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Mazda's New MX-5 Miata Cup Is an Ultra Affordable Race Car

October 1, 2015 by Alexander Stoklosa

Mazda has finally announced how much it will charge for the 2016 MX-5 Miata Cup race car, the factory track animal that will compete in the brand's newly global MX-5 Cup racing series. Before we reveal the price, keep in mind that this is a one-stop-shop race car, an MX-5 fully outfitted with a safety cage, racing brakes and suspension, and stripped of all unnecessary hardware while being fully compliant with MX-5 Cup rules, as well as remaining eligible for SCCA club races and NASA racing. You ready?

The Miata race car will cost \$53,000, or \$27,265 more than a base, street-legal 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata Sport. Keep in mind, however, that the Miata Cup car comes with a full complement of track safety gear, an optimized suspension, tires and wheels, and a sealed engine, differential, transmission, and ECU. Racing teams and drivers intent on competing in the MX-5 Cup racing series need only provide their own racing seat, a choice Mazda acknowledges differs among racers "due to varying customer preference." Given that used Spec Miata race cars can run more than \$40,000, \$53K for

a brand-spanking-new 2016 model fully outfitted for racing seems like a steal.

Mazda doesn't assemble the cars itself, instead sending new-from-the-factory rides to Long Road Racing in North Carolina, a shop that performs the final conversion. Even though Mazda's director of motorsports, John Doonan, expects "to sell out of the first batch of cars rapidly," the Mazdaspeed website (through which you can order one of the cars, provided you've expressed intent to race in the Cup series—more amateur prospective buyers will need to wait until a later date to place their orders) declares that Long Road Racing will "build as many MX-5 Cup cars as we have orders." As if the near-term awesomeness of a well-organized and affordable single-make sports-car racing series isn't tempting enough, the cars also could have some future collectability due to their serialized components, which should help trace their history decades down the road.



2015 Fall Fling

2015 Fall Fling to Asheville, North Carolina



Ballot for 2016 Buckeye Miata Club Officers

President:	Linda Johnson
Treasurer:	Bob Kincer
Secretary:	Dusty Rhoades
Social Chairperson:	Bill Koch
Membership:	Mike & Brenda Fisher
Historian:	Kate Koch
Newsletter Editor:	Chris Riner
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Buckeye Miata Club - Autocross Banquet

Sunday, October, 18th

All are invited to celebrate another successful Autocross season by touring the Hocking Hills and enjoying a great meal at the Hocking Hills Dining Lodge! If you participated in 3 or more points events, your meal (and a guest's meal) is on the club. All other guests are also welcomed, but we ask you make a club contribution (~\$10+/person) to help cover at least a portion of the ~\$18 meal costs. All Autocross participants (yes, even just one event...) will get end of season gifts and the lucky ones that placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd of their class will receive a trophy. We will have videos and pictures of this season's action and prove Stewart really did touch that blade of grass... 6 times! :)

If you have never been to the Hocking Hills or the dining lodge, you are in for a special treat. Here is a link (http://www.cedargrovelodging.com/2015_Cruise_Hocking_Routes.pdf) to just some of the excellent driving routes in the area. Actual route will be posted on our Facebook and website prior to the event. And you better come hungry... the buffet includes everything from smoked brisket, pulled pork, ribs, smoked turkey, three cheese au gratin potatoes, grilled veggies, scrambled eggs, biscuits/sausage gravy, three berry cobbler and so much more!!! Didn't get enough of the Hocking Hills, bring the family and take a hike at nearby Old Man's Cave before or after the banquet. This is peak leaf peeper season, so perfect weekend to enjoy the area!

Tentative schedule.

~10:30am: Driving route will depart Bob Evans, Gender Road, Canal Winchester

~2pm: Arrive at Hocking Hills Dining Lodge/Awards Banquet

Watch for more details and latest updates on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/56991866300/) and BMC Autocross webpage

To attend, you must register! Visit the Buckeye Miata Club Website to complete the Registration Form by October 16th!

(<http://www.buckeyemiataclub.com/autocross.html>)

Please send an email to BMCAutocross@gmail.com for any questions or RSVP updates.

