

# Northcoast Miata Club Exhaust Notes

January 2013



Chris looks very relaxed as he prepares to step down as our club president. Thank you for all of the hard work and time you put in to make 2012 another great year for the club!



And Art looks ready to accept the challenge of being our new club president for 2012. We look forward to a great 2013 with Art at the wheel!



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## Monthly Calendar

2013....

- January 7<sup>th</sup> - Sundaes on Monday, 7pm. at Malley's in Lakewood at 14822 Madison Avenue
- January 9<sup>th</sup> - AWD, Chris & Elyse Galizio
- January 13<sup>th</sup> - Planning Meeting, Art Davis
- January 17<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM with PIZZA! Art Davis
- March 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> - Seneca Casino Bus Trip, Dan Cali
- May 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> - Miatas at the Gap with Bill Titley
- June 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - Marietta Tour, The Bakers, Embrees, Miricales & Velardos
- July 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> - Miatas at Deal's Gap XVII, Rich Velardo
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>-Glenmoor Gathering. Rich Velardo





**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**



**January 2013**

**Art's Column Page 1**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone that attended our Christmas Dinner appreciated the fun Sing Along. Wrapping up 2012 and getting ready for 2013 gave us all a chance to visit and then sing some familiar Christmas Carols. And how about that Kazoo Band? The Kazoo Band members were, Dave Baker, Bob Stefanic, John Embree, Joe and Sandy Wilick, Lisa Kramer, Chris Galizio, Mike and Linda DePietro, Daryl Baker, Charlie Rodgers, Doug Leavens, and Dan Cali. And let's not forget our Choral Director Tim Graham and Elyse Galizio providing vocal encouragement and special sound effects.

As we begin the New Year we welcome our new Editor, Steve Greenlaw. I would encourage all of you to consider contributing an article for Steve to include in Exhaust Notes. Perhaps your favorite photo with a few comments. Perhaps your thoughts on why Miata's are so much fun. You get the idea, this is your newsletter and you have an opportunity to be heard.

Also, we welcome Dave Baker as Vice President. Serving with Dave on the Board this year will be Bob Stefanic- Treasurer, John Embree- Secretary, Joe and Sandy Wilick- Membership, Lisa Kramer-Historian, Steve Greenlaw-Editor, Daryl and Rachel Baker-Webmasters, and Mike DePietro-Competition Director.

In addition to the Board Members our independent committees are:

Sunshine-Marilyn Nenadal

Sundaes on Mondays-Barbara Savage.

Merchandise-Mike DePietro

When you see these folks, why not thank them for their individual contributions to our club?

Our Planning Session is coming up Sunday, January 13 and I would encourage you to participate with ideas for trips, Around the World dinners (or even lunches), or an event you think would be fun for all of us. A light dinner will follow the planning session.

Together, let's make 2013 a great year! Art Davis



**Annual Meeting Minutes December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – John Embree  
Galaxy Banquet Center – Wadsworth, OH**

The meeting was called to order after dinner by club president, Chris Galizio. Well over 100 members attended the annual dinner meeting

Minutes as published in the previous newsletter were approved.

**President:** Chris Galizio chaired his final meeting as president. He thanked the board and his wife Elyse, for their time and assistance; all were presented with gifts for their efforts the past year.

**Vice-President:** Art Davis highlighted the AWD activities from the past year.

**Treasurer:** Bob Stefancic – see report in the newsletter.

**Secretary:** John Embree – announced election results (see below)

**Membership:** Joe Wilick reported that current membership is at 148. The annual dues of \$36 are due in January. Please mail dues to Joe and Sandy Wilick.

**Competition:** Mike DePietro – The NORA Autocross season has concluded its events for the year. For more information for the 2013 events, visit their website: 14

<http://noraracing.net/>.

**Historian:** Lisa Kramer

**Newsletter:** Rich Velardo said he is ready to step down and take a break from being the newsletter editor. He welcomed Steve Greenlaw as our new editor.

