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## Upcoming Events

### February

Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Feb 1	MCL, Kingsdale	6:30 pm
Car Talk	Saturday, Feb 10	LeChatelaine, Dublin	9:00 am
Valentine Brunch	Sunday, Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	O'Charley's, Morse Rd	10:00 am
DOTM	Tuesday, Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Gahanna Grill	6:30 pm
Car Talk	Saturday, Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	LeChatelaine, Dublin	9:00 am

### March

Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Mar 1	MCL, Kingsdale	6:30 pm
Car Talk	Saturday, Mar 10	LeChatelaine, Dublin	9:00 am
DOTM	Tuesday, Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Corner Café	6:30 pm

**Valentine's Brunch Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 10am**  
**O'Charley's**  
**4850 Morse Road**

RSVP by Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>. [criner@columbus.rr.com](mailto:criner@columbus.rr.com) 614-638-6620

DOTM. Gahanna Grill, 82 Granville St, Columbus On Feb. 20th at 6:30 pm

American Traditional Food - great burgers, steaks, salads & seafood served in a hometown atmosphere.

Please text Barb at [956-346-1584](tel:956-346-1584) or email at [southtexasmoms@gmail.com](mailto:southtexasmoms@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance by Feb. 18th.



## **Excellence, Art and Racing**

By Dave Edwards

In last month's blurb I had the chance to celebrate the Miata's selection as one of the 10 Best by Car and Driver magazine and description as a 'piece of art' by BusinessInsider.com website. Now there is something a bit more fun to discuss; racing. Or rather watching others race so that we can let our imaginations run wild on I-270.

2018 will be the second year of the Miata Heritage Cup at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in nearby Lexington, Ohio. Held in conjunction with the Vintage Grand Prix weekend, June 22-24, the event features the 90-93 Miata NA only in a series of qualifying heats and featured races. At the 2017 inaugural race, a group of Buckeye Miata Club members caravanned to Mid-Ohio, participated in the car show, and enjoyed some exciting racing action around the Mid-Ohio course. This race is on the club schedule for 2018 as well.

This past December, Mazda announced the 2018 Battery Tender Global Mazda MX-5 Cup sponsored by BF Goodrich Tires. The good news for the local Miata community is that Mid-Ohio is one of the six venues for this cup event. So, on July 27-29, in addition to qualifying heats, Mid-Ohio will host two 45 minute Miata races as part of the 12 race championship. The completed event is worth \$275,000.00 to the winners making it the best driver value in sports car racing. We are definitely going to add this one to the club schedule!

In the news release about the race, Mazda indicates that all of the cars will be shipped directly from the factory to partner Long Road Racing in Statesville, North Carolina to be converted to racing spec. While adding over 250 race specific parts, “other components of the car, including the Mazda SKYACTIV-G 2.0 liter engine are sealed to ensure even competition and a cost effective platform.” So, we are getting to see a bunch of ND Miatas chasing each other around the track right here in central Ohio where driver skill will determine the outcome.

I don't think you could ask for much more in the Miata racing arena than starting off the summer watching the NA's battling it out around Mid-Ohio's S curves and then ending July cheering the ND's to the finish. We are so lucky to have Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in our backyard.



The “southern” meeting of the BMC members: the Kahles, the Klontz, the Rhoades, and the Gills. Bradenton, Florida. Jan 2018.

## Our Officers

Many hands make lighter work. Those people serving the Miata Club this year include:

President	Barbara Poindexter
Treasurer	Bill Koch
Secretary	Craig Duplain
Competition Director	Rick Young
Newsletter Editors	Paul and Marge Sanik
Historian	Kate Koch
Membership Directors	Mike and Brenda Fisher
Webmaster	Jim Hayter
Insurance Coordinator	Stewart Lemmens
Photographer	John Ness

## **BMC 2018 Calendar of Events**

This list includes Autocross events, missing from previous versions.

### **February**

1<sup>st</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
10<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Car Talk – LeChatelaine – Rhodes  
11<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – Valentine’s Brunch – Riner  
13<sup>th</sup> (Tues)– DOTM – Gahanna Grill -  
Poindexter  
24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Car Talk – LeChatelaine – Rhodes

### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
10<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Car Talk – LeChatelaine – Rhodes  
20<sup>th</sup> (Tues)– DOTM – Corner Café - Koch

### **April**

5<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
14<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Daffodil Run with Buckeye Triumphs  
TBA – DOTM – Gill  
21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – BMC Memorial Drive – Fisher  
28<sup>th</sup> (Sat)–Autocross Drivers School – Circleville

### **May**

3<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sat) Bourbon Tour 3 – McAlister  
TBA – DOTM – TBA  
20<sup>th</sup> (Sun)–Autocross Points Event 1– Circleville  
26<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – River Run Drive – Koch

