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**2017 Mazda MX-5 Miata and... Miata RF:
The Miata Just Keeps Getting Better
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Ever since it was introduced in 1989, Mazda's venerable two-seater sports car the Miata has held a special place in the hearts of auto enthusiasts around the world. It was a literal copy of some of history's best old British sports cars, but with watch-like Japanese reliability. Well over a million have been built now, and they pepper the world's enthusiasts' garages. On any given weekend, they are out and about on the world's racetracks, in a number higher than any other model. Without

question, this is the most popular sports car in history.

So what did Mazda do to keep pushing the envelope? We've seen just about every flavor of Miata, from turbocharged models to power-retractable tops. But there's never really been a coupe or fastback version, despite many renderings that ignited many a rumor. Last year, however, Mazda stunned the world by announcing the first-ever fastback Miata, and that it would be the 'RF' version for 'retractable fastback.' Combining the looks of a coupe with the open-air driving of a convertible, this new version is perhaps the ultimate Miata.

The newest 'ND' version of the Miata (Mazda gives internal designations to each generation, starting with the original 'NA' version) has already been universally praised as the best one yet. Combining lighter weight, better handling, and a wonderful sounding 2.0-Liter SkyActiv engine, it's probably one of the most fun cars you

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can buy – certainly one of the most rewarding to drive. By adding the new retractable fastback, now it's even one of the best-looking cars on the road too.

We got the chance to try both versions out, and compare them a bit. You certainly get a more open-air experience in the standard soft top. The top itself is unbelievably easy to operate, with just a flick of the wrist needed to stow it. The argument for power-actuated soft tops is completely shattered by this simple mechanism. You can drop the top in seconds. By contrast, the RF version takes a little longer to fold, but is a bit quieter when closed. Of course, that loss of convenience is made up for by its gorgeous appearance and unique mechanism.

The driving experience is as pure as it gets – light weight, direct steering, tons of grip, and a revving engine that sounds great. On a curvy road – which is sorely lacking here in Chicago – there's nothing better. Especially given the speed limit on most roads, if you were driving a Ferrari, there's no way you could get as much enjoyment from it as this little Miata. The brakes are astounding either with or without the optional Brembo package. Ultimately, it just doesn't take that much brake to stop a 2300lb car!

Another thing the newest Miata gives you is some actual technology. While the original was a very analog car, in just about every way, the newest version is available with features like navigation, blind-spot monitors, radar-cruise control and lane

assist. All features you wouldn't expect on a car like this, but make the driving experience even safer. Unlike many other cars on the market, it's extremely simple to turn off the traction and stability control. Just pressing a single button – not holding it down, not surfing through a menu – turns all driver aids off so you can enjoy the car in pure form.

Simply put, the Miata is the personification of Mazda's whole philosophy in building automobiles. Make it small, light and pure. Don't overcomplicate things. It's this philosophy that makes even their crossovers fun to drive. But there's no better way to experience it than from behind the wheel of a Miata. Just choose your top, and find a curvy road. Go ahead, what are you waiting for?

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SEPTEMBER DOTM

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 6:30 pm

Flanagan's
3001 Reynoldsburg – New Albany Rd
Blacklick, Ohio 43004

RSVP by Monday the 18th to Chris:
criner@columbus.rr.com
or call 614-638-6620

2017 Calendar of Events

September:

- 17th (Sun) – Circleville Autocross
 19th (Tues) DOTM Flannagan's - Riner
 23rd (Sat) Road Rally – Johnson's
 TBA Football Hall of Fame - Calhoun.
 30th (Sun) Drive/Hayride/Bonfire - Edwards

October:

- 5th (Thurs) - Monthly meeting at MCL Westerville
 Mazda/Subaru (officer nominations).
 7th (Sat) – Road Apple Tour – Kahle
 (rain date October 21)
 8th (Sun) - BMC Autocross Awards Dinner
 TBD – DOTM – Rhodes
 14th (Sat) - Tech Session – Esoteric – Edwards
 28th (Sat) – Castles/Caverns/Covered Bridges –
 Edwards
**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).

