

Northcoast Miata Club

Exhaust Notes

October 2013



Pav's Creamery In Akron



Sundaes

Some of our club members met for ice cream at Pav's Creamery on September 23rd

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2014 Miata in Balance



Upcoming Events Calendar

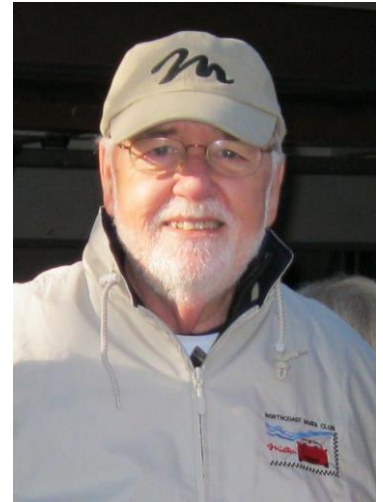
2013....

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| October 7 th | - Sundaes – Strickland's Ice Cream - Akron |
| October 9 th | - AWD - Olesia's N Royalton Charlie & Marlene Rodgers |
| October 10 th | - Sundaes – (Thurs) Mitchell's Rocky River |
| October 12 th | - Hayride/Bonfire – Sky View Lodge Brunswick – Dan Cali |
| October 13 th | - Last SCCA Solo AutoX– Lakeland Community College |
| October 14 th | - Sundaes – Malley's Lakewood |
| October 17 th | - Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM@ Cascade (Pizza Party)
Art Davis |
| October 21 st | - Sundaes – East Coast Custard, Fairview Park |
| October 23 rd | - AWL – Orchard House Brunswick – Art & Maureen Davis |
| October 26 th | - Boo Tour – John James |
| October 28 th | - Sundaes – Olympia Candies Strongsville |
| November 8 th | - (or 9 th) Dinner & Discussion – Jim and Joyce Simmelink |
| November 13 th | - AWD – Danny Boys (old Pipers 111) Rich & Linda Placko |
| November 21 st | - Monthly Meeting , 7:00 PM @ Cascade – Art Davis |
| December 19 th | - Christmas Party - St. Michael' s Woodside Party Center |



NMC Cars

This is a lawn full of NorthCoast Miata Club cars at one of our summer events. If you were there, you probably recognize the scene!



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Art's Column Page 1

Talk about some nice driving weather!

September saw us on the road with **John James** on his great Mystery Tour ending with a great meal at the Green Diamond Grill & Pub in Barberton. Next was **Jeff & Lisa Kramer's** creative tour of Cleveland neighborhoods delivering us first to the widely acclaimed West Side Market and then on to Huntington Beach where our purchases at the Market were shared with a hungry crowd of 40 members, picnic style. September's tour schedule was wrapped up with **Bob & Jan Stanfancic's** scenic tour to Presque Isle located in Pennsylvania.

I am hoping this nice weather holds out for our October activities which will include a Hayride and bonfire, a Boo Tour and our last scheduled Sundaes on Mondays.

Looking ahead to December I want to give you a heads up on our Annual Christmas event. This year it will be held at St. Michael's Woodside Party Center located at 5025 East Mill Road, Broadview Heights, on Thursday December 19, 2013. Details and registration form to follow.

This month's meeting on Thursday October 17th will include a PIZZA PARTY!!! There are still some great activities until the end of the year so I would encourage you to join in as much as you can. I know you will be glad you did.

ZoomZoom

Art Davis

We are Growing! Our newest members of the Northcoast Miata Club are:

Skip & Barb Schweitzer	Mantua	2006 Gray
Carl & Teena Lyth	Stow	2007 Black
Steve & Susan Huntsman	Solon	1996 Red
Bob & Lacine Gauss	Aurora	2005 Mica Red
Kevin & Nancy Auble	Hartville	1997 Twilight Blue Mica
Bill & Joyce Farris	Ashland	1999 Emerald Mica
Denny Kratzer	Rittman	2008 Silver

**Northcoast Miata Club Meeting Minutes – September 19th, 2013
Cascade Auto Group – Cuyahoga Falls, OH**

The meeting was called to order by club president, Art Davis, at 7:05 PM.

