

PACESETTER

The newsletter created for PACE Miata Club members and Miata MX-5 fans

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Having just attending our 2019 Kick-off meeting, not only did we have a great crowd and delicious meals, the fellowship among members—new and old—was fantastic! The Club continues to grow always with the goal of breaking one hundred members... and we are close. So, keep on talking to friends, neighbors, and anyone driving a Miata in a parking lot, at a red light, or at your local service center to encourage membership.

Looking forward to a jam-packed drive season for 2019.

Please join us...

With seven events—and counting—planned throughout the year, Sandy and I are very excited about the trips on the PACE drive schedule for 2019.



For example, take a step back in time with us to Johnny's Raceway Eatery in May. In June, we'll be heading over to The Antique Auto Museum, in Hershey, where you will have the opportunity to display your Miata (new or old) at Cars & Coffee. Those events, interlaced with other PACE social events, allow members to catch up with friends, and make new members old friends.

With our annual picnic in July, The Christiana Fire Company Breakfast in August, and the awesome opportunity to travel with other members on a beautiful drive up to and through New England in September, we'll soon be back into the cold days of December at our Annual Holiday Party. But let's not rush it. See page 8 for more details about these and more events scheduled for 2019-2020.



We would also like to remind you about our **Drive Leader Incentive Program**. It's a cool way to plan and lead a drive (new or old) and receive a \$25.00 Visa gift card to help speed you on your way. See page 11 for more details.

To bring you up to date on club management, the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Web Page Coordinator, and Events Coordinator had been open for nominations since November 2018. No new nominations were made, and all

four incumbent officers expressed their willingness to continue serving. They will remain in their present positions until this time next year. They are, Mike Cory, Secretary; Bill Latsha, webmaster; Brian and Carol Piersol, Events, and Suzon Stauffer, Treasurer.

The position of Member-at-Large is being extended from one-year to two-years. Current Members-at-Large, Bill and Diane Joyce, will remain in the role for another year. A second Member-at-Large will be chosen by the officers at some point later in the year.

We hope you take advantage of, and enjoy, the effort fellow club members are offering you and your Miata this year. We look forward to seeing you at many, or all, of our PACE events.

ZoomZoom, **JOE & SANDY GOLESH**

HI, FROM MEMBERSHIP



This month we have two new members: Walt Poyck who lives in Lancaster and drives a 2001 Blue Miata, and Kelly and Scott Harron from State College. The Harron's drive a 2017 RF in black.

REMINDER: May 31 is the last day for dues to be paid. If not received, your membership will be cancelled.

As Always... Fly Miata !!!, **ROD SLENKER**

Prepping for Summer PINEAPPLE MANGO SLUSHIES

Courtesy savoryonline.com

One sip of this frozen tropical drink will transport you to a beachside paradise... just don't drive your Miata while getting there!

Prep time: 10 min.
Ready in 10 min. Two servings

Ingredients:

2 medium pineapples
4 cups ice
1 cup pineapple juice
1 cup frozen mango chunks



How to:

STEP 1: Trim the tops off the pineapples. Using a pineapple corer, remove insides of pineapples and add fruit to a large blender along with the ice, pineapple juice, and mango chunks.

STEP 2: Blend until smooth. Divide between empty pineapple shells and serve with straws.

TIP: Spike each slushie with 1.5 oz (or 3 tbsp) of gin or spiced dark rum.

Per serving: 565 calories, 2g fat, 0g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 19mg sodium, 146g carbohydrate, 14g fiber, 113g sugar, 6g protein

Enjoy!

THE LAST OF THE PEOPLE'S SPORTS CARS

reprinted from The Gentleman Racer®



I have spent a lot of time behind the wheel of the new Mazda MX-5, both the roadster version and the RF Coupe. From road tripping up the California coast to ripping around the backroads of Central Texas, I have come to hold some pretty strong opinions about the MX-5. It is very good, it looks great, but mainly it is the last true sports car for the people.

Sports cars have been slowly dying since the 1970s and as the decades progressed there were fewer of the impractical, small, and incredibly fun cars to choose from. As British Leyland folded and the European makers pulled out of the US market, small sports cars were replaced by hot hatches from Japan. This point was made on Top Gear a few times. As it turns out, a TVR or a Jensen Healey doesn't work great for runs to Home Depot, but then again, a small hatchback doesn't really give you the thrill of the wind in your hair that a roadster does—or look as cool.



