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**Buckeye Miata Club**



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## 7 things you need to know about the 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata

From Car and Driver



7 things you need to know continued. . . .

### **1. You sit lower than before, and the interior feels roomier.**

Our first impression from being behind the wheel is that the stance of the car and your position in the cockpit are excellent. You sit lower in this car than in previous [MX-5 Miatas](#), and the “impossibly low” hood gives the car a more aggressive sports-car feeling. Although the interior is still compact, it seems wider and roomier and should accommodate two reasonably sized adults in relative comfort.

### **2. Shifter goodness: intact.**

While we spent only a minute or two sitting in the right-hand seat—the prototype is a Japanese-spec car—with the engine off, we did get to try out the MX-5 Miata’s best feature, its *snickety-snick* shifter. We’re happy to say that it felt direct and smooth, with short throws like those of the original NA Miata. We hope that the next time we row through the gears the engine will be fired up and we’ll be heading out on the road.

### **3. This is where random details go, don’t ya know?**

We mined additional nuggets of info from pawing the car and asking the same questions over and over again in an effort to wear down Mazda’s resolve. First, a low engine-mounting position and active-hood technology will enable the car to meet European pedestrian crash standards without resorting to upright, blunt-nose styling. Next, other than a typical underbody panel beneath the engine, there are no aerodynamic aids on the undercarriage. Also, the NC’s dual exhaust is gone, replaced by an ostensibly lighter single tailpipe with dual outlets.

### **4. The ND will ride exclusively on 16- and 17-inch wheels with four lugnuts.**

Tires fitted to the prototype car that was onstage at the reveal were 195/50R-16 Yokohama Advan Sports, while a second design model was shod with 205/45R-17 Bridgestone Potenza RE050A rubber. The design team knew there would be no larger wheel-and-tire package offered when they began styling the car, so even initial sketches were based around these more sensibly sized

wheels rather than the huge 20-plus-inchers most designers like to start with.

### **5. Hardtop? We think so.**

Mazda isn’t talking about a hardtop. However, there is plenty of space beneath the manual softtop when it’s folded, leading us to believe that the popular—and likely profitable—power retractable hardtop will again be offered in the ND. How such a roof will look when closed against the standard black windshield frame is unknown—perhaps all hardtops will be black to match? There are also two small trim panels behind the convertible-top aperture that look similar to those found on the NA and NB models; this is where the anchors for those cars’ removable hardtops were located, so perhaps an accessory helmet will also be introduced.

### **6. More interior details? Why, yes, have some.**

This Japanese-spec car was equipped with lane-departure warning, which we imagine will be offered here on higher trim levels, as well as engine stop-start technology, which is less likely to come to America. The steering wheel tilts but doesn’t telescope. The car also had a DVD drive mounted between and behind the seats, beneath a storage bin that serves as a de facto glove box, as there isn’t one in the dash. In addition to two USB ports on the center stack, there are also SD and MicroSD slots.

### **7. Here’s when you can get one.**

Our latest information says that the 2016 Mazda MX-5 will be available for preorder in February 2015, concurrent with Mazda showing a U.S.-spec car at the Chicago Auto Show. If that timing holds, deliveries are likely to begin about a year from now.



## Buckeye Miata Club Trip to the Wilds

(with a stop at the Big Muskie's Bucket)

**When:** Saturday September 20, 2014

**Departure:** 9:15 AM sharp from McDonalds 6323 East Main Street (Route 40) Reynoldsburg OH. Drivers meeting at 9:00AM to review directions. Bring your two way radios if you have them.

**Driving Route:** We will follow Ohio US 40 (the Historic National Road) east through the communities of Kirkersville, Hebron, Gratiot, Hopewell and others to Zanesville. From the Zanesville area we will pick up route 60 heading southeast to McConnellsville then pickup route 78 heading east to the Big Muskie's Bucket. Driving time from Reynoldsburg to the Bucket should be about 2 hours including one short rest break along the way. After a ~ 30 minute stop at the Bucket we will head northeast on routes 78, to 83, to route 284 north to the Wilds. Driving time from the Bucket to Wilds should be about 20 minutes.

**Big Muskie's Bucket:** We will stop at a small park to see the bucket of what was once the world's largest earth moving machine.