Fifty-six attended including: Denny Blacklock, Marcello & Peggy Codispoti, Mike & Cindy Cooper, Dan & Jane Curan, Phil Daly, Art & Maureen Davis, Mike & Linda DePietro, Bill Drew, Wayne & Connie Dustman, George & Linda Eisenzimmer, John & Jeanne Embree, Tiffany & Jared Fonner, Dan & Joanne Inconvati, John James, Mike & Lois Kerklo, Jeff & Lisa Kramer, Denny Kratzer, Chris Katic, Doug & Carol Leavens, Tom & Sandra LeMasters, Mary Miller, Len & Nancy Monaco, Jim & Marilyn Nenadal, Rick & Linda Placko, Bill & Sharon Proctor, Garland & Donna Ridgley, Bill Shepler, Bob & Jan Stefancic, Bill & Rancie Titley, Joe & Sandy Wilick. Guest – Denny Heim

August minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

REPORTS:

President: Art Davis –

- The club will be furnishing pizza for the October meeting

Vice-President: Dave Baker – absent

Treasurer: Bob Stefancic –

- The current financial report is in the newsletter.

Secretary: John Embree –

- The attendance sign in is on the table near the door.
- Election of officers will take place at the December meeting. Consider serving the club as an officer next year.

Membership: Joe and Sandy Wilick-

- Membership is presently at 133.
- Newest members are Bob & Lacine Gauss, Aurora, OH ; Kevin & Nancy Aubele, Hartville, OH ; Denny Kratzer, Rittman, OH

Competition: Mike DePietro –

- No NORA events are planned this year due to the Geauga Lake parking lot problems
- NWOR SCCA will be holding an autocross at Toledo Express Airport on Sun, Sept 22nd

Historian: Lisa Kramer –

- A one page summary of upcoming events was mailed to all members. Please provide feedback this method of communicating future events.

Newsletter: Steve Greenlaw – absent

Webmaster: Daryl and Rachel Baker – absent.

Sunshine: Marilyn Nenadal –

- Jim Krysiak's mother passed away recently

Merchandise: Mike DePietro –

- Inventory is getting low, but additional items can be ordered. Delivery usually takes 3 weeks.
- Merchandise order form has not yet been added to the redesigned website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Art Davis reviewed the status of the revised NCM website. He feels the site is “coming along”. It has a lot of things including drop downs choices and good color photos. Please provide your website thoughts and comments to Daryl and Rachel.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTIVITIES:

- Hosts highlighted their upcoming tours and events. These include a Mystery Tour, a Boo Tour, West Side Market Tour, Presque Isle Tour, Book Discussion, Around the World Dinners, Sundaes on Mondays and a Hayride. Sign-ups are available on the window ledge or contact the host. Take the opportunity to participate in the club events.

MONKEY BUSINESS:

- 50/50 Raffle: \$116 collected; \$58 went to the club; \$58 shared by 2 members.
- 2 Miata Club Tee Shirts were raffled. Winners were Jeanne Embree and Jane Curran. The tee shirts will be available at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

	Note	September 2013	YTD: 09/25/13
INCOME			
50/50 Raffle		58.00	552.00
Cascade Mazda Donation			100.00
Road Kill Rally			0.00
Membership Dues		39.00	4,482.00
Merchandise		40.00	879.00
Total Income		137.00	6,013.00
EXPENSES			
Bank fees			0.80
Charitable donation			100.00
Car Show Prizes			49.60
Ice Cream Social			117.48
Membership Picnic			222.81
Pizza Party			368.00
Road Kill Rally			0.00
Insurance			568.00
Historian expenses			
December dinner awards & door prizes			
December dinner awards - Jackets & Gavel			
December dinner expenses - Hall & Banquet			100.00
Planning meeting			387.07
Treasury			109.95
Membership expenses			222.36
Sunshine		20.00	32.51
Merchandise		31.95	1,158.74
Newsletter	A	10.00	10.00
Website			143.16
Total expenses		61.95	3,590.48
Net income (loss)		75.05	2,422.52
Notes:			
A: Postage from GA from past President			