But when my father was a young man the streets were full of Triumphs, Datsuns, MGs, Austin Healeys, Fiats, Alfa Romeos, and many more fun, cheap, sports cars. The formula was simple: front engine, rear wheel drive, two seats, and a folding top. By the 80s and 90s, there were just a few lingering sports cars being sold in the US, even Alfa Romeo kept the sports car flame alive all the way until 1994. But in 1989 Mazda dusted off the old sports car

formula and introduced the new MX-5 Miata and the people had a sports car again.

The story of the MX-5 starts way back in 1976 when automotive journalist Bob Hall met Kenichi Yamamoto and Gai Arai, head of Research and Development at Mazda. As they discussed the brand and what kind of cars Mazda should make in the future, Bob told them to make an inexpensive roadster, the kind of cars that were dying off in the mid-70s. A few years later Bob was hired at Mazda USA to work on product planning and in 1982 he was given the go-ahead to develop what would become the first generation MX-5. The first Miata was everything it was supposed to be, light, fun to drive, and affordable. It quickly became the darling of the motoring press winning countless awards, including Car & Driver car of the year. While other cars have come along to compete in



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the sports car market, none have been able to match the driving dynamics-to-dollar ratio of the MX-5. In fact, the MX-5 is the only car among its peers that have kept not only its proportions but its pricing in line with the ethos of the original. In 1990, a brand new MX-5 had a starting price of around \$14,000. Adjusted for inflation it puts it right in line with the current MX-5's base price of \$25,730, something few other cars have been able to maintain.

We can't talk about the MX-5 without talking about the other inexpensive sub-\$26,000 sports car, the Fiat 124, which is based on the Mazda MX-5. However, Fiat 124 notwithstanding, every other car in its class is nearly double the price or more of a new Miata.

Check out how the MX5 stacks up just on base price:

Mazda MX-5 \$25,730 / Fiat 124 Spider \$25,190
Nissan 370Z \$41,820
Chevrolet Corvette \$55,900
Porsche Boxster \$59,000
BMW M4 \$69,150

Mazda MX-5 RF \$32,345
Audi TT \$44,900
Porsche Cayman \$56,900
Alfa Romeo 4C \$66,900



While the MX-5 is not going to be the fastest car on that list, it is just as fun to drive, legally at least. The lower MSRP coupled to Mazda's record on reliability and lower cost of ownership means the MX-5 has a much easier case to make as a second car for the weekends than many other more exotic sports cars on the market. This lower cost is also why the Mazda MX-5 is one of the most raced cars in the world and the most popular race car in North America.

To be a car of the people a car has to be affordable, but it must also transcend status and class, the MX-5 is truly classless. Attending a Mazda MX-5 meet and you will run into everyone from college kids who bought their first used MX-5 just a few weeks ago to older professionals who keep an MX-5 for their weekend toy. It is a community of enthusiasts that have a deep connection to a car and brand, something that is uncommon in more affordable cars.

Many MX-5 drivers are hooked from their first time behind the wheel, and once you have driven one it is easy to see what all the hype is about. The MX-5 is built on the Japanese archery principle of *Jinba Ittai*, "*where horse and rider act as one.*" Mazda describes, that driving a Miata should feel like you are controlling an extension of yourself, and having logged lots of miles on lots of roads and tracks, they nailed it. It takes some effort to get out of an MX-5 and not have a massive smile on your face. Even driving it to the store feels like an event, and that's how a sports car should be.

As someone who has owned a lot of sports cars from classics to modern, the new MX-5 is incredibly impressive. Somehow the team at Mazda has captured all the feelings I get when I drive my old Austin Healey, wrapped in a modern chassis with heated seats and a great sound system all for around the same price as Ford Focus ST. Sure it might not be as practical, but who says we always have to be practical?

The gentleman racer, **MICHAEL SATTERFIELD**

2019 Chicago Auto Show

Mazda MX-5 30th Anniversary Edition

At the 30-year milestone: Endless gratitude and unbending determination to keep evolving!

The 1989 Chicago Auto Show was the stage for the global unveiling of the original Mazda MX-5 (Mazda Roadster in Japan.) It gave us great pleasure to introduce the 30th anniversary model to the world in Chicago this year, where this epoch story began.



For us, the MX-5's three-decade history means more than just a record-setting period of time. Rather, it is the culmination of the inspiration—and perspiration—of so many people: the passionate Mazda engineers who created the first-generation MX-5 as a homage to the earlier lightweight European sports cars that excited motor sports fans worldwide; succeeding development engineers who took up the challenge to build on the high ambitions of their predecessors; and the unshakable support of fans all over the world. At Mazda, the true value of MX-5's history lies in the accumulation of the thoughts, hopes and dreams of the many people involved over these thirty years. I firmly believe that the 30th anniversary we are celebrating draws its meaning from being a collective history shared by all these people. Reaching cumulative production of over one million units in 2016 is just one of the outstanding results we have achieved together.

