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2016 Daily News Autos Award Winner:

Mazda MX-5 Miata

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Joy: Pure, unadulterated, and absolute. That describes what you feel when driving the all-new, completely redesigned 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata. You can buy faster cars. You can buy better pedigreed cars. You can buy more lust-worthy cars. But you will not find a more joyful automobile than this iconic 2-seat roadster from Mazda, which wins an award as the most Fun Car of 2016 in our inaugural Daily News Autos Awards.

As you might imagine, the Fun Car categories contains several impressive vehicles. This year, the Miata garnered more votes than these runners-up, all of which are also recommended by our team of experts. They include the redesigned Chevrolet Camaro, the Dodge Challenger, the Ford Mustang, and the Volkswagen Golf GTI and Golf R.

Given that list, you might conclude that we love roasted rubber, and you'd be right. But we also love carving corners, as evidenced by the recommended Volkswagen and our award-winning MX-5 Miata, and muscle cars aren't nearly as much

fun on twisty mountain roads as they are when painting black lines on blacktop. Plus, the Miata's top goes down, adding to the car's immersive driving experience.

It takes \$25,735 to get this party started, making the Miata an appealingly cheap thrill. Our favorite version of the car is the Club model, equipped with a manual gearbox and the Brembo/BBS Package, which upgrades the wheels, tires, and braking components. This one runs \$32,820, but is well worth the extra cost.

As Mazda's new advertising tagline proclaims, driving matters. Everything the company builds reflects this focus on making cars and SUVs that are enjoyable to drive. But it is the MX-5 Miata which embodies this spirit in its purest essence. The epitome of a fun car, the Miata is our favorite Fun Car of 2016.

Other Daily News Autos recommended Fun Car models include:

- 2016 Chevrolet Camaro
- 2016 Dodge Challenger
- 2016 Ford Mustang
- 2016 Volkswagen Golf GTI and Golf R



Mazda Gives New Miata To Unlucky Owner Of The First Wrecked 2016 Miata

From 7/15/2015

Jason Torchinsky



Interested in feeling a little better about the state of humanity in general? If so, put down those pills and booze and listen to this. Earlier this week, the very first, brand-new 2016 Mazda Miata met its end, by being rear-ended by an F-150 less than a mile from the dealer. Gutting, right? Well, incredibly, Mazda is going to make things right.

Things started on Monday, when the Miata's buyer (who goes by SCSM on the MX-5 Miata Forum) and his wife went to pick up their new, unashamedly red (*Soul Red*, according to Mazda) Launch Edition Miata, which is one of a series of only 1000. Barely a mile or so away from the dealership, a Ford F-150, slammed into the rear of the Miata without even taking the courtesy to brake.

The force of the impact shoved the Miata into the car in front of it, basing in both ends and seemingly bending the unibody itself — which means the damage is likely much worse than it looks. Happily, neither the owner nor his wife were seriously injured. They weren't entirely uninjured, as there was bruising and other sorts of injuries you'd expect from having an F-150 slam into your ass.

Everything seemed to be sliding into that grim miasma of insurance negotiations and all that other associated misery that comes after a car wreck, but this poor guy didn't even get to enjoy the car beforehand. Well, it seemed that way until about two days ago, when the owner posted this on the forum:

What a whirlwind these last 3 days have been for my wife and me! Our new LE was finally here and ready for pick up on Saturday, the 18th! Was trying to beat Mark out west and the time zones were working our favor, but I believe he got his a bit earlier. But we were right up there as one of the early owners in starting our new adventure with the ND.

Then, at around 4:00 PM or so, BAM. BAM, and our beautiful new LE was no more. We were shaken, Joanne took a ride with the EMT's to the hospital and I was left dazed, amazed, stressed, and what ever emotion one could experience. I also quickly realized that we were both still alive and functioning, thank you up there!!!

Sunday was depressing indeed, I went to the Care Spot facility to be checked out, and we were preparing for the worst of a long, contentious battle to get things right again, and minimize any additional hassles. Glad Sunday was over....

On Monday I spoke with my dealer, Tom Bush Mazda, and they were hopeful that things could be made right if a few things came together. By late yesterday, they had!!!

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Then, yesterday afternoon, I received 2 calls from MNAO informing me that my name was on a replacement LE 6MT that is in transit and will dock in Jacksonville around August 15. on to Tom Bush soon after that.

Yep, Mazda is stepping up and sending them a replacement, brand-new Miata. It's worth noting that Mazda was really in no way obligated to do this — the whole mess was clearly the owner's and insurance companies' problem at this point — but that they did it anyway speaks volumes, and I suspect the good PR they get will easily be worth the value of the car.