2014 Officer Elections



The election of the 2014 officers will take place at the December dinner on 12/19/2013.

The positions that will be on the ballot include Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Historian and Competition Director.

Please consider serving our club as an officer in 2014. The only open position for 2014 is the Vice President which is a 1 year term leading to a 1 year term as President in 2015. The current officers in the other positions are willing to serve for another term, but would willingly defer to other members interested in serving the Northcoast Miata Club.

Please contact John Embree if willing to serve/run for election in any capacity next year.

Mystery Tour Wrap-up – John James

Saturday, September 21st started off very wet and rainy as the weatherman had predicted. However, by early afternoon the rain had stopped and the skies cleared making way for an excellent Miata day. A total of 11 Miatas gathered at the Cuyahoga Valley Visitor Center to begin a late summer mystery tour that would take us along some nice back roads down to Barberton, Ohio.

This tour really did become a mystery as a result of two wrong turns that took us out to the twilight zone. However, with the weather being so great and the roads very enticing for a Miata, we did not mind at all. This was a beautiful late summer early fall like afternoon as we drove through the countryside going through Hinckley, Medina, Norton and finally to Barberton.

We concluded our tour at the Green Diamond Grille and Pub in downtown Barberton, where we had dinner. The meal was great and the service fantastic and the chef did a first class job on the steaks and seafood. The Green Diamond Grille and Pub also has plenty of baseball pictures especially of hall of famer Ted Williams who the owner of the pub knows personally and the art mural on the walls are unique as well.

It was also a beautiful evening as we headed for home. I want to thank all of those members who attended the tour, and for a great time. I also want to thank Rod Barkley for discovering the Green Diamond Pub and Grille and showing me some very good Miata roads earlier this summer. I can't wait for next year's tour!

Around The World Lunch – Hosted by Art & Maureen Davis

Join Art & Maureen at Mapleside Farms' Orchard House Restaurant on Wednesday October 23 for our October Around the World Lunch. Address is 294 Pearl Road, Brunswick and we will meet at noon.

Please contact us at adavis5898@gmail.com to reserve a seat.

Dinner and Discussion – Hosted by Jim & Joyce Simmelink

Jim & Joyce Simmelink of Lyndhurst will be hosting a dinner and book discussion of Dan Brown's INFERNO on either Friday November 8th or Saturday November 9th. There are only 3 openings left.

If interested email Jim & Joyce at jsimmelin@aol.com and they will get back to you with more specific information

October Around the World Dinner - Hosted by Marlene & Charlie Rodgers

Join us for authentic Ukrainian cuisine at Olesia's Restaurant in North Royalton, Wednesday October 9th.

Owner, Olesia Pochynok, who moved to America from the Ukraine, serves up stuffed cabbage, borscht with a dollop of sour cream, pirogues and much more. Located at 11204 Royalton Road, 440-877-9054. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Limited to the first 35 to sign up.

Marlene & Charlie Rodgers - ZOOM SQ'D - rodgers1953@sbcglobal.net - 440-582-2641
(please leave a message with your name & number)

October Boo Tour 2013 – Hosted by John James

I am presently working on planning the 2013 Boo Tour with Rod Barkly that will be scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2013, which is the weekend before Halloween.

