecdote and memory!

Leaving the Packard Museum in late afternoon, we made our way back to SR 235, then US 68 and back to Findlay. There we met Greg and Terri Wilkins at Logan's Irish Pub for dinner. They had rested from their arduous travels, and were able to enjoy getting together with the gang, if only for a small part of the meandering experience. We all agreed that our two day road trip had been both fun and educational, and that our Miatas are meant to take us to new places and to enjoy new experiences.



Pat, Tom and Steve

2022 Riverrun - Saturday, September 3

Eric's Riverrun is a 280 mile, all-day driving tour using some of Ohio's most interesting and challenging roads. This year's route will head south thru Hocking Hills, Zaleski, then south to Ironton, where there are plenty of eating places. After lunch, the route will dip thru Ky and up to Portsmouth (by the Floodwall Mural), then thru Shawnee Forest finishing at Wittich's in Circleville.

Cars leave the Bob Evans at SR 674 (Gender Rd.) & US 33 (Canal Winchester), between 8 and 9 am. Cars should be at the Ohio River around noon and finish by 6 pm., depending on the time spent sightseeing. There is no fixed schedule, and the route includes a mix of open and flowing paved roads that connect tight and twisty sections.

Check out the roads at: <https://www.smugmug.com/app/organize/BritishCars/Riverrun2022>



The North American MGB Register, the Buckeye Miata Club, and the Central Ohio British Car Club Council invite all driving enthusiasts, regardless of make to join us. The route instructions will be emailed the week before the event to those who register in advance. Eric's Riverrun 2022 Magnets are available for \$20 to those who register in advance. An additional \$15 donation for the James Cancer Research fund for Lung cancer in Eric's memory is suggested. Send your email address and a check for the magnet and the donation to Susan Logan at 16 Timmons Woods Drive, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Contact Susan Logan at slogan.osu@gmail.com or (740) 815-1554 for more details.

The aging NWOhio Miata Club population has found that doing the whole run in one day is a little much, so here's the plan: We'll head south Friday night, get together for dinner, and stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites Canal Winchester, 700 W Waterloo St, Canal Winchester (614-953-2204). We'll go only as far as the river, do some sightseeing, do dinner, spend the night at a motel to be chosen, and finish the route on the way back home on Sunday. Those who want to do the course in one day can either do the whole route or shortcut it to make it easier and arrive home earlier.

If you are planning to go, pre-register and make your own hotel reservations. Then contact Bill Potvin at bpotvin@bex.net or 419-891-9191 and I'll get back to you with the details of the other travel arrangements.

July Adopt-A-Highway



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Our second roadside cleanup session of 2022 was again held in nice weather and was well-organized by co-chairs Jarvis Gamble and Marv Himmelein.

The other volunteers for this session were Steve Dettmer, Jordan May, Bill Potvin, and Bill Roan.

There wasn't really a lot of trash, but the road maintenance crews hadn't mowed, so the pickup was a little more difficult. Even so, the group was finished in less than an hour and a half, well before it got too warm.

That left lots of time to do what is the main feature of these events, a short drive into Grand Rapids to have brunch at Miss Lily's. Lots of topics were covered, including the unknown fate of Jordan and his brother Justan, both engineers at Cooper Tire. The merger with Goodyear will likely displace some personnel, but here's hoping the May brothers can stay in the area, and that we can keep enjoying their participation in club activities.



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