

Meander to Meadow Brook

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2009

Leave: 1:00 pm

Meet at Bob Evans on US 25, Levis Commons, Perrysburg

We'll meander to the Fairfield Inn in Auburn Hills, MI. Dinner that night will be at the Alfocchino Italian Restaurant. Socializing Saturday evening will include the return of the Mexican train domino tournament.

Sunday morning we'll attend the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance, featuring "The Best of Detroit", "Fins and Chrome: The Convertibles of 1959", Packard V-12, Rolls-Royce Phantom, Swoopy coupes and the 100th Anniversary of Morgan and exotic Italian cars.

You must call the Fairfield Inn at 1-248-373-2228 for reservations. Rooms for a single queen are \$69 + tax. Dinner prices range from \$7 to \$17. Tickets to the Concours are \$25 each and can be ordered by calling 248.643.8645 or online at <http://www.meadowbrookconcours.org/tickets.htm>.

Please contact Jerry or Mary Jo Bish at timoria@wcnet.org or 419-287-3278 ASAP to make a dinner reservation.

MiMiata Club Hosts Another Great MIS and Picnic Event

A little early morning rain failed to deter our group of 11 cars from heading north to rendezvous with about 50 other Miatas at Michigan International Raceway. This was the 13th year that the MiMiata club had organized some track time at MIS, followed by a picnic on Lake LeAnn. Except for the host club, of the five clubs represented, the NWOHio Miata Club had the distinction of having the greatest number of cars.

The skies cleared, as John and Claudette Bretzloff led us on our drive to the track, so it was tops down as we spent an hour or so signing in and ogling the cars. We met some nice folks, many of whom had participated in this event for several years. We were particularly impressed by a beautiful black second generation Miata that had a Corvette LS-1 engine transplant. Being all aluminum, this V-8 adds minimal weight and provides about 350 hp. And yes, he passed us on the track!



As is typical, we were limited to one hour of track time, so we went out in two groups. Each group did six laps, came into the pits for a driver change, if desired, and went out for another six laps.

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Miata Gathering Set for September 11-13

The 10th Annual Midwest Miata Gathering will again be hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club. It will be a low key, low cost event to be held at Kincaid Lake State Park, near Falmouth, Kentucky. The focus is on the cars and the people who drive them with some great roads and great food. Dates are September 11-13, 2009. The event is limited to 75 cars, and at this writing there are about 25 spots left

Planned events include a Friday night drive to Elk Creek Winery for wine tasting, a buffet dinner and live music. Saturday will include a car show, vendors and socializing at the park with a cookout lunch. The day will also feature scenic drives, shopping and ice cream. Saturday night dinner is included. Time will be available for a Sunday morning activity, followed by lunch and 1 pm farewells.

Reduced rates have been arranged at two motels near Dry Ridge, KY. The event fee is \$50.00 for car and one driver and \$30.00 for an additional person. A registration form and details of activities can be found at <http://miatagathering.com>

So far, from our club, Bill Potvin, Linda Myers, Randy & Teresa Raymond and Tom & Fran Thayer are registered. Let's get some more folks to make a neat road trip and represent our club at what promises to be a really great event.

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This is an incredible arrangement. Usually, when untrained drivers in stock cars are allowed on a track like this, the group is paced to a relatively low speed and no passing is allowed. The fact that the Miata drivers have always behaved responsibly and everyone stays in his or her comfort zone has allowed this event to continue for all of these years.

There were again no incidents and the fastest cars were probably seeing 130 mph. Our club had a couple of cars with indicated speeds of 120 mph and Gary McCormick's 120 was verified with his GPS. But no matter how fast you drive, it's always a thrill to experience the high-banked two mile oval.

Once again one of the nicest features of the event was the picnic following the track time. MiMiata members George and Dorothy White live just a few miles away on Lake LeAnn, and have a lawn that can accommodate the whole gang. The MiMiata club supplied the hot dogs, beer and pop and everyone brought a dish to provide a variety of goodies. Since George makes the arrangements for MIS, he spends most of the time being showered with thanks from the participants.

If you didn't get to this year's event, make sure you make it next year. It's an experience not to be missed.