**Webmaster:** Darryl and Rachel Baker reviewed the past year as webmasters including the problems that were resolved, the FaceBook page, and they look forward to a better year in 2013.

**Merchandise:** Mike DePietro

**2013 Officer Election Results**

President – Art Davis, Vice-President – Dave Baker, Treasurer – Bob Stefancic, Secretary – John Embree, Membership – Joe and Sandy Wilick, Historian – Lisa Kramer, Newsletter – Steve Greenlaw

**Changing of the Guard**

Art Davis, incoming President, presented the past Presidents plaque to Chris. Chris then presented the gavel to incoming President, Art Davis.

Art Davis adjourned the meeting.

**Holiday Gifts and Gift Exchange**

Gifts were presented to all in attendance courtesy of Mazda Corp, and local dealers, Cascade Auto Group and Montrose Auto Group. Then gift exchange participants selected their gifts as their numbers were called. There were also raffle gifts.

**Recent Events:**

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – AWD at The Hart Mansion, Minerva, OH hosted by Scott and Mary Miller

**Upcoming Events:**

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm – Annual Planning Meeting will be held at the Granger Lake Party Center, 200 Granger Road, Medina, OH. Bring your calendars and ideas for 2013 events. Board meeting starts at 1:00 pm.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – January Meeting will be held at Cascade Mazda, 4149 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. Our January meeting will be a PIZZA PARTY!! Had your fill of turkey, stuffing, and all the works? Attend the January meeting which will be followed by a great tasting PIZZA PARTY.

	Note	December 2012	YTD: 12/25/12
<b>INCOME</b>			
50/50 Raffle			625.00
Cascade Mazda Donation			200.00
Auto Show Tickets			195.50
December Dinner	A	956.00	2,637.00
Membership Dues			4,901.00
Merchandise			393.27
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>956.00</b>	<b>8,951.77</b>

**EXPENSES**

Bank fees			9.25
Charitable donation			300.00
Auto Show Tickets			195.50
Car Show Prizes			47.10
Membership Picnic			198.58
Miatawood Derby			129.56
Pizza Party			190.00
Insurance			545.00
Historian expenses			99.99
December dinner awards & door prizes		854.64	877.48
December dinner awards - Jackets & Gavels		126.09	471.97
December dinner expenses - Hall & Banquet		3,800.00	4,000.00
Planning meeting			285.72
Treasury			933.72
Membership expenses			561.27
Sunshine			110.07
Merchandise			314.42
Newsletter		7.96	155.25
Website	A&B	0.40	800.35
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>4,789.09</b>	<b>10,225.23</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>		<b>(3,883.09)</b>	<b>(1,273.46)</b>



**Notes:**

A: Motion Hosting – website services - \$83.40

B: Tekro – website service refund – (\$83.00)



**“Around the World” Dinner** Scott & Mary Miller

December’s dinner was held at The Hart Mansion, located on a hill overlooking downtown Minerva, OH. Both the mansion and the downtown business area were lighted and decorated and the holiday décor created a very wonderful view. Mother Nature could have enhanced that view with snow, but then there would likely have been a lot less club members to enjoy it! Instead we had a crisp, dry evening and everyone who signed up was able to make the trip without any worries of getting home safely. Our merry group included John & Donna Garsteck, Bill & Rancie Titley, Bob & Jan Stefancic, Gary & Barb Savage, Marcello & Peggy Codispoti, Doug & Carol Leavens, Joe & Sandy Wilick, Jim & Joyce Simmelick, John & Jeanne Embree, Dick & Margot Hull, Jared & Tiffany Fonner, Ed & Shirley Miller, & their hosts Scott & Mary Miller.

Everyone seemed to agree that the food was excellent and that the Hart Mansion provided an attractive atmosphere to enjoy a quiet dinner with friends before Christmas. The only thing that seemed to be missing was the usual test, card game or other challenge that are sometimes found on the Miller’s outings. Oh well, there’s always our next tour! We’d like to thank all who participated and made our first attempt at hosting an “AWD” a very enjoyable evening.



