On the Starting Line, what's going on...

Nov. 8th  AWD... Greg & Judy Selby
Nov. 17th  Monthly Meeting at Cascade... Greg Selby
Dec. 5th   Lunch... Art and Maureen Davis
Dec. 10th  Oglebay Winter Festival of Lights Tour... Gary Davis
Dec. 15th  Annual Holiday Party... Greg Selby
CANCELLED: The November luncheon!

We Need You to volunteer your time and talents for the following position for the Northcoast Miata Club:

- Historian

Please contact Greg Selby, Gary Davis or John Embree with any questions.

Under the Hood...
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1) calendar, president’s report
2-4) Parking Lot (past events)
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11) Miata Garage, rustproofing
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This newsletter has 611 pages, so set the printer for 12 double-sided pages.

Greg’s Gear Grindings

Hello Northcoast Miata Friends,

As I write this, the leaves outside are changing colors, so our Miata season is coming to a close. It is time to start thinking about storing our cars for the winter ahead. I know there are different thoughts on how one should store his/her car, but this is what I do with mine. I wash it and put on a coat of wax. I add 5 lbs. of air to the tires to help keep them from flat spotting. I remove the battery and place it on a wood board and hook up a battery maintenance charger to it. I make sure the car has a full tank of gas. This helps to prevent moisture in the tank. I also add a can of gas stabilizer to the gas tank. I leave the side windows down about 1/16 of an inch which helps the window gaskets to seal in the spring. Some people prefer to change the oil in the fall, but I change the oil and filter in my Miata in the spring before the car is driven. I found that placing cubes of Irish Spring soap in and around the car to keep the critters from getting in places they should not go. Besides that, it gives the interior a pleasant fragrance in the interior in the spring. Finally, I take one long last look at my Miata and put the car cover in place.

As for myself, I get thru the winter remembering the trips taken and the enjoyment we shared all summer and start planning for next spring.

Looking down the road,
Greg Selby, President
FALLINGWATER/KENTUCK KNOB TOUR - 9/22-9/24, 2016
The weather and roads could not have been any better for the 10 cars (20 people) that participated in the two day trip to Fallingwater and Kentucky Knob in southwest Pennsylvania. Both of these homes were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, a famous architect, and were way ahead of their time.
Those in attendance were: Dave / Karen Baker, Connie / Wayne Dustman, Daryl / Jane Baker, Dan / Terri Cali, Jeff / Robin Arona, Ron / Linda Otte, Joe / Sandy Willick, Mike / Lois Kerklo, Steve / Ellen Laitinen, and Rich / Lilas Velardo.
We took a number of back roads to get to Uniontown where we spent the two nights. On our way to the hotel, we also visited the Seawright’s Toll House. This toll house is located on the National Highway. The purpose of the tollhouse was, as the name implies, to collect tolls from travelers going along the road. The toll collector and his family lived there in a very small house. During our tour, toll house cookies were available, of course.
Once we all got settled into our rooms at the hotel, Jeff Arona, being an afficiando of Frank Lloyd Wright, gave us an interesting perspective into Wright’s life and work. In addition to Fallingwater and Kentucky Knob, Wright designed many other homes across the United States.
The next day we toured Kentucky Knob in the morning. They even had a special area for us all to park! We then visited Fallingwater in the afternoon with lunch available in their cafeteria.
Some of the group visited some other places as well, Ohiopyle State Park, the Flight 94 Memorial, local wineries, and other historic sites.
A beautiful week-end with warm memories.

