

THE *M* EDITION

Fifteen Stalwarts Brave Snows to Attend February Dinner Meeting

After the “blizzard” of 2011 on Ground Hog Day, weather forecasters predicted a weekend with scattered snow showers and little drama. Well, they may have been scattered throughout the Midwest in general, but they were concentrated on NW Ohio, and the little drama was whether there would be a second round of snow level emergencies!

At about 9 am, the snow started and it did not stop until later that evening. A call around 2 pm to Emperor Marv resulted in a decision to press onward since at that time there were no cancellations out of the expected 28 attendees. By 4 pm,

there were a) six cancellations, b) a call from Star & Lil’s to confirm that we were still coming - and were pork chops really running as a 3 to 1 favorite? - and c) two more calls from the faithful confirming that it was still full speed ahead.

When Elaine and I arrived after our seven minute trip (it usually takes five), we were greeted by three couples, the Bretzloffs, the Himmeleins and the McCormicks, plus mysterious circular tire tracks in the parking lot. It seems our Emperor was testing the principle of the friction circle on asphalt covered with six plus inches of snow.

Everybody else arrived within the next few minutes (at least the other seven people who thought the adventure was worth the effort). This included our newest members, Steve and Pat Beam and recent addition Denise Koch. Even the Michigan contingent was represented with the Thayers, Sue Greely and John Puszczewicz.

The Beams had traveled the farthest (from Delta) for their first meeting with us. We hope they can adapt to our flat countryside and straight roads. They are Miata veterans having formerly

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March Mexican Dinner Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: La Fiesta, 1406 Reynolds Road, Maumee, Ohio

Join us for tacos, margaritas and a special photo contest (See details on page 3).

We will have a private room that holds 40-50 and we can order off the menu.

Check out the goodies at www.lafiestarestaurante.com.

Please contact John/Claudette Bretzloff at jbretzloff@buckeye-express.com or 419-878-8996 by Friday, March 11 for reservations.

Tentative 2011 Event Calendar

Saturday, March 19	Miata Club Dinner at La Fiesta	Hosted by the Bretzloffs
Saturday, April 30	Miata Meander	Sue Greeley & Kathy Guiberson
Saturday, May 28	Miata Meander	Bill Potvin & Karl Schwemley
Saturday, June 18	Miata Meander	Terry & Sherry Koral
Saturday, July 9?	Meander to MIS	MiMiata Club
Sunday, July 31	Miata Invitational Autocross	Northwestern Ohio SCCA
Sunday, August 7	Meander to Put-In-Bay	John & Diane Fouts
Sat/Sun, August 27-28?	Meander to Auburn, Indiana	Jerry & Mary Jo Bish
Saturday, September 17	Miata Meander	Don & Barbara Barkley
Saturday, October ?	Miata Meander	Karl Schwemley



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belonged to the West Penn Miata Club, based in Pittsburg. A grilling of the Beams by the Emperor as to what types of events their club used to hold brought forth one particularly interesting idea: a meander where the leader changes after "X" number of turns with the previous leader going to the back of the line. Sounds like a recipe to end up in Liberty Center with no real good reason to be there! (*Editor's Note* - Early in its history, our club used a morbid variation of this in which the change of leader occurred each time we passed a cemetery. We gave up on this technique when we found that there were no bars in Liberty Center.)

All in all, the food was still good and Sue Greeley continued the 50/50 tradition, adding to the club treasury and feeding the gambling needs of nearly everyone in the club. The raffle appeared to be rigged, however, being won by Emperor Marv. There were a few items missing, like dessert, due to disruption of normal deliveries during the week, but no one really seemed to care. As usual, we swapped Meander stories and enjoyed hearing about members' plans to escape to more gorgeous climes this winter.

Anyway, thanks to Robert and Elaine Christmas for hosting the event and to everyone who braved the elements and too bad for the others. As an aside, if you have made reservations and are unable to keep them, please let the hosts know so the restaurant is not put to extra effort in setting up the room etc.

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Looking forward to seeing you at
our next event!

Wanted to Buy

Hardtop for a 1992 Miata. Top from any 1st or 2nd generation Miata will fit. White or black preferred, but will consider any color in good condition. Contact Tyler Schwemley, 419-708-0314/UTRockets@bex.net or contact Karl Schwemley at 419-841-2842/kschwemley@bex.net.

For Sale

2002 Miata - Excellent condition, 50,000 miles. \$8,900.00. For details, contact Bradley East at 419-250-1474 or bbq_0202@yahoo.com



Photo Contest at March Dinner

Carol & Marv Himmelein are requesting that everyone planning to attend the March dinner bring along a photo from their youth. Yes, even including those with your horn-rimmed glasses, Afro, flat-top or beehive hairdos, etc.

We will try to identify each other from the photos. No excuses will be accepted for not bringing a picture (we all know the dog didn't eat them). Alternately, those people not providing photos will be appointed to split the check. Ha Ha. Pictures will of course be returned at the end of the evening.

Join the fun. Take your photo there or be square.

Mazda Miata MX-5 Production Reaches 900,000

IRVINE, Calif. (February 3, 2011) – The world's best-selling two-seat roadster, the iconic Mazda MX-5 Miata, continues to set the bar even higher for the competition today, reaching a new milestone of 900,000 units produced. Nearly 45 percent – more than 388,000 units – of those were sold in the United States during the past 22 years.

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