This year we will be visiting some ghostly sites in the northeast Ohio area. We will be meeting at the Punderson Manor, which is located at 11755 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio 44065. We will be meeting in the parking lot at 1:30 PM, and plan to leave at 2:00 PM. We will be taking some nice Miata roads to some spooky sites and will have dinner afterwards. This year we promise a fun filled spooktacular time and may even see a ghost or two at some of our stops.

Punderson Manor is located right on Route 87. If you are coming from the west, just take 422 East to Route 44 and make a left on Route 44 and head north. Continue on Route 44 until you come to Route 87 and make a left turn at the light and proceed 1 mile and Punderson Park will be located on the left and proceed directly to the manor.

For those who are coming from the east, you can take Route 87 East and that will take you directly to Punderson Park, which is on the right. You can also take Route 306, which also runs directly into Route 87.

Any club member who wishes to sign up for the tour can send me an RSVP at (216) 429-1304 or by e-mail at jjames9676@sbcglobal.net. There will no RSVPs taken after October 23rd.

John James

DRIVE /HAYRIDE/BONFIRE- October 12th-Saturday - Hosted by Dan Cali & Daryl Baker

On Saturday October 12th Dan Cali is hosting an Autumn Foliage Drive through the countryside, with a hayride and bonfire to follow at the Sky View Lodge in Brunswick Ohio.

We'll start in the afternoon on the northwest-side, with a couple stops along the way, and arrive at the farm around 6pm. More details will be posted soon on the website.

At the Lodge, we will gather in the parking lot where a wagon will take us and our supplies to the fire sight. After we unload, we will go on a hayride through the farm land, and then return to the bonfire, where we can enjoy the warmth, food and drinks until 11:00 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair if you can. There are some picnic tables to use.

The club will be providing hotdogs, and you can bring a small potluck dish to share and your drink of choice. There is an \$8.00 fee per person for the use of the hayride and grounds. Dan will be collecting that when you arrive Saturday.

Contact Dan Cali at 440-263-4635 or dcali5@yahoo.com to sign up.

The First Newsletter Issue, August 1990 Rich Velardo

I've been reading through the pile of old newsletters and find them to be pretty interesting reading. The newsletter was not titled "Exhaust Notes" at the beginning, being titled simply, "Northcoast Chapter Miata Club of America". For those who might not have been around the Miata scene long enough to remember, there once was a Miata Club of America and the local clubs were a franchise of the national club. The national club finally folded around the year 2000 and we are no longer a part of any national club.

As reported in the August issue, officers were nominated and elected at the July 1990 meeting and a "social committee" was formed for the purpose of finding a permanent meeting place as well as event planning.

Tony Caciolo was elected as the club president, Jack Smith the VP and Chris Vagtborg the newsletter editor. One other item of interest in the first issue was that membership dues were set at \$25 AND new members must also have national membership in the MCA, which was apparently another \$50.

Not yet having a permanent meeting place, the July meeting was held at the home of Kathy Lyle (club treasurer) and the August meeting was set for Sunday August 25th at Meadow Wood Recreational Park in Lindhurst (*sic*). Arrangements for the park meeting place were made by Jim Simmelink and a full page was devoted to directions on how to get there, complete with a map!

Newsletter Mania..... Rich Velardo

As the title implies, I've been going crazy with newsletters. The club now has an almost complete set of newsletters from #1 all the way to this issue. We think that this will be an invaluable resource when we want to know what went on back in some past year.

Thank Chris Vagtborg for offering us all of the back issues that he had, he gave us these plus a small pile of dealer brochures for Miatas of various years. I combined Chris' donated newsletters with the pile that I have saved and now, with the exception of issue #2 from 1990, 4 issues from 2005 and most of 2006, we have them all.

Cheryl Eberhart has sent me pdf files of the missing 2005 and 2006 issues to fill out our collection, but if you have hardcopies that you can donate, please drop me an e-mail. rvelardo@zoominternet.net

SCCA Solo AutoX

The NE Ohio region of the SCCA is restarting its Solo (AutoX) program in 2013 and I thought that our club members might have an interest in their events.

