

A SHORT HISTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE BUCKEYE MIATA CLUB

The Buckeye Miata Club was one of the first chapters of the Miata Club of America. The local clubs early undertaking was to bring together Mazda Miata owners in central Ohio. Who knew at that time that the Miata would become the most popular sports car in the world! From humble beginnings the Buckeye Miata Club today boasts nearly 200 members with over 100 Miatas of all generations!

The first organizational meeting was called to order by founders Joyce and Don Becker on May 19th, 1990 at the Arlington Public Library. That first meeting reportedly had about 10-15 members in attendance. Meetings were held at the library and local restaurants for a number of months until the club outgrew those spaces and needed a larger centrally located meeting place. The monthly meetings were then held at Patrick Motors on Billingsley Rd. Columbus OH (subsequently purchased by Byers). The meetings continue to be held there today.

The club's activities include monthly meetings, autocross events (a timed race one car at a time through a defined course), day drives, overnight trips to Miata Club regional events, dinners, car talk breakfasts, car shows, and impromptu drives. We also put on one or more club events every few weeks (more in the driving season).

Members are of varied ages and professions. However, we have one thing in common, we have a passion for owning and driving the Mazda Miata MX5. As a member, you are encouraged to attend our monthly business meetings. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m, except in December. The BMC Holiday Party always falls on the first Thursday in December. The meetings typically last an hour, followed by dinner and socializing at a nearby restaurant. The Buckeye Miata Club newsletter, "*Miata Minutes*" is published 11 times a year and is E-mailed to all members. It includes information such as; monthly business meeting minutes, a list of upcoming events, the monthly financial report, write-ups about recent club activities, technical articles, and the contact information for current club officers. The club's web site is www.buckeyemiataclub.com.

The club has a long and interesting history and is more active than ever. If you have an interest in the Mazda Miata please consider joining us in the fun!!