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March Dinner Meeting

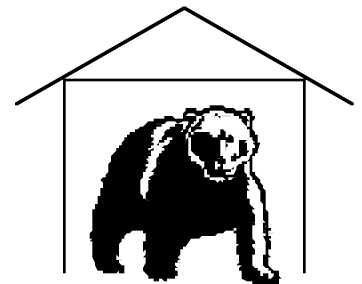
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010 **Time:** 6:30 pm
Place: Nagoya Japanese Steakhouse, Levis Commons,
Perrysburg

Join us for an entertaining and fun night.
You will have a choice of menu items cooked in front of you
with style on the hibachi grill. We will have a private room.
See all of the details and a menu at <http://www.nagoyaohio.com>

Please contact Marv and Carol Himmelein at CarolHimm@hotmail.com or
419-873-8224 by Friday, March 6 to make a reservation.
We must have a good count by then to hold the room.

Griz's Garage - I Know Who You Are

by Keith Sommers



I know who you are. You are the one that always backs into a parking space. You even keep the car out of sight by always putting it into a garage. When you are mingling and talking to other Miata owners you never congregate at the trunk area. You are always looking under the hood or at the interior and even discussing the wheels and tires. I started to think about these types of mannerisms and began to wonder why no one looks at the trunk area.

I thought and thought and thought and thought one more time. Then came a flash. I finally have the answer. You are trying to hide the hideous Miata logo tag on the rear of your car. The colored lettering is faded or even missing.

You can make the tag look like new with ordinary household items and about thirty minuets of your time. Your car will thank you.

Gather one small white cotton rag, rubbing alcohol, and a fine point Sharpie marker in the color of your choice. I recommend either black or red to match the original lettering.

Clean the logo plate with cotton rag dampened with rubbing alcohol. When dry, use the Sharpie and gently trace the embossed lettering. Don't worry about staying in the lines. Trace the lettering several more times to make darker. When you have the lettering to your satisfaction. Very carefully wipe the top of the logo plate, with an alcohol dampened rag, to remove any ink that may have gone out of the lines. Once the lettering is dry, apply a small amount of car wax to the logo plate to make its beauty shine through.

At your next Miata event, invite your fellow Miata owners to the rear of your car and show them your gleaming logo plate that now proudly spells out Miata.

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Welcome to New Members

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

Don't Be Late Renewing Your License

Kathy and Donovan Shropshire remind us that the Ohio BMV has instituted a fee for late renewal of your driver's license or annual vehicle registration. Licenses and registrations expire on your birthday and a fee of \$20.00 will be assessed if you renew more than 7 days late.

The good news is that you can renew both your license and vehicle registration up to 90 days before your birthday, so there's really not much excuse for being late.

You can get information on all this kind of stuff at <http://bmv.ohio.gov>. You'll find links to fees, on-line registration renewal and vanity plate availability. You can even get an unofficial copy of your driving record if you've had so many citations you can't remember all of them.

Adopt-A-Highway Scheduled for 2010

Many thanks to Tom Thayer for volunteering to be our new chairman for the club's Adopt-A-Highway project.

Three Saturday dates have been established for 2010 - **April 17, July 24 and October 9.**

Each session will start at 9 am and they generally take less than two hours. We traditionally do a little drive afterwards and have lunch, so it's not all work. The group meets at Nazareth Hall, on SR 65 about a mile south of SR 235.

This is our chance to provide a little community service and have some fun at the same time. The first session is coming up soon, so **please** contact Tom **now** at 734-854-3790 or sailor_t@msn.com so that we can be assured of a good turnout for the first session.



More Regional Events Announced

The **Kalamazoo Miata Club** will host a 2010 SPORTS CAR SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA on Saturday, May 22 at the US 131 Motorsports Park in Martin, Michigan. Come to the Great Lakes - Great State and enjoy a day of fun and excitement with your sports car and friends.

The Miatas & More Car Show has grown up. This will be more than a car show - we are planning a true sports car event for West Michigan. We are sending invitations to every Miata club in North America and to every sports car club within a radius of 150 miles of Kalamazoo. Based on initial inquires, there is significant interest, excitement, and desire within the sports car community to participate in a great sports car event this spring.

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Tentative 2010 Miata Event Calendar

Saturday	March 13	Miata Club Dinner at Nagoya hosted by the Himmeleins
Saturday	April 17	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Session
Saturday	May 8	Amazing Race for Literacy
Tue - Sun	May 11-16	Miatas Do Deals Gap with the Sheridans
Saturday	May 29	Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun, Columbus
Saturday	July 10	Meander to MIS with the MiMiata Club
Saturday	July 17	NWOHio Miata Club 15th Anniversary Event
Saturday	July 24	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Session
Fri - Sat	September 10-12	Midwest Miata Gathering - St. Louis
Saturday	October 9	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Session

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In addition to a traditional car show; there will be drag racing, sports car related vendors and suppliers and a sports car corral. We are committed to a well planned and organized event. The objective is to have an enjoyable day of fun with our sports cars and the people who drive them. Stay tuned for updates.

A web site, and individual emails will be used to keep you informed and current with the 2010 SPORTS CAR SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA. Go to www.otsegobarbershop.com/miata/index.html

Advanced registration information will be sent by email on March 1. Send us an email at flat_spark@yahoo.com and we will add you to our mailing list to ensure you receive timely email status updates and advanced registration information.

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And we received this announcement: It's time again for the Miata Season Opener, the 9th Annual Miatas at Eureka event!!

Come join your fellow zoomers as we hug some curves and grin the weekend away! Be prepared with lots of sunscreen and laughter as we celebrate the mountain curves in the gorgeous Northwest Arkansas mountains. The dates for this year's event are: June 11-13th. Info regarding registration is on our website: www.miatasateureka.com

If you have any questions or need some additional information about this most FUN of events, please contact us at: miatasateureka@ymail.com



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Call or stop in and talk to Jeff, Brett or Dave and check the NWOHio Miata Club web site for the latest special deals.