

# THE *M* EDITION

## Luncheon by the Lake

*by Bill Potvin*

Bill and Linda Roan planned a nice afternoon get-together at new venue for the club, and the weather turned out to be considerably nicer than most mid-September days, so tops down was the order of the day. Unfortunately, Linda felt unwell and didn't join us, but Bill carried on as host, and we all sent "get well quicks" to Linda.

Chateau Louise is an institution in the Luna Pier area, and has been affectionately termed "Pierre of the Swamp" by some of its fans. Seafood is featured, and a quick glance identified clam strips, scallops, perch, and fish tacos among the meals selected by our group.

Terry Koral was on hand to snap pics and you can see more of the results on our Facebook Group page. It was also nice to see a few faces that had been AWOL during our summer events, notably Walt and Linda Beham. We were also joined by some prospective members, so we were on our best behavior.

Check our calendar, as we have several events scheduled for October, anticipating continued good weather.



## Meander to Tackle Box 2

**Date:** FRIDAY, October 1, 2021

**Leave:** 1:00 pm

**Meet:** Steve & Pat Beam's, 6440 County Rd "M", Delta, OH

Our first stop will be Mazda Direct in Fostoria, then on to Tackle Box 2 in Fremont, arriving between 2:30 and 3:00 pm. They are a low-key, waterfront bar/eatery with kitschy decor, providing fried seafood & other old-school plates.

To get to the Beam's country estate: From Central Ave (US 20), turn south on County Rd "6" (big sign for Evergreen High School). At stop sign for County Rd "M", turn right (west), follow to County Rd "6.2" and turn right (north) to house at end.

From Airport Highway, take SR 64 east of Swanton, follow 64 through Swanton to County Rd "M", turn left (west). Follow to County Rd "6.2", turn right (north), house at end.

RSVP to Steve & Pat by September 25. Email [patstef74@windstream.net](mailto:patstef74@windstream.net)

## 2021 Riverrun

*by Steve & Pat Beam*



The 2021 Eric's Riverrun was a fun event for us. As in the past, Pat and I drove to Columbus on Friday evening and spent the night resting up for the Saturday drive. And as in past events, we split this Riverrun into a two day drive. The first day started at the Bob Evans in Pickerington with registration and meeting with the participants. The unofficial count was around 50, with a big flock of Miatas from the Buckeye Miata Club, several from North Coast and us. We admired the older British cars, sport sedans, Corvettes, Honda S2000s and the Subarus. An exception was that our Miata was in the shop getting a suspension, wheel and tire upgrade, so we drove our Mazda 3 hatchback.

We took off by ourselves around 9 am following the two page list of directions that would take us to Marietta for the return trip. The sun was bright, the air was cool and I was anxious to

see if the "3" could keep pace with the others. HA, not to worry! With the "3" shifter in 'sport' mode and manual, we caught up with and I was able to keep pace with the two Corvettes who were just ahead. Up and down, take this curve and that, follow the printed directions, down shifts were fast, faster than I can do manually, up-shifts were also quick, turn left here, go 1.6 miles and turn right, follow for 12 miles, at the T, go right.... We followed the Corvettes all the way, passing a half dozen British cars attending to a breakdown. We were closely followed by a Ford Fiesta Si and by an Escort RT. The 'Vettes were only a little over the speed limit, so we were able to keep up.

In Marietta we lost the pack when Pat and I hung out in the bar at the Lafayette Hotel for lunch and a refreshment (my first time for truffle oil infused french fries).



The next morning we faced another two pages of directions plus rain and fog, and no-one to follow. This will be fun ... maybe. For me it was a test of my driving skills, the not-a-sport-car, wet roads, stock all season tires, and did I say rain, fog? As we progressed, we almost ran into a young steer that had wandered from his herd, a small herd of whitetails who raced along with us, and then a fallen tree that stopped us in the middle of a sentence that said "stay on Blackdoom road for 6.8 miles". Pat was an excellent navigator, and she found a detour that was as much fun as any of the roads so far. As I gained confidence in the manual-sport shifter, and the tires on the wet roads I gradually quickened the pace to a point that I scared myself a little bit, so backed off some, but still kept up the pace. I like that automatic in manual shift mode with 'Sport' selected. With Pat reading off the directions, the car performing well, we made up the time lost to the fallen tree detour, and made the usual ice cream stop in Zanesville at the prescribed lunch break. We had completed the 2021 Riverrun safely, covered the second leg of 130.6 miles, the rain had stopped, lunch was great and we were still talking to each other.

After lunch, home was only a couple of hours away. Next year please come with us. This is really a fun driving event.

## Tentative 2021 Event Calendar

Friday, October 1	Meander to Tackle Box 2 hosted by Steve and Pat Beam
Saturday, October 16	Chill & Fireside Chat hosted by Sue Greeley
Saturday, October 23	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Karl Schwemley
Saturday, December 4	Gala Holiday Party at Georgio's Cafe International

## 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](mailto:stevepatd@gmail.com)

## Reminders

Several new members have joined the club this summer: Mike and Kathy Ziegler, Bob and Anita Rowland, Tom and Cathy Johnson, Dave and Kim Saratoga, and Wayne and Karen Freeman. If you see someone new, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

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Mark your calendar now for our annual Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 4 at Georgio's International Cafe, downtown Toledo. More info coming in the next newsletter.



## Welcome to New Members

Tom and Cathy Johnson - Toledo, Ohio  
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Bob and Anita Rowland - Toledo, Ohio  
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[my3sonscdd@yahoo.com](mailto:my3sonscdd@yahoo.com)

Mike and Kathy Ziegler - Maumee, Ohio  
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[GMIKEZIEDLER@gmail.com](mailto:GMIKEZIEDLER@gmail.com)

Dave and Kim Saratoga - Adrian, Michigan  
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Wayne and Karen Freeman - Rudolph, Ohio  
1996 Classic Red  
[wkfreeman@yahoo.com](mailto:wkfreeman@yahoo.com)

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

## 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](mailto:kschwemley@bex.net) so that we can be assured of a good turnout for this last outing of the year.

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the latest special deals.**