Boo Tour Recap  
John James
It was a cold October Saturday afternoon as 14 Miatas headed out into the unknown to begin the 2016 Boo Tour. We met at Wolf Creek and drove to our first stop, which was the Spitzer House in Medina, Ohio. The owner greeted our group and shared some stories about ghostly happenings that have occurred inside of this house. The owner invited us inside and provided our group with a description of the house and the various events that are often held there. We were very impressed by the Spitzer House’s warm décor and stylish charm. We then headed north to Richfield, Ohio where our group had visited the Stone Farm Garden Museum and Village. What is unique about this place is the fact that this farm also includes a replica of a 19th century village that was built by the owner of the property. The farm featured a general store along with a pumpkin patch, live farm animals and even ghostly spirits. Jim the owner shared his owned ghostly experiences with our group in regards to various sightings that he has seen on the property. From ghostly apparitions of deceased persons to animal spirits that Jim has seen on his property gave us a cold autumn chill. We then preceded to our next destination the Farnum Manor, which is located on Brecksville Road in Richfield. The tour guides greeted our group when we arrived and provided us a tour of the estate. Ghostly tales were shared with us by the tour guide as we walked through the house and explored the many rooms. We even used dowsing rods to commune with the spirits in the house as well. The Farnum Manor is a very impressive structure and takes you back to a different era. After our tour concluded, we headed out for some ice cream and drove through Cuyahoga Valley Park to admire the autumn colors. We finally ended up at Harry’s Steakhouse in Independence where all of us dined on some good food and enjoyed the late October evening.
I want to thank everyone who attended, and a big thank you to Rod Barkley who assisted me in putting the tour together. Happy Halloween
Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad Fall Foliage Excursion  Scott & Mary Miller & Jared & Tiffany Fonner

On Saturday October 15, 30 cars met in Ravenna, OH to begin a 165 mile drive through the Ohio & Pennsylvania countryside, in hopes of seeing autumn’s fall colors on full display. Mother Nature presented us with a clear crisp fall day with a blue sky and zero chance of rain! (Jan, the “weather guru”, did it again!)


When Scott & Mary did their last “pre-trip’ drive on Tuesday, we encountered 4 detours on the planned route! By the second one, we were thinking “this is not good!” The first detour took us 10 miles off our route due to bridge repairs, the second detour was for a railroad crossing repair, the third for a culvert being installed across the road and the fourth, road repairs. Needless to say plans B, C, D, & E were prepared, just in case! After briefing Jared & Tiffany of plans B, C, D & E, we hoped we were ready to meet the challenge. Luckily, as it turned, out all detours were back open on Saturday except one & it was only a few blocks out of the way.

Our travels took us from Ravenna, through Garrettsville, Parkman, West Farmington, across Mosquito Creek Reservoir, through Johnston, Vernon Center, across the OH/PA line into Greenville, PA where our first break was at Walmart. After making certain everyone knew this was a “pee” break, not a shopping break, “railroad” themed cookies & water were enjoyed to sustain our travelers for the 2nd portion of the tour.

Then it was north on Rt. 18 to Conneaut Lake, PA, where we made a previously unknown & new detour around a street festival in progress! No problem! Detours-R-Us! We pushed on through Harmonsburg, Norrisville, Saegertown, and Venango to our lunch destination of Cambridge Springs, PA and the Riverside Inn.

The Inn is the lone survivor of the mineral springs “health boom” of the early 1900’s. At one time, there were 40 hotels and rooming houses in Cambridge Springs to cater to travelers & people seeking the “health benefits of bathing in the mineral springs. Most either were torn down or burned down over the years. We enjoyed a buffet style lunch and had time to explore the hotel and the grounds.

Next, it was on to Titusville, PA and our ride on the Oil Creek Railroad. We had our own private car, although since the train was so crowded, some members of a Jaguar car club were seated with us. (Yes, the MXS’s had to tolerate some XKE’s & “E” types.) The train ride was 3 hours and even though the leaves weren’t as spectacular as we had hoped for, it was an enjoyable ride. Some were lucky and saw deer and a bald eagle, as we travelled along Oil Creek and through the State Park.

Finally, it was back in the cars, and while some went their own way, the majority of the group followed us to Meadville, PA, where we dispersed and headed to our home destinations. We especially want thank Bob & Becca & Roger & Carolyn for being the sweep cars and helping keep the tour running smooth and on schedule. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who joined us on this excursion and helped make it another memorable Northcoast Miata Club outing. Great cars, nice roads, beautiful weather, and good friends to share the day with, it doesn’t get much better than that!
REVIEW OF LOOKING FOR GOOD CURVES 2, OCT. 8, 9, 2016  Bob Maurer

The weather was perfect for both days, sunny and upper 60s, with the leaves giving some hint of the changing fall colors, as eleven top-down cars enjoyed a 385 mile, two-day tour on some very curvy roads. The pace was brisk most of the time, except when behind the occasional horse drawn buggy, hay wagon or family wagon, along with one major rolling roadblock that occurred early the first day when the first group of cars got stuck behind the ‘Snail-Speed Geriatric Three-Wheel Motorcycle Gang’ (I’m pretty sure that’s what their jackets said) that led us for twenty miles at a top speed of 40 mph on a 55 mph state highway. The slightest of curves nearly brought the Gang to a stand-still when their average speed dropped to 20 mph even on posted ‘45 mph’ curves. Road rage was more than just a passing thought; it hung on for the entire forty minutes that it took us to cover twenty miles on that curvy road behind the Snail Gang.