**Items in italics are informational use only*



August 27, 2017 – Meet in the Middle

President's Corner – September 2017

I have been known to get on a 'soap box' at times. I try not to do it often, but there are occasions when a little 'preaching' is good for the soul. Therefore, my subject for this month's sermon is 'volunteering'.

It isn't a whole lot that gets done in this world without someone stepping up and filling in the gaps. And did we ever see an example of just that this past week and continuing in Houston and other parts of Texas. People knew it was time to do the right thing and help. In a way, there is a lesson to be relearned from that. Without the willing volunteer, it will just not happen fast enough or possibly at all.

We cannot all do dramatic things like that in Texas, but being willing to help is what makes society and groups work. In the next couple of months, the club will need to arrive at a slate of candidates for open offices including president, treasurer and secretary. It may seem just a tad early, but I did not want to get to November elections without asking you to think seriously how you can volunteer your time and talents to move the club forward. Volunteers have already covered some positions for the coming year and I am very grateful.

The rewards for being an officer of the club are great. The pay is good! It is not the type of pay that you can buy a steak with, but it is very valuable. It is measured in friendships made, people met and memories saved. So, I am asking you to volunteer, help move things along and get paid to boot!

Sermon over. Thanks

Dave

Buckeye Miata Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2017

At 6:30 the meeting was called to order by Dave Edwards. There were 37 members in attendance and no new members.

Minutes of August 3, 2017 meeting

The minutes of the August 3rd meeting were moved by Marge Sanik and seconded by Vivian Klontz and approved by the membership. No dissenting votes.

Minutes of August 17, 2017 insurance meeting

The minutes of the August 17th insurance meeting were moved by Marge Sanik and seconded by Vivian Klontz and approved by the membership. No dissenting votes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report, period beginning 8/3/2017 and ending 9/7/2017

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

Old Business

Autocross August 5th – Rick Young and Stewart Lemmons reported that an assortment of about 30 cars were at the Fun Day event.

August 20th - Rick Young and Stewart Lemmons reported that about 55 cars were at the swap meet and racing day events.

DOTM – August 14th G & R Grill in Waldo - Bill Koch reported that about 35 people attended and had a good evening.

Central Ohio Winery Tour – August 19th – Dee Edwards reported that the tour started with 21 people and 13 cars at Blendon Woods for a picnic lunch. The afternoon consisted of a winery tour and wine tastings at four wineries in the central Ohio area. The tour ended in Marysville at Leon's Garage for dinner.

A motion was made by Carl Klontz and seconded by Dick Calhoun and approved by the membership with no dissenting votes to reimburse Dave Edwards \$177.00 to cover the cost of insurance for the Central Ohio Winery Tour.

Meet In The Middle With Northcoast Club – August 27th – Kevin Rhodes thanked all of the club members who helped plan and also assist that day and everyone who attended. BMC had about 24 cars at the event. John Ness took photos of club members with their cars that day and those are on the website. If you missed out on

having your photo taken, please let Dave Edwards know you are interested in having this done.

Insurance Committee Meeting – August 17th – Dave Edwards thanked the insurance committee: Kevin Rhodes, Steve Johnson, Jerry Juracek, Cary Hager, Stewart Lemmons and Rick Young and trustees: Bob Kincer, Linda Johnson and Dee Edwards. A decision was made to buy the J. C. Taylor insurance policies for the social side. No additional money will be owed for drives and no driver waivers will need to be signed.

Additional line added to membership form – Per the insurance company, a motion was made by Carl Klontz and seconded by Marge Sanik and approved by the membership with no dissenting votes to add a line to our membership form showing that insurance is carried by that individual. For existing members, the newsletter will have a form to sign and return to show insurance is in force.