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**JANUARY 2013 PLANNING MEETING** Art Davis

The NCMC Annual Event Planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 13th. It will be held at the Granger Lake Party Center, 200 Granger Road, Medina, Ohio. The Executive Board budget meeting will begin at 1:00pm and the general planning meeting will begin at 3:00pm. All members are welcome to attend the budget meeting as well.

Bring your ideas for events for this coming year. Tours can be considered for days during the week, in addition to those planned for a week-end day.

Snacks and drinks will be available prior to meetings with a light supper to follow the planning meeting. Directions to Party Center by Jim and Pam’s home are:

From I-71, exit at Route 18 East, Medina. Drive East on RT 18 about 6 miles to Medina Line Road (traffic light). Turn left (north) on Medina Line Road driving about ¼ mile to Granger Road. Turn left on Granger Road and proceed about ¼ mile to 200 Granger Road. Turn left into the drive and follow drive as it bears to the left. The Party Center will be on your right, overlooking the lake. Continue past the Party Center to see parking on your right, at the bottom of the hill.

From I-77, exit at Route 18 West and drive West to Medina Line Road (traffic light). Turn right (north) on Medina Line Road and follow directions as described above.

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**January Around The World Dinner Christopher and Elyse Galizio**

Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, Sweet Melissa [www.s-melissa.com](http://www.s-melissa.com)  
19337 Detroit Rd. Rocky River, OH 440-333-6357

Due to the restaurant's size we are limited to 25 members. Sweet Melissa will add an 18% gratuity to your check.

RSVP by Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> [cgalizio@yahoo.com](mailto:cgalizio@yahoo.com) 440-716-0343 (home) 440-655-7947 (cell)

If you want to do a little pre AWD "research" they have a really good happy hour everyday from 4pm until close with \$2 specials and a \$3 beer and appetizer menu.

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**Bus Trip to Seneca Casino Dan Cali**

We are trying something different next year. While our cars are put away, we are doing a bus trip to Seneca Casino overnight in New York right at Niagara Falls . It will be Saturday March 9 to Sunday March 10, 2012. The cost is \$145 per person with the casino giving you \$70 back. This includes the bus ride (with drinks on the bus & room). We will be staying at the Comfort Inn in Seneca New York. This is open to just 50 members. Tickets are on sale now. You can get them at the Christmas party or call.

Dan Cali 440-263-4635 or e-mail [dcali5@yahoo.com](mailto:dcali5@yahoo.com).

P.S. the bus ride will be more fun than the Casino.  
DO NOT NEED A PASSPORT



**Sundaes on Mondays Jim & Marylyn Nenadal**

Our first post season Sundaes on Mondays attracted 14 members, but only one Miata (and even that one is now tucked in for the winter). We enjoyed some great ice cream and some members took advantage of Olympia's "buy one get one free hamburger" special...Doug!

Afterwards we were given a driving tour (we always are up for a tour!) of beautiful Christmas lights in Strongsville, led by John and Donna. It was great, thanks guys!

January's ice cream will be on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. at Malley's in Lakewood at 14822 Madison Avenue. I depend on members to pick the locations. Doug picked this one...notice a certain person's name come up, again, Doug?! Just make sure it's inside....

At November's meeting I opened up ice cream possibilities for our southern and eastern county members for their input, but got no responses. If you can't make it to the monthly location, please, pick a location in your area and host a Sundae on Monday, I will post it if you give me the info.

Contact Jim or Marilyn at: [jmnen@cox.net](mailto:jmnen@cox.net)

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**Spring Miatas at the Gap** – May 12 through 19<sup>th</sup> 2013

It is time to start planning for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Miatas at the Gap. This usually brings together the Florida Space Coast, Northwest, and Northcoast Miata Clubs for an exciting driving adventure and great Miata fellowship in and around the Great Smoky Mountains. The 2013 edition will run from May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup>. Your arrival and departure times depend on your personal schedule.

