

# THE *M* EDITION

## Maumee Meander



Pat and Steve Dettmer had expected a nice turnout of 15 cars or more for our first meander of the season on April 30. One by one, the cars rolled into the appointed starting place at Providence Park. It was nice to see Randy and Teresa Raymond, who had been absent for awhile, along with the Thayers, Roans, Potvins, Wilkins, May brothers and Sue Greeley.

After some time, it appeared that there were several missing cars, however. Some cell phones then started buzzing, and the mystery was solved. About half of the group had congregated a half mile away at another entrance to the

park. They, of course, were also wondering where the rest of us were. Not to worry, we all did get together and started down River Road in cool and cloudy, but tolerable top-down conditions.

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## Meet in the Middle Meander & Picnic 2.0

**Date:** Saturday, June 4, 2022 **Meet:** 9:00 am **Depart:** 9:30 am

**Place:** Meijer Parking Lot, 2111 E Wooster St, Bowling Green, OH

For the second year in a row, we will meet members of the Northcoast Miata Club in Norwalk for a picnic lunch. We will meet in the parking lot of the Bowling Green Meijer at 9:00 am and have time to socialize prior to departing at 9:30. We'll drive for an hour and then make a rest stop before continuing on for another hour.

We will end at Memorial Lake Park in Norwalk, Ohio at Noon. We have reserved a nice picnic shelter that will allow us to enjoy camaraderie and a picnic lunch, regardless of weather conditions (although "top down" weather is always best!).

**Please pack a picnic lunch.** Although there are picnic tables, you might find having a seat with a back is more comfortable, so feel free to bring folding chairs if you prefer.

RSVP to hosts Greg and Terri Wilkins by May 28.

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As promised in the name of the event, the tour followed the Maumee River, and it provided a spring preview of the beauty of this stretch of northwest Ohio curvy roads. Traveling on the north side for awhile, the route then crossed and then recrossed the river. Unfortunately, showers caused a break in the action, and the caravan pulled over to put tops up for the rest of the journey.

The tour ended at Jersey's Game Day Grille in Defiance. Our hosts had arranged for seating together at a long set of tables designed to accommodate the 30 or so folks who made the trip. While we were waiting to be seated, we were surprised to see Yvonne Sommers, who, after having lunch, had spotted our gaggle of Miatas in the parking lot. She and husband Keith were very active members of the club in the early days and still drive their 1990 and 2000 Miatas.

Jersey's menu was extensive and the service was excellent. Between bites, the conversations around the table took on a familiar form. Sue Greeley was assisted by Teresa Raymond in dispensing the 50/50 raffle tickets, and the winners were the Dettmers, a fitting way to thank them for presenting a great opening event for the 2022 season.



Thanks to Karen Teadt for both the dry and wet weather photos.



## Tentative 2022 Event Calendar

Saturday, April 30	Maumee Meander hosted by Steve and Pat Dettmer
Saturday, June 4	Meet in the Middle Meander with the Northcoast Miata Club, hosted by Greg and Terri Wilkins
Saturday, July 16	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Gamble & Himmelein
Saturday, September 3	Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun Tour hosted by Buckeye Miata Club
Saturday, October 8	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Gamble & Himmelein

## 2020 Event Help Needed

It's past time to get our event calendar established for the rest of the year. It would be really good to have at least a tentative schedule soon, so please contact Bill Roan to fill in meanders for July 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.

You can also contact Bill Potvin to get a date on the calendar.



## Spring Adopt-A-Highway

Just a few days before our first road cleanup of the year, it looked like we might be a little short of crew. Luckily, when reminders went out, the response was immediate and we ended up with 10 volunteers, which made the work easy and pleasant.



Outgoing chairman Karl Schwemley provided the mandatory safety training session and turned over the reins to our new leaders for Adopt-A-Highway, Jarvis Gamble and Marv Himmelein. The other volunteers for this session were Mike Burns, Steve Dettmer, Sue Greeley, Bill Potvin, Bob Reitzel, Bill Roan and Tom Thayer.

The weather was fantastic, reaching 88 degrees that day. Since there wasn't really a lot of trash, the group was finished in just over an hour, well before it got too warm. As is the custom, after the work was done, everyone made the short drive into Grand Rapids to have brunch at Miss Lily's.

## Karl Schwemley Leaves Club after Long Service



Deputy Sheriff Karl and his unofficial patrol car.

Best wishes to Karl after his many years of service to the club. He did an amazing job of coordinating our Adopt-A-Highway program. The club owes him a big thank you for the professional way he has handled that activity. He sent this note:

*Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to lead the Adopt-A-Highway program for the last 8-9 years (lost a year for Covid). I had a lot of fun both in the Miata Club and organizing our clean ups for this beautiful two mile stretch along the Mighty Maumee River. I wish the NWOHio Miata Club nothing but the best, and hope there are many years of Meanders and fun for all involved.*

*Let me know if I can ever be of assistance. I might sneak back for a clean up in the Spring or Fall in the coming years but will likely be "glamping" in the busier Summer months.*

*Take care. - Karl*

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