

Annual Holiday Party

Date: Friday, December 4, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Fallen Timbers Village Clubhouse (directions given below)

- Details:
- 1) The cost of the Holiday Party is \$5 per person.
 - 2) The Miata Club will provide the meat course and soft drinks.
 - 3) BYOB and a side dish if your name begins with A-G, a dessert for H-O names or an appetizer for names beginning with P-Z.
 - 4) Also, each person should bring a \$15-\$20 gift, suitably wrapped, for a gift exchange. (We suggest gifts suitable for either a man or a woman; Miata/travel gifts are usually a hit!)

Important: You must make a reservation with Jerry Bish (419-287-3278 or timoria@wcnet.org) and make sure your payment is received no later than December 1. Send checks to Jerry at Box 133 16136 Fish Road, Pemberville, Ohio 43450

Additional Holiday Party Info

Don't miss the premier social event on the club's calendar! Thanks to the efforts of Dick Huffman, we're again using the venue that has worked out so well for the past several years.

We'll enjoy good holiday food and drink and do a special seasonal version of our 50-50 raffle, which this year will also include several nifty Zoom-Zoom items. We will continue the tradition of our zany gift exchange and maybe even do a holiday sing-along. The dress code is casual and driving your Miata is optional.

We would especially like to see new members and those folks whose busy schedules kept them away from this year's meanders. Please be sure to contact Jerry Bish with your reservation as soon as possible to help us plan the food.

Directions to the Fallen Timbers Village Clubhouse:

1. Take Anthony Wayne Trail (US 24) to Stitt Road. (1st exit west of I-475, Stitt Road/Jerome Road)
2. Turn north at end of exit ramp and left on Russell Rd at traffic light. Bear right to follow Stitt, crossing the railroad tracks.
3. Turn left on Timbers Boulevard, at the *Fallen Timbers Fairways* sign.
4. Fallen Timbers Village Clubhouse is to the right at the first street, but you'll need to park on the Boulevard, or take the 2nd right and park in the golf club lot. **PLEASE, do NOT park on the street inside the village, as our host, Dick Huffman, will incur a fine for illegal parking.**

Bridges Over the River Raisin Meander

by Diane Shull

Kathy Guiberson and Sue Greeley have outdone themselves again. "Bridges Over the River Raisin" took the weather hearty group to Dundee's Russell Stover Candy Store, St. Julian Wines and Silver Bells Christmas Shop. The run continued past the Con Air crash site, as well as the site where Nevaeh's body was located. The bridge crossings took us through the finer areas of Monroe and to the other side of the tracks as well.

We meandered to Luna Pier where the Mayor, Mary Liske happened to see our cars going through town and toward the pier. She interviewed the group, her husband took pictures and we have been put onto their website. For a feature article, go to www.maryliske.com. After leaving Luna Pier, we finished our last meander of the season at Sue Greeley's home by enjoying food, a campfire and fine company.



The Gang Gathers by the River



Tops Up, but Still Havin' Fun

Texas Caviar Recipe

Carol Himmelein has gotten many compliments on her Texas Caviar at a number of our pot luck dinners. Diane Shull coaxed her into sharing the recipe, so we all might enjoy this great dish.

Sauce : 1 cup oil
 1/2 cup cider vinegar
 1/2 tsp. salt , 1/2 tsp. pepper
 1/4-1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
 1/2 cup sugar

Combine sauce ingredients. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cool. Combine with the following and marinate overnight. Drain well. Serve with Fritos scoops.

1 can pinto beans with jalapeno pepper
 1 can black eyed peas
 1 can white corn
 (all cans drained and all approx. 16 oz.)
 1 cup finely chopped green pepper
 1 cup finely chopped celery
 1/2 cup chopped green onions

ENJOY !

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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 Winter Event Calendar

Friday, December 4, 2009	Holiday Party	Hosted by The Huffman Clan
Saturday, January 9, 2010	NWOHio Miata Club Dinner	Hosted by the Thayers
Saturday, February 20, 2010	NWOHio Miata Club Dinner	Hosted by the Rakers
Friday, March 12, 2010	NWOHio Miata Club Dinner	Hosted by the Himmeleins

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Final Adopt-A-Highway Goes Smoothly

by Jerry Bish

The fall cleanup on October 17 proved to be uneventful, as the weather was nice and road was extremely litter free. The road crew consisted of Keith Sommers, Tom Thayer, John Bretzloff, and Jerry Bish. Dressed in our new safety vests, we were able to clean the entire stretch in just 1 1/2 hours.

Thanks to all of the folks who helped with our community project this year. Remember, we still need a chairperson for this activity. It's really not a lot of work and you meet the nicest people. Contact me and I'll provide all the info you need for next year.

Wanted

Two Miatas need homes for the winter. Secure, dry storage space required. Contact Bill Potvin, 419-891-9191 (bpotvin@bex.net) or Dick Huffman 419-878-2144 (huffer@buckeye-express.com)

For Sale

2005 Titanium Gray Mazdaspeed Miata with black leather. 12,000 miles, only seen rain a few times with annual chassis clean. A few minor stone nicks in bumper, otherwise good as new. Pictures on request. Price \$18,000 and would consider 95-97 Miata in similar condition for trade. Tim O'Rourke 704-309-2630 or w4yn@earthlink.net.



Weather Beautiful for November Brunch

It's not often that the second week in November brings clear skies and temperatures near 70 degrees, but that was just what we had for our first ever Miata Club Sunday brunch. A total of 29 members and two guests enjoyed the uncharacteristic weather, with 9 top down cars meandering along the Maumee River from Fort Meigs to meet the rest of the group at Nazareth Hall, near Grand Rapids.

