

Monthly Newsletter of the Buckeye Miata Club

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Mazda Makes Parts Commitment To NA Miatas Owners



Mazda MX-5 Miata holds the Guinness World Record for the best-selling two-seat sports car. This is not a feat that is taken lightly as the brand appreciates all of its long-term, loyal enthusiasts for helping the Miata reach amazing heights over the past 30 years. Mazda North American Operations is introducing select reproduction parts for first-generation Miatas, helping extend the life of each roadster sold in North America. There are now over 1,100 new and legacy parts available to support any fan's restoration project and continue to enjoy their Miata.

As a fan-first brand, Mazda consulted specialty shops and Miata clubs to better understand which restoration parts were needed most. With the help of many suppliers, all parts will be remanufactured in Japan using modern methods and materials, while maintaining the look and feel of that era.

An extensive list should provide fans with more confidence in the restoration of their Miata using genuine quality parts. Mazda is

excited to be able to offer parts that many fans have been seeking, including a newly developed fabric soft top that uses the same rear screen material from the original version. Enkei Wheels is reproducing aluminum wheels designed like the original, but through current technologies so that it will be lighter and with a more protected finish. Essential in the maintenance of almost any classic Miata, many moving parts – from the roller for the side windows to the brake piston caliper – that are likely in need of replacement will now be offered.

“There is a pure feeling of joy when it comes to driving a Miata, of any generation,” said Masahiro Moro, Chairman and CEO of Mazda North American Operations. “Our unique Jinba-Ittai – ‘horse and rider as one’ – engineering philosophy has allowed for the engaging and exhilarating driving dynamic that has remained constant over the years, helping make the Miata an important vehicle for the brand and our fans. By helping prolong the life of MX-5 Miata NA models, Mazda is committed to supporting the roadster culture and looks forward to seeing these historic vehicles on the road – and on the track – for years to come.”

The expansion of the Miata restoration parts arrives as the brand is celebrating 30 years of the Miata following the debut of the 2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata 30th Anniversary last February at the Chicago Auto Show. This announcement also coincides with Miata Reunion at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca that was held on October 11-13. Hundreds of fans were in attendance with their own Miatas to honor the iconic roadster.

A full list of Miata restoration parts can be found online at insidemazda.mazdausa.com.

Additional information is also available from your local dealership.