The trip is all about getting to run the “Dragon” at Deal’s Gap. It is known on road maps as US Highway 129. Many consider it to be the best sports car road in the U.S. No two corners are alike, and the curves are cambered perfectly. It is out in the country with no houses or crossroads. The asphalt is good, It’s just turn after turn with 318 curves in 11 miles. The stuff of sports car dreams, it is one of the most addictive roads and driving experiences that a mere mortal can be involved in.

It is May, so traffic and tourists are at a minimum. We do a different drive every day, and visit many other places besides the Gap such as: Foothills Parkway, Happy Valley, Cherahola Skyway, Bald River Falls, Fontana Dam and Lodge (summer event headquarters), Gatlinburg, The Arts and Crafts Loop, Cherokee, River Road, Campbell Falls, Stecoah Valley, Wayah Gap, Tallulah Gorge and Falls, Blueridge Parkway, and many other places.

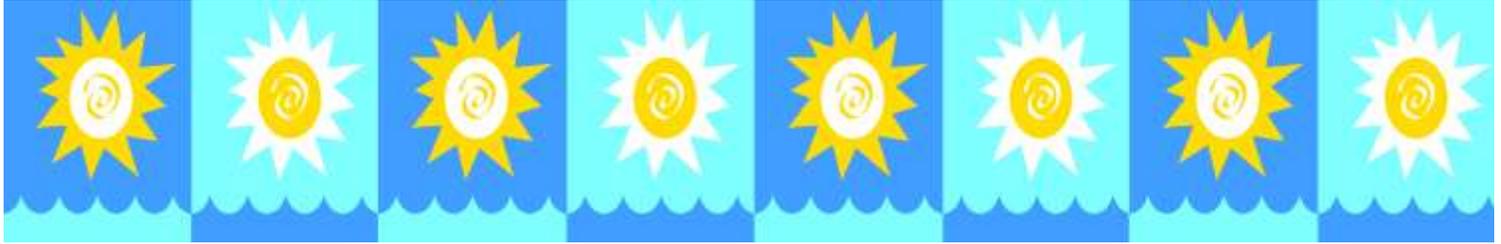
Headquarters will again be at The Lodge at Valley View in Townsend, TN. Get your reservations in early (you can always cancel). The Lodge number is (800)292-4844 or email: [valleyviewtn@aol.com](mailto:valleyviewtn@aol.com). Be sure to say that you are with the Northcoast Miata Club in Building 6 (we get group rates with the same price 7 years in a row). For questions or more info call Bill at 386-478-1233 (1/10/13 through 4/12/13) or at 740-269-1723 any other time.

Rancie, the Zoomstr, and I will be arriving Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon to start driving, sightseeing, and shopping. We tend to help the local economy immensely during this week. Everyone is welcome to join us at their convenience. See you at the Gap! Zoom Zoom!



**Sunshine News** Marilyn (Sunshine) Nenadal

It was great seeing so many of our friends at our NCMC Christmas party, especially those who had an exceptionally rough go of it this past year.



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.

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### **About Your Newsletter**

My name is Steve Greenlaw, and I have now taken over for Rich Velardo as your Northcoast Miata Club newsletter editor. I got into Miatas last year when I bought a 1990 Mariner Blue Miata which I have been restoring. My wife L'Wanda and I met many of you at the fabulous Northcoast Miata Club Holiday Party, and hope to get to know all of you over time. We are self-employed as the owners of Home Tutoring Solutions, a company that provides tutoring services throughout northeast Ohio. I will work on adding new touches to the newsletter as I get more familiar with the events and material. Please send me articles and pictures that you would like to see in your newsletter!



