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Buckeye Miata Club



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What the experts say about the 2017 Mazda MX-5 Miata

An editor, an analyst, and a dealership general manager weigh in.

2017 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF. —Mazda By Jaclyn Trop

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2017 Mazda MX-5 Miata

The nimble, pint-sized Mazda MX-5 Miata is a true driver's car. Low to the ground and easy to park, the two-seater packages the best of the best: It's strong on fuel economy, athleticism, and — starting at less than \$25,000 — value.

“Enthusiasts adore the Mazda Miata because it is a lightweight throwback to an era when driving a sports car was engaging and fun,” said Michael Harley, an automotive analyst at Kelley Blue Book. “The drop-top is small, modestly powered, and offers few amenities, but none of that matters as the behind-the-wheel experience is blissful — balanced, agile, and responsive.”

The Miata gets a 155-horsepower, 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine paired with a six-speed manual transmission. A six-speed automatic is available. The rear-wheel drive convertible comes in three trims: Sport, Club, and Grand Touring. The Miata's standard soft-top folds down manually, but the new-for-2017 RF (“retractable fastback”) version raises and lowers the roof with the push of a button.

The base trim is equipped with Bluetooth and a six-speaker audio system. The Club trim adds features typical for the segment: satellite radio, a nine-speaker Bose premium audio system, and the Mazda Connect infotainment system. The Miata's Grand Touring trim boasts heated seats and leather upholstery, as well as a navigation system.

Mazda's convertible has not been evaluated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which does not test sports cars. Unlike rivals, the Miata cannot be equipped with a rearview camera. The Club trim includes blind spot monitoring and rear cross traffic alert, and Grand Touring adds lane departure warning. When equipped with the standard manual transmission, the Mazda MX-5 Miata delivers 26 miles per gallon in the city and 33 on the highway. The 2017 Mazda MX-5 Miata starts at \$24,915. The Club and Grand Touring trims begin at \$28,800 and \$30,065, respectively. The RF retractable roof, available on upper trims, adds about \$2,500 to the starting price.

What the experts are saying An industry favorite

"This is one of my favorite cars, period. As an enthusiast, it's everything I want out of a pure driver's tool — lightweight, great steering, perfect balance. Every part of the Miata was designed to work around the driver, even down to small details like the shape of the seats' side bolsters, to allow for better body movement while manually putting the roof up and down. A great car for warm weather, the Miata manages to charm me year-round. Despite its small size and canvas roof, this is indeed a car that's fun for all four seasons." – *Steven Ewing, managing editor at Motor1*

True to heritage

"The latest MX-5 Miata reflects Mazda's ability to maintain this iconic roadster's original vibe in a world far more complex than when it debuted in 1989. That growing complexity, involving everything from emissions controls to required safety equipment, could have swept away the MX-5's nimble and sporty nature. Some might even argue past generations of the Miata did indeed reflect a loss of the original's mojo. But the current version has restored the MX-5's core character. It continues to be the most engaging and entertaining vehicle you can buy for less than \$25,000." – *Karl Brauer, executive publisher, Autotrader & Kelley Blue Book*

Enthusiast niche

"There is no customer more engaged in our brand than MX-5 owners. People love the fact that Mazda offers a roadster with such style and driving dynamics for such a great price. Many customers also cite the reliability and lower cost of ownership. Although we don't sell these cars in the same volumes of our other models, both the vehicle and customers create incredible excitement in our showrooms. This year the retractable hard top has been a big hit and exceeded all our expectations. Cars that are not pre-sold don't last long. New England customers also like the retractable hard top because many believe it allows them to use it as a more year around vehicle." – *Joe Shaker, owner of Wellesley Mazda and North Shore Mazda*



POOL PARTY!!

Saturday July 29 2017 at 2:30

7018 Gregg Rd.
West Jefferson, OH 43162

Corn on cob, Burgers, Brats, Dogs, Snacks &
Condiments furnished

You bring drink of choice & side dish or
dessert

There will be plenty of "Darby Creek Salad"

Drive on your own or meet at our house
4023 Kioka Ave
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Call (614) 457-6465 by
Wednesday, July 26 if you plan to come

Please come if you can - the more the
merrier!!

BOB & JOAN KINCER

2017 Calendar of Events

July:

- 9th (Sun) – Circleville Autocross
 14th & 15th (Fri - Sat) Arthritis Car Show –
 Edwards
 17th (Mon) DOTM – King’s Pizza – Canal
 Winchester – Klontz
 21st-23rd Marietta Run w/North Coast Miata
 – Edwards
 29th (Sat) – Pool Party- Bob Kincer
 TBD - Corn Festival - Corn Roast and Picking in
 London -Clemons
**July 15st – 16th Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix*

August:

- 3rd (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at MCL,
 Westerville
 5th (Sat) – Circleville Autocross
 14th (Mon) - DOTM – G&R Grill Waldo – Koch
 20th (Sun) – Circleville Autocross
 27th (Sun) Meet in the Middle w/North Coast
 Miata Club - Edwards

