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# PACESETTER

Created for PACE Miata Club members and Miata MX-5 fans



#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

The next step... yes? How many of you are obeying the Governor's orders and wearing your facemasks? This fellow seems to be following the rules!

While there is nothing humorous about the COVID-19 pandemic, if we can't find some humor in what we're dealing with, we might just all go crazy. One of the most frustrating things about the pandemic is, it's world wide! Nowhere to hide, nowhere to go!

Of course, one thing all PACE Miata Club members should be aware of is the fact that the majority of our members are in the high risk category simply because of age, others may be in a compromising health state. So, please pray that as we ride out this storm, we ALL come out healthier and stronger because of it.

COVID-19 makes checking Carol's weekly update ever more useful, as it will contain the most recent schedule updates about what's happening PACE-wise!

ZoomZoom, JOE & SANDY



#### Hi, from Membership

Hi folks. Well, not much to report. There were no new members in April. There may be a reason for that! Hopefully this month will be better.

Yearly membership renewal is under way, so if you haven't sent in your "Renewal Form" and check, please do so. Let me know if you need another form sent to you. You can reach me at rslenker43@outlook.com

Until next month...wash your hands, stay safe, and as always, "Fly Miata" ROD & NINA

#### **CB Radios and the PACE Miata Club**



The PACE Miata Club **HIGHLY** recommends using CB radios during PACE Miata Club drives. They add a **safety** aspect to the drive and for all our drivers. Plus, we've found that chatting on your CB during a drive is just a lot of fun.

The Club previously recommended small, hand-held, "Family Channel" radios. But, members are now recommending Citizen Band 40channel "CB" radios that have far greater range.

Club members have found value in doing so to be able to have clearer communication between cars on trips and drives.

A lot of us really like the "Cobra C75 WXST", CB radio (see picture above.) The great thing

about this CB is that all of the controls, the microphone and the speaker, are in the hand held "Microphone" unit. There is a small aluminum box that mounts behind the seat, and the hand-held unit plugs into it. The aluminum box has a socket for the CB antenna, and



Cobra C75 WXST

the wiring harness to bring electrical power to the box. The hand-held microphone can be easily removed and stored



when not needed. This CB also has a special feature called the "Sound Tracker." That device filters out unwanted background noises and interference when talking or listening on the CB.

Here is one convenient source for this radio: <u>https://www.cobra.com/products/c75wxst</u>. You may also do a web search to see if you can find a better price. *(cont'd next page)* 

Some of us have found that attaching a small external speaker to the CB really helps us to better hear what is being said on the radio. Here is a link to Amazon for an assortment of speakers: <u>https://www.amazon.com/customerpicks/Explore-external-speakers-for-cb/dda9b30a975305cf6458</u>

We recommend two CB antenna choices. Some people have been happy using a magnet mount antenna. The antenna wire can be routed back into the trunk, and the antenna is put in place when needed. But, several members have found value in using a special antenna "Splitter" made just for Miatas (*see picture on previous page*.) A retired Antenna Design Engineer, Jeff Anderson, makes a splitter that combines the car radio and the CB radio together to use the existing car antenna system. This way the antenna is always ready to use. I had one of Jeff's splitters in my previous 2002 and 2006 Miatas, and I now have one I modified in my 2016 model. Plus this splitter is easily fine tuned to match your CB installation.

The antenna splitter is a quality unit and available for all Miatas up to 2015. (2016+ in design stage). It is sold by Jeff Anderson in Florida who prefers to be contacted by e-mail. Just tell him what year Miata you own and he will prepare it tuned just for your car. His e-mail address is: jeffanderson@miata.net. But please note he has a large back-order.

If you decide to buy a CB radio and have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If you want more info or want to read the articles I previously wrote on the CB and installation, go to our PACE web page. <u>pacemiataclub.org</u>. Click the "Tech Talk" link on the left, and go to the pages where the 2010 articles are. Read both the **November 2010** and **December 2010** articles at the bottom of the web page. Or enter this link in your web browser: <u>https://sites.google.com/site/pacearchives/2010-tech-talks</u>

ZoomZoom, BILL LATSHA



# Is any request ever too strange?

"This might be a strange request but I figured it's worth a shot. I'm in the market for a NC1 Miata (2006 – 2008.) It's my first Miata and first manual car. I was looking to hire someone with Miata experience to check out some cars, test drive them, and generally let me know whether



everything is operating as it should be (especially since I can't drive a stick. I don't want to cause mechanical damage before purchasing.) I'll pay someone per vehicle checked out if this is something that the Miata community is interested in. Obviously this will can all begin once the CIVID-19 lockdown is completed. If you're interested in helping, contact me, Dhaval Patel at pateld1218@yahoo.com

#### COMING UP... by Carol Piersol

#### To be rescheduled Annual Spring Kickoff Meeting and Luncheon/Dinner

Attention ALL PACE members, our Annual Spring Kickoff Meeting will be rescheduled when it is possible. There will be elections/re-elections, whatever the case may be, of four (4) PACE officer positions. This being an even-numbered year, the follow PACE officer positions are included: President, Vice President, Membership and Newsletter Editor. Nominations are open now and any member in good standing can nominate another member or themselves. Please check with any member you are thinking of nominating to be sure they are willing to serve. You may pass the name to any club officer or member-at-large.

#### To be rescheduled



## Zoomin' Perry and Juniata Counties

#### with lunch and ice cream

Sandy and Joe Golesh will reschedule this event, hopefully later this drive season, for some fun two-lane driving on the smooth and curvy roads in Perry and Juniata Counties. If you have ever been on this drive before you know about the curves and hills, and some extended cruising, which make for an awesome adventure.

#### Save the Date! Saturday, August 1 Annual PACE Summer Picnic

We have made reservations for our annual picnic at Sam Lewis State Park, just outside Wrightsville. We have the Hilltop Pavilion with incredible views of the Susquehanna River from Marietta to Turkey Hill, and the best kite flying hill in the mid-state!

There will be plenty of tables, outlets, water, bathrooms, handicapped parking, and grills. **More details closer to the picnic date.** 



Save the Date! Saturday, August 15 Annual Christiana Fire Co. Breakfast Drive More details later.





Thursday-Sunday, September 24-27 Buggies & Bridges III Visit our website, <u>pacemiataclub.org</u>, for the latest news regarding this event! QUESTIONS: For more event information, contact Sandy or Joe by dialing 717-795-4468, or by email <u>j\_sgolesh@hotmail.com</u>

#### Save the Date! Saturday, December 12 PACE Annual Holiday Buffet Luncheon and gift exchange



We have made reservations for our annual holiday fun fest! It will be at *Dukes* in Lemoyne. The restaurant is right on the river with great views from the second floor. Yes, there is an elevator! We will again have our gift exchange, but in a new, fun format. Cost is \$26.40 pp (including tax and tip) for a hot/cold lunch buffet from 11:30AM to 2:30PM.

We will have the menu soon, SUE & FRED STAUFFER

#### 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 Rescheduled! August 12-15, 2021 Canada's Capital Miata Meet

https://www.umn-c2m2-2020.com

#### 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 (even if it's last minute) and shop or treat yourself to lunch! Yes, it's real.

#### PACE INFORMATION

Website: pacemiataclub.org Facebook: facebook.com/PACEMiataClub Membership: \$30/year Rod Slenker, 717-755-9805 rslenker43@outlook.com

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#### **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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