Rich Velardo does not plan to completely go away! He would like to write technical articles for this newsletter and perhaps get back to his toy column and the history of Miatas that he tried to write but always ran out of time to finish. **Please let him know what you'd like to learn about your Miata, what maintenance procedures you'd like him to cover or anything else of Miata interest.** He needs suggestions. [rvelardo@zoominternet.net](mailto:rvelardo@zoominternet.net)

**Mazda News, 2014 Mazda 6**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The wait is over: Mazda's SKYACTIV-D 2.2-liter clean diesel engine has arrived, hand-in-hand with the all-new 2014 Mazda6, the latest – and sexiest – beauty to emerge from the brand's KODO design-inspired lineup. Making its North American debut today at the Los Angeles Auto Show, the highly-anticipated mid-size sedan will go on sale in January 2013 and be equipped first with a SKYACTIV-G 2.5-liter gasoline engine. The SKYACTIV-D-equipped version will follow suit during the second half of the year, making Mazda the first Asian manufacturer to offer a modern-technology clean-diesel engine in a non-commercial vehicle. The 2014 Mazda6 also will be the first production vehicle to feature Mazda's capacitor-based brake energy regeneration system called i-ELOOP.

The Mazda 6 will be in dealers showrooms this coming January and as reported in the above press release it will have an optional diesel engine as well as standard gasoline engines. The engines offered are the “13:1 high-compression ratio SKYACTIV-G 2.5-liter gasoline engine or the new SKYACTIV-D 2.2-liter clean diesel engine, which offers an impressively low compression ratio of 14:1. The SKYACTIV-G 2.5L is estimated to achieve a lead-foot worthy 184 horsepower at 5,700 rpm and 185 lb-ft of torque at 3,250 rpm.” Test figures show 0-60 mph times that are under 8 seconds for both engines so performance is lively, no fuel efficiency numbers are out yet though. The transmissions attached to these engines are, either a six speed manual or six speed automatic with steering wheel paddle shifters.

Other new technologies being introduced on the Mazda 6 are; *Smart City Brake Support (SCBS)*, designed to assist a driver in avoiding front collisions when traveling at speeds of less than 20 miles per hour. This system uses a “laser sensor to detect an obtrusive object and will reduce the brake rotor travel to quicken braking should the system calculate that there is a risk of a collision occurring. If the driver fails to perform an avoidance maneuver, the SCBS system will activate an automatic braking function” and the “Intelligent Energy Loop,” i-ELOOP, Mazda's in-house developed brake energy regeneration system is the world's first capacitor-based brake energy regeneration system to provide power to all the electrical mechanisms in vehicle. Other capacitor-based systems have been used to provide electricity to a single vehicle component or motor. Compared to systems utilized in hybrid vehicles, i-ELOOP avoids the need for a dedicated electrical motor and battery, making the system more efficient, compact and lighter than traditional systems. Also, capacitors have the ability to charge and discharge rapidly and are resistant to deterioration despite prolonged use. In real-world driving conditions, which can feature frequent acceleration and braking, i-ELOOP is expected to improve overall fuel economy but is dependent on road conditions and driving habits.

Here in the USA we will get only the four door sedan, other countries get the sexy looking wagon that Mazda has decided that we will not buy. Look for a full road test on the new Mazda 6 in Exhaust Notes ASAP. In the meantime, here's a very cool video; <http://youtu.be/OVAI8XzHyWs>



Have a "goodie" that you'd like to sell, trade or just give away? This is the place to advertise it. Just send an e-mail with pictures and all of your information to the newsletter at; [exhaust\\_notes@northcoast-miata.com](mailto:exhaust_notes@northcoast-miata.com)

**FOR SALE or Trade;**

The following automotive manuals are available to anyone interested: 1962 and 1963 Mercury Comet owner's manuals, 1963 Ford Falcon manual, 1962-1963 shop manuals, 1993 Chrysler LeBaron owner's manual, 1960 Comet Maintenance manual, 1972 Ford shop manuals-Vol. 1- Chassis, Vol. 2 Engine, Vol. 3 Electrical, Vol. 4 Body, Vol. 5 Predelivery Maintenance and Lube. If interested contact Harold or Karen Baker at [hdbaker@zoominternet.net](mailto:hdbaker@zoominternet.net) or (330) 725-2026.

**Wanted;**

**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](mailto:rvelardo@zoominternet.net)

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