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MX-5 Miata



Mazda3



Mazda6



CX-7

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

Tentative 2009 Miata Event Calendar

Saturday	July 18	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Session
Sat - Sun	August 1-2	Meander to Meadow Brook Concours by the Bishes
Fri - Sun	September 11-13	Midwest Miata Gathering - Cincinnati
Saturday	October 3	Miata Meander by Greeley and Guiberson

View from the Driver's Seat

Nothing much here this time. Been busy doing doggy things. Time for a break and a chance to do more car things. A few thoughts, as we enjoy the peak months of the top-town season.:

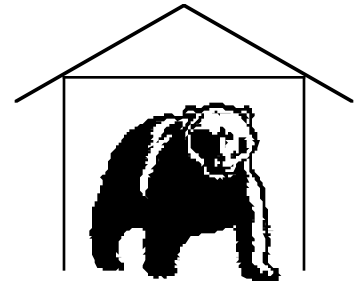
- * If you haven't made a reservation, for the Meadow Brook Meander, contact us ASAP.
- * Ran into former member Susan Bush at the Fallen Timbers cruise-in recently. She wishes she hadn't sold her car.
- * Terry & Sherry Koral sent a note to let us know how much they enjoyed their first meander. Welcome aboard!
- * Don't forget to check out our Facebook page.

I guess that is everything for now.

Jerry Bish

Griz's Garage - Return of the Gremlin

by Keith Sommers



I think that I insulted the Zipper Gremlin in last month's article. He decided to send his cousin to play a little trick on me. When I tried to turn my key to open the trunk, the lock wouldn't move. After a little key jiggling and wiggling the lock finally turned and the trunk opened.

This is an easy fix, once the trunk is open. It shouldn't take any longer than ten minutes. On the NA models you don't even need any tools. Remove the rear trunk valance cover by pulling the little black retaining pins out using your fingernail (figure 1). Once you have all of the retaining pins out, remove the valance cover to expose the trunk lock mechanism and actuating arm (figure 2). Lube all pivot points with white lithium grease and actuate the lock to help coat. Reinstall the valance and push the retaining pins in with your fingers.

Score (Griz 2, Gremlin 0)

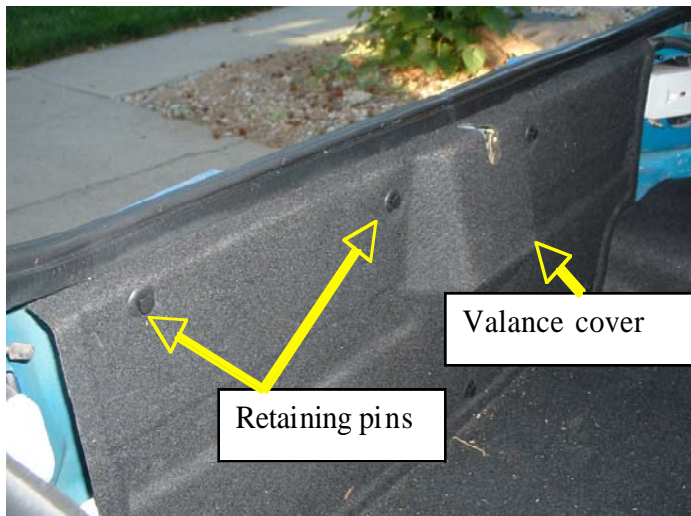


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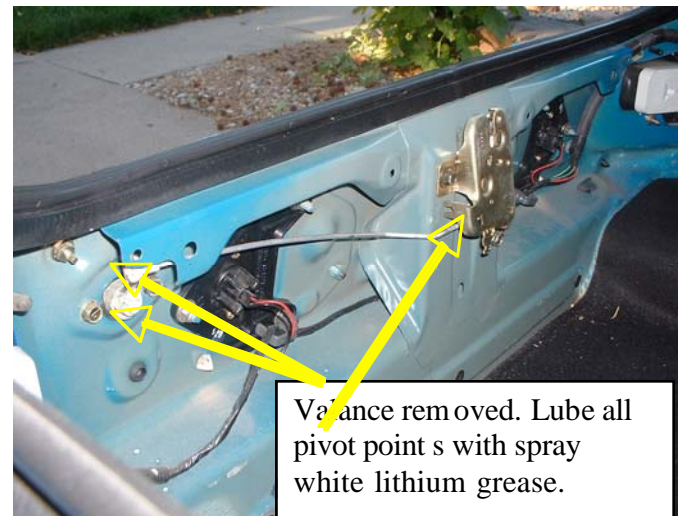


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