Autocross at Mid-Ohio – September 2nd-3rd – Rick Young and Stewart Lemmons – Auto Interests held a total of four sessions, two on Saturday and two on Sunday with lots of novice drivers and over 50 cars.

New Business

Autocross September 17th - Rick Young and Stewart Lemmons are calling this day to be a standard event.

DOTM – September 19th – Flannigans in Blacklick at 6:30. Watch for email with further information.

Road Rally – September 23rd – Steve Johnson reported that the event will start in Canal Winchester and continue to points south. Watch for email with further information.

Hayride/Bonfire/Pumpkins – September 30th – Dave Edwards reported that he is planning a drive through Licking County and will arrive at Lynd's Fruit Farm for a hayride/ bonfire/ wiener roast/pumpkin and apple picking. Watch for email with further information.

October Tech Session – Dave Edwards reported that he is planning a tech session at Esoteric on October 14th. Watch for email with further information.

November Elections – Dave Edwards urged members to be thinking of how they can help move the club forward in the coming year. Officers needed for next year are: President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Open Discussion/Concerns

*Jerry and Sheila Gill are once again making plans for their Hunt for Hope event that will take place on October 1st. It consists of a scavenger hunt, silent auction items and a raffle. All money goes to IBC research. If interested in more information, please contact them.

*50/50 – Mike Fisher - \$25.00

*A motion was made by Nancy Clemmons and seconded by Carl Klontz to close the meeting at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Edwards
Buckeye Miata Club Secretary

2017 Buckeye Miata Club Officers

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



August 27, 2017 – Meet in the Middle

Revised Membership Form

On the next page you will find the revised membership-release form. Due to our recent change of insurance, we have been asked to state clearly that our members, participating in any club activity, are required to have auto coverage for personal and/or property damage. This insurance must meet the standards of the State of Ohio. We have decided to meet this request by modifying our standard membership and release form. Basically, one sentence has been added to the standard disclaimer. It begins with the phrase; 'I further certify....'

I am requesting that all members print out the revised form, read the disclaimer and sign below the disclaimer in the area marked 'Member Signature.' You might also use this time to update your information or renew your membership. Send your completed form to Mike and Brenda Fisher (at the address listed at the bottom of the form,) bring it to any scheduled drive or meeting, or email a pdf or jpeg to the Miata Club.

The positive tradeoff for this bit of compliance is that the club is not required to sign waivers on each drive and does not have to have drives and other activities approved by the agency in advance. I appreciate your cooperation and support. Thanks.

Dave Edwards



**BUCKEYE MIATA CLUB
MEMBERSHIP/RELEASE FORM**

Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address including City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____ (Spouse Cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Name(s) as they are to appear on name-tags:

Miata Color and Year: _____

License Plate: _____

- Type of Membership:
- Family \$30.00
 - Single \$20.00
 - New Member
 - Renewal

The Buckeye Miata Club (BMC) is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteer members and officers who have no special or professional training in conducting driving trips or other activities. The BMC provides a variety of activities for its members, some of which, by their nature, can involve danger and risk. By signing this membership application, I voluntarily assume all risks involved and I, for myself, my heirs, executors and assignees do hereby release and discharge the BMC, its members and officers, from all claims for any accident, injury or death to my person or property resulting from my participation in any club activity. I further certify that I or any driver of my vehicle engaged in club activity has proof of insurance meeting at least the minimum insurance requirements of the State of Ohio for coverage in the event of personal and/or property damage. I understand that copies of the BMC bylaws and standing policies of the BMC are available from officers of the club upon request. I agree to abide by all the bylaws and standing policies of the BMC. Having read and understood this consent and release of liability, I understand its terms and enter into this membership.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Both must sign, if applicable.

Please print and complete this form and make your check payable to: Buckeye Miata Club
Mail the completed form and check to :

Mike and Brenda Fisher, 2221 Landerest Drive, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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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

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