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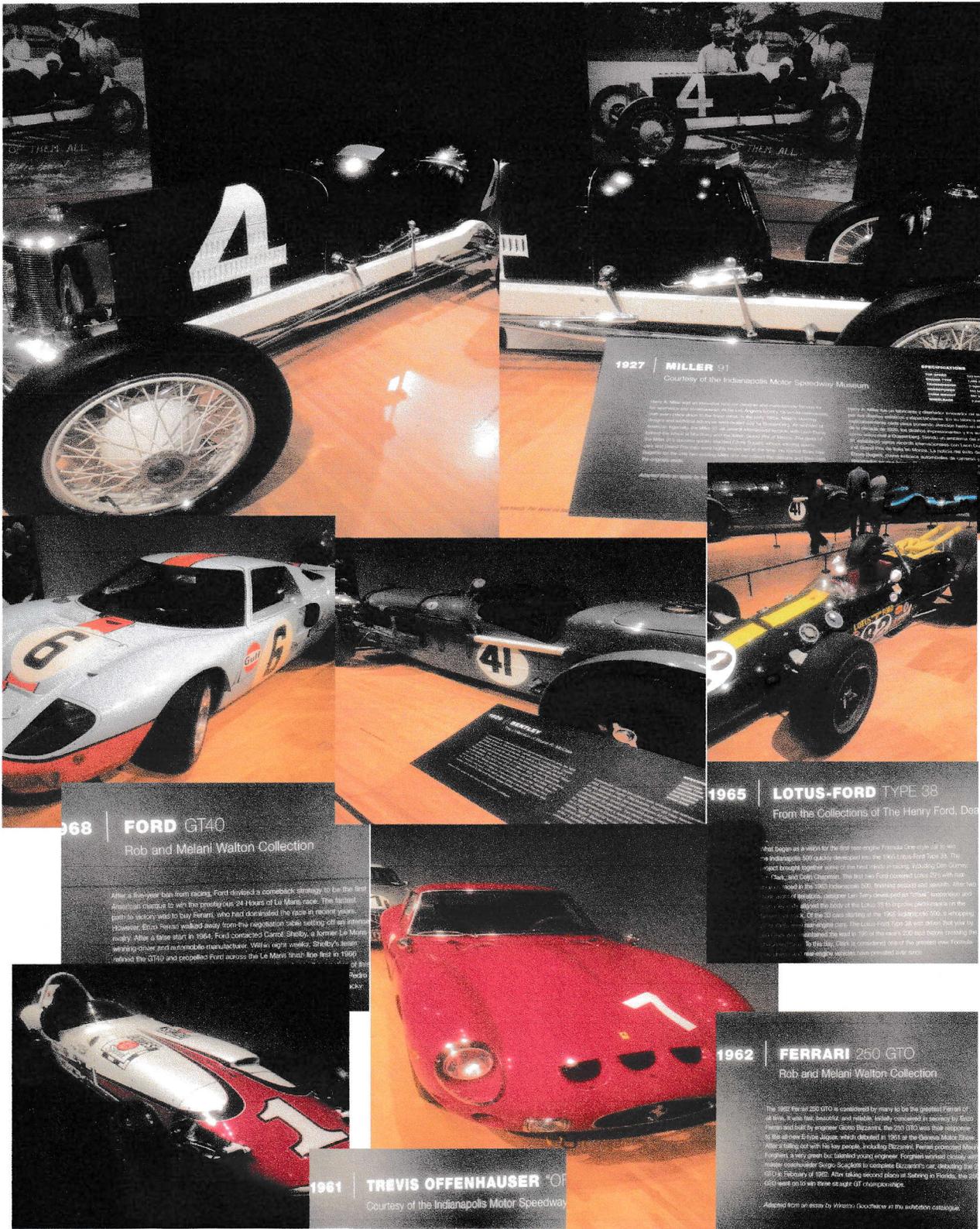
April 4th Saturday, Car Talk. Club get-together to discuss your favorite topic—cars! **The last session for this cycle.** 9:00am, La Chatelaine, 15 W. Bridge St. Dublin. Contact Kevin Rhodes at

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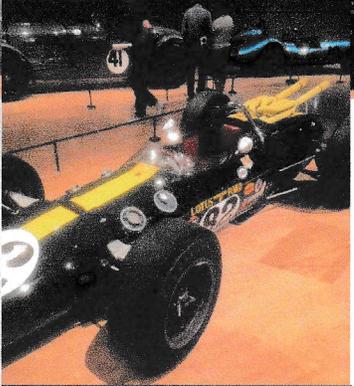
Display of Historic Race Cars From The Phoenix Museum Of Art



1927 MILLER #1
Courtesy of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

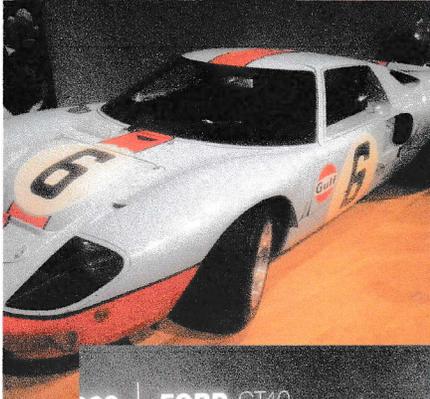
After a year spent in production and development, Miller's #1 was ready to race in 1927. Miller's #1 was a 4-cylinder, 100-hp, 1000-cc open-wheel race car. It was designed and built by Miller and his partner, Harry Miller. The car was driven by Miller and won the 1927 Indianapolis 500. Miller's #1 is one of the most famous race cars in the world. It is on display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

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1965 LOTUS-FORD TYPE 38
From the Collections of The Henry Ford, Dearborn, Michigan

What began as a search for the first two-engine Formula One style car to win the Indianapolis 500 quickly developed into the 1965 Lotus-Ford Type 38. The project brought together a team of the best minds in racing: Colin Chapman, Lotus' chief designer, and Ford's chief racing engineer, Len Terry. The car was designed and built by Chapman and Terry. It was driven by Jim Clark and won the 1965 Indianapolis 500. The Lotus-Ford Type 38 is one of the most famous race cars in the world. It is on display at the Henry Ford Museum.



