

THE *M* EDITION

Chill & Fireside Chat

It has been a few years since the club last visited the Sue Greeley Country Estate in Ottawa Lake, Michigan, and the renewed fall tradition for the NWOHio Miata Club saw a few changes. Alas, the hay wagon that had provided thrilling rides through the woods and fields sat off to the side, slightly bent. Age and an episode of overloading had taken its toll. Also, some of the picnic tables, having seen better days, had been repurposed as firewood.

Still, the area has retained its natural beauty, and the classic barn still stands. It was there that the group gathered for munchies and adult beverages, while shielding themselves from the chilly evening winds. Meanwhile, the Dettmers had made sure that the bonfire was appropriately fed and stoked, the better to facilitate the roasting of hot dogs and marshmallows that was to come. The only concern was that the food was also attractive to Sue's dog, who attempted to snap up any of the grub that was not carefully guarded.

As the group warmed themselves by the fire, Sue's horses pranced about, finally making their way into the barn for their evening meal. A headcount was hard to determine, as the animals were in constant motion, but in addition to the dogs and cat, there seemed to be five or six horses hanging about.

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November Luncheon

Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Shawn's Irish Tavern, 105 S 3rd Street, Waterville

No meander, but a nice social afternoon 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 Bill Potvin and Linda Myers by November 6.

Email bpotvin@bex.net or call 419-891-9191.

Tentative 2021 Event Calendar

Saturday, November 13 Luncheon at Shawn's Irish Tavern by Bill Potvin and Linda Myers
 Saturday, December 4 Gala Holiday Party at Georgio's Cafe International

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After eating, the group continued socializing and telling tales until the featured entertainment began. Steve Dettmer had curated a playlist to challenge the group in a game of name that tune. He started with bands and songs known better to the parents of most of us, but eventually got into the later half of the 20th century. After a time, he handed off the bluetooth speaker to Bill Potvin, who began with a run of Beatles tunes, and then segued into an eclectic series, including several examples of the southern rock genre. There were no clear winners in the contest, but everyone seemed to enjoy recalling the songs of earlier days.

As folks took their leave, they all thanked Sue, Pat and Steve Dettmer, and Bill and Linda Roan for putting together another memorable event. As long as Sue keeps inviting us, we'll continue to enjoy this special fall tradition.

Annual Holiday Party

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 **Time:** 6:00 pm

Place: Georgio's Cafe International, 426 N Superior, Toledo

Dinner will include a choice of chicken cordon bleu, salmon with dill sauce, or beef tournedos (tenderloin filets with red wine and mushroom sauce), plus a vegetable, potato, Greek salad, and dessert, along with coffee or tea. A cash bar will be available. The cost is \$30 per person, tax and tip included.

There will be no gift exchange or food collection this year. We kindly ask that you remember those who are less fortunate, and donate to your favorite charity.

You MUST make a reservation, including your choice of chicken, beef or salmon. Contact Pat Dettmer at stevepatd@gmail.com or 419-350-5986 by November 27 AND send a check to NWOHio Miata Club, 725 Pine St, Wauseon, OH 43567

Last 2021 Adopt-A-Highway

Cool temperatures and gray skies met the “fabulous foursome” who volunteered to complete this year’s final road cleanup of our lovely two mile stretch of SR 65 in Wood county. Apparently, in honor of upcoming Halloween, the task was accomplished by the skeleton crew of Steve Dettmer, Sue Greeley, Jordan May, and chairman Karl Schwemley.

Next year will mark the 20th year of our participation in Ohio’s Adopt-A-Highway program. Mark Pendleton initiated the program and served as chairman until he moved out of the area in 2008. His shoes were then ably filled by Tom Thayer until 2013, when Karl Schwemley began his record run of nine years as chairman.

Karl has done an amazing job of coordinating this effort, but has announced that he will be selling his Miata and moving on to other interests, so is relinquishing his duties as chairman. The club owes him a big thank you for the professional way he has handled activity.

Consider this the official call for help. Karl has everything organized with the state DOT folks, so the transition to a new chairman should be seamless. Please consider volunteering, so that we can continue this long tradition of public service. Remember we only schedule three cleanup sessions a year, beginning in April. But don’t wait, Karl can provide the safety vests and any help you need to get started.



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