



# The CAR Enthusiast

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## *The President's Post*

By Mike Kline

Grab your tools, because it's time for another one of CAR's famous Tech Days!

This month we're heading down to Bill Carlson's house in Crofton, MD. Bill has a single-car garage for the big projects and plenty of parking in the driveway for the smaller jobs. He also has air tools to help out with those stubborn bolts. We'll get things started at around 10am. Make sure you bring your favorite dish or beverage of choice. Check the Events section of the forum for directions and details. Hope to see you there.

If you haven't been to a meeting yet, your missing out! Now here's your chance. Be sure to make it down to The Green Turtle restaurant in Laurel, MD on Thursday, August 19th for the CAR monthly membership meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and go 'til they boot us out. And if the weather's nice, I'm sure there will be another impromptu car show in the parking lot. Check the Events Section of the forum or the newsletter for more info.

What's better than a Saturday cruise in your Miata? Finishing your cruise at the Brandywine Brewing Company! Join us Saturday, August 21st. We'll start out just north of Baltimore and trek through the twistiest parts of PA and DE on the way to lunch. Last year's scenic drive was a huge hit and Brandywine Brewing Company's food is some of the best I've had. Keep an eye on the Events section of the forum for details. Be sure to make it to this one!

With autocrosses going on almost every weekend now there's no excuse to miss them. All you need is a driver's license and \$25 to legally test the limits of your car. Check the Motorsports section of the forum for all the latest info.

## *New CAR Club Members*

If you've been on the forums or been out to a recent club event, you've no doubt seen a bunch of new members and new cars. So if you see someone you don't know, make sure to go introduce yourself, whether it's your first event or you're a regular. After all, the CAR Club is already well known for our hospitality!

This month, the CAR club wishes to welcome our newest members, Walter Cook and Carl Warner.

## *Recent Sightings*

Found a Miata in a junkyard or under a tarp in somebody's back yard? Post it here! We'll even take referrals on entire cars. Just make sure you include the pertinent information (location, phone numbers, price, etc.), and send it to the newsletter staff at [info@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com](mailto:info@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com).

## *Monthly Miata Meetings*

As many of you know, we're holding monthly meetings every third Thursday at 7:00pm to not only grab something to eat, but to discuss everything from club business to Formula One racing to whatever. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to come out and meet some of the members in a casual environment, and you don't even need to wash the car. Plus, it'll give you a chance to talk directly to the club administrators with your input or questions.

So bring a friend, a family member, or a new Miata owner, but most importantly, bring yourself out to one of our monthly membership meetings! See the upcoming events section below for this month's location. **IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR A PLACE TO HOLD THE MEETING, DROP A LINE TO ANY OF THE OFFICERS.**

## *Events with other clubs*

The idea has been brought up to see about doing an event or two with another car club. Not necessarily another Miata club, but perhaps a Triumph club, Jaguar club, etc. As you can probably assume, there are quite a few car clubs in the area, so if you're a member of one, know someone who is, or just think of one that would be cool to spend the day with (I'm leaning towards Ferrari, myself!), then feel free to drop us a line with the contact info, and we'll take it from there.

## *'The Parts Department' - your source for all your CAR club needs*

The "Parts Department" is back online, and open for business! We have T-shirts. We have sweatshirts. We have hats. We have clocks. We have oversized "holy-crap-that's-a-lot-of-coffee" coffee mugs. And they all come with the official CAR Miata club logo in full living color. So if you're looking for some great new Miata club swag, check out the online store at <http://www.cafeshops.com/chesroadsters>.

## *Become a famous, published author!*

Have you just completed a cool project on your Miata that you want to share with other club members? Did you attend an event that was so cool you want to write an article about it? Find a new road that seems like it was designed *just for* Miatas? Got an idea for a future event or article? Then drop us a line and we'll put it in next month's issue. The submission deadline for the July newsletter is August 26<sup>th</sup>. All submissions can be sent to Christian LeHew at [info@phpwebhosting.blueroadster.com](mailto:info@phpwebhosting.blueroadster.com).