September:

- 2nd & 3rd (Sat-Sun) Mid Ohio Autocross
 7th (Thurs) Monthly meeting at Byers
 Mazda/Subaru.
 17th (Sun) – Circleville Autocross
 19th (Tues) DOTM Flannagan’s - Riner
 23rd (Sat) Road Rally – Johnson’s
 TBA Football Hall of Fame - Calhoun.
 30th (Sun) Octoberfest in Minster - Edwards

October:

- 5th (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at Byers
 Mazda/Subaru (officer nominations).
 8th (Sun) - BMC Autocross Awards Dinner
 TBA Road Apple Tour - Kahle
 TBD – DOTM - Rhodes
**October 18th-22nd Circleville Pumpkin Show*

November:

- 2nd (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at MCL -
 Westerville
 11th (Sat) – Car Talk – LeChatelaine - Rhodes
 26th (Sun) – Clifton Mill Xmas Lights - Edwards
 TBD - DOTM - Koch

December:

- 7th (Thurs) - Annual Christmas Party (no monthly
 meeting) Villa Milano
 TBA - Caroling Party (Nieman).
 TBA – Fantasy Lights Alum Creek State Park
 (Gill)

**Items in italics are informational use only*

MARIETTA TOUR UPDATE

The Marietta Tour hosted by Rod and Bev Barkley and John James is rapidly approaching. The tour is scheduled for Friday, July 21st through Sunday, July 23rd and includes both the Northcoast Miata Club and the Buckeye Miata Club.

The Cleveland group will be departing at 9 am from the Wolf Creek Environmental Center at 6100 Ridge Road (Route 94) in Sharon Center. Please arrive with a full tank of gas and bring a walkie talkie if you have one. If not we will have a few spares. We will be meeting up with the Columbus group at the Burger King at 150 Maysville Road in South Zanesville. We will then be running some nice Miata-friendly back roads to Marietta.

Please RSVP to Rod or Bev Barkley as to the guided tours that you will be attending and for dinner at the Lafayette Hotel on Saturday night so we can give them a head count. Details for the tours are available in the June newsletter.

We are looking forward to hosting the tour and we are sure we will have a great time.

Please contact Rod or Bev Barkley at 330-334-6702 or bab579@yahoo.com to RSVP or for any questions.

Rod’s cell phone for the tour will be 330-334-6702 and John’s cell phone will be 216-548-1889.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

President's Corner – July 2017

In past newsletters I have commented on how the club and its members seem to come together when necessary to be supportive of others and to help. We have had a number of get-togethers so far this summer where there is plenty of talk and laughter. It is enjoyable to be around and be part of it.

This summer has also been a time to put some emphasis on the car itself. For the first time, there were vintage car races at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course that included the '90 to '93 year Miatas. The Miata Heritage races is one more indication that some of our cars are now 'classic'. And the club was there, not in great numbers, but there supporting those NA's in a really exciting race. The club was provided a special parking area at the infield car show. Over the course of the day, we were joined by other Miata (and RX7) owners from around the state who wanted to be part of the group. It was special.

The following weekend, July 1st, we were able to join one of the drivers in that race for a discussion about Miata racing, the car's race characteristics, race preparation and a host of other topics. John Guthrie owns Sunbury Storage and has a shop on the property. He finished 4th out of the 23 Miatas in the Heritage Race. The thing that stood out for me is his respect for the build quality of the Miata.

The car was not designed and built with racing in mind. Yet it is able to take the temperature and stress of competition well.

Finally, I hope that we can 'show the flag' again by appearing in numbers at the Arthritis Car Show on July 15th. Not only do we contribute to a worthy cause but also participate in the premier car show of central Ohio. A car club of our size and import needs to have a presence at the show.

So, not only do we have a club of great people, we have a great car at the heart of it. For me, the summer so far has made that clear.



Buckeye Miata Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2017

At 6:30 the meeting was called to order by Dave Edwards. There were 30 members in attendance, including three new members, Tim Owens, Mike Puckett and John Williams. The after-meeting dinner was held at Ruby Tuesday.

Minutes of June 1, 2017 meeting

The minutes of the June meeting were moved by Mike Fisher and seconded by Carl Klontz and approved by the membership. No dissenting votes.

Treasurer's Report

The report was moved by John Ness and seconded by Steve Johnson and approved by the membership. No dissenting votes.

