

# THE *M* EDITION

## Midsummer (Mexican) Meander

*by Bill Potvin*

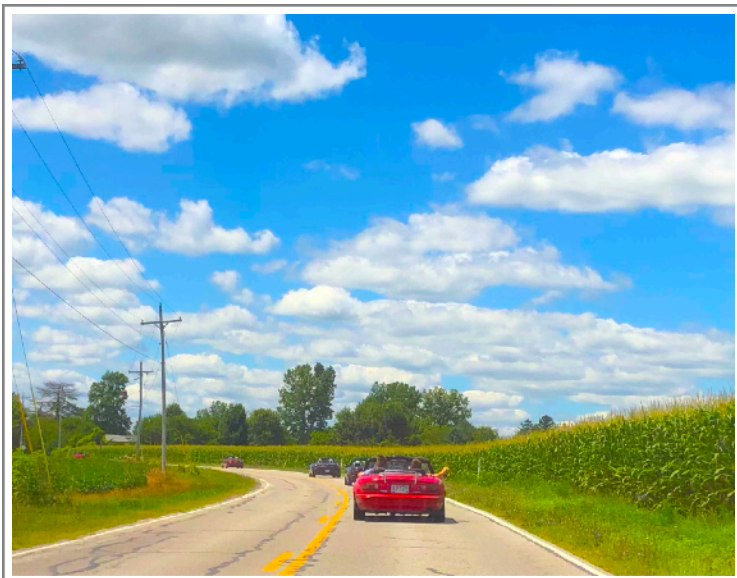
The club's July calendar was conspicuously devoid of a local driving event, so Steve and Pat Dettmer thought about a restaurant that they have enjoyed, and is situated in Bryan, which is a nice drive from the Toledo area. They put the word out and a good group responded to the invitation. In keeping with the theme of the day, the cars assembled at Loma Linda Mexican Restaurant before setting out to our destination of the Grand Plaza Mexican Grill.

Mike and Karyn Teadt and Bill Potvin and Linda Myers were truly in the spirit of the day, starting off with lunch at Loma Linda. Is there such a thing as too much Mexican food?

The day was perfect for tops down and Steve and Pat found some nice scenic roads. Arriving at the picturesque town of Bryan, we located our restaurant just off the town square. We were treated to a wide array of Mexican food and drink, all combined with excellent service. The usual variety of conversations ensued and we thanked our hosts for introducing us to a new venue.

The other Bryan attraction that some of us have frequented is Father John's Microbrewery. Since it was just down the street, and the night was young (to coin a phrase), we and the Dettmers and the Teadts then enjoyed a little time in their lovely outside garden. If you're looking for a nice drive, good food and good beer, you might want to check it out.

*Photos of Northwest Ohio's fertile farmlands by  
Karyn Teadt*



## Tentative 2022 Event Calendar

Saturday, October 8	Adopt-A-Highway Session organized by Gamble & Himmelein
Saturday, October 22	Fall Frolic Chill & Bonfire Chat hosted by Sue Greeley
Saturday, December 10	Gala Holiday Party at Waterside Monclova Fireside Room

## Some Rain, Some Sun but Always Fun on Riverrun *by Terri Wilkins*



For an enjoyable weekend of driving fun, you can hardly beat the southern Ohio routes mapped out each year for the Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun. Four cars from our club participated in this year's Run, held the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The event is open to all driving enthusiasts regardless of vehicle make or model, so it is not only a driving tour but an unofficial car show as well, and we saw quite a variety!

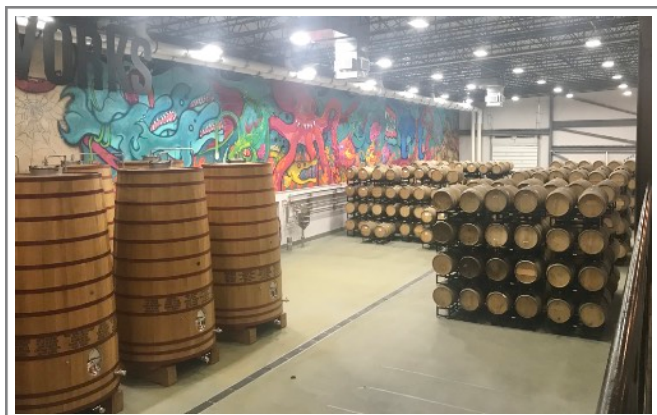
Our own group was a mix of cars. Bill Potvin and Linda Myers drove their Miata, as did Greg and I. Steve and Pat Beam brought their new Mazda3, while brothers Jordan and Justan May drove Justan's Subaru WRX/STI.

