

# THE *M* EDITION

## Good Group Assembles to Start New Season



Some 20 Miateers, both old and new, gathered at the Delta 109 Tavern & Eatery for an April lunch, lining Main Street with Miatas and various other Mazda models. Hosts Pat & Steve Beam welcomed the attendees with platters of chips and the 109's homemade salsa.

After such a long absence of any club social event, members took the opportunity to catch up, visiting and enjoying a variety of beverages. As the merriment settled down, the gang busied themselves with ordering from the extensive menu.

Several announcements of coming events were made, as a lot of Covid vaccinations and the resulting relaxation of some safety guidance, have provided more opportunities for getting together. Our first meander will be May 8 with another driving event planned for June 5. The June Meander will be special, as it will include a rendezvous with members of the Northeast Miata Club. Stay tuned for details to come.

The group was introduced to Dave & Nancy Stafford and Michael & Jane Burns who were attending their first club event. They look forward to more club activities this year. The group then dispersed, but all are looking forward to our next get together.

## Back on the Road Again Meander

**Date:** Saturday, May 8, 2021

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Place:** Strawberry Acres Park, 950 S McCord Rd, Holland, Oh

Time to wake up those Miatas and get ready to zoom, zoom!  
Our first meander will begin with socializing with your Miata friends before leaving at 1:30 for a scenic drive ending in Archbold, Ohio.

We'll enjoy a late lunch at Mom's Diner, 211 N Defiance St, Archbold.  
Masks are required at the restaurant.

RSVP to hosts Pat and Steve Dettmer by May 5.  
Phone 419-350-5986 or email [stevepatd@gmail.com](mailto:stevepatd@gmail.com)

## Tentative 2021 Event Calendar

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

## Club Mourns Another Tragic Loss

We are sorry to report the passing of another long-time club member, Larry Sheridan, on April 23. Larry and Jan joined our club in 2004 and have been active participants in our activities since then. In addition to meandering locally, Larry and Jan have for many years been our contact with the Northcoast Miata Club, with whom they worked to present the Miatas at Deal's Gap adventure in May each year.

Larry and Jan were married for 56 years and have two sons, Douglas and Jay, as well as five grandchildren. We will truly miss Larry's enthusiasm and kindness. You can read more of Larry's long and impressive life at [www.dunnfuneralhome.com](http://www.dunnfuneralhome.com).



## Spring Adopt-A-Highway

ODOT put the Adopt-A-Highway activities into suspension in 2020, but when they opened for business this year, we answered the call. It's always nice to have a good turnout for our road cleanup events and eight volunteers made the work easy and pleasant. The weather cooperated and the cleanup crew was surprised that there wasn't as much trash as they anticipated, considering a year's absence.



Of course, this activity is really just about getting together for brunch. After the cleanup, the gang headed to Miss Lily's in Grand Rapids for that purpose.

Thanks to Chairman Karl Schwemley, who led the group, as well as providing the mandatory safety training session (ask any of the crew for details). The other stalwart volunteers were Jarvis Gamble, Marv Himmelein, Jordan May, Bill Potvin, Bob Reitzel, Marv Rothenbuhler and Tom Thayer.



## Wings and Wheels 2021

Like classic and high performance cars? Like classic and high performance planes? Then a few hours ogling both may be just your style.

This year the show will be Sunday, June 13 at the historic Willow Run Airport. Maybe not a meander, but just a group drive to Ypsi, some time at the show and then a late lunch nearby.

Those who are interested can contact me and we'll put something together. See details at <https://yankeeairmuseum.org/wingsandwheels/>

- Bill Potvin

## Riverrun 2021

No word yet on this event, but if you are interested, keep May 28-29 free on your calendar. We'll likely have a group going. See September 2020 *M Edition* for how much fun you can have.

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