### **June**

7<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
12<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – DOTM – Gatsby’s – Riner  
16<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Millie’s Pie Run – Fisher  
17<sup>th</sup> (Sun)–Autocross Points Event 2 - Circleville  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) – Drive to Miata Heritage Races –  
Edwards  
24<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – Club Picnic Blendon Woods -  
Calhoun

### **July**

5<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sat) – Auburn/Gilmore Car  
Museums – Koch/Edwards  
15<sup>th</sup> (Sun)- Autocross Points Event 3-Circleville  
TBA – Ice Cream Run – TBA

TBA – DOTM – Gill  
TBA – Tecumseh Outdoor Theater – Gill

### **August**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
4<sup>th</sup> (Sat)-Autocross Fun Event-Circleville  
14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – DOTM – G&R Tavern – Koch  
18<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – South Central Ohio Winery Tour –  
Edwards  
19<sup>th</sup> (Sun)-Autocross Points Event 4-Circleville  
26<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – Meet In The Middle Picnic –  
Mohican SP – Rhodes  
TBA – Corn Picking – Clemmons

### **September**

5<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – Urbana Airport B-17 Drive - Kahle  
6<sup>th</sup> (Thurs)– Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
TBA – DOTM – TBA  
TBA – Hall of Fame/Gervasi Winery Drive –  
Calhoun  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun)–Autocross Points Event 5– Circleville

### **October**

4<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting – MCL Kingsdale  
6<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Apple Picking & Campfire Drive –  
Edwards  
7<sup>th</sup> (Sun)-Autocross Points Event 6-Circleville  
10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) – Road Apple Tour to Amish Country  
– Kahle  
TBA – DOTM – Nutcracker Restaurant –  
Rhodes  
TBA – Autocross Awards Dinner – Young

### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> (Thurs) – Monthly Meeting/Officer Elections –  
MCL Kingsdale  
TBA – Car Talk – LeChatelaine – Rhodes  
TBA – DOTM – Duplain  
25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Christmas Lights at Clifton Mill –  
Edwards

### **December**

6<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Club Christmas Party – Villa Milano  
– Riner/Gill/Koch  
TBA – 2019 Planning Meeting – President Elect  
TBA – Caroling Party - Nieman

**Buckeye Miata Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Barb Poindexter at 6:30 PM.

Members: 22  
New Members: 0  
Visitors: 0

**Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on January 4, 2018 were provided by Craig Duplain. There was one correction to be made. Current individual club dues were stated to be \$25, but they are actually \$20.

Motion - Dave Edwards  
2nd - Diane Calhoun  
Approved with no dissenting votes.

**Treasurer's Report - Bill Koch**

Bill presented his report for January 2017.

Motion - Bob Kincer  
2nd - Bob Tonge  
Approved with no dissenting votes.

**Old Business**

Car Talk - Dick Calhoun - Only 2 members attended the Car Talk on January 13 due to very inclement weather. 14 members attended on January 27.

Dump of the Month - Dave Edwards - 14 members attended the Dump of the Month on January 16 at Villa Nova, in Worthington. The food was very good, and Dave suggested that Villa Nova might be a good place to host another Dump of the Month in the future.

Dinner and a Movie - Dave Edwards - 12 members had dinner at Woody's Wing House prior to seeing a movie. Most attendees saw "The Post" and gave it very positive reviews.

**New Business**

Membership Fees - Barb Poindexter - Barb brought up the possibility of raising membership dues by \$5. Individual dues would increase from \$20 to \$25 and family dues would increase from \$30 to \$35. Our club balance dropped quite a bit in 2017, and this increase would help us to generate a bit more income. After quite a bit of discussion, Stewart Lemmens made a motion to increase the dues as described above. Joe Parisi seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 14 to 5. Effective immediately, individual dues are \$25 and family dues are \$35.

Car Talk - Dick Calhoun - Car Talk will be held on Saturday, February 10 and Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 at La Chatelaine in Dublin.

Valentine's Brunch - Chris Riner - This will be held on Sunday, February 11 at 10:00 AM at the O'Charley's on Hamilton and Morse. Chris already sent an email to club members about this event. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Dump of the Month - Barb Poindexter - This will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM at the Gahanna Grill. Barb already sent an email to club members about this event. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

**Open Discussion / Concerns**

Murray Mercier mentioned that the Daffodil Run will be on Saturday, April 14 this year. The meeting spot will be in downtown Granville. More details to come.

**50 / 50 Raffle**

Winner - Stewart Lemmens  
Amount - \$23

**Meeting Close**

Our meeting closed at 7:37 PM. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 PM at MCL in Upper Arlington.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Duplain  
Buckeye Miata Club Secretary