## *It's not too late for a plate!*

If there was ever a reason to put a plate back on the front of your car, this is it. Through a special program with the Maryland MVA, we've been able to apply for special CAR Miata Club license plates! A sample plate is shown below, and it looks like we have enough to make a go of it. Pricing should be around \$25 per set, and you can even put a set on your other non-Miata vehicles! Also, if you've just renewed your registration, the MVA tells us they'll issue you another inspection decal for the new plate. We're currently taking names, so if you're interested, contact:

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Kirk Rambow - [vicepresident@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com](mailto:vicepresident@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com)



## *A Place to Race*

If you've gone to any autocrossing events this past year, you've probably heard one of us (or someone else) griping about the lack of racing sites in the area. "So what can I do?" Glad you asked.

The autocross community is always on the lookout for new venues where we can race. In a perfect world, they'd be smooth, flat, free of traffic islands, and about 20 miles away from a residential area. Event organizers realize not all these parameters can always be met, but there's been a plea to the community to help find some new sites where we can go racing. Maybe it's the parking lot at work. Or a big school parking lot. Or your friend's airfield.

So if you know of an area that you think might be a possibility, PLEASE let one of the officers know, and we'll have one of the local officials check it out.

If you're interested in participating in autocross this year or have any questions, please drop a line to Jay DeLeyos (jaymond - [treasurer@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com](mailto:treasurer@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com)), Ben Harper (djarum69 - [webmaster@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com](mailto:webmaster@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com)), or Mike Kline (GoKart - [president@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com](mailto:president@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com)).

## *Past Events & Happenings*

### **Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Tech Day**

As usual, whenever we have a tech day at Wally & Dina's, the food takes priority over Miatas. And this time was no different! Once again, Dina made up a ton of the most delicious Mexican food this side of the Mexico border. There were also about 15 Miatas that showed up, and the projects included a roll bar install, brake change, radiator install and the usual flushing of fluids. It was also great to see several new members come out for this event. You picked a winner! Thanks again to Wally & Dina for sharing their garage and wonderful hospitality.

### **Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Monthly member meeting**

This month's meeting was held back at one of our favorite haunts, *The Greene Turtle* in Laurel. Our large group of 20 took over our usual private room, along with many old faces and several new members. We even had an impromptu car show afterwards! I guess when you park 18 Miatas together, it's bound to happen. Look for next month's meeting in the "Upcoming Events" section.

### **Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Scenic Drive**

A group of about 8 headed across the pond to The Waterman's restaurant overlooking the Chesapeake Bay on the Eastern Shore for their share of Maryland Blue Crabs. We even let the Delaware folk sit at the table too! The weather was hot, but the crabs were delicious as ever. Fortunately, the tops were down so the Miatas don't smell like Old Bay anymore...

### **July 23-25 – Northeast Divisional Solo-2 Championships**

This is the big time. Not your little rinky-dink, set-up-some-cones-and-run kind of autocross. This is SCCA Solo 2 racing at it's finest. And of course, CAR was there in force. In fact, not only were several CAR members racing, but our own Mike Kline took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the SM2 class and Mark Clark took 2<sup>nd</sup> in STX2, both of whom beat out some VERY exotic machinery and talented drivers. Congrats guys! You deserve it.

## *Upcoming Events*

*Please RSVP where indicated. For full details, check out the Events section of the CAR forum at <http://www.chesapeakeroadsters.com>. If you have an idea for a future event, please drop a line to Mike Kline at [president@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com](mailto:president@blueroadster.phpwebhosting.com).*

### **Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 – MWCSCC Autocross at Rosecroft Raceway**

Look for more details on the CAR club forum, or just come out to Rosecroft Raceway and cheer on your fellow CAR Miata Club members! If you're interested in participating in autocross this year or have any questions, please drop a line to:

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## **Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2004 – Tech Day**

You've probably seen him at any one of the tech days lending a hand to help out a fellow member, but Bill Carlson (known as wwc) has offered up his garage and driveway in Crofton for our August Tech Day. As usual, bring your upcoming Miata projects and your favorite food and beverages.

