

INSIDE PACE

FOR PACE MIATA CLUB MEMBERS ONLY*



WE ARE IN FOR AN EXCITING SUMMER

...the summer is heating up nicely and we can't wait to actually share the upcoming months with all of you. As most of you may know, PACE Miata Club has a goal of giving back to the community. By hosting an annual event that supports a local non-profit chosen by club vote, PACE hopes to leave a legacy of giving in Central PA. This year's choice is *MS Fit Effect*. Learn more about *MS Fit Effect* and our Fall event to support the cause on page 7.

Happy Summer, **JOE & SANDY GOLESH**

“2023 Mazda Miata MX 5 Is Coming”



MAZDA MX-5 MIATA EVOLUTION SHOWS FOUR GENERATIONS OF ROADSTER BLISS

BY CHRISTOPHER SMITH AND ANTHONY ALANIZ

The iconic Mazda MX-5 Miata we know today started life more than 30 years ago as a simple, fun-to-drive roadster. That ethos hasn't changed much. The car's design has mutated over four generations, though they all invoke the original in some form, drawing inspiration from Shunji Tanaka's original design. Shunji Tanaka was the car's original chief designer, tasked with bringing the concept to production. Mazda had picked the Miata's design by hosting a competition between its global design studios, with the California team's car winning out over the design from Tokyo. Mazda tasked Tanaka with translating the concept's design into the first-generation NA Miata, becoming one of the many people who had a hand in crafting the two-door icon's design. There's little known about Tanaka, though after he designed the Miata, crafting the look of the interior and exterior, he went to work at Kawasaki designing motorcycles. Sadly, he passed away just last year in December 2021 at the age of 75.

When Mazda introduced the MX-5 Miata at the 1989 Chicago Auto Show, its mission of encapsulating the essence of the classic British roadster was clear. Its formula of light weight and low power was at odds with the horsepower revolution taking place in both the US and Japanese markets, but with 30 years of hindsight there's no denying the Miata was a home run.

It endures to this day as an elemental sports car, appealing to enthusiasts craving a pure, open-air driving experience. Looking through its evolution we see the MX-5's formula has remained true, and in this niche genre, that's definitely a "good thing. Let's take a closer look at each generation, starting with the very beginning.

FIRST GENERATION 1989-1997



Debuting in 1989 for the 1990 model year, the first-gen MX-5 proved that it doesn't take big power to deliver big grins behind the wheel. Its 1.6-liter naturally aspirated four-cylinder offered just 115 horsepower (86 kilowatts), and even with a weight just under 1,000 kilograms (2,205 pounds) it still required approximately 9 seconds to reach 60 mph. That didn't stop the simple two-seater from being an absolute joy to drive, with the Miata winning the hearts of enthusiasts and numerous awards in the process.

SECOND GENERATION 1998-2004



A production delay meant the Miata didn't actually reach U.S. shores until the 1999 model year, but when it did, the pop-up headlights were replaced with fixed units due to new regulations. The NB model also had more power thanks to a larger 1.8-liter engine that arrived during the first-gen run, but developed 140 hp (104 kW) here. A small facelift arrived in 2001, and the NB-generation is also the only generation to see a factory turbocharged model in the form of the 180-hp (134 kW) Mazdaspeed Miata from 2004-2005.

THIRD GENERATION 2005-2015



The third-generation NC Miata hit the scene in 2005 for the 2006 model year, still adhering to the same fundamental formula that made the sports car a smashing success. Fender buldges gave the MX-5 a bulkier, more aggressive stance while more power was standard-issue under the hood. A naturally aspirated 2.0-liter mill dished up 170 hp (130 kW), managed by a choice of five- or six-speed manuals, or a six-speed automatic with paddle shifters. Weight was also up to approximately 2,500 pounds (1,134 kilograms), causing some to question whether the Miata was drifting too far from its roots.

FOURTH GENERATION 2015-PRESENT



The fourth-generation ND Miata looks nothing like the original, with more curves and angles than ever, though the basic formula remains the same. Its swooping, curvaceous beltline and sharp angles on the front fascia make it the most distinctive-looking Miata of them all. It's also the generation that saw MX-5 sales officially eclipse the one-million mark, easily crowning it as the best-selling two-seat, open-top sports car in the world. Power from its 2.0-liter engine fell slightly to 155 hp (116 kW) but weight also fell by over 200 pounds. From a driver's perspective, the modern Miata is still as delightful as it was 30 years ago.



