

# THE *M* EDITION

## Return Engagement - Georgio's Cafe International

After a change in venue last year, we came back to Georgio's, making the fifth time that we have made this classic downtown Toledo restaurant the location for our traditional Northwest Ohio Miata Club Holiday Party. The response to this choice was excellent, with 35 festively attired partygoers enjoying the good food and camaraderie.

The evening began by sharing holiday greetings as we found our places for the meal to come. This year the salmon was the favorite choice for dinner, but the New York strip steak was also popular, and all of the selections seemed to please the diners.

As is tradition, official club photographer Terry Koral made his way among the tables, capturing the smiles of those in attendance. His pics of the event can be seen on the NWOHio Facebook Group page. Our Facebook page has grown to become the primary repository for all the photos of our events, so make sure you join and then check out all the info there.



President Bill Roan and First Lady Linda

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## January Luncheon

**Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Place:** Shawn's Irish Tavern, 105 S Third St, Waterville, Ohio

We'll begin the 2020 social season at a great local watering hole. There'll be plenty of good food and drink with some talk about our cars, past activities and event ideas for the coming year.

RSVP to hosts Larry and Jan Sheridan by January 13.

Email [janplanet@juno.com](mailto:janplanet@juno.com) or call 419-878-0646.

## Tentative 2020 Event Calendar

Saturday, January 18	Luncheon at Shawn's hosted by Larry and Jan Sheridan
Saturday, February TBA	Luncheon at Delta 109 hosted by Steve and Pat Beam
Saturday, March TBA	Luncheon at Logan's Irish Pub hosted by Greg and Terri Wilkins
Sun-Sat, May 10-16	Miatas at the Gap hosted by Larry and Jan Sheridan
Saturday, May 23	Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun Tour hosted by Buckeye Miata Club
Saturday, July 18	NWOHio Miata Club 25th Anniversary Party

## Food Bank Appreciates Gifts



This makes the fourth year that we have used the occasion of our holiday party to help the efforts of a local charity. Our contributions to the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank included a large cache of food in addition to \$145 in donations.

Thanks to everyone who joined in this effort. The workers at the food bank thanked us profusely for our gifts.

## Dues Renewal Reminder

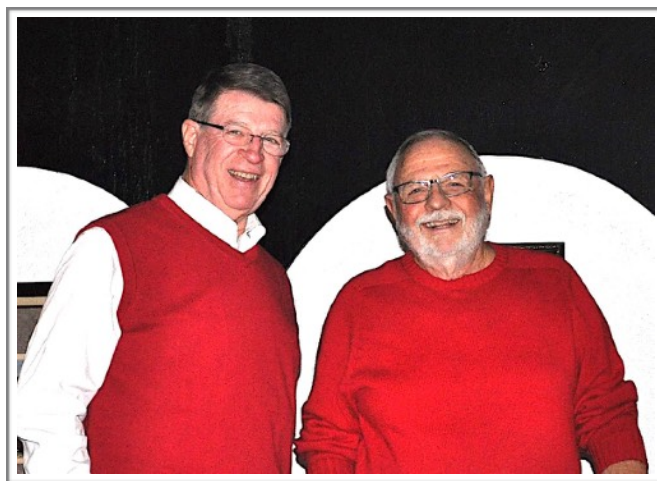
It's last chance to add your name to the official club membership list for 2020. Don't miss out on all the fun in our Silver Anniversary year.

If you haven't already taken care of this little chore, please remit your \$10.00 dues by the end of December. Make your check out to NWOHio Miata Club and mail to Steve and Pat Dettmer, 725 Pine Street, Wauseon, OH 43567.

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Again this year, we decided to give a pass to the raucous gift exchange that had been our custom for many years. Instead, each person was encouraged to bring a food or cash donation for the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who helped make some folks' holidays better.

The absence of a gift exchange gave plenty of time for folks to move about the room to hear all of the latest news regarding cars, family and travel, which seem to be the hot topics for our group.



Outgoing President and Membership Chairman  
Marv Himmelein and Bill Potvin

The highlight of the evening, however, was the recognition of our 2020 officers. Marv Himmelein presented the ceremonial crown to new president Bill Roan, and Steve and Pat Dettmer were introduced in their new Membership/Treasurer roles.

Bill Roan thanked the group and made a plea for volunteers to host events and to make suggestions for 2020 activities. The calendar is also taking shape, and it looks like it will be a very good year!



## Spring Miatas at the Gap – May 10th-16th, 2020 - Larry & Jan Sheridan



It is time to start planning for the 20th Annual Spring Miatas at the Gap. This tour brings together the Florida Space Coast, Northwest Ohio, and Northcoast Miata Clubs for an exciting driving adventure and great Miata fellowship in and around the Great Smoky Mountains. The 2020 Northcoast Club tour will run from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup> (Sunday To Friday, 6 Nights). Your arrival and departure times, however, will depend on your personal schedules.

This annual tour usually has a different drive or destination each day, but the trip is all about getting to run the “Dragon” at Deal’s Gap, which many folks consider to be the best sports car road in the U.S. No two corners are alike, and the curves are cambered perfectly. The road is out in the country with no houses or crossroads with very good asphalt. It’s just turn after turn with 318 curves in 11 miles. The stuff of sports car dreams, it is one of the most addictive roads and driving experiences that a mere mortal can experience.

Since this tour is in May, traffic and tourists are usually at a minimum. We do a different drive every day, and visit many other places besides the Gap such as: the Mile-high Cherahola Skyway, Bald River Falls, Fontana Dam, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Headquarters will again be the Highland Manor Inn, 7766 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, TN. Get your reservations in early (you can always cancel). The Inn’s toll-free reservation number is 800-213-9462 or email: [office@highlandmanor.com](mailto:office@highlandmanor.com). Be sure to say that you are with the Northcoast Miata Club as we get group rates; the cost per night is \$79.50 for five nights, and includes a continental breakfast. Reservations for less than the five nights, will be at the Inn’s “Rack Rate”.



Should anyone have any questions, we can be reached at 419-356-4354 or contact Pat and Steve Beam at 419-822-4156 or 412-352-7345.



## 2019 Financial Report

31 Dec 2018	Balance:	\$ 2,068.64
Income:		
Dues -	\$	445.00
Interest -	\$	0.21
50/50 -	\$	212.00
Holiday Party -	\$	700.00
Total:	\$	1,357.21
Expenses:		
Postage -	\$	24.00
Supplies -	\$	38.52
Website Expenses -	\$	234.75
Holiday Party -	\$	1,532.28
Total:	\$	1,829.55
31 Dec 2019	Balance:	\$ 1,596.30

## For Sale

Floor mats for NC Miata for sale. These are brand new, original equipment floor mats still in their original, unopened packaging.



They are black with "MX-5" embroidered in white. Asking \$50. Contact Greg Wilkins at [419-619-4952](tel:419-619-4952) if you are interested.

## Check Out Facebook Group

Wonder what's happening in the club between monthly M Editions? If you're not a member yet, go to Facebook and search on NWOHio Miata Club Group. Join the Group and you'll be able to keep up on all the latest happenings.

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the latest special deals.**