To show our gratitude and appreciation of all the people involved in MX-5's history we have produced commemorative models at each 10-year anniversary. These special editions not only feature exclusive mechanical parts and tuning, they also offer distinctive body colors aimed at strengthening our bond with MX-5 fans. The 10th anniversary was marked with Innocent Blue Mica. At the 20th anniversary we introduced Aurora Blue Mica, True Red and Crystal White Pearl, and the last of the third-generation MX-5, Soul Red Premium Metallic Mica.

For the 30th-anniversary model, we developed Racing Orange, a strikingly vivid body color. The starting point for this entirely new color was the yellow of the MX-5 Miata Club Racer, exhibited as a show car at the 1989 Chicago Auto Show along with three production models in red, white and blue. In general, yellow is a good match for a sports car thanks to its high brightness and chroma, both strongly suggesting a feeling of
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passion. However, we wanted to go beyond simply reusing a color of the 1989 model and instead, to celebrate the future of MX-5, created a special new orange evocative of sunrise and anticipation. In addition to this commemorative model, our booth at this year's Chicago Auto Show echoed our 1989 booth with three other MX-5s in red, white and blue, symbolizing the start of the story and showing our respect for every generation of the MX-5.



The commemorative model also offers many other exclusive features: forged aluminum wheels by RAYS Co., Ltd. in dark gunmetal paint, with a design based on the wheels fitted to Global MX-5 Cup race cars, orange calipers (Brembo at the front, NISSIN at the rear); Bilstein dampers (manual transmission models only); and RECARO seats with orange contrasting

stitching and piping. These exclusive specifications bring the dream of the 1989 Club Racer show car to exciting new life and further enhance the unique driving pleasure of the MX-5.

Production of this 30th anniversary commemorative model has been limited to a total of just 3,000 units in soft-top and RF versions available worldwide. Nothing could give me greater pleasure than to see this special-edition MX-5 deliver the ‘Lots of Fun’ we have fostered over three decades together with owners and fans, as well as anticipation of the excitement that future MX-5s will bring.

Mazda MX-5 Program Manager and Chief Designer, **MASASHI NAKAYAMA**

COMING UP... by Carol Piersol

Flashback to the good olde days drive!

Sunday, May 19

Join Rod and Nina Slenker for an hour-long drive to Dover, York County, to a new destination, *JOHNNY'S RACEWAY EATERY*. This restaurant is decorated in the old raceway style and serves good food from the same era.

They will close the restaurant at 3PM on Sunday, May 19 to accommodate PACE. No need for an ice cream drive afterwards as SARAH'S CREAMERY is right next door, both owned by the same family.

The restaurant only holds 40 people, so there is a limit on number of attendees. We will take reservations until May 15 at slenker.nina@yahoo.com. Let's start the season off with a great drive and great food. More details to follow.

Cars and Coffee at Hershey

Saturday, June 8

PACE Miata Club, along with other car clubs throughout central PA, have been invited to join the *Cars and Coffee* portion, 9AM-1PM, of *The Elegance at Hershey Car* (cont'd)

Show. The event includes the usual coffee, donuts, food, music, and a raffle. They also have a vintage race car hill climb, the "Grand Ascent" and a display of contemporary race cars. We will be able to participate in the "Grand Ascent" and this year, they are adding dedicated space for Central PA car clubs and signage.

More details will follow, but for now, if you are interested in joining us, **SAVE THE DATE.** Last year's entry fee was \$10. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available. See Carol's Weekly Update email to print an entry form.

SOLD OUT Jimmy Stewart Museum Tuesday-Wednesday, June 18-19

The drive is filled, but a waiting list is being formed. Contact Bill Latsha if you want your name added to the waiting list. wjlatsha@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE Annual PACE Picnic Sunday, July 14, 12 Noon

Our annual picnic will again be sponsored by Giambalvo Mazda and held at their dealership in York. Plenty of parking. No need to worry about rain or heat! Contact Suzon Stauffer at suzons@yahoo.com for more information.