1968 FORD GT40
Rob and Melani Walton Collection

After a five-year ban from racing, Ford created a sports car to be the first American made to win the grueling 24 Hours of Le Mans race. The fastest path to victory went to Ray Brainerd, who had dominated the race in recent years. However, Enzo Ferrari walked away from the negotiation table setting off an intense rivalry. After a false start in 1964, Ford contacted Carroll Shelby, a former Le Mans winning driver and automobile manufacturer. Within eight weeks, Shelby's design team had built the GT40 and propelled Ford across the Le Mans finish line first in 1966.



1961 TRAVIS OFFENHAUSER #1
Courtesy of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

The 1961 Offenhauser #1 is a 4-cylinder, 100-hp, 1000-cc open-wheel race car. It was designed and built by Travis Offenhauser. The car was driven by Offenhauser and won the 1961 Indianapolis 500. The Offenhauser #1 is one of the most famous race cars in the world. It is on display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.



1962 FERRARI 250 GTO
Rob and Melani Walton Collection

The 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO is considered by many to be the greatest Ferrari of all time. It is beautiful, and reliable, easily concealed in secrecy by Enzo Ferrari and built by engineer Giotto Bizzarra. The 250 GTO was the response to the demand for a sports car that dominated in 1962 at the Daytona 24 Hours. After a long run with his people, including Bizzarra, Ferrari produced a masterpiece, a very green but talented young engineer. Forgotten until recently, the 250 GTO was the first Ferrari to be built in California. It was driven by Phil Hill and won the 1962 24 Hours of Daytona. The 250 GTO went on to win three more GT championships.

Adapted from an essay by Whitney Goodhue in the exhibition catalogue.

Driving Together Separately And Making A Statement!

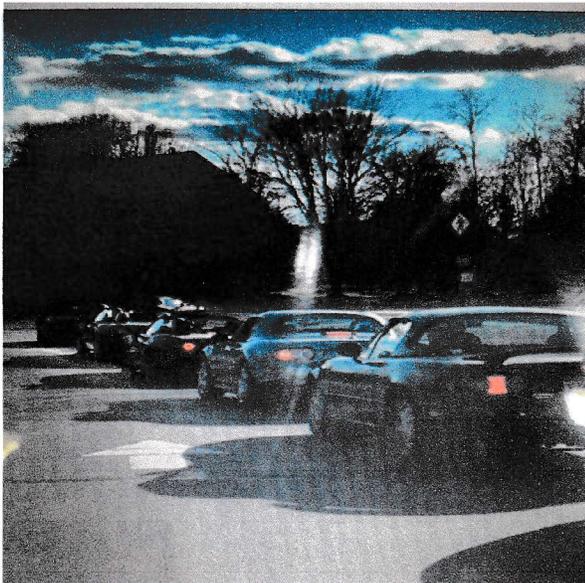
By Craig Duplain

Spring is definitely my favorite time of the year, primarily because I get to take my Miata out of winter storage and start a new driving season with the BMC. This year, however, my enthusiasm was seriously dampened by the cancellation of several upcoming BMC drives and social events. I wanted to interact with some of my fellow club members in a socially responsible manner, which led me to plan our 'Screw The Virus Drive'.



Ten Miatas and one OTM (Camaro) met at Dublin Scioto High School on the evening of April 2. We socialized a bit before the drive, while also maintaining appropriate social distancing by leaving one parking space between us and staying in our cars. Our drive took us northward along the Scioto River, past the zoo. After a while, we crossed over the river and started coming down the other side, with a few fun detours along the way. We passed through Muirfield and ended in the Life Time Fitness parking lot about 45 minutes later.

I enjoyed this drive, and it was really great seeing and speaking with other club members during this period of quarantine. It is my hope that a few other club members can organize similar drives to help us get through the next few weeks or months.



Miata Services by Scott

614-633-7419

- 30K Tune-Up Service (\$325) new plugs, filters, timing check & synth. fluids
NC is \$375 due to parts cost
- Basic timing belt Service (\$325) incl. new Mazda belt & tensioner spring
- Std. timing belt Service (\$350) incl. basic service PLUS front seals
- 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 Service to any of the above (\$150) new pump, both gaskets and coolant

- Soft Top Installation (\$225) you supply the top (NA/NB models only) roll bars extra

- Accessory Installation – call for quote

- 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!

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