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## Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting	Thur, July 5	MCL, Main St Whitehall	5:30 pm dinner 6:30 meeting	
Classic Car Show	Sat, July 7	Metro Place Dublin		Edwards
Car Museum Drive	Fri-Sat, July 13- 14	Bob Evans, Dublin	8:30 am	Koch
Autocross	Sun. July 15	Circleville Raceway 19413 US Rte 23 Circleville	8 drivers /9:30am others	Young
DOTM	Sat, July 21	King's Pizza	4:30 pm	Klontz
Corn picking	July 18-29 TBD	Mariacis Mexican Clemens Farm	5 dinner 7 farm	Clemens
Mazda MX-5 Cup Mid-Ohio	Fri-Sun, July 27- 29	Home Depot, Maxtown Rd	9 am	Edwards
Monthly Meeting	Thur, Aug 2	MCL, Whitehall	5:30/6:30	
Autocross Test&Tune	Sat, Aug 4	Circleville Raceway	8/9:30 am	Young
Millie's Pie Run	Sat, Aug 11	TBA		Fisher
DOTM	Tues, Aug 14	G&R Tavern, Waldo	6:30	Koch
Winery Tour	Sat, Aug 18		TBD	Edwards
Autocross	Sun, Aug 19	Circleville Raceway	8/9:30	Young
Meet in Middle Picnic	Sun, Aug 26	Mohican State Park		Rhodes

## DOTM

Saturday evening early bird pizza! Meet at Kingy's Pizza, 7470 Hill Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 . Menu: [kingypizza.com](http://kingypizza.com)  
RSVP to Carl or Vivian: [Vivian.griffin63@hotmail.com](mailto:Vivian.griffin63@hotmail.com) or 740-653-5900

## 2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata

By Paul Sanik



The rumors were true: Mazda's MX-5 Miata is getting a number of updates for the 2019 model year.

The biggest update is under the hood, where the Miata gets a nice increase in power. Although it uses the same 2.0-liter Skyactiv-G engine as before, the 2019 MX-5 makes 181 horsepower, while torque increases to 151 pound-feet. A higher 7,500-rpm redline -- up from 6,800 -- complements this added power.

Mazda says this power increase is largely thanks to lighter pistons and connecting rods, as well as reconfigured intake ports and higher-pressure fuel injectors for improved efficiency. Combined with a higher final drive ratio the 2019 MX-5 should be a bit quicker off the line than its predecessor. Of course, with a Miata, driving bliss has nothing to do with straight-line speed.

Mazda will also add new safety features to the package, including a new, standard, rearview camera. Other newly available features include Traffic Sign Recognition and Smart City Brake Support, which helps drivers avoid frontal collisions at low speeds.

Other updates include an available brown canvas soft top and new black metallic 17-inch wheels. A big upgrade is the car's new telescoping steering wheel, which can adjust more than 1.6 inches.

Despite all the new equipment, Mazda managed to keep weight gains to a minimum. An aluminum steering shaft replaces the previous steel unit. Thanks to small measures like these, the weight has increased just 7 pounds from the previous model.

## **Autocross Adventure**

By Paul & Marge Sanik

Your newsletter editors ventured down to Circleville Sunday, June 17, to take in some BMC Autocross for the first time. Our first surprise was that it's closer than we thought: less than an hour from Polaris to Circleville Raceway Park. Our next surprise was Dan's food truck: a variety of sandwich offerings, chips, and lots of cold drinks. Cold drinks were a must because it was HOT that day! A covered area was available by the truck to sit and eat, and there are restrooms on the site. There are grandstands and several stadium-style seats opposite the finish line, with a good view over the whole track.

We chatted with Stuart and Rick from the club as we watched, and they graciously answered all of our newbie questions. It was great fun watching all the Miatas in action (as well as all those "other" cars)! Some cars were decked out in what appeared to be permanent racing livery. Others had temporary identifying numbers made from strips of green painter's tape. Some cars came sliding smoothly through a gauntlet of cones in the final corner, some knocked the cones flying, and one even crossed the finish line backwards! Come on out some time and enjoy it, too! Please register when you come and get a wrist band and sign the insurance waiver.



## Miatas At Mid-Ohio

By Dave Edwards

I never think of Miatas as a 'vintage' auto. But when you consider that the earliest models of our favorite sports car are now approaching 30 years on the road, it sets your thinking straight. At the Vintage Grand Prix held at Mid-Ohio Sports Car course June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>, the early Miatas fit in nicely with the rest of the 'vintage' field. In a series of qualifying heats and races the NA Miatas (90-97) participated in Heritage Races that were fun to watch and some of the best racing of the weekend. Last year, the Miata field was limited to years 90 to 93. This year the field was expanded to include the rest of the NA years through 97.

