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NWOHio Miata Club Represented at Midwest Miata Gathering

by Bill Potvin

Teresa & Randy Raymond, Fran & Tom Thayer and Linda Myers & Bill Potvin carried the NWOHio Miata Club banner - both literally and figuratively - when they attended MMG 10 in Dry Ridge, KY on the weekend of September 11-13.

You'll recall that this was one of the most beautiful weekends of the summer, with clear skies and warm temperatures every day. We took full advantage as we caravanned tops-down to the event, avoiding interstates and traffic along the way. Shortly after crossing the Ohio River, we made our first encounter with the spectacular, curvy, hilly roads they were going to drive the next three days.

After registering and checking in to the headquarters motel, we got our next taste of the great roads and scenery as we traveled about 20 miles to a winery, the site of the evening's dinner and entertainment. The food was good, the wine was plentiful and we met some nice folks. Among the 74 cars in attendance were attendees from Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ontario.



On Saturday morning, we drove about 40 miles (did I mention the super roads?) to Kincaid Lake State Park, the focal point for the weekend. Several seminars were presented, the cars were displayed and the usual chitchatting and lie swapping took place. Tom even got a door dent removed on the spot by the Dent Doctor, who amazed us all with his skill.

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Bridges Over the River Raisin

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2009

Leave: 12:30 pm

Meet at Mayberry Diner, Centennial & Erie, Sylvania, Ohio at Noon

Join us for what has become our traditional fall event and the last meander of the season. Bring a folding chair and a dish to pass for the campfire and hayride to be held at Sue Greeley's at the end of the day.

Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided.

Please contact Kathy Guiberson at kathy671@verizon.net
by September 26 to make a reservation.

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Looking forward to seeing you
at our next event!

For Sale

Alloy Rims from a 1993 Miata. These are 14 inch (5 1/2 inch wide), 4x100mm bolt pattern. Not perfect with rash on one lip but presentable, great second set. I'm in Brighton, MI (just north of Ann Arbor). One hour north of Toledo. Contact Dave at 810-588-4287 or dlobbestael@comcast.net



(MMG 10, from page 1)

After a picnic lunch, we embarked on the main activity of the event - getting lost on some of the neatest roads around. We actually started to follow some tour instructions, but quickly decided to improvise and explore the countryside on our own. After several hours of this activity, we all agreed that we really wanted to bottle these roads and bring them back home.

We then returned to the park, picked up a few goodies from the door prize drawing and had a nice BBQ dinner. On the drive back to the motel, we realized the downside of having ONLY hilly, twisty roads: it makes night time traveling a bit more challenging than in our part of the world!

After breakfast on Sunday, we did another great 60 mile tour that took us to Augusta, KY, conveniently the site of a ferry crossing to Ohio. We had added another car to our caravan, folks from Romulus, MI, and the eight of us enjoyed ice cream in Augusta, the ferry ride and a nice trip up US 68 from the river to Findlay. Along the way, we made a lunch stop at Young's Restaurant, near Springfield, a family style place recommended by Randy.

We finished our 800 mile odyssey never having put the top up and having enjoyed one of the nicest regional Miata events in memory. Many thanks to the Cincinnati club for their great event and warm hospitality!



Potvin/Myers, Thayers and Raymonds After Crossing the Mighty Ohio

St. Tim's to Hold Second Annual Road Rally

Join in the fun at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church's Second Annual Road Rally. This will be a simple road tour to be held from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 26. The idea is to enjoy a nice drive in the country, engage in some fellowship and do dinner following the tour.

You can drive your own car or meet and get together with others at the start (871 S. East Boundary, Perrysburg). Contact Phil Schmidt with any questions - plschiidt1948@juno.com

July Adopt-A-Highway Attracts Good Group

It was a perfect day for the Adopt-A-Highway clean up - the rain didn't make an appearance and many of our members did. Thanks go out to the July roadies Barb and Don Barkley, Gloria and Frank Bracken, Gary McCormick, and Tom Thayer.

