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INSIDE PACE

FOR PACE MIATA CLUB MEMBERS ONLY*



It's that time of year and what a year it has been. If you haven't considered it, maybe it's time to put a new Miata under the tree. NA, NB, NC, or ND, it really doesn't matter. Every Miata owner has his or her favorite model. If you've never owned one, or it's a different model from the one you're driving, it'll be a gift you or that special someone will never forget.

As the holidays quickly approach, we hope to see you at our annual holiday luncheon when this year, we change things up a bit with a new format and activities. This event is one of our best to greet old friends, and meet and make new friends. So, it's not too late to sign up and we look forward, as always, to seeing you there!

Wishing you the happiest of holidays and your best ever new year!

Happy Holidays, SANDY and JOE

Misbehaving in a Miata Wonderland

Reprinted from a 2014 article by John Scott Lewinski in MANDATORY.COM



I'm visiting all over the Midwest during the holidays, and that means two things — snow and Christmas carols. But, thanks to the Mazda press fleet, I was able to add a new seasonal element for a few days — the 2015 Mazda MX-5 Grand Touring.

The Miata might not seem like the ideal car for winter use. It's small, rear wheel drive and lightweight. However, if you know how to drive in the snow, ice and rain — or if you've been lucky enough to do some rally racing training and some winter driving course work at the Ford Winter Test Grounds up in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan — the MX-5 is the perfect car for said winter use precisely for those same stated reasons. It's small, rear wheel drive and lightweight.

“And, since I had places to go, let it snow. Let it snow. Let it snow...”

I returned the 2015 Mazda MX-5 Grand Touring to the Mazda fleet in the same pristine order I received it, except maybe for some salty slush that got stuck up in the wheel wells having an absolutely shameful blast driving it through some of those unusually early, Polar Vortex snow storms. But, that doesn't mean I behaved well enough to earn a gold star. I had only a few days to enjoy the MX-5, and I enjoyed it by violating some of the street laws smiled on by the Church of Rome.

I've reviewed and otherwise covered the new MX-5 both in road tests and on the track. So, I won't go over all of the specs again. To sum up those reviews, I consistently describe it as an enthusiasts' or driver's car that makes absolutely no sense on any level beyond pure driving fun. It's not overly comfortable.

As a roadster, it rides tough and highly sensitive to allow the *(cont'd)*

driver to feel the road. It's too small to carry anything but your own butt and maybe your date. It's noisy, eager little engine sucks up gas faster than a lot of power plants its size because it's too busy powering the car and not saving the planet. The car exists only to provide fun transportation. There may be no better environment to prove that than in the snow.

“Silent night...Ruined by me...Nothing is calm...”

The Mazda Miata weighs less than a single reindeer and has a wheel base shorter than a red wagon. It's a car that's built to be rotated instead of turned at every opportunity. When you have a goodly amount of snow, ice or slush on the streets, you can essentially drift and power slide about the metropolitan streets.

I don't recommend you do this because its less than legally desirable. But if you choose to disobey, I recommend letting loose in a less-trafficked area later in the evening.

“Oh, it's lovely weather for doing donuts together with you...”

I did tire testing a couple years ago in a racing-spec Miata and can testify that you can go around in donut circles on any skid plane in an MX-5 until you make your passenger nauseous. If you can find a frozen parking lot, you can teach your nephew to do the same thing. Mission accomplished.

All of this assorted silliness is a long form way of saying there are faster cars. There are more powerful cars. There are more sensible cars, but there may be no car that provides more raw driving fun than a Miata.



When you throw in the fact that it's a Grand Touring model sub-\$25,000 convertible with a manual transmission, it's the coolest car in that price range (in any season)!

Merry Christmas from Membership

Hi folks,

Well, Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is coming fast. With that being said, Nina and I do believe this year was better than last year for Club activities.

We are starting off the new year with good news and a new member, **Frank Yake**. Frank lives in Camp Hill and drives a blue 2018 RF Touring.

So, let's all welcome Frank to the Club and hopefully we can introduce each other at the Christmas Party. We also hope to see each and every one of you as well.

Until then remember to "Fly Miata," **ROD & NINA SLENKER**

What's PACE been up to lately?



PACE Annual Fall Meeting,

**Saturday,
November 6**

Many members
joined us for

our Annual Fall Breakfast Meeting at Brother's. Along with a great meal, the gathering offered attendees the opportunity to be updated on club news, and to nominate the officer positions of president, vice president, membership coordinator, and newsletter editor.

We were also pleased to meet several new members of the Club!



Classic Harley-Davidson of Reading 5th Annual Toy Drive, Sunday, November 7th

On a beautiful, crisp, autumn day, four PACE Miata Club members met at Classic

Harley-Davidson of Reading to donate toys for *Toys-For-Tots*.

At 10AM, Bob and Kathy Brader, Gary and Mary Lookingbill, Jim Smith and me, Mike Wengrin, lined up our Miatas in the parking lot. Classic Harley-Davidson then Wawa offered us donuts and coffee for the attendees.