### **DIRECTIONS TO 1453 JORDAN AVE, CROFTON MD FROM SOUTH, EAST, OR WEST:**

1. Going either east or west on US Rt. 50 in Maryland (depending on where you start), exit (16) at MD 424, head north a bit more than 3 miles.
2. You will pass through 2 traffic lights, one at MD 450 the other at Underwood. You are now close. Take the third LEFT on LAYTON.
3. At end (1 block) turn RIGHT on CROFTON PARKWAY
4. Take the first RIGHT on KNIGHTSBRIDGE TURN.
5. Take the first LEFT on JORDAN AVE. I am at 1453 Jordan Ave

### **DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH:**

1. Head south on I-97, take exit 7, Rt. 3 South
2. Go about 5 miles, turn LEFT on MD424 (clue: you just passed McDonald's)
3. Go a bit less than 2 miles, turn RIGHT on LAYTON. If you reach MD450 you have gone too far, turn around and proceed from instruction 2 above.
4. At end (1 block) turn RIGHT on CROFTON PARKWAY
5. Take the first RIGHT on KNIGHTSBRIDGE TURN.
6. Take the first LEFT on JORDAN AVE. I am at 1453 Jordan Ave.

## **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2004 – WDCR/SCCA Championship #5 Autocross**

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## **Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 2004 – Monthly membership meeting**

Monthly member meeting, 7:00 as usual. Due to popular demand, we'll be back at The Greene Turtle in Laurel. Just ask the hostess for the Miata Club table. As usual, bring any ideas you may have for the coming year, your enthusiasm, and any questions or concerns you may have. Plus, we even have a private room.

Normally, I'd give directions, but their site has much better directions than what I can give, so I'll just direct you to there. It's not too far from 95 or 198, and it's pretty easy to get to as long as you can find Rt. 1 and Laurel. It's also in front of a Best Buy.

<http://thegreenturtle.com/laurel/>

## **Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2004 – Scenic Drive**

If you're up for spending the day putting some mileage on the car and driving on some of the twistiest, hilliest roads outside of Deals Gap, NC, then mark Saturday, October 18th on your calendars.

We'll be meeting at the Mars Supermarket on the corner of Harford Road and Joppa Road just north of Baltimore at 10:00am for a 10:30am departure. From there, we'll head north through Bel Air, across Conowingo Dam and the Susquehanna River, and on towards Kennett Square and through some twisty roads in the woods and farmlands of SE Pennsylvania and northern Delaware. We'll stop for lunch at the Brandywine Brewing Company, then make our way back towards Baltimore. It should be a lot of fun, and the roads are great, so bring a friend, and your Miata, and come out for a fantastic drive!

Just as a note, I've been asked to run parts of this drive at a more "spirited" pace than usual. We will be passing out directions though, so if you'd like to go, but don't feel comfortable with the group's pace, you are welcome to enjoy it at your own pace and won't have to worry about getting lost (the time difference should only be a few minutes anyway).

**Please RSVP to Christian by August 18<sup>th</sup> so we can tell the restaurant how many to expect.**

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MARS SUPERMARKET:**

Take the Baltimore Beltway (route 695) north of Baltimore to exit 31B (Harford Road north). At the first light, you'll see the shopping center on the corner on your right. We'll be parked out in the lot on the Joppa Road side.

## **Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2004 – MWCSCC Autocross at Rosecroft Raceway**

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## **September 2004 – Tech Day**

The date is still being finalized, but we'll be holding another one of the CAR club's famous Tech Days at the home of Jay DeLeyos in Fort Washington, MD. Make sure to keep an eye on the Events section of the CAR forum, and look for more information in next month's newsletter.

## **Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2004 – WDCR/SCCA Championship #6 Autocross**

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## **Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2004 – Monthly membership meeting**

Monthly member meeting, 7pm as usual. This month's meeting will be held at Rocky Run restaurant in Columbia. It's located near the intersection of Dobbin Road and Rt. 175 (Little Patuxent Parkway) and just off 95. Follow 95 to the exit for Rt. 175 towards Columbia. Go about three lights, and make a left onto Dobbin Road. Make a right at the first light (you'll see the Rocky Run and a Mr. Tire on your right), and follow the driveway back to the sharp right turn, and turn right into the parking lot. Ask the hostess for the Miata club table.

## **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2004 – MWCSCC Autocross at Rosecroft Raceway**

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## **October 2004 – Scenic Drive/Winery Tour**

Due to the overwhelmingly popular demand, Christian will once again be leading a group on a drive through Carroll and Frederick Counties to Linganore Winery in Mt. Airy. Afterwards, we'll be stopping for lunch at E.W. Beck's Pub in Sykesville, also by popular demand.

The date hasn't been finalized yet, but when it does, we'll be sure to let you know. Keep an eye on the newsletter or the Events section of the forum for more information.

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