A special thank you and a welcome go out to Gene & Karen Lapko who recently joined the club and made the clean up their first "road trip" with the club. Don graciously volunteered to use the Bracken's camera for the picture. I think Don was just camera shy!

The next clean up is scheduled for October 17, 2009. Get your name in quickly in order to reserve a spot on the crew! Please contact Jerry Bish at timoria@wcnnet.org or 419-287-3278.



Karen Lapko, Barb Barkley, Gene Lapko, Gary McCormick, Jerry Bish, Tom Thayer, Gloria Bracken and Frank Bracken.

Dinner Hosts Needed

We'll soon begin our monthly Friday night dinners, so we need four volunteer hosts. There's really nothing to it - 1) pick one of your favorite restaurants that can accommodate 30-35 folks (private room best, but not required). 2) Pick a date, book the restaurant for 7 pm and tell them we'll give a good headcount a few days prior to the dinner. 3) Supply the info to your editor a month before the date. 4) Take reservations, confirm with the restaurant, show up and enjoy.

The dates for this season are November 13, January 15, February 12 and March 12. Please volunteer for one of these dates early, even if you don't have the arrangements made. That way we can solidify our winter calendar and we won't have to keep bugging people to serve as hosts.

Motorcycle and Car Rally for Scouts - Saturday, September 26

The Black Swamp Area Boy Scout Council serves 13 counties in Northwest and West Central Ohio. They serve over 7,600 youth and 2,800 adults volunteer to serve scouting as positive role models for the youth in our communities.

Service projects initiated by Eagle Scouts involved 3,120 additional scouts and volunteers. These projects resulted in 23,640 hours of service to the communities of the Black Swamp Area Council.

Register early. The rally will start at 10 am at Camp Berry, 11716 County Rd. 40, Findlay, Ohio and end at Camp Lakota, 2180 Ginter Rd, Defiance, Ohio about 2 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Stops along the way may include the Scout Service Center, Ice Cream and Harley Davidson Napoleon. There will be a drawing for giveaways at Camp Lakota.

Support Scouting and enjoy a great drive.

Contact Teresa Raymond at marbeeink@aol.com or Shaun.Nitschke@scouting.org (800-686-4220) for details and an entry form.

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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.

Tentative 2009 Miata Event Calendar

Saturday	October 3	River Raisin Meander by Greeley and Guiberson
Saturday	October 17	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Session
Friday	November 13	NWOhio Miata Club Dinner
Friday	December 11	NWOhio Miata Club Holiday Party

Meadow Brook Meander Attracts Small but Enthusiastic Crowd

Meander plans frequently change for some reason or another. The August meander to Meadow Brook was one of many such times. As it turns out Mary Jo and I met Terry and Sherry Koral and Gary and Carol McCormick at Alfoccino Italian Restaurant for dinner Saturday night. Terry had suggested a tour of the Walter P Chrysler Museum on Saturday afternoon. During dinner conversation, we found out that the Bishes and the Korals were at the museum at the same time but not on the same floor!

Mike and Patti Quinn, friends of Terry and Sherry's, also joined us at dinner. Mike, a Chrysler engineering facilitator with the Patrol Car division, shared some of his background stories of being involved with the Chrysler Charger police cruiser development team.

The next day dawned bright, sunny and COOL. After breakfast, we took advantage of the cool weather and enjoyed the show at Meadow Brook along with 12,000 other people. The cars ranged from 1960's drag racers, American 3 window coupes of the 30's and 40's, to the chrome and fins of 1959 convertibles, and everything else in between. Everyone enjoyed the show and a return trip may be planned.



Sherry and Terry Koral Enjoy the Show



Mary Jo, Sherry and Carol at Meadow Brook Hall

Open Invitation from Indy and Miata Valley Miata Clubs

Over the weekend of October 10-11, the Indy and Miami Valley Miata clubs have several members who will be meeting in Marietta, OH for an informal get together to enjoy the spectacular roads that the area has to offer. We currently have about 12 -15 cars for this "non-event" and we'd love to have additional Miata Clubs involved. If you are interested, contact Tom Lewis at tml2340@comcast.net