The tour started in Canton on Saturday morning, ran through portions of Stark, Tuscarawas, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Belmont, Columbiana and Portage counties, and ended Sunday afternoon at Briccos in Kent for dinner. Everyone agreed on one thing; that a major highlight of the tour was the home baked breads, cookies and biscotti baked and beautifully presented by Becca Gustavel and Peggy Codispoti. Water and apples were also available. We ran the route in two small groups. Group Rouge was led by our co-tour leaders Marcello and Peggy Codispoti leading Daryl and Jane Baker, Joe Wilick, Jeff and Teri Brest with Phil Daly and Patty as the sweep car.

Group Noir, led by Bob and Becca, consisted of Bob and Jan Stefancic, Dennis Beckman and Maryann Tower, Steve and June France, Brian Bouchard and Sandra with Scott and Mary Miller as the sweep car.

Our overnight stop was at Salt Fork Lodge where some of us enjoyed such things as the pool, whirlpool, pool tables, hiking on trails and a unique game called Feuding Miata Jeopardy. A group photo was taken by Daryl and others at the side of the road at Lake Clendening. The autumn colors reflected beautifully in Lake Clendening behind our row of colorful Miatas, and at the other pretty lake views we caught sight of; Salt Fork, Tappan, Piedmont, Seneca, and Mogadore.

Special Thanks to Peggy and Marcello Codispoti, Mary and Scott Miller, Phil Daly and Patty and Becca Gustavel for making the two day tour a success.

PS: Some of the more popular curvy roads on the tour were: SR 258, SR 342 and SR 800 forming a 50 mile loop between Newcomerstown and Freeport SR 658 (newly paved), SR 209, SR 662 and SR 541 a 35 mile loop between Kimbolton and Cambridge SR 285 from Winterset south to SR 313 East in Senecaville, and around Seneca Lake, a 25 mile run.
Ballots must be received by Secretary John Embree no later than dinner at the NCM meeting on December 15, 2016. Ballots will be tabulated and the results announced that night.

**EACH MEMBER MAY VOTE ONLY ONCE!**

**Vice President**  
Mike Kerklo

Other ________________________________

**Treasurer**  
Tiffany Fonner

Other ________________________________

**Secretary**  
Jim Lambert

Other ________________________________

**Membership**  
Ava Singerman

Other ________________________________

**Historian**

Other ________________________________

**Competition Director**  
Mike DePietro

Other ________________________________

Mail Ballots to:  
John Embree  
215 N Hayden Pkwy  
Hudson, OH 44236
Northcoast Miata Club

Annual Holiday Party

Thursday
December 15, 2016

St. Michael’s Woodside Party Center

5025 East Mill Rd.

Broadview Hts. OH  44147

6-7 PM Hors d’oeuvres  Cash Bar all night

Optional gift exchange:
General Gift Exchange $15-$20
Ladies Gift Exchange $15-$20

Meeting at 7 PM
Dinner to follow

Dinner Choices:

Prime Rib  $35/pp
Fillet of Salmon  $35/pp
Bnls Chicken Breast $32/pp
Vegetarian Entrée  $32/pp

Includes: French Green beans, oven roasted potatoes, salad, coffee, tea and dessert.

Guest Name

Dinner Entrée Cost

Please make check to:
Northcoast Miata Club

Mail to: Greg Selby
12808 Brosius Rd.
Garrettsville, OH 44231

Final Date for Reservations
December 1, 2016

 ***********Please return this invitation with your meal choices and payment. ***********
**Lunch**  December 5th   Art and Maureen Davis

On December 5th at noon we will meet at DON'S POMEROY HOUSE for our final lunch of the year. We enjoyed a" welcome to Christmas lunch" at Don'ts last year and several members asked for a repeat performance.

Here is a list of the members who have already signed up: Mike and Lois Keiko, Gary and Char Davis, Joe and Sandy Wilick, Jim and Marilyn Nenadal, Jim and Joyce Simmelink, Bob and Mary Ann Manning, John and Donna Garsteck, Barb and Gary Savage, Art and Maureen Davis.