**Lunch:** We will have lunch at the Wilds. You will be able to order burgers, chicken sandwiches and sub sandwiches and sides off of the menu along with soft drinks, coffee/tea, or wine and beer.

**The Wilds:** We will tour the Wilds starting at 1:45 PM in an enclosed bus at a cost of \$19.00 per person (\$18.00 for seniors 55 and over, Children ages 4-10 \$13.00). Each enclosed bus holds 27 and we need a minimum of 20 for a group tour exclusive for BMC Members, family and guests. If we have more than 27 they will divide us up between two buses. The tour takes about 2 ½ hours.

**Return trip:** The return trip and dinner will be on your own. We will pass out suggested routes to get to Columbus via interstate 70 on the day of the trip. We have identified (and tried out) a pizza, salads, and sandwich shop near Zanesville Creno's 2005 Chandlersville Rd route 146 on our suggested route home for those that want to stop.

**Information:** Contact Kevin or Kathy Rhodes [krhodes555@aol.com](mailto:krhodes555@aol.com) 614-818-9277 (home) 614-406-6069 (cell)

**Sign up:** We want to have a general idea how many will be in attendance. If you sign up at the September meeting you do not have to respond by e-mail. If you did not sign up at the meeting please advise by e-mail to [krhodes555@aol.com](mailto:krhodes555@aol.com). Family members and friends are welcome.

## Buckeye Miata Club Monthly Meeting Minutes September 04, 2014

- I. Guests or New Members Intro – 52 - members in attendance 2 new members
- II. New Paid Members Since June Meeting – Mike or Brenda Fisher – Jack Susan Hazeltine- 1990 silver
- III. Miata Quiz – current mazda logo introduced in 1997
- IV. After Meeting Dinner Tonight – Average Joe’s Pub
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Kincer – financial report read and accepted by membership
- VI. Fourth Generation Miata News – Rhodes – pictures of new ND – I WANT ONE
- VII. Old Business and Events
  1. DOTM – Pioneer Mill Tiffin – Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> – LaBlanc – 14 cars
  2. Kincer Pool Party Saturday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> - 11 club members and 4 others
  3. Mid-Ohio Nationwide Children’s 200 – huge crowd very good race
  4. Indian Lake Drive (Clemmons) – Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> - 11 cars
  5. Put-In-Bay Vintage Road Race Reunion – August 25-27 Mon-Wed – Koch/Rhodes
  6. Moss Miata Challenge – Edwards – We have had some activity – need a lot more
- VIII New Business and Upcoming Events
  1. All Horse Parade and Cookout Sun Sept 7<sup>th</sup> – Billow – Need a head count for cookout
  2. Miata’s Play Music City- Verse 2 - September 11-14 – 11 cars are going – meet up at China Bell Rest. Grove City
  3. Crawford Auto Museum/Western Reserve Historical Society - Sept TBD - Kahle
  4. Wilds Trip – Sat Sept 20 – Rhodes – Need at least 20 people to get our own bus for tour
  5. September DOTM – Tuesday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Rhodes – Jim Arco’s in Westerville
  6. Ohio Meet and Drive – Marietta Date TBD – Langley
  7. Millie’s Pie Run –Sept 27<sup>th</sup> ? – Fisher
  8. BMC 2014 Rally – Oct. 4th – Johnson – details to follow
  9. 25<sup>th</sup> Miata Anniversary Event – Oct 11 Committee Update
  10. Christmas Party at LaScala Bistro and Rest. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Calhoun
- IX Autocross Events Overview and Update - Brian Claus (August 9<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 28<sup>th</sup>)
- X Next Meeting Date- Thursday October 2nd
- XI Restaurant selection next meeting - Ruby Tuesday’s Rt. 161 and Sawmill Rd.
- XII Open Discussion
- XIII 50/50 Drawing - \$80.00 total - \$40.00 to Susan Hazeltine

### September DOTM

*Save the date!*

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm

Giammarco’s, Westerville  
Kathy and Kevin Rhodes

Watch for an email – they need at least 20 people for the private room!

