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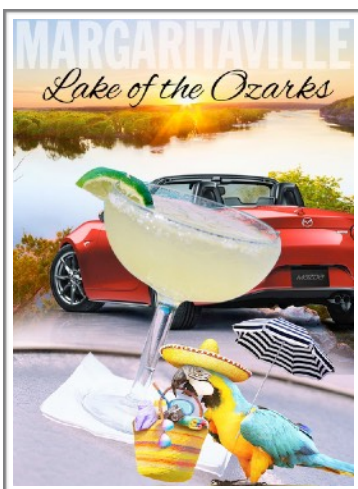
Coronavirus Restrictions Still Allow for Topdown Fun

For the near term, limitations on mass gatherings preclude our traditional club drive and dine events. That doesn't mean that we can't still enjoy a nice drive individually or in small groups. Here are several ideas to put a purpose to this kind of activity.

- 1) Karyn Teadt suggests the Unholy Toledo Tour, a self-guided two hour drive featuring the sites of prohibition era gang member haunts, gambling halls and gin joints. Check it out at www.unholytoledotour.com
- 2) Less formal, but still fun, would be a drive ending at one of the 16 Metroparks in the area. Pack a picnic basket and plan to get some exercise while taking in the flora and fauna of spring.
- 3) And don't forget the 2020 Moss Motoring Challenge. If you haven't tried it, the Challenge provides the perfect opportunity to find new roads and experiences. It's easy to get complete information and register by going to <https://mossmiata.com/motoring-challenge>.

Two Fall Events Remain on the Calendar

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced the Spring Miatas at the Gap event to be rescheduled. The new dates are September 27 - October 3, 2020. May motel reservations have been canceled and new reservations need to be made at Highland Manor Inn (1-865-448-2211). 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.



The Miatas at Margaritaville at Lake of the Ozarks is still on for September 24-27, 2020. In fact, the organizers report over 150 people have already made hotel reservations, exceeding the original 80-room discounted room block. The resort will continue to take additional reservations at the discounted group rate, as long as rooms are available. Visit miatasatmargaritaville.com and click on "Host Hotel" to make a reservation now before the resort fills up. Don't worry about losing money if you later decide you can't make it. The resort will provide full refunds for cancellations made at least three days in advance.

See more details in the March 2020 *M Edition*. At least two cars from our club are planning to go, so don't miss out. Join the fun.

Tentative 2020 Event Calendar

Saturday, May 23	Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun Tour hosted by Buckeye Miata Club
Sat-Sun, June 20-28	The Tire Squeal 2020, Southern Indiana Road Tour
Saturday, July 18	NWOHio Miata Club 25th Anniversary Party
Saturday, July 25	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley
September 24-27	Miatas at Margaritaville hosted by Gateway Miata Club
Sun-Sat, Sep 27-Oct 3	Miatas at the Gap hosted by Larry and Jan Sheridan
Saturday, October 17	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley

More 25th Anniversary Year Reflections

This month's dive into the history of the club is an article that was published in a book commemorating the 10th anniversary of the original Miata, published in 2005. Among those pictured are current members Bill Potvin, Linda Myers, Mike and Karyn Teadt, and Mike Kraus, as well as past presidents Dick Krieger and Sheila Wineman-Krieger.

Stay tuned for more. In the coming months, the *M Edition* will feature articles on the club's 10th, 15th and 20th anniversary events, as we lead up to what we hope will be a super 25th anniversary party.

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and check the club web site for
the latest special deals.**

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Newsletter of the NWOHio Chapter, Miata Club of America



A Short History of the NWOHio Chapter

The NWOHio Miata Club had its beginnings in the Spring of 1995. Founder Bill Potvin had purchased his Miata the previous November and had spent the snowy months dreaming of top-down adventures and gathering information on chapter formation. Armed with a charter for a string of zip codes in the northwest quadrant of the state and a list of MCA members in the area, he planned an organizational meeting for April. One other car appeared - but that was enough. The NWOHio Chapter was officially established.

That first year saw the membership grow to nine cars and activities included two rallies and several tours, including one where members rode in a mule powered canal boat. The tours were called "Miata Meanders", a term that was

later to be incorporated into the official club logo. The high point of the season for the small but hearty group was attending the Rock 'n' Roll National Miata Rally, held that year in Cleveland, where four out of

eight NWOHio cars were in attendance - a full 50% of the membership!

The club continued to grow in 1996 both in membership and activities with 19 cars participating. It was that year that the pattern was established for our mainstay events: Saturday or Sunday tours over the nicest roads we can find, culminating at what can only be described as offbeat restaurants. Again we had a good contingent of five cars at the international convention, Miata '96 in Toronto.

It was also in 1996 that our newsletter took shape. The first year we had published two issues under a generic title. For '97 we held a contest to name the publication that would keep us in touch and herald our activities. As the editor warned, "Unless you want to live with a lame title like *Retro Rag*, I suggest you get those cards and letters in asap." Even with that admonition the response was a bit underwhelming. Nonetheless, we chose a name that appears to be unique, and is



unmistakable as a Miata club newsletter: *The M Edition*.

Our third year really represented growth and maturity for the club. We had now reached the critical mass that allowed us to elect a slate of officers and plan a full calendar of events. Still wanting to keep the organizational work from getting in the way of our type of low key fun, we went with a President, Technical Chairman, Autocross Coordinator, and a combination Treasurer/Editor/Membership Chairman. Our club identity was enhanced with a member designed logo which now adorns the shirts and caps worn by our members.



participate regularly in their excellent events and our autocross chairman acts as coach and provides driving tips in our newsletter.

Among our most successful recent events have been a trip to the Auburn - Cord - Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana, a picnic at Hidden Lake Gardens, a lovely arboretum in Michigan and a Meander to the G & R Tavern in Waldo, Ohio. A culinary legend, this eatery features their "world famous" grilled bologna

sandwich, complete with cheese, onion and sweet pickles. Now how many other groups would take a 300 mile trip for a bologna sandwich?

As the NWOhio Chapter enters its fifth year and celebrates the tenth anniversary of the Miata, we number about 40 cars. Our interest in and excitement about the world's most popular roadster has never been greater. We welcome all those who visit our area to join us in our special brand of top down fun!



As small as our group is, we are not able to sponsor our own autocross series. We're very fortunate, however, to be located in the NWOR-SCCA Region, one of the premier Solo II clubs in the country. Several of our members