We have seven spots available if you would like to join us please email us at:adavis5898@gmail.com. November 15th will be the deadline. Don's event planner was nice enough to book the same room for us a year ago. We want to let her know our number by the 16th.

**Oglebay Winter Festival Of Lights Tour**  December 10th   Gary Davis
Charlene and I have reserved a 47 passenger bus with Candle Coach Tours for Saturday, December 10th. We will be leaving from Home Depot in Montrose around 1pm and will have an early dinner stop at Texas Roadhouse in Triadelphia, WV (dinner on your own), then off to the LIGHTS at Ogleby Park. We'll also have some time for shopping at the park. IF we fill the bus the cost will be approximately $21. per person. (Price will vary with the number of people who sign up). Anyone interested in signing up for the tour can RSVP at 330.347.2000 or by e-mail at garydav830@yahoo.com. We will e-mail you with the cost of the tour so PLEASE RSVP ASAP. We have to pay for the bus by November 25th since we are leaving for vacation on the 26th.

**Dinner at the North Pole and Greet the Polar Express**  December 6th   John Embree

**Fishers Restaurant – Peninsula, OH December 6th 5:45 pm Dinner**

7:00 – 7:20 pm –North Pole- Receive elf costumes and “elfing” instructions (no experience necessary)
7:30 pm – first train arrives
8:00 pm – second train arrives

Chris Van Allsburg’s 1985 book The Polar Express has been a cherished family story and a favorite holiday classic for many years. An animated film starring Tom Hanks was released in 2004 and is televised every Christmas holiday. The story is about a doubting boy who boards a magical train ride on Christmas Eve which takes him to the North Pole where he receives a special gift from Santa. The story is heart-warming and reminds us to BELIEVE in the magic of Christmas.

This magical train ride is recreated twice a night on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad from Nov 12th to Dec 20th and you can participate in the experience!

John Embree
john.embree@ArcelorMittal.com  216-496-6210

September minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

REPORTS:

President: Greg Selby –
We still need a member to volunteer for the Historian position for 2017

Vice-President: Gary Davis –
The 2017 planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday Jan 8th at the Eagles Club in Brunswick, OH

Treasurer: Bob Stefancic –
The latest Financial Report is on the Website.

Secretary: John Embree –
The remaining office vacancy for 2017 is Historian. Consider running for this position on the 2017 NMC board. We also need an individual to lead Sundaes on Monday.

Membership: Ava Singerman– absent
We gained 3 new memberships since the last meeting. Current membership is at 143. Newest members include: Peter Marks, Kent, OH; Matthew & Sarah Zimmerman, Stow, OH; and Chuck & Marlene Roman, Medina, OH

Competition: Mike DePietro – absent

Historian: Phil Daley –
Please send event pictures. If you are interested in the Historian position for next year, please contact me for details.

Newsletter: Rich Velardo – absent

Webmaster: Daryl and Rachel Baker – absent

Merchandise: Mike DePietro – absent

Sunshine: Marilyn Nenadal –
Betty Belding is recovering from recent back surgery. Lilas Velardo will have back surgery on Oct 21st. Mary Miller had surgery on her knee and physical therapy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tours and events since our last meeting were reviewed by their hosts or participants.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTIVITIES:
Jason DeMoss, Mazda Brand Manager from Cascade Auto presented the Club with a check for $200. The check was in thanks for recent car purchases by Bob Haseley and Steve France.

Jason also announced that Cascade will be getting two 2017 Miata Retractable Fastback cars in early 2017. Both have been sold but will be available for club members to view.

Hosts highlighted upcoming events, which include: Around the World Dinners and Lunches, Boo Tour, CVSR Polar Express, and Bus Trip to Oglebay, WVA. Sign-ups are available at the meeting or by contacting the host. For details, visit our website or the newsletter.

MONKEY BUSINESS:
50/50 Raffle: $120 collected; $60 went to the club; $60 shared by 2 members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Rookies (new members)… Ava

Current Membership count is 143 Members and 108 associate members for a grand total of 251 smiling faces!!!
Peter Marks, Kent, OH 1991 BRG
Matthew & Sarah Zimmerman, Stow, OH 2004 Mazdaspeed Titanium Grey
Chuck & Marlene Roman, Medina, OH 2004 Mazdaspeed Red

Sunshine News… Marilyn Nenadal sunshine@northcoast-miata.com

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.