BMC 2015 Calendar of Events

October

10 th	Sat	Road Apple Tour (Charm Day)	Kahle
17 th	Marblehead Lighthouse Festival	OPEN	
18 th	Sun	Autocross Awards Dinner Hocking Hills	Claus
TBD	Byers Appreciation Lunch/Dinner	Rhodes	
TBD	DOTM	Cooper	

November

5 th	Thurs	Monthly Meeting	
14 th	Sat	Car Talk	Rhodes
26 th	Thur	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	
TBD	DOTM		Billow

December

2 rd	Wed	Christmas Party	Peyton
5 th	Sat	Big 10 Championship Party	Johnson
7 th	Mon	BMC 2016 Planning Meeting	New President
19 th	Sat	Caroling Party	Nieman
25 th	Fri	<i>Christmas Day</i>	

Please Note: Events in italics are for your information
Names in bold are the individuals who are taking the lead in the event!

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Mazda MX-5 Miata RS: A High-PoMiata for Japan's Eyes Only

October 2, 2015 by Alexander Stoklosa

Here in the U.S., Mazda's latest MX-5 Miata is available only with a 155-hp 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine. That might sound like a pipsqueak, but globally, there's also a 1.5-liter four making—get ready—129 horsepower. In Mazda's home market, the 1.5-liter is the only engine option, so don't ever complain about the Miata not having enough power, you insufferable complainers. Anyway, Mazda Japan has just released a new Miata trim level dubbed "RS," and it comes with some of the performance hardware bolted to the U.S. market's mid-level Club model, albeit with the smaller engine, smaller wheels, and some classy interior bits. Why do we care? Because Miata.

Available in Crystal White Pearl Mica only, the RS adds hardware such as Bilstein shocks, a front strut-tower brace, and an "induction sound enhancer." According to Mazda's Japanese consumer website, the RS also utilizes "large-diameter disc brakes," but whereas the other suspension and chassis upgrades are part of the U.S.-spec MX-5 Club trim level, the brakes don't appear to be the Brembo-branded pieces we get on the Club. On the flip side, the RS comes with nappa leather and faux-suede-upholstered Recaro seats, which are not available on any America-bound Miata. Oh, and it costs just \$26,900 at current exchange rates, about a grand less than our base Club.

While drooling over the RS on Mazda's Japanese website, we also saw the impressive array of sweet accessories such as chassis braces, red-painted tow hooks, and even a roll cage. We'll likely never get the small-engined Miata RS, but you can bet we'll be keeping our eyes on Mazda's accessories catalog for some Japanese love.

Buckeye Miata Club Monthly Meeting Minutes October 01, 2015

- I. Guests or New Members -- 42 members
– 5 guests -- Don Rose & Robin Lee
Rose – 1992 Blue -- Linda Stevens –
2008 cream/chocolate – Barry & Carollyn
Thompson– 2010 comp yellow
- II. New Paid Members Since Last Meeting
– Mike or Brenda Fisher – 3 new
members
- III. Miata Quiz
- IV. After Meeting Dinner Tonight - Tommy's
Pizza
- V. Treasurer's Report – Kincer – Read and
accepted by members – See secure
website for details
- VI. Old Business
 - a. BMC Picnic – Blendon Woods Metro
Park – Sat Sept 5 – Calhoun (discuss
reserve. for 2016) – 47 members – Will
be June 12 next year – same shelter
 - b. Italian Car Gathering Dublin – Sun Sept
6 – Informational --
 - c. Autocross – Circleville – Sun Sept 6 – B.
Claus
 - d. Millie's Pie Run – Sat. Sept. 12th –
Fisher – 3 cars – wet day but fun anyway
 - e. All Horse Parade and Cook Out at the
Billow's – Sun – Sept 13th – Billow – 12
people for dinner – very good time
 - f. Autocross – Make Up or Fun Run – Sun
Sept 13 – B. Claus
 - g. BMC Fall Getaway to NC – Sept 23-26 –
Nieman – 3 cars -- good weather going
down – wet for the weekend
- VII. New Business and Upcoming Events
 - a. Road Apple Tour (Charm Days) – Oct
10th – Kahle
 - b. Marblehead Lighthouse Tour – Sat -Oct
17 – Need Sponsor
 - c. Autocross Awards Banquet – Hocking - Oct
18th – B. Claus
 - d. DOTM – October – details to follow – Gill –
TBD – will email time and place
 - e. BMC Car Talk and Coffee - tentative Nov 14
– Rhodes
 - f. DOTM – Nov – details to follow – Billow – will
email time and place
 - g. Christmas Party WEDS December 2 –
Peyton – more to follow
 - h. Big 10 Championship Party – Sat Dec 5th –
Johnson
 - i. BMC 2016 Planning Meeting – Mon. Dec
7th?? – new president
 - j. Caroling Party – TBD? – Nieman
- VIII. Officer and Committee Chairpersons
Nominations – Slate of officers set – voting
at Nov. meeting
- IX. Autocross Update - Claus
- X. Next Meeting Date – Thurs. November 5,
2015
- XI. Restaurant Selection Next Meeting Chill's
on Rt.161
- XII. Open Discussion
- XIII. 50/50 Drawing -- \$56.00 total -- \$28.00 to
George Snyder