SAVE THE DATE Christiana Fire Company Breakfast Drive Saturday, August 17

Contact Bill Latsha for details. wjlatsha@comcast.net



NEW PACE Fall for New England Tuesday-Wednesday, September 17-18

Sandy and Joe Golesh are planning a 2-day road trip—primarily on secondary roads—to FALL FOR NEW ENGLAND II. Anyone who would like to join them is welcome. (*cont'd*)

Leaving Tuesday, September 17th and arriving Wednesday, September 18th, the trip is approximately 470 miles with one overnight stay around Schenectady, NY. Day 1 will cover approximately 300 miles in about 8 hours. Day 2 will be shorter covering around 170 miles.

The Golesh's plan on driving Rt 2, known as The Mohawk Trail, and are excited about this adventure. As always... the more members the merrier. Departure will be at 8AM from Hardees, 724 Allegheny St., Dauphin, PA 17018. Information about overnight accommodations are being finalized. If you are interested in joining Sandy and Joe please contact them by June 15th at: j_sgolesh@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE



Annual
Holiday
Luncheon
**Saturday,
Dec. 14
Great
American
Saloon,
Red Lion**

More details
as the date
approaches.
This event
will be held
as a lunch-
eon instead
of dinner.

Buggies & Bridges III September 24-27 2020

Buggies & Bridges III, will be held September 24-27, 2020, and *The Eden Resort* in Lancaster, PA will serve as "home base" for the event.

The need for support and participation from members will be paramount in order to assure a successful 2020 event. We are asking that as many members as possible sign up and volunteer on one of the following committees: Welcome and Registration; Sponsors and Donations; Advertising; Banquet and Entertainment; and Drive Organization. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact any one of the officers to sign up. We will be updating you often.



Any day you can make it

Impromptu Drives

Would you like some friends to join you for an Impromptu Drive? Send an email, preferably one-day in advance to Carol Piersol who will notify all Club members. Please make sure to include the meeting place and time. pacerevents@gmail.com

NON-PACE EVENTS

Thursday-Sunday, August 1-4

Miatas at The Gap XXIII

Fontana Dam, NC

gapmiatas.com

Saturday-Sunday, August 6-7

Watkins Glen Opening Weekend

Watkins Glen, NY theglen.com

Friday-Sunday, October 4-6th, 2019

Green Miatas in the Green Mountains

The first event for 1991 and 2001 British Racing Green Special Edition Miatas to be held in Vermont's Green Mountains. Event headquarters will be *The Gray Ghost Inn* in West Dover, VT.

Rooms can be reserved online at grayghostinn.com or by phone, 802-464-2474, Contact, Tom Davies: 01BRGse@gmail.com



NEW in 2020

2020 Miataland & Viking Ocean Cruise to Italy

Look for more information about this exciting 2020 opportunity in Carol Piersol's online *Weekly Update*.



DON'T FORGET... **about our Leader Incentive!**

Wikipedia defines **INCENTIVE** as something that motivates an individual to perform an activity. As a reminder, and for those who may be new to the Club, any member can plan and lead an event. And, any day of the week can be an "event" day.

Now for the INCENTIVE: **Plan and lead your first event and receive a \$25.00 Visa Gift Card.** So, plan and lead (even if it's last minute) and get a Visa Gift Card to shop or treat yourself to lunch!

PACE INFORMATION

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PACE Lapel Pins: \$3ea/2-\$5 and Magnetic Decals, 717-203-2971

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Jack Giambalvo Mazda, 2425 Industrial Highway, York, PA 17402, 717-755-2944
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Xero Limit ECU Performance Tuning, 484-272-5169 sales@xero-limit.com

ABOUT PACE

Our Mission: To unite Central Pennsylvania Mazda Miata enthusiasts in a spirit of friendship and to enhance their enjoyment and knowledge of the Miata.

Our History: Back in 1992, Miatas were becoming numerous in the central PA area but there was no Miata club since the short-lived Keystone Club had disbanded.

Our founder, Dave Allen, decided to remedy that sad situation by traveling to the Miatas at Indy event in the summer of 1992 to obtain a charter for a new club from Miata Club of America.

Also at that Indy event were Bob and Jo Bookwalter along with Julie Swope and three Miatas (one red, one white, one blue) that formed the nucleus of the new club. That summer, more Miata-crazed individuals joined the club and after a few local drives—in October of that year—*PACE* took its first run to the Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park, VA. *PACE* membership has continued to grow through the years from this small group to almost one hundred Miatas—and their occupants.

Since then, *PACE* has explored most of the great and many twisty country roads in our area and has run trips to various other parts of the country from Ocean City, MD, west to Utah, and from Charleston, SC, north to Nova Scotia. Our events have ranged from scenic drives, picnics and dinners to autocross and performance driving schools.



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