Sunshine@northcoast-miata.com
**Favorite Links**

**New Links...** We need someone to keep this going.

**Club Links...**
- Northcoast Miata Club; [http://www.northcoast-miata.com](http://www.northcoast-miata.com)
- MX-5 Miata.net; [http://www.miata.net](http://www.miata.net)

**Sales Links...**
- Mazda USA; [http://www.mazdausamedia.com](http://www.mazdausamedia.com)
- Cascade Auto Group; [http://www.cascadeautogroup.com](http://www.cascadeautogroup.com)
- Backstreet Performance (club member Rich Johnson’s shop) [http://www.backstreetper.com](http://www.backstreetper.com)
- The Tire Rack; [http://www.tirerack.com/index.jsp](http://www.tirerack.com/index.jsp)
- Moss Motors; [http://www.mossmiata.com](http://www.mossmiata.com)
- Flyin’ Miata; [http://www.flyinmiata.com](http://www.flyinmiata.com)
- Goodwin Racing; [http://www.good-win-racing.com](http://www.good-win-racing.com)

Bring a Trailer, classic cars (that can be driven, not show queens) for sale. [www.bringatrailer.com](http://www.bringatrailer.com)

**Trip Links...**
- Deal’s Gap; [Miatas at the Gap XVII; http://www.gapmiatas.com](http://www.gapmiatas.com)
- Fontana Village, NC; [http://www.fontanavillage.com](http://www.fontanavillage.com)
- Highland Manor, Townsend, TN; [http://www.highlandmanor.com](http://www.highlandmanor.com)

**Competition Links...**
- Northern Ohio Racing Association; [http://www.noraracing.net](http://www.noraracing.net)
- NE Ohio region SCCA; [http://www.neohioscca.org](http://www.neohioscca.org)
- NASA Racing; [http://www.nasaproracing.com](http://www.nasaproracing.com)
- Anatomy of Autocross (video); [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cDsmBexSd8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cDsmBexSd8)
- Mid-Ohio Race Track; [http://www.midohio.com](http://www.midohio.com)

**Helpful Links...**
- Tire Size Calculator; [http://www.miata.net/garage/tirecalc.html](http://www.miata.net/garage/tirecalc.html)
- Find out how to fix your Miata, go to Mike’s Place; [https://www.youtube.com/user/MikesPlaceBiz/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/MikesPlaceBiz/videos)
- Miata.net Garage; [http://www.miata.net/garage](http://www.miata.net/garage)

**Just for Fun Links...**
- Autoblog, automotive news and test drives. [www.autoblog.com](http://www.autoblog.com)
- Jalopnik; [http://jalopnik.com](http://jalopnik.com)
- Jay Leno’s Garage; [http://www.jaylenosgarage.com](http://www.jaylenosgarage.com)
- The Truth About Cars; [http://www.thetruthaboutcars.com](http://www.thetruthaboutcars.com)
- Mazda Zoom-Zoom Magazine; [zoomzoommag.com](http://zoomzoommag.com)

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**Newsletter News**  Rich Velardo

Please submit your articles in Calibri font no later than the 25th of each month. E-mail to either the club newsletter editor e-mail Exhaust_Notes@northcoast-miata.com or my personal e-mail rvelardo@zoominternet.net  If you do not get a confirmation e-mail back from me, I didn’t get your message!

**Historian News**  Phil Daly

Pictures can be found at SmugMug: http://nc-m.smugmug.com

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For Sale: **Pioneer HD Radio**, Model DEH-X8500BH – With surround that fits 2006-2008 Miata (will fit other year Miata with the correct dash surround), Bluetooth, HD, MP3, all cables and mike for Bluetooth. Essentially plug and play for ’06-’08. Price $200  Also,  For Sale: **Car ramps** - like new $20

Dave Baker 330-760-6196  hdbaker@zoominternet.net

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For Sale: **Front Mask “Bra” for 1999 – 2000** Miata (without fog lights), Black with Miata script lettering. Keeps front end free of nicks and scratches, excellent condition. Normal retail is $100 and up, sale priced @ $35. All hardware included. Contact Scott Miller @ (330) 868-4799 or scotmiller1@twc.com.