It looks like they're also taking the wrecked Miata back, as well — I wonder if there's value to be had by inspecting the car, as it's likely the first real-world example of crash damage to a production MX-5, and there's likely something interesting to be learned there. Either that or it'll show up on CarMax or Craigslist in a couple weeks.

We love to point out when car makers do terrible things, so I suppose it's only fair to make a big deal out of it when they do something good as well. So, great job, Mazda! Thanks for doing the decent and kind thing when you didn't have to. That's important, and people will remember.

2016 Buckeye Miata Club Officers

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Mazda promises 'world premiere' for New York Auto Show, which says MX-5 hardtop to us

Mazda promises to "blow the lid off" something at the New York auto show in a matter of days, and it probably won't be the CX-5 crossover belatedly striking back at the Nissan Murano CrossCabriolet. Instead, many are expecting the automaker to debut a power retractable hardtop (PRHT) version of the MX-5 Miata.

Autocar obtained an early copy of an invitation to a "world premiere," with all evidence pointing to an MX-5 Roadster Coupe debut.

Previous generations of the Miata have rocked power retractable hardtops, while the current generation is only available in soft-top form. With the long winter coming to an end, the New York auto show is the perfect venue for Mazda to unveil another variant of the Miata.

The current soft-top model is powered by a Skyactiv 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine producing 155 hp and 148 lb-ft of torque -- a few horsepower shy of the previous-gen model, which was good for 167 hp and 140 lb-ft of torque. The Miata is offered in three trim levels: Sport, Club and Grand Touring, with the base model starting at \$25,735. Expect to see a modest gain in weight and price when the PRHT model debuts.

[Jay Ramey](#) - Jay Ramey is an Associate Editor with Autoweek

Buckeye Miata Club Monthly Meeting Minutes March 03, 2016

29 Members Attending

Meeting called to order by Linda Johnson – Club President

Guests: Phil & Jean Hoffman

Tonight's Dinner: Mellow Mushroom

Treasurer's Report presented by Bob Kincer

Motion to accept:

1st: Chris Riner

2nd: John Ness

So moved

Old Business:

2-13-16 BMC Car Talk La Chatelaine, Attending: 10 for discussion (Rhodes) and 9 women for breakfast & chat (Riner)

2-23-16 DOTM Gahanna Grill, Attending: 26 (Riner/Lester)

New Business:

BMC Newsletter:

- A *special* thank-you to Chris Riner for your continued work as editor!
- Members are encouraged to submit interesting news articles, etc. to **Chris** for newsletter.
- Discussion regarding allowing advertising in newsletter and it was agreed it would be allowed for members to submit.
- Submit events for webpage to Webmaster **Jim Hayter**

at: webmaster@BuckeyeMiataClub.com

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Rally – spring or summer.
- 2017 Valentine's Day Party

2016 Christmas Party:

- Update by Chris Riner – December 1, 2016 at Berwick Refugee Road Columbus. \$1,000.00 had been allocated at the January meeting to offset expenses.

Circleville Raceway T-Shirts:

- Discussion to allow the use of the BMC logo for shirts

Motion to accept:

1st: Steve Johnson

2nd: Garry Rowe

So moved

New Business continued:

Autocross:

- "Lets Get Excited" presented by Brian Claus – overview of the upcoming autocross season.

Upcoming Events:

March 5 BMC Car Talk La Chatelaine (Rhodes)

March 5 Michael Shank Racing Shop Tour & Open House

March 10 DOTM Taranto's Pizzeria (Rhodes)

April? Carillon Historic Park – Dayton (Kahle)

April? DOTM – date & location TBD (Gill)

April 23 BMC Memorial Run (Cooper)

May 1 Autocross Points Event #1 (Claus)

May 7 Kingswood Gardens – Mansfield (Edwards)

June 9-12 ZTMOET "Zoomin' the Mountains of East Tennessee" sponsored by: Tri-Cities Miata Club (Koch)

June 12 BMC Picnic **CANCELLED**

July? American Celebration – date TBD (Bardon)

July 15-16 Bourbon Run – Kentucky (McAlister/Peyton)

50/50 Raffle: Jim Hayter - \$26.50

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: April 7, 2016

Dinner: Lazy Chameleon

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Billow

Buckeye Miata Club Secretary

BMC 2016 Calendar of Events

March:

17th -20th (Thurs Sun) - Columbus Car Show.

April:

7th (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru.

TBA Dump of the Month (Rhodes)

TBA Carillon Historic Park (Kahle)

23rd BMC Memorial Drive (Cooper)

May:

1st (Sun) – Autocross Points Event #1 (B. Claus)

5th (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru.

7th (Sat) –Kingswood Gardens Mansfield (Edwards).