There were plenty of Jeeps, Mustangs, motorcycles and other vehicles in the line. The motorcycles pulled out promptly at 11:30AM followed

by the four-wheelers. With tops down, our row was the next to go to become just a very small part of a very long procession.

With most of the drive-temps in the high 30's. We took route 183N and then a very nice back road which brought us to route 61. It was a little touch-and-go on route 61 given the traffic lights, but we made it to First Energy Stadium (home of the Reading Phillies) and parked right behind the concession stands when it finally warmed up to around 50 degrees!

One concession offered free hot dogs and hot chocolate for the attendees, along with a live band. Other food items and adult beverages were also available for purchase. We enjoyed our hot dogs and hot chocolate while warming in the afternoon sun.

I can testify for everyone that we thoroughly enjoyed the day and plan to do it again next year with even more PACE members! We will make sure you are notified well in advance of the date to give out great new toy for a child in need. Thank you all for coming!

Thank you all for coming! Mike Wengrin

COMING UP...

by Carol Piersol



**PLEASE JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**
(RSVP is a firm Dec. 3rd)

Annual Christmas Party

Noon to 3PM

We are all set for our get-together at Duke's when we will enjoy chicken corn noodle soup, ham, beef, turkey, with

three cheeses and fixings for sandwiches, Italian sausage with grilled onions and peppers, salad bar, cookies and brownies, coffee, tea, soft drinks and iced tea.

Checks payable to PACE Miata Club \$10 per person, mail to Sue Stauffer, 935 Kendale Road, Red Lion, PA 17356

Please bring a wrapped gift valued at NOT more than \$15 for our White Elephant game. One gift per car, please!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022
**PACE Annual
Polar Bear Run**

Think it's too soon to think about the new year? We think not! Join Sandy and Joe for our first event

of 2022. As has become our Club norm, we will begin the new year with our traditional **Polar Bear Run**.

The approximately one-hour run will include familiar two-lane roads including some beloved Lancaster County covered bridges. The drive is weather dependent, however, we are OK with anything from 0 to 95 degrees—as long as there is no snow or salt covered roads. We plan on ending the drive in Wrightsville with lunch at The John Wright Restaurant jwrpa.com. We've been at this fine establishment before and have always had a great time. *(cont'd)*

We will meet at Sheetz, 1158 River Road, Marietta, for an 11AM departure. So, don't put your roadster away for the winter yet... or, if at all.

Plan on arriving early for some socializing. There will be gas, hot coffee, snacks, and bathrooms available as well.

Be sure to let Sandy and Joe know if you will be joining them
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19,
2022**

PACE Cabin Fever Luncheon Event

Nonna Rosa's

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Jim Smith and Charles Wear have organized our *first* PACE Cabin Fever event for 2022 at **Nonna Rosa** 363 S. 7th Street, Akron, PA, 717-588-2290

Arrive at 1:30PM stay until 4 We can order off the menu; cocktails and wine are also available. Ample parking is located at the rear of the restaurant. Jim will need a headcount so please RSVP by Friday, February 11.

Preview the menu:
nonnarosaskitchen.com

To reserve your spot, please email Jim Smith at

jfsmithrn462@gmail.com or call (717) 371-6655.



Impromptu Drives!

If you decide to take a drive and want some friends to go along, or weather is looking perfect for a little spin with the top down, send Carol Piersol an email (preferably a day in advance) and she will forward it to the club as an Impromptu Drive. Just make sure to include the meeting place and the time you want to meet.

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NON-PACE EVENTS

Blue Strad Miata Tuscany Tour

April 23-May 1, 2022

Contact: Brian & Carol Piersol, 717-665-5999 or paceevents@gmail.com

Palmer Race Track

September 18, 2022

Contact: Brian & Carol Piersol, 717-665-5999 or paceevents@gmail.com

Yes, you can plan a run!

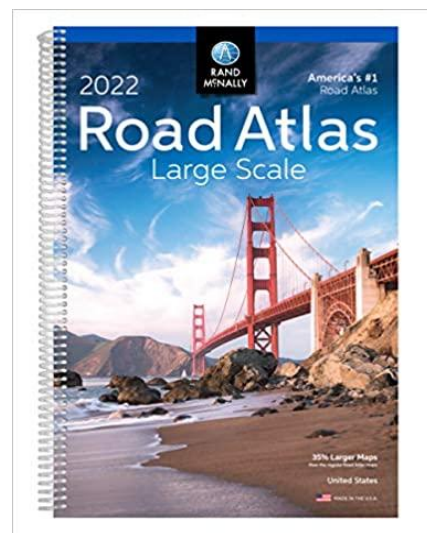
We would like to invite new and longstanding members to support the Club using their time and talent to organize our events.

By doing so, you will be helping to fill our calendar with fun and exciting trips that add your personal touch. Plus, first-timers will receive a **\$25 Sheetz Gas Card** which adds a nice incentive.

We are here to help and we will walk you through the process and promise to make it fun from 1st to 6th gears!

Contact us today, 717-795-4468

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