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**Custom wood shift knobs**, with or without the shift pattern on top. I usually have several in stock, but if not I can have one ready in a week or less. $60 each for plain ones, $70 each for knobs with the shift pattern on top. I have various woods, walnut, maple or pecan work very well. All knobs have a threaded steel insert for weight & strong threads.

Rich Velardo  rvelardo@zoominternet.net  See some examples at my Miata.net FSOT thread; http://forum.miata.net/vb/showthread.php?t=601212 or stop in at my Etsy site; https://www.etsy.com/shop/LongDogWoodStudio

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For Sale: **14” x 6” seven spoke alloy wheels** off 1996 Miata in excellent condition with new 185/60R14 tires. Wheels will fit Generation 1 or 2 Miata with 4 bolt lug pattern. $300. Call Scott Miller (330) 868-4799 or email scotmiller1@twc.com

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Moss Motors Vintage Style Removable Luggage Rack, fits ‘90-’05 Miata, Like New, $125. OEM Top Boot Cover, Like New, $50.4 winter tires, 185-60R15, mounted on 11-yr old Sport Edition rims. 2 tires are Michelin X-Ice 4/32", 1 is X-Ice 3/32", 1 is Conti WinterContact 3/32", $150 for the set. Dave Koontz 330-990-4409

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The Tail Pipe...

See the **Cascade Auto Group** for all of your Miata needs. Audi, Mazda, Subaru & Porsche sales and service. 4149 State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 330-929-1861
The concept is simple. Get under the car with a paint sprayer filled with used motor oil. The task is horribly messy as one can envision. In the past, I performed this task on an annual basis and believed that I extended the condition and life of our cars. Burdened by some serious reluctance to repeat the task now, I began inquiring and found an individual to perform that task while I stayed clean. I was so impressed with the service that I decided to “spread the word”.

The company is called George’s Rustproofing. It is a one-man operation owned by George. I learned about George from a friend. My friend and his brother-in-law had their trucks “oiled” and they were very, very satisfied customers. Based on their recommendations, I made an appointment with George. Contact information for George’s Rustproofing is as follows: 1044 N. Milan St. Canal Fulton, Ohio, and the phone numbers are 330 882 6946/cell 330 564 5800. George has a car lift installed in an old garage and gave me a choice of oils including used engine oil. I chose new bar chain oil due to its tenacity and viscosity, i.e., limited oil on my garage floor. Up on the lift, George pointed out possible corrosion areas which would be particularly protected with the oil application. Clothed in a long rain coat and hat (like the Ancient Mariner) he used a paint sprayer to slowly and carefully cover all underbody parts with a continuous layer of oil. After he finished with the underbody, he lowered the lift and had me open the hood, trunk, and both doors to spray selected areas including behind the battery in the trunk, parts of the upper suspension and painted engine compartment and even the hood door latch (for lubrication). My friend had forewarned me that George had asked to drill holes in each of his doors and frames for oil access. I was still undecided about this but fortunately my car had been originally undercoated and the holes already existed. Overall, George used about 1.5 gallons of chain oil and spent well over one hour doing the work. He charged me $50. I was impressed by his knowledge, work, and PRICE. For people who intend on driving their Miata somewhat during winter, I would highly recommend this procedure and George.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached at paul.eschenauer@gmail.com

Let’s get The Road Test of the Month Back.....

Thank you, Scott, for your excellent road test report. It’s about time we had a “Road Test of the Month” in here again. Not to pick on Scott, but if he can write such a good report, so can you...

Whenever you’re test-driving a car, perhaps you’re looking at new cars to buy, or just out joyriding in the dealers new cars.... write up your experience for the rest of us to enjoy. It’s not difficult & I can edit your spelling and grammar if you’d like.

Besides your review of how the vehicle drives & handles, here’s what we need in the report;
1) what vehicle is this? Make, model, year, body style, color and anything else that might be special about it,
2) describe the vehicle, engine, transmission, FWD, RWD or AWD,
3) performance numbers that you might have form the manufacturer or other source,
4) interior look, features, comfort,
5) summary paragraph at the end to give your final impressions of the vehicle driven. Would you buy one? Why or why not?

Keep your report simple & too the point and have fun.
Submit your report to Rich at: Exhaust_Notes@northcoast-miata.com or rvelardo@zoominternet.net