

THE *M* EDITION

Meander to Tackle Box 2

by Steve & Pat Beam



A sunny top-down day saw a parade of Miatas winding their way from rural Delta to Fostoria to Fremont. Starting at Pat and Steve's Centennial Farm, the fun began with the four roundabouts on alternate State Route 20, then winding through the Ohio farmland to Fostoria for a pit-stop at Mazda Direct.

Jon Laux and friend from Tiffin joined the group there for the last part of the journey to Tackle Box 2 for fish and more. Our waitress took the count of hungry drivers and passengers, setting up the enclosed porch for all 21 one of us.

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Chill and Fireside Chat

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

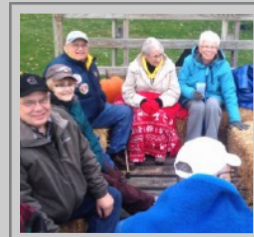
Meet: Sue Greeley's, 5470 Emerson Drive, Ottawa Lake, MI

What a great way to get away from the hustle and bustle of life!

Miss your old Miata friends or wanting to meet new friends?

Come on out to the country for a campfire at Sue's place.

Park out front and walk to the fire, or drive back if the walk's a bit much.



Hot dogs, condiments and paper products will be provided by the club.

Bring your favorite beverage and a finger food or snack to share with the group ... along with a chair or blanket. Enjoy fellowship while sitting around the campfire.

Special music provided by our "In house" dueling DJ's. You won't want to miss this.

RSVP to Pat Dettmer 419-350-5986 or stevepatd@gmail.com

Tentative 2021 Event Calendar

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| Saturday, October 16 | Chill & Fireside Chat hosted by Sue Greeley |
| Saturday, October 23 | Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley |
| 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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Perusing the menus members noticed and asked why walleye was not listed on the menu of various sandwiches and dinners of shrimp, clams, perch, and even frog legs. Waitress Glaura explained several times as she moved the length of the room that the pollock was walleye, just caught in different waters than the walleye we know locally. We couldn't resist researching this when we got home.

Walleye - also called the yellow pike or yellow pickerel,

Kingdom: Animalia
Genus: Sander
Species: *S. vitreus*

Alaska Pollock—also known as walleye Pollock

Kingdom: Animalia
Genus: Gladus
Species: *G. chalcogrammus*

Wherever it grew up, the one pound serving, offered with cole slaw and french fries, was enjoyed by many of the group. Terry Koral, our designated photographer, was one of the more adventurous, ordering the frog legs. Thankfully, none hopped off his plate. Check out his pics of the event on our Facebook Group page.

Autozam AZ-1 - Little Known Mazda

by Bill Potvin

Suzuki Motor Corporation began designing a mid-engine sports coupe in 1985, displaying the concept at the 1987 Tokyo Motor Show as the RS-3. Design work was stopped soon after, so that Suzuki could concentrate on a front-engine/rear-drive concept.

The RS-3 concept caught Mazda's interest, and Suzuki agreed to let them develop the car for production under Mazda's Autozam sub-brand. The design team which had created the Miata/MX-5 took over and created three separate concepts. Only one of the three had gull-wing doors and Mazda's top brass chose it. Developing the AZ-1 for production was challenging, and took three years with the car debuting in 1992. During that period, Japan's economy underwent a recession. As a result, fewer than 4,400 AZ-1s were built before production ended in 1994.

Specs: Mid-engine, rear drive. Turbocharged 63 hp, 3 cyl, 657 cc engine. 5-speed manual. \$12,400 USD

While in Nashville, Linda and I saw this car at the Lane Motor Museum. Check out their great collection at www.lanemotormuseum.org Also, see Jay Leno driving an AZ-1 at www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4RcyRYVa6U





Adopt-A-Highway - October 23



As usual, the session will start at 9 am and likely take less than two hours. We'll probably do a little drive afterwards and have lunch. Meet at Nazareth Hall, on SR 65 in Wood County, about a mile south of SR 235.

Please volunteer by contacting Karl Schwemley at 419-356-0404 or kschwemley@bex.net so that we can be assured of a good turnout for this last outing of the year.

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