

# THE *M* EDITION

## 25th Anniversary Reboot

Although the coronavirus disrupted our plans for a July anniversary celebration, Steve and Pat Dettmer are determined to put the cake we have been saving since then to good use. So they have organized a scaled-down event that will at least give us an opportunity to get together while observing Covid restrictions.

See details below and note that we will observe social distancing and face coverings are required (except while eating the cake and ice cream). Come early and enjoy the park.



## Best Wishes, Randy

We were sorry to hear some bad news from longtime members Randy and Teresa Raymond. Teresa tells us that on August 3 Randy was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. He has never smoked, so this came as a total surprise.

Randy has started chemotherapy treatments, but because of Covid, he cannot be out and about even when he is feeling fairly well. He is continuing his treatments and trying to keep busy under these trying conditions.

Randy and Teresa have been active members for many years. Let's keep both of them in our prayers and thoughts, hoping for Randy's speedy recovery.

## Ice Cream & Social Distancing Meander

**Date:** Saturday, September 19, 2020

**Leave:** 2:00 pm

**Place:** Simpson Garden Park, 1291 Conneaut Ave, Bowling Green, Ohio

The grounds are well maintained with beautiful flower gardens and easy walking trails, so feel free to come early to enjoy the Gardens. We will then take a short drive to Oak Openings for cake and ice cream.

Each car will receive a memento provided by Marbee Printing (Randy and Teresa Raymond) commemorating the 25th anniversary of the club.

RSVP to Steve and Pat Dettmer by **Thursday, September 17.**

Call 419-350-5986 or email [stevepatd@gmail.com](mailto:stevepatd@gmail.com).

## Very Tentative 2020 Event Calendar

Saturday, September 19	Social Distancing Meander Hosted by Steve and Pat Dettmer
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

## Riverrun 2020 - Fun and Flexible

*by Bill Potvin*

NWOHio Miata Club members have been participating in Riverrun tours since 1997. They are always well-organized and always feature some of the best driving roads in southern Ohio. The only thing that has ever dampened spirits on some of the events is, well, rain. Not so this year. It was dry and sunny the entire day of the tour.

Usually, the plan is for our group to caravan to Columbus on Friday afternoon, have dinner together, run the course to the Ohio River on Saturday, stay overnight, then run the rest of the route on Sunday and return home. This year, among the six cars attending, we had some different ideas.

Linda and I, Steve and Pat Dettmer, and Tom and Fran Thayer traveled south together. Greg and Terri Wilkins and Jordan and Justan May made their own way to Columbus, due to other afternoon commitments. Mike and Karyn Teadt chose to have a full day of fun by exploring northeastern Ohio, then heading to Columbus.

That evening, we enjoyed al fresco dining at the Rusty Bucket with the guys at one table and the women at another - the better for us to talk cars non stop, while they talked about whatever women talk about.

The start of the event Saturday was a little hectic. The organizers had encouraged preregistration and had planned for about 70 cars, but, of course, 90+ showed up. It was the usual mix: lots of Miatas, assorted MGs, Healys, Jags, as well as a Lotus, Audi, Cobra and several other marques

This year's route headed generally east to the Ohio River at Steubenville and back to Zanesville. The roads were classic curves and hills with much of the day in Amish country. That required some



real concentration to avoid coming upon a horse and buggy doing about 40 mph less than us.

Among our six cars, we also chose some different ways to enjoy the day. We all did the first 130 miles together. That got us to the Harrison Coal & Reclamation Park, about 30 miles from Steubenville. After checking out the giant Silver Spade power shovel, we split the group. The Wilkinses and Mays elected to do the whole route, with Jordan and Justan heading home that night and Greg and Terri staying over in Zanesville. The rest of us made a quick stop for a snack and the Teadts then took their own route to New Riegel for ribs, then back to Maumee.

The remaining three cars shortcut the course and followed it another 80 miles to Zanesville to enjoy the offerings at Tom's Ice Cream Bowl. We then made our way to Upper Sandusky for dinner, after which we each chose our own route home.

This is an annual event, so for those who want to do it next year, you can see that you can pretty much modify the official event to suit your needs and whims. It's all good fun.

## Welcome to New Members

Jon and Nancy Laux  
Tiffin, Ohio  
2000 Silver  
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Michael and Jane Burns  
Sylvania, Ohio  
2007 Highland Green  
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David and Nancy Stafford  
Waterville, Ohio  
2008 Marble White  
[dmstafford306@gmail.com](mailto:dmstafford306@gmail.com)

**Looking forward to seeing you  
at our next event!**

## One Car Meander

Linda and I decided to take a ride up Woodville Rd to Elmore and Schedel Gardens (\$11 for seniors). A couple of hours stroll around the grounds and a few hills, then back roads to the Oregon Inn for a late lunch. If you are following the club's Facebook Page, you will read about others making short trips to all kinds of interesting places. Keep the wheels rolling and we will all be back together soon.

*- Bill Roan*

## Sports Cars at Mid-Ohio

The Acura Sports car Challenge will be held at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course September 25-27. Anyone interested in joining Jon Laux on Saturday, September 26, should contact him at 419-443-0200 or 419-447-1300. There will be IMSA races throughout the day. Jon suggests meeting in Tiffin to caravan the 75 minutes to the track from there.

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