17th (Tue) DOTM - Signatures - (Riner/Lester)

20th -22nd (Fri-Sun) – Buckeye Miata Club Cruise the Hocking & Evening BMC Event (K.Claus)

21st (Sun) – Autocross Special Event (B. Claus)

28th (Sat) – Eric Jones Memorial RiverRun (Koch).

29th (Sun) - Indy 500 Party (Johnson).

June:

2nd (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru.

5th (Sun) – BMC Autocross School & Evening Test & Tune

9th - 12th (Sun) – ZTMOET (Kate Koch)

18th (Sat) - Millie's Pie Run (Fisher)

19th (Sun) Autocross Points Event #2 (B. Claus)

21st (Tues) – DOTM - Gatsby's – (Riner/Lester)

24th (Fri) BMC The Cobra Club Autocross (B. Claus)

25rd (Sat) The Cobras in London

24th – 26th (Fri - Sun) - Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio.

July:

TBA - America Celebration in ~ Upper Sandusky , OH (Cal and Pat Bardon).

7th (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru.

July continued

8th – 9th (Fri - Sat) - Arthritis Car Show and Cruise In

15th -16th Bourbon Trail (Peytons)

16th - 17th (Sat - Sun) - Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park

21st (Thurs) DOTM- Bennies Pizza (Peyton).

30th (Sat) – Pool Party- (Bob Kincer)

31st (Sun) – Autocross Points Event #3

TBA (Sat) West Liberty Ice Cream Run (Cooper)

August:

TBA - Corn Picking in London (Nancy Clemons)

4th (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru

7th (Sun) – Autocross Points Event #4

8th (Mon) DOTM G&R (Koch)

28th (Sun) Meet in the Middle Mohican State Park (joint event with North Coast Miata) (Rhodes)

TBA Soine Vineyards Night (Peyton)

TBA Stockport Drive?? (Clemmons)

TBA Canton Trip - Hall of Fame/ Winery - overnight

September:

1st (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru.

4th (Sun) – Autocross Points Event #5 at Carfest

11th (Sun) All Horse Parade and Cook Out at the Billow's

14th – 18th (Wed - Sun) "Miatas Play Music City" regional event, Nashville, TN.

20th (Tues) DOTM - Flanagans – (Riner/Lester)

25th (Sun) – Autocross Points Event #6

TBA – The Wilds – Drive and Visit (Rhodes)

October:

6th (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru

TBA - Byers Appreciation Lunch (Johnson)

TBA – (Sat) Road Apple Tour to Amish (Kahle).

TBA- DOTM (Doug Henderson).

TBA - BMC Autocross Awards Dinner

23rd Fall Road Rally (Johnson)

November:

3rd (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers Mazda/Subaru

12th (Sat) Car Talk (Rhodes)

26th (Sat) - BMC Squared Party (Johnson)

TBA- DOTM (Billow).

December:

1st (Thurs) - Annual Christmas Party (no monthly meeting) TBA

TBA Caroling Party (Nieman).

Miata Services by Scott

- **30K Tune-Up Service (\$325)** new plugs, timing & synth. fluids
- **Basic timing belt Service (\$325)** incl. new Mazda belt & spring
- **60K Full Service (\$675)** incl. 30K service + Std. Timing Belt Service PLUS
- all drivetrain fluids, brake and clutch fluids, filters, gaskets, checks and lubrications called for by Mazda
- Add **Water Pump Replacement** to any timing belt service (\$150) new pump, gaskets and coolant
- **Other mechanical work and Accessory Installation** – call for quote (\$35 per hr.)
- **Detailing by Appt**, call for details - can include:
 - Exterior - Paint polishing, swirl removal, touch-ups, wax and more
 - Interiors – carpets steamed, seats cleaned, leather & vinyl treated and more

I'd be glad to discuss any work you may want or need. If you have questions about what I can provide or just about your Miata in general, I'll be glad to help!

(614) 633-7419

Detailing

Many of you know that I offer paint polishing, interior cleaning, tops, engine bay detailing and more, using the same processes and many of the same products as seen in the demo at Performance Auto Spa.

I've been detailing Miatas for many years and can handle clear coat and single-stage paints as well as repaints. I can bring new life to your car by removing oxidation, eliminating swirls and more.

Now's a great time to schedule a Detail. give me a call anytime - 614-633-7419. If I can't pick up, please leave a message.

Happy Motoring!
- Scott Langley

Zoomin' the Mountains of East Tennessee X

Thanks to all those who attended the 2015 ZTMOET, we were able to donate \$ to Speedway Children's Charities! This is the most Zoomin' has ever been able to share with more than 80 individual deserving causes in the Speedway's regional area. Thanks again for making a difference. You're the BEST! We look forward to welcoming you back for 2016!

2016 Zoomin' is scheduled for June 9-12, 2016!



Please see Kate Koch to join the members of the BMC heading south!

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