Their tentative 2013 schedule includes four events at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland. The date left this season is October 13.

See <http://neohio-scca.org/> for more information.

Fix-a-Flat on an NC Miata Rich Velardo

Those of you with an NC ('06-'13) Miata know exactly what I'm talking about. The NC Miata has no spare tire, rather than a spare tire that takes up room and adds weight, Mazda saw fit to substitute a bottle of sealant goop and a tire pump that plugs into the cigarette lighter. Hey, at least it wasn't a hand pump! Hint; if you've never tried out your Mazda issue tire pump, you might want to before you need it. Also the tire pump pressure gauge is labeled in kilopascals rather than in pounds per square inch.

On to our story of woe... On a bright and sunny morning at Deal's Gap your author did a quick oil check and walk around of his Miata, seeing nothing wrong said author and Miata started to pull out of the parking lot at Fontana Lodge, only to be rudely startled by the low tire pressure alarm buzzing and the in-dash light lighting up.

Choice words followed as a closer inspection with a tire pressure gauge showed that the right rear was indeed 10 psi low. Thankfully we were not at the mercy of the bottle of goo, not one to go squirting tire ruining crud into my tires, I had luckily thought ahead (for once) and had stashed two styles of tire plugs in a tray fitted to the cubby behind the passenger's seat. The liquid tire sealant ruins tires since the goo makes it impossible to install a proper patch on the inside once you reach civilization and a good tire shop for a permanent fix.

The fix was in, 1) jack up the car & remove the tire 2) find the offending nail that was thankfully stuck in the meat of the tread 3) open the tool roll and grab the pliers to remove that nasty nail 4) ream out the hole in the tire with the reamer from the kit 5) select the proper plug & fit it into the plug installer 6) lube the plug with rubber cement and cram it in the tire, being sure to get it all the way in 7) pull the plug installer back out, leaving the plug snugly in the tire and trim off the excess plug (the knife is in the handle of the multi-tool pliers) 8) use the electric tire pump from Mazda to pump the tires up to 30 psi... only it wasn't really 30 psi because Mazda gave my pump a metric air pressure gauge, so what I thought was 30 psi was actually 30 kPa or about 43 psi 9) say a few more choice words about the Mazda pressure gauge, reduce pressure to 30 psi and reinstall the tire on the car and finally 10) head for that ride on the Tail of the Dragon. The plug lasted roughly 800 miles of Dragon taming and then the high speed drive back home before the tire was properly repaired with an inside patch.

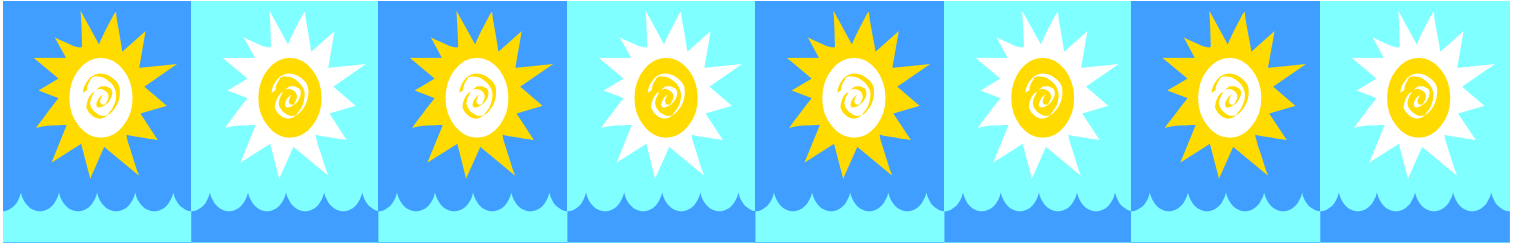
All of that took about ½ hour including kibitzers and a guy stopping to ask about the splitter on the front of my Miata. It was pretty easy in the parking lot as I was prepared to fix a flat tire with tools and a plug kit.

