

THE *M* EDITION

5th Street Pub Delights Miateers

Most of the past reports chronicling the February club social events have started with descriptions of our hardy members braving snow, ice, wind and frigid temperatures. Not so this year, as decidedly un-winter-like weather brought the thermometer to record highs of 65+ degrees.

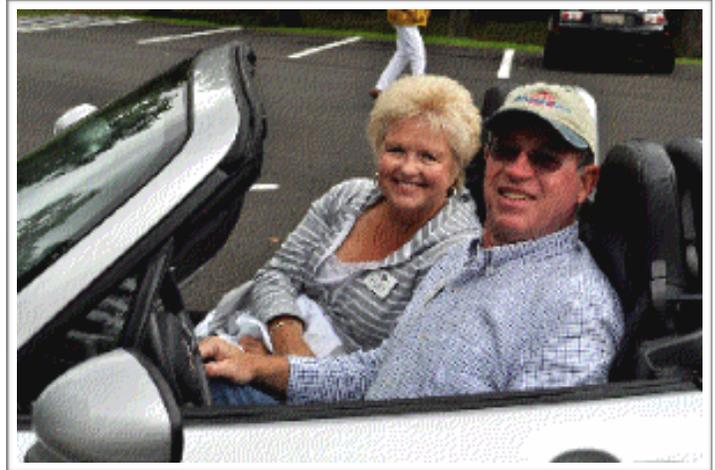
Although many of our Miatas were stored for the season, President and First Lady Marv and Carol Himmelein took advantage of the warmth and arrived with top down.

After some chitchatting outside in the warmth of the sun, the assembled group enjoyed the unique

food and drink on offer in a semi-private room. Various meatball dishes and wood fired pizza rule at this Perrysburg eatery, and there were many complements heard around the table.

The unseasonable weather brought out lots of conversation about spring and summer travel plans, including folks who are scheduling the traditional tours to Deal's Gap and the Ohio Riverrun. Marv reminded folks of the March luncheon, the April Adopt-A-Highway session and the April Meander being hosted by Sue Greeley and Kathy Guiberson. As usual, the 50/50 drawing was won by John Puszczewicz.

Thanks to Bill Potvin and Linda Myers for arranging the luncheon and the weather.



"It's Almost Spring" Luncheon

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm

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

Join the gang for lunch, and check out lively downtown Delta, featuring Nu2You, The Antique Door Knob, Rejoice resale store, The Open Door, The Other Door, Bad Creek Antiques, Delta Hardware & Industrial, and the NAPA Auto store.

RSVP to hosts Pat and Steve Beam by March 4.
Email patstef74@windstream.net or call 419-822-4156.

Tentative 2017 Event Calendar

Saturday, March 11	Luncheon at Delta 109, hosted by Steve and Pat Beam
Saturday, April 22	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley
Saturday, April 29	Miata Meander, hosted by Sue Greeley & Kathy Guiberson
Sun - Sat, May 7-15	Miatas at the Gap hosted by Larry and Jan Sheridan
Saturday, May 27	Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun Tour, Buckeye Miata Club
Weds-Sun, May 31-Jun 4	Zoomin' Mountains in East Tennessee, Tri-Cities Miata Club
Saturday, July 15	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley
Saturday, October 21	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley

Spring Miatas at the Gap – May 7 - 15

It is time to start planning for the 17th 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 2017 Northcoast Club tour will run from May 7th through May 15th. Your arrival and departure times 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 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 driving experiences that a mere mortal can be involved in.

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, the Gatlinburg Arts and Crafts Loop, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Headquarters will again be the **Highland Manor Inn** in Townsend, TN. Get your reservations in early (you can always cancel). The Inn number is **(800) 213-9462** or email: **office@highlandmanor.com**. Be sure to say that you are with the Northcoast Miata Club for our group rate. Cost per night for the **full week** is \$69.50; if you stay **4 to 5 nights**, the per night cost is \$84.50; and staying **3 nights or less** is \$99.50 per night. All rates include a continental breakfast.

Should anyone have any questions, we can be reached at 419-356-4354.

- *Larry and Jan Sheridan*



For Sale

Set of four Montegi Racing FF7 wheels with Blizzak WS-50 snow tires, 205/50-16 with only about 2000 miles on them. From 2008 Miata. Will fit 2006-2015. Asking \$500. Contact Jeff Chantiny at 734-807-0774 or JChantiny@tams.com



Adopt-A-Highway for 2017



Karl Schwemley has announced the club's Adopt-A-Highway outings for this year. The tentative dates are **April 22, July 15 and October 21**, all Saturdays.

Sessions will start at 9 am and they typically take less than two hours. We usually do a little drive afterwards and have lunch, so it's not all work. The group meets at Nazareth Hall, on SR 65 in Wood County, about a mile south of SR 235.

Join us in this community service and have some fun at the same time. Please volunteer by contacting Chairman Karl at 419-841-2842 or kschwemley@bex.net so that we can be assured of a good turnout for each event.

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2017 Event Help Needed

It's again time to put our event calendar together for the year. It would be really good to have at least a tentative schedule established soon, so please contact Marv Himmelein to fill in meanders for June through October.



No need to get fancy: a nice easy tour ending with dinner is just fine. And remember, for folks who haven't planned an event before, our more experienced members will be happy to help.



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