The Potvins, Beams and

Wilkins drove to Columbus Friday afternoon, avoiding highways and stopping for ice cream in Waldo. The May brothers made their own way down after work. We met up with Northcoast Miata Club friends Len and Mary Beth Kozak and Daryl and Jane Baker for dinner and beer at the famous BrewDog Brewery Taproom. The weather was gorgeous for eating out on the patio and we all enjoyed getting caught up with each other. The Kozaks gave us a tour of the Doghouse, the world's first craft beer hotel, with 32 beer-themed rooms



Dinner Friday night at BrewDog



No shortage of beer at Brew Dog

with draft beer on tap in each. Dogs are welcome here and we saw some very tiny ones as well as some enormous dogs. We also took a quick peak into the craft beer museum before heading to our respective hotels.

We all met up again Saturday morning at Bob Evans in Canal Winchester, the designated starting point for the Riverrun. So many interesting cars to look at! There are no fixed schedules for this event, so folks start when they want, and drive individually or with their own group and go at their own pace.



The course is designed as a one day drive, but some of us drive it as a two day event each year. The ~280 mile driving tour includes a mix of open and flowing roads that connect tight, twisty sections. All roads are paved. Every participating vehicle gets a copy of the directions, which are a navigator's dream: clearly written instructions with mile markers and notes about cresting hills, gas station and restroom availability and highlighted attractions along the way. This doesn't mean we never missed a turn! But considering we had never driven the route before, we did pretty well.

The first half of the route took us south through Hocking Hills and Zaleski to the Ohio River at Ironton. We traveled in a group with the North Coast folks and were joined along the way by a Miata driven by Danny and Debbie Andrews from the Buckeye Miata Club. We all had lunch together in Ironton. The Beams, Potvins and Wilkins all checked into our hotel while the rest of the group continued on the route. After some ice cream and a rest, the six of us enjoyed dinner at The Armory Smokehouse. The walls showcase photos of our soldiers at war in various conflicts, and military uniforms are on display. We learned all about the Bottoms Up Draft Beer system, where they fill your beer up from the bottom and use a magnetic disc to seal the hole in the bottom of the glass. Just don't poke your finger through the hole and dislodge the disc!



Justan and Jordan stopped to explore Vesuvius Furnace, built in 1837 as the first "experimental" hot blast furnace in the region.



Covered Bridges seemed to be a theme this year for interesting sights along the way. Mink Hollow covered bridge was originally built in 1887.

Sunday morning the Beams headed out to explore some new roads in Kentucky and West Virginia for possible future trips. Bill, Linda, Greg and I continued along the River Run route that took us briefly into Kentucky and up to Portsmouth, through Shawnee Forest and into Chillicothe, where the route ended. We enjoyed fresh salads and beer at the Pour House, a gastropub at Machinery Hall down town. We could have driven home fairly quickly on the highways from there, but instead we decided to drive a scenic route Greg had put together that kept us off of the highways and out of Columbus. We did get some rain but were top down about half of the time and the temperature was just right. We got to drive

some great twists and turns and we avoided all the traffic.

The Eric Jones Memorial River Run is hosted by the North American MGB Register, the Buckeye Miata Club and the Central Ohio British Car Club Council. It is an annual event that raises money for the James Cancer Center. It is one of the best drives of the year, fun and contributes to a good cause. Would love to have more club members join us in 2023!



## 2022 Holiday Party Plans

Our club has many traditions, among them the annual Holiday Party. Over the years we have used several venues, starting first with Doc's Then-N-Now in Tontogany.

In 2001, the site was the Waterside Monclova Fireside Room, then the Fallen Timbers Community Room for eight years. Next it was the Riverview Banquet Center in Pemberville for two years, followed by Maumee River Yacht Club.

December 2013 started a series of dinners at Georgio's Cafe Internationale, with a couple of detours at Real Seafood and Webber's. Of course, Covid interrupted the the 20+ year string in 2020.

You can see that back in the day, we liked the informality of community rooms that we could have to ourselves, the better to enjoy holiday music, a gift exchange and adult beverages of our choice. These events were sometimes partially catered, with add-on side dishes and desserts provided by the members.

This year, we will be returning to our roots, and have reserved the Fireside Room at Waterside Monclova for Saturday, December 10. The complete meal will be provided by Expressions Catering with a menu to be determined. See <https://www.expresscaterer.com/> and forward any suggestions to Steve and Pat Dettmer. We will be able to bring our own adult beverages, with the exception of red wine (the carpeting does not respond well to spills).

Details are in progress, so if you have ideas for decorating, activities, entertainment or anything you think should be included in this year's festive evening, get them to the Dettmers. More info will be provided as we get closer to the event.



## 2022 PIB Sports Car Races

Some of the very senior members of our club may remember when Put-In-Bay was known, not only for bars and boating, but for a real sports car race, held on the town roads of the island. Those full-out road races ended in 1959, but the spirit of the times lives on.

Again this fall, MGs, Triumphs, Porsches, Alfas and more will race on an airport course on September 20-23. It's a great time travel experience for anyone who grew up in that era.

Contact Bill Potvin if you're interested in a ride in the way back machine.

See [www.pibroadrace.com](http://www.pibroadrace.com)

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