Things to have in your tire repair kit; a multi tool plier to pull objects out of your tire with Phillips and straight screwdrivers and a knife in the handle, the correct jack (if you've lowered your car will the factory jack still get under it with a flat tire?), if you have aftermarket wheels you'll need the correct lug wrench. A breaker bar with the correct socket will be a huge help with stuck lug nuts, your choice of tire plugging kits (reserve the can of crud for the last resort), also nice to have would be gloves, foil packaged hand wipes and rags to clean up with. Since flat tires seem to go with rainstorms I also have a cheap one-use poncho packed in with the kit.



Left; we're having fun now! Center; tire kit all packed away nice and neat in its bin, a pouch would work as well. Right; reamer, plugs, plug tool next to the Dynaplug tool and it's smaller plugs. On top is the tube of rubber cement that fits into the aluminum tube wrapped with Duct Tape (what else?).

Sunshine News - Marilyn (Sunshine) Nenadal



A reminder: Please, contact me either through e-mail or by phone, if either you or a fellow member needs the Club's support offered by a card or a showing of caring and support.

I try to be careful not to offend anyone's sensitivities. Also, since we are a large club and use the internet, I am careful of privacy issues. I first seek permission from people involved before sharing any information. If any members have any suggestions or questions, please, contact me directly.

For Sale:

For Sale – Northcoast Miata Club T-Shirts

Club T-SHIRTS any size only \$7.00. This year's color is Cardinal Red. See Dan Cali or call him at 440-263-4635 or dcali5@yohoo.com I HAVE THEM IN STOCK !

For Sale - Red Hardtop, Steelies with Blizzak Tires – N/A/NB

Red Hardtop off a 1991. Very good condition. \$1,200/obo.

4 steel wheels with mounted Blizzak tires. The wheels are 14 inch. The tires are [185/60R14](#), good for at least one winter. \$100.00 for the set.

Both items pick up in Huron, Ohio.

Contact John Carter at johnhcarter@earthlink.net or (614) [425-0398](tel:425-0398).



Wanted:

Miata Roll Bars: We are looking for roll bars to fit 91 & 92 Miatas with a Robbins soft top with glass window and a hard top.

Contact Steve Greenlaw at steve.greenlaw@sbcglobal.net or Tom Powell at 440-477-2222 (call or text). We are looking for real roll bars, not style bars. If you don't have one for sale but can recommend an appropriate brand/model, please let us know.

Miata Sales Brochures & Toys: I'm looking for early Miata sales brochures and special edition sales brochures that are in good shape. I'm also always looking for Miata toys that I do not have yet. Contact Rich Velardo at rvelardo@zoominternet.net

Favorite Links

Northcoast Miata Club; <http://www.northcoast-miata.com>
 Mazda USA; <http://www.mazdausamedia.com>
 Cascade Auto Group; <http://www.cascadeautogroup.com>
 MX-5 Miata.net; <http://www.miata.net>
 Miatas at the Gap XVII; <http://www.gapmiatas.com>
 Mazda Chat; <http://www.mazdachat.net>
 Kale Auto, hard to find auto parts; <http://kalecoauto.com>
 Northern Ohio Racing Association; <http://www.noraracing.net>
 NE Ohio region SCCA; <http://www.neohio-scca.org>
 NASA Racing; <http://www.nasaproracing.com>
 Anatomy of Autocross (video); <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cDsmBexSd8>
 Backstreet Performance (club member Rich Johnson's shop) <http://www.backstreetper.com>
 Tire Size Calculator; <http://www.miata.net/garage/tirecalc.html>
 The Tire Rack; <http://www.tirerack.com/index.jsp>
 Mid-Ohio Race Track; <http://www.midohio.com>
 Glenmoor Gathering; <http://www.glenmoorgathering.com>
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