13th Annual BMC
R.A.T.
Road **Apple** Tour

The 13th Annual R.A.T., a Buckeye Miata Club road trip through Amish country will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015. Being the 13th R.A.T. this year we will set a rain date, Saturday, October 17th. If the weather forecast is really bad I will get an email out Friday, Oct 9th.

The start will be at the McDonalds restaurant on SR 62 west of Johnstown. With full fuel tanks we will leave McDonalds at 9:01 +/- and head east on SR 62, then north on SR 62 to SR 215 then right on SR 520. At Killbuck we will switch to County/Township roads all the way to Charm.

Our first stop will be in Danville at a gas station/convenience store. The next stop is a little park in Glenmont on SR 520 that will be another pit stop, a real pit..

On County/Township roads we will pass many Amish farms and buggies on our way to Charm so we will be taking it easy. There should be a lot of Amish farming activity getting the crops harvested.

A lunch stop at 11:30 at the Der Dutchman restaurant in Walnut Creek is planned.

After lunch we will hop in our Miatas and head down the road to the Miller Bakery, an annual stop suggested by the Johnsons. This would be a good place to purchase road trip treats.

When we leave Miller's Bakery we will head south on SR 557 to SR 93 then stop by the new railroad roundhouse <http://www.ageofsteamroundhouse.com/> south of Sugarcreek on County Rd. 108, east of State Rt. 93 or continue south on State Rt. 93 and stop at the Pearl Valley Cheese store near Fresno. See: <http://pearlvalleycheese.com/>. This is a great place to purchase bait for your mouse traps. When we leave Pearl Cheese we could head south on SR 93 to SR 36 west to Rosco Village then SR 541 west back to Columbus and maybe a stop at Velvet Ice Cream on SR 13 just south of US Route 62?

We will try to keep all the cars together. Please keep a 2 second distance between cars and if we get split up we will try to re-group.

This is a very informal event so we can go our separate ways to explore all there is to see in this scenic area at any time.

The weather is normally very nice for top-down motoring this time of year. Hopefully the Fall colors will be peaked.

No route maps for this drive so bring your Ohio Atlas & Gazetteer, an Ohio map, GPS and FRS radios.

Questions?? Contact; Bill Kahle

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419-569-4441 Nan's cell

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R.A.T. UPDATE

All,

Today, Tuesday, I rode most of the R.A.T. route. I found County Rt 53 in Holms Co. had been recently tarred & chipped. So at the end of SR 520 we will turn left on SR 62 then right (S) on SR 60. SR 60 will take us to County Rd 19 and back on track. OR just follow the Miata in front of you.

Also Keim Lumber in Charm will stay open until 2pm on Saturday. In past years it closed at noon. So we may stop at Keim's after lunch at Der Dutchman.

Tallyho,

Bill Kahle

**Save this date for
Buckeye Miata Club**

Christmas Party

**December 2, 2014
Cocktail starting at 6:00
Dinner at 6:45**

at

**LaScala Italian Bistro and
Restaurant**

**4199 W Dublin Granville Road
Dublin, Ohio 43017
More information to come
Dotty Peyton**

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

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!

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