Old Business

- Secretary and Newsletter Editor Openings Filled – Dee Edwards will be finishing out the year as secretary as Jeff Billow has moved out of town and Joyce Gleckler has volunteered to be our Newsletter Editor.
- Memorial Drive – June 10th – Mike Fisher reported that 11 cars went on the Memorial Drive. It was a great day and some very nice curvy roads.
- Autocross June 18th and June 29th – no report
- London Cobra Show June 29th – Nancy Clemmons gave a brief report on the show.
- DOTM – Gatsby's June 20th – no official report but it was estimated that 18 people attended.
- Car Show at Vintage Grand Prix, Mid-Ohio Raceway – Dave Edwards reported that there were 7 Buckeye Miata Club cars not including other Miata and Mazda cars that parked together with them at the car show. It was the first year for the Miata races and Dave hopes the club can build the trip to Mid-Ohio to be bigger each year.
- BMC Picnic June 25th – Diane and Dick Calhoun reported that 38 people attended the annual club picnic at Blendon Woods. They have reserved the Sycamore Shelter for next year's event to be held on July 1, 2018. It will

- Tech Session July 1st – Guthrie's Body Shop/Race Prep – Dave Edwards reported that 9 people met at John Guthrie's Body Shop where John Guthrie hosted and conducted a discussion about Miata track competition. John himself raced his Miata at Mid-Ohio on June 24th.
- July 4th Celebration/Goodbye – Dee Edwards reported that 29 people were at the July 4th picnic. It was also an opportunity to say goodbye to Pam and Jeff Billow, who have moved out of town. It was moved by Carl Klontz and seconded by Nancy Clemmons and approved by the membership to reimburse Dave and Dee Edwards for the purchase of food in the amount of \$103.66.
- Insurance update – Dave Edwards reported that an application is being completed to apply for an insurance policy that would cover the social side of the club. The application has been reviewed by Cary Hager.
- Zoom in the Mountains of East Tennessee – Mike Fisher reported that 4 cars made the trip to Johnson City, Tennessee and the Bristol Racetrack and then extended the trip to Virginia where they visited Moss Motors. Mike said it was a very good time but maybe for the future, the trips should be separate.

New Business

- Autocross July 9th – no report
- Arthritis Car Show July 15th – Dave Edwards reported that 4 cars are registered for the car show on Saturday. There is a NA, NB, NC and ND and it is hoped that more people would consider registering and coming to support the Arthritis Foundation and showing their Miatas.
- DOTM July 17th Kingy's Pizza, Canal Winchester – Carl and Vivian Klontz are hosting the dinner at 6:30. Watch for email with directions.

Minutes July 6, 2017 continued

Marietta Run with Northcoast Miata Club July 21-23 – According to Dave Edwards, there are 5 cars from Northcoast Miata Club and 3 cars from Buckeye Miata Club scheduled to meet in Zanesville on Friday, July 21 and then travel together to Marietta. Sightseeing and dinner at the historic Layfayette Hotel are planned. Staying overnight is not necessary. Making a day trip out of it is also an option. Please let Dave know of your interest in the drive.

- Pool Party July 29th – Bob Kincer announced the pool party at his son's house, 7018 Gregg Road, West Jefferson at 2:30. Email to follow with specifics.
- It was moved by Steve Johnson and seconded by Mike Fisher and approved by the membership with no dissenting votes that drive insurance money in the amount of \$354.00 be authorized for the Marietta and Pool Party drives if necessary.
- Meet in the Middle August 27th – Kevin Rhodes gave a brief report on the preparations on the get together with the Northcoast Miata Club. He asked for advance approval for funds for the picnic. It was moved by Carl Klontz and seconded by Bill Koch and approved by the membership with no dissenting votes to authorize \$325.00. The club plans to have each car and participant photographed for inclusion on the website at this event.
- Corn Picking – Nancy Clemmons gave a brief report that corn picking could happen either on July 23rd or July 30th. Email to follow.

Open Discussion/Concerns

- The next meeting will be held at MCL Cafeteria in Westerville on August 3. Dinner at 6:00 with meeting at 6:30.
- 50/50 – Donna Parisi - \$29.00
- A motion was made and seconded by the membership to close the meeting at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Edwards
Buckeye Miata Club Secretary

JULY DOTM

Monday, July 17, 2017, 6:30 pm

Kingy's Pizza Pub
7470 Hill Rd
Canal Winchester, OH

DIRECTIONS:

- I270 S to exit 46B, (Rt 33, Lancaster).
- Go 7 miles to Hill Rd/Diley Rd exit,
- turn left at light;
- right turn at next light (McDonalds);
- right at Stop sign –
- Kingy's Pizza is on the left.

**Please contact Carl Klontz by
Saturday July 15, if you will attend –
(E-mail) Vivian.griffin63@hotmail.com
or
(text or call) 614-206-2840**

Vivian Klontz

2017 Buckeye Miata Club Officers

President:	Dave Edwards
Treasurer:	Bob Kincer
Secretary:	Dee Edwards
Competition Director:	Rick Young
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Newsletter Editor:	Chris Riner
Historian:	Kate Koch
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Webmaster:	Jim Hayter
Insurance Coordinator:	Stewart Lemmens
Photographer:	John Ness

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

July competition events in the area

There is a car show at Der Dutchman in Plain City each Thursday from 5-8pm until the end of September.

There is a car show supporting Buckeye Ranch on the 29th. Free and open to the public.

Our friends of the Porsche persuasion are having a big get together in Granville on the 21st thru the 23rd.

Check out all of these opportunities and enjoy!

Thanks,

Dave Edwards

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

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