WHATS NEXT:

The next big change for the car will be electrification. Mazda has confirmed there will be some form of electrification in the Miata by 2030, though it doesn't specify to what extent. A fully electric Miata would be a dream, but stuffing an electric powertrain into the small platform might make it too heavy to be fun. A mild hybrid paired with a potent engine could be the likelier scenario, finding a balance between electric powertrain superiority and fun-to-drive handling dynamics. Whichever path Mazda decides to take, we expect Tanaka's original to help guide the new design.

Numerous improvements and refinements are expected to be available on the most recent version of the New Mazda MX-5 Miata 2023. The car comes with the Mazda 2.0 Liter Skyactiv engine which is capable of generating the equivalent of 181 horsepower while producing the equivalent of 151 lb-ft torque. The model will also include modern features such as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

On the exterior, the model **2023** Mazda MX-5 Redesign looks very tiny, and the smaller dimensions impact the very light overall weight. The front of the vehicle is decorated using LED lights for the headlights, rear lights, and daytime running lights, which are included for the model year 2023 Mazda MX-5. In 2023, the Mazda MX-5 Grand Touring variant includes automatic headlights as well as an adaptive front lighting system that provides extra comfort..

The new Mazda MX-5 2023 has dimensions that total 154 inches. The wheelbase is 90 inches. The car is 68.5 inches wide. It also comes with a track measuring 59 inches in front, and the rear has a 59.2-inch track at the rear. Its height is around 50 inches. The 2023 Mazda MX-5 Concept Miata weighs just 2,452 pounds.

Inside the cabin, the interior 2023 Mazda MX-5 is well-built and pleasing to the eyes. The interior is minimalist and has a great layout. The front panel is decorated with three buttons to play and an enormous screen located above the display. The instrument cluster remains analog and the huge tachometer sits in the middle. The cabin has been fitted with a variety of safety and comfort options such as an infotainment system that pampers passengers. The infotainment system functions are Apple Carplay and Android Auto and come with a seven-inch touchscreen and includes the Bose 9-speaker audio system. Other features include Bluetooth streaming connectivity, HD Radio, and Sirius XM, and has been outfitted with 2 USB audio connectors. In 2023, the Mazda MX-5 Grand Touring variant comes with connectivity via wireless Apple CarPlay, Sirius Travel, and Traffic Link feature, and comes with the Mazda Navigation System.

Building a legacy of giving in Lancaster County



Six years ago when deciding to hold its first annual benefit event, PACE officers agreed to support various Lancaster County nonprofit organizations each year **moving forward**. As the years pass, members continue to recognize the joy of supporting people in need, just how much fun it can be to do so, and how much their giving impacts the lives of others. The tradition continues as we support *MS FitEffect in 2022*.



MS FitEffect is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people who live with Multiple Sclerosis by working with them and teaching them how fitness and proper exercise can change their lives. (Read more about this event in future issues of *insidePACE*.)

What's PACE been up to lately?

PACEmaker Drive to Ladew Gardens



Fifteen PACE members explored Ladew Gardens, near Jarrettsville, MD, on Tuesday, June 21. While some strolled the grounds examining the many topiaries, others toured the manor house or sheltered on a covered walkway during a brief rain shower.

After a very nice lunch at the Ladew Café, the group departed for a scenic drive which included an ice cream stop and a cruise along Deer Creek through Rocks State Park.

Gary Bankert Memorial

There were several Miatas at Gary's Memorial Service. Denise, Gary's wife, still has his car and plans on keeping it. Denise also said she may be interested in staying on with the club. She was invited to the PACE annual summer picnic and to join us on all future runs. Gary's car is shown at right and on the cover.



Waterman's Crab House

Mike Wengrin and Mike Cory enjoyed a beautiful, impromptu drive to Waterman's Crab House in Rockhall, MD on Friday the 24th. The group enjoyed lunch on the waterfront, and of course, had an ice cream stop on the way home in Havre de'Grace, MD at the Promenade Grille.

WHATS COMING UP AT PACE

Ice Cream at The Haines Shoe House

Thursday, July 7, 2022

PACE members are invited to join Mike Cory on Thursday, July 7 for a scenic drive to the world-famous Haines Shoe House in York, which has recently been sold and will soon cease operation as an ice cream shop.