And the Miata racing beat continues this month at Mid-Ohio. The weekend of July 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> includes several Mazda events; Indy Lights by Cooper Tires, Pro Mazda Championship by Cooper Tires, USF2000 Championship powered by Mazda, and the Battery Tender Global Mazda MX-5 Cup. The last of these is for those of us wanting to see mostly stock 'new' MX-5's chasing each other around the track. These are 2018 ND's transported from the factory to a race prep shop in North Carolina to be outfitted with roll cages and safety interiors. Other aspects of the car, including the Mazda 2.0 liter engine have been sealed to insure that driver skill will be the deciding factor in the race. It promises to be a great weekend.

The central Ohio area is lucky to have a venue like the Mid-Ohio course. And now Miata/MX-5 owners are lucky to have the opportunity to see their favorite brand securely in the racing mix.





**Buckeye Miata Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Gill at 6:30 PM.

Members: 34  
New Members: 2  
Visitors: 0

**Minutes of Prior Meeting - Craig Duplain**

Minutes of the meeting on June 7, 2018 were published in the June newsletter. No paper copies were provided this evening.

## **Treasurer's Report - Bill Koch**

Bill presented his report for June 2018.

Motion - Nancy Clemmons

2nd - Craig Duplain

Approved with no dissenting votes.

## **Old Business**

Pete Stebelton's Collection - Bill Kahle - Club members visited this collection on June 12 and spent a few hours exploring. In spite of his ailing health, Mr. Stebelton has added quite a bit to his collection.

Dump of the Month - Chris Riner - This was held on June 12 at Gatsby's, in Gahanna. Despite some bad weather, about 20 members attended.

Autocross - Rick Young and Stewart Lemmens - Autocross had an event on Sunday, June 17. It was very hot and humid, but there was still a good turnout.

London Cobra Show - Several members stopped by this show at some point between June 21 and June 23, and they estimated that there were about 100 Cobras present.

Vintage Grand Prix - Dave Edwards - Dave reported that the races featuring 1990-1993 Miatas were very exciting. Those races took place on June 23.

BMC Picnic at Blendon Woods - Dick and Diane Calhoun - This event was held on June 24. More than 30 members attended and enjoyed the pleasant weather.

## **New Business**

Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show - Dave Edwards - This will be taking place on Thursday, July 5 through Saturday, July 7. Apparently, the Nissan Z club has challenged us to show up with more cars than them at the show on Saturday. Dave has accepted that challenge and thanked all

of those who registered. He has also invited participants to his house for a cookout afterward. Please let Dave know if you plan to take him up on that offer. All members should have received an email on May 29 with additional details.

Auto Museum Tour - Dave Edwards - This event is going to be held from Friday, July 13 to Sunday July 15. It will include visits to the Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana and the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The group will be spending both nights at the Auburn Inn. So far, 12 cars have confirmed their participation, and it is not too late for others to join in. Please contact Dave if you are interested or need additional details. Also, if you are going, please give money for the museum entrance fees to Kate Koch.

Autocross - Rick Young and Stewart Lemmens - The next point event is going to be on Sunday, July 15. There is also going to be a "test and tune" on Saturday, August 4.

Dump of the Month - Carl Klontz - This will be held on Saturday, July 21 at 4:30 PM at Kingy's Pizza Pub. The address is 7470 Hill North Road, Canal Winchester. Please let Carl know if you plan to attend.

Corn Picking Party - Nancy Clemmons - This annual event is probably going to take place between July 18 and July 29. The exact date is to-be-determined, because it all depends on when the corn is ready! Expect to receive an email two to three days ahead of time. Join the fun at Nancy's farm at 7:00 PM. Her address is 7080 State Route 38 SW, London. There will also be a group dinner at Los Mariachis Mexican Restaurant at 5:00. Please let Nancy know if you will be going to the dinner. The address for the restaurant is 287 Lafayette Street, London.

Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio - Dave Edwards - The big race is going to be held on Sunday, July 29, and there will be other events throughout the weekend. Dave is planning to see the Pro Mazda event that is taking place on Saturday. If you are interested in joining the fun, plan to meet at the Home Depot in Westerville (6017 Maxtown Road) prior to leaving at 9:00 AM. There will be an email with additional details to come.

Millie's Pie Run - Mike Fisher - This day trip is going to take place on Saturday, August 11. There will be an email with more details to come.

Meet in the Middle - Kevin Rhodes - This joint event with the Northcoast Miata Club is going to take place on Sunday, August 26. Again, expect an email with more details to come.

### **50 / 50 Raffle**

Winner - Diane Calhoun  
Amount - \$26.00

### **Meeting Close**

Our meeting closed at 7:05 PM. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2 at 6:30 PM at the MCL Restaurant in Whitehall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Duplain  
Buckeye Miata Club Secretary

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