## BMC 2014 Calendar of Events

### September

11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Thur-Sun	<i>Miatas Play Music City II</i> (Nashville Regional Meetup)	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Crawford Auto Museum Western Reserve Historical Society Cleveland	<b>Kahle</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Wilds Trip	<b>Rhodes</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Paint Chip Repair Day	<b>Rhodes</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	DOTM-Giammarco's	<b>Rhodes</b>
TBD		Ohio Meet and Drive Marietta	<b>Langley</b>

### October

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thurs	Monthly Meeting	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	BMC 2014 Rally	<b>Johnson</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Road Apple Tour (Charm Day)	<b>Kahle</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Millies Pie Run	<b>Fisher</b>
TBD		Byers Appreciation Lunch/Dinner	<b>Rhodes</b>
TBD		Marblehead Lighthouse Festival	<b>Rowe</b>
TBD		DOTM	<b>Cooper</b>
TBD		Stebelton Collection / McDorman Corvette Museum	
TBD		Fall Drive with Portsmouth Miata Club	<b>Jennings</b>

### November

6 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Monthly Meeting	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Autocross Awards Banquet 2014	<b>Claus</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Car Talk	<b>Rhodes</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	BMC2 Party (OSU-Michigan Game)	<b>Johnson</b>
TBD	DOTM		<b>Billow</b>

### December

4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Calhoun</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Big 10 Championship Party	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	BMC 2015 Planning Meeting	<b>Rhodes</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Caroling Party</b>	<b>Nieman</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Christmas</i>		

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

## Liberty Union VFW Post 3761

### Sept 13 2014

### All vehicles welcome

### Music, Food, Drink

### Baltimore Ohio

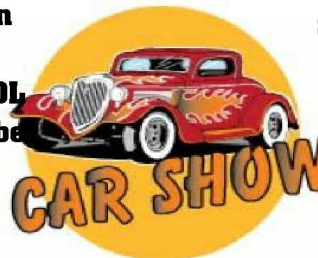
family fun

2155 Baltimore  
Reynoldsburg  
Road

all the COOL

KIDS will be

there



Look for the  
BIG BLUE  
airplane

### Show will begin at 12 PM

### 50/50 drawing, Door prizes

### Come out support our troops

### and veterans

## CORC

Hi everyone,

The next CORC meeting will be on Monday, September 15th at Morone's Italian Villa located at Bethel and Godown Rds. The meeting will start at 7 pm. Information about the next rally will be shared at that time.

The next rally will be held on Saturday, September 20th, registration will open at 4:30 pm at the Kroger Parking Lot at Perimeter and Avery-Muirfield Rds, closer to the Tim Horton's, look for the checkpoint signs. First car off is at 5:30 pm. The rally is about 85 miles long. Finish will be at Donatos Pizza across the street from the start. Rallymasters are Dave Bruce and Kevin Mitchell.

Hope to see you there!

Pat

### **2014 Buckeye Miata Club Officers**

<i>President:</i>	Kevin Rhodes
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Bob Kincer
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mike Stasiak/Dusty Rhoades
<i>Social Chairperson:</i>	Bill Koch
<i>Membership:</i>	Mike & Brenda Fisher
<i>Historian:</i>	Kate Koch
<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Chris Riner
<i>Competition:</i>	Brian Claus
<i>Insurance:</i>	Steve Johnson
<i>Photographer:</i>	John Ness

To make a reservation for the Buckeye Miata Club Christmas Party, please mail a check to:

Diane Calhoun  
371 Brisbane Avenue  
Westerville, Ohio 43081  
Home: 614-891-4430  
Cell: 614-266-0084

Amount is \$35.00 per person

*Remember to include an entrée item per reservation!*

Save this date for  
Buckeye Miata Club

Christmas Party

December 4, 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

Diane Calhoun

614-891-4430 or 614-266-0084

Reservation deadline is November 23!

Each reservation must include an entrée selection with the name of the guest:

1. Homemade Lasagna
2. Chicken Parmesan served over Fettuccine Alfredo
3. Shrimp Marsala w/Mushroom, Onion, Marsala Wine, Angel Hair Pasta

If you would like to be part of the gift exchange please bring a \$10 gift!

**DONATIONS: TOYS FOR TOTS!**

## **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** (\$300) new plugs, timing & synth. fluids
- **Basic timing belt Service** (\$300) incl. new Mazda belt & spring
- **Std. timing belt Service** (\$350) incl. basic service PLUS front seals
- **60K Full Service** (\$650) 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** (\$150) you supply the top (NA/NB models only)
- **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!

**(614) 633-7419**

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