Don't miss this opportunity to tour a truly unique roadside attraction and enjoy locally made Beck's Ice Cream on the premises: <https://www.hainesshoehouse.com>

Meet at Royal Farms, 850 Hellam St, Wrightsville, PA 17368.

Please arrive by 1:30PM. After a brief safety meeting at 1:45PM we will depart for the Shoe House.

RSVP: michaelcory@epix.net

St. Paul E.C. Church Car, Truck and Bike Show

Saturday, July 9, 2022

Bob and Sue Gresh invite all club members to join them for the first ever St. Paul E. C. Church Car, Truck and Motorcycle show to be held at the Reamstown Memorial Park on Saturday, July 9 from 10-3. There will be food, door prizes and live music. Registration is \$10.00. There will be category awards, a pastor's choice award, and specialty trophies. You will receive a free photo of you and your Miata.

Rick and Marilyn Yanchuleff will lead a 45 minute run to the event. Meet at the Eden Resort at 9AM if you want to drive along with them or you can meet us at the church. PACE cars will be grouped together. Proceeds will benefit *Align Life Ministries*.

Please let Bob and Sue, suzannegresh@gmail.com, know you'll be coming so they can let the organizers know. Let's have a great showing of our fun little cars!

Music in the Vineyard at Nissley Vineyards

Saturday, July 23

We will begin with a short drive starting at Sheetz, 1158 River Rd., in Marietta at 5:30PM arriving at Nissley for a bring-your-own picnic, or purchase dinner at the food trucks. Nissley Wines will be available for purchase. Please bring a shareable snack, chairs, and possibly a



small table that fits in the trunk! We will all sit together, in the shade.

There is a \$12pp entrance fee. You may bring non-alcoholic drinks and coolers with food. See link: <https://nissleywine.com/summerfest/> Please let us know if you will be attending so Nissley can save parking for our beloved Miata's. **This is a fair weather event only!**

Joe and Sandy

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Scenic Drive to the PACE Picnic

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Over the river and through the woods, to Sam Lewis Park we go!

PACE members are invited to join Mike Cory for a scenic drive to the annual PACE picnic.

Meet at Columbia Crossing River Trails Center, 41 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA 17512.

Plan to arrive by 9:30 am. There will be a brief safety meeting at 9:45 and we will depart, rain or shine, at 10:00 am.

Please let Mike know if you plan to join him: 717-284-3920 or michaelcory@epix.net



Annual PACE Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 30

A little change up for this year. Everyone should bring something for themselves (sandwich, etc.) and something to share with others: A-M bring a side, N-Z bring an appetizer. The Club will provide the drinks, plates, and utensils. This year the Club will also treat us to dessert! Sweet Willow's Ice Cream truck will bring us six flavors of ice cream to choose from in cones or bowls...sprinkles, too!

Reservations: \$5.00 per car, check payable to PACE Miata Club to: Sue Stauffer, 935 Kendale Rd., Red Lion, PA 17356. Deadline for reservations is July 23rd.

'Let's have a Gas' Chili Cookoff

Saturday, October 15 at the Piersol's

Do you think your chili is the best? Well, cook up a batch, put it in a crockpot and join us for a Chili Cook-off. Join us at our house, Brian and Carol's, anytime after 1:00PM We will supply mashed potatoes, beer and punch, chili fix-ins, plates, silverware, glasses, etc. Feel free to bring any other treats that sound good with chili. Please bring your favorite lawn chair. You should BYOB (Beano.) Let us know if you are coming by October 14th at brianpiersol@reagan.com or 717-556-5999. Our address: 1146 Mountain Road
Manheim, PA 17545.



PACE Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, [Save the Date](#)
Dukes, Lemoyne



NON-PACE Events

August 4-7

[Miatas at the Gap](#) gapmiatas.com

September, 3

Duryea Day Car and Truck Show

If anyone is looking for something neat to do, how about attending the 56th annual Duryea Day Car and Truck show in Boyertown





I would like to take this opportunity to welcome John and Susan Kelley from Littlestown, PA, to the PACE Miata Club. They are driving a new 2022 in the color of Platinum Quartz. Welcome to PACE and we hope to see you at upcoming events. Please keep following the newsletter, the weekly updates, Facebook and web page for drive updates. There is always a chance there will be a “pop up” drive happening. Everyone have a safe holiday weekend.

Tops Down,
Diane Joyce

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