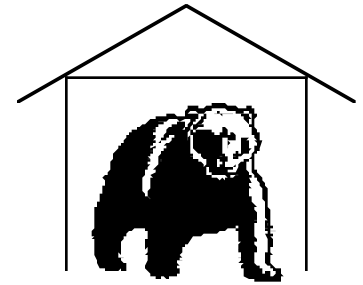
John Bretzloff and Jerry Bish had conceived of this different approach for a November meeting while working on the year's final road cleanup in October. It was a great idea, but they never could have guessed that the weather would cooperate so fully.

Nazareth Hall was originally constructed as a Catholic boy's school in 1928 and its classic architecture and beautiful grounds still shine today. The Sunday brunches feature all manner of breakfast and luncheon fare for only \$10.00. They provided a private room for our group, and the Miateers dove into the buffet with their usual gusto.

After our meal, President Jerry made some announcements and thankfully several folks volunteered to host winter dinners. Sue Greeley and John Bretzloff conducted the 50/50 raffle with Terry and Sherry Koral garnering the prize. The event was truly a success. It seems that a new annual tradition may have been born!

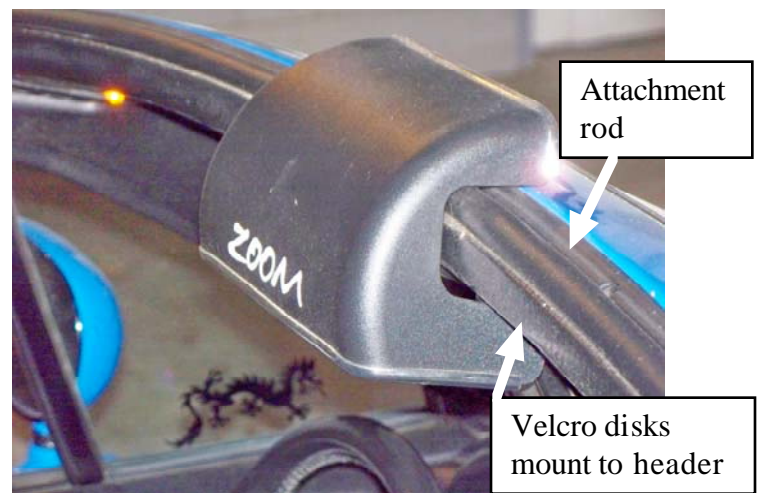
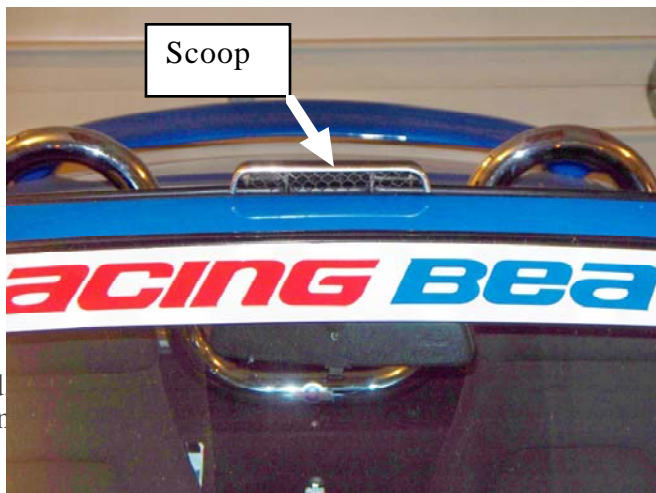
Griz's Garage - Cool Breeze Review

by Keith Sommers



How many of you have pretended to be a Formula 1 race car driver as you are accelerating through the twisties? Well we can't all be race care drivers but you can sure feel like one by adding the Cool Breeze Scoop to the header of your windshield.

The Cool Breeze Scoop is a black high quality ABS polycarbonate duct that is comprised of a housing, bug screen, air diverter, attachment rod and heavy-duty Velcro mounting pads. The scoop is designed to bring outside air into the cockpit and direct the flow to the warm foot wells. The original intent was to provide cooling for autocross racers. I have had mine for about three years and feel that I can offer an informed opinion.



Upon close examination the scoop is made well and has a nice textured appearance that could be painted to match your baby. A plastic screen is there to catch unwanted bugs from smashing into your legs. This works fairly well but will allow some smaller critters through. A foam diverter wedge slows incoming air velocity down as it enters the cockpit. The attachment rod appears to be weak and wobbly, but hasn't broken in three years of continual use and a few runs at about 115 mph. The heavy-duty Velcro mounting pads work very well at securing the scoop to the inside of the car. Make note that the headliner-mounting surface must be very well cleaned of all protective coatings such as Armor-All or Finish 2000. The first time I applied the Velcro pad it failed. The second time I used Prepsol, which is a silicone and wax remover, to clean the headliner. This time the Velcro mounting pads stuck.

The manufacture states that the scoop takes about 10 second to mount once the initial installation has been accomplished. I think that it is more like 25, but whose counting. The only real problem that I have encountered is that of storage. Where do you put the scoop when not in use? Cool breeze states that you can put it in the glove box. There is now way in heck that it will fit in mine or for that matter anyone else's. I used to put it on the shelf behind the seats, until the time I forgot that it was there and lowered the top. The tops frame bent the scoop. This was easily fixed by using the heat from a hair dryer. From that point on I have stored the scoop in the trunk.

Does the Cool Breeze work? You bet it does. During those hot summer days of cruising, you will have a constant flow of outside air circulating around your legs. I would recommend this product to anyone owning a Miata. It is available in two models, one covering years 1990-2005, the other for 2006+. They retail for \$35.99, available from **Moss Motors** (<http://www.miatamania.com/Shop/ViewProducts.aspx?PlateIndexID=79246&SortOrder=2>).

Happy Holidays from Griz's Garage