



Wheels in Motion

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Upcoming Events

Tour the National Weather Service Office

Friday, Nov 17th or Saturday, November 18th
YOU MUST RSVP by April 22nd to
David Keller at tpines@cyberstreet.com

Miata Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9th
at Herons Glen
More details to follow

There's a lot of empty space here.
We really need some members to step up and
volunteer to do some kind of event.
You won't be on your own,
there are several officers and members
who are ready and willing to help you
with whatever you need.



The Mazda MX-5 Miata Just Had Its Best Month Yet!

However, the Miata has gained even more attention in recent years thanks to its impressive sales figures. March 2023 was Miata's best sales month yet, and its continued success can be attributed to its affordability and undeniable appeal.

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 11th

Beef O'Brady's

1105 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL
(map on the next page)

Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month

Dinner at 5pm and meeting at 6pm.

Please RSVP to Kathy Engler by May 6th
at kathy.engler@gmail.com

Special guest speaker at the May dinner meeting.

**Mazda Service Manager, Doug Ingram,
from Ed Howard Mazda**

**is going to give a Miata related presentation
and after dinner he will take questions from the floor!**

Just for Fun

Breakfast Socializer:

9:00am Tuesday, May 23rd

Elena's Restaurant,

1101 Cross Street,

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Please RSVP to Judy Western
at justducky1414@comcast.net

From the Editor's Desk

By Ron Lindensmith

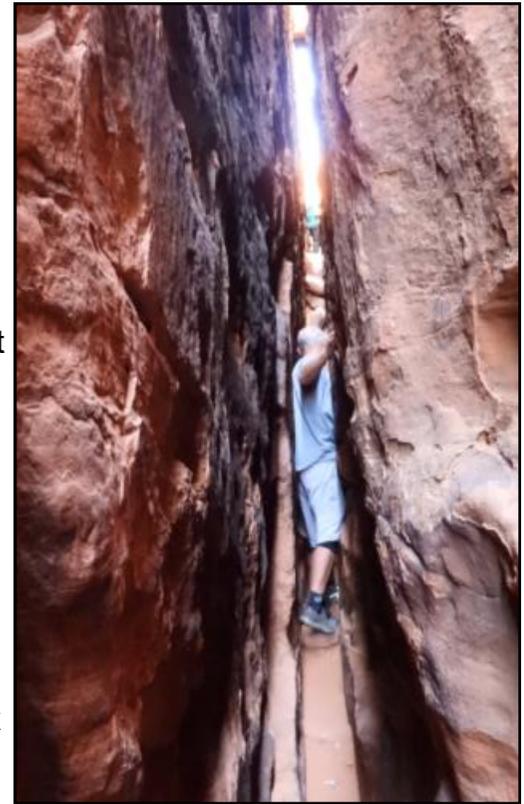
Welcome to the May 2023 edition of the Miata Club of Southwest Florida newsletter. I'm continuing to produce a newsletter for the time being while we try to find a new newsletter editor. I admit, this isn't even close to what I used to do, but then it is at least the basics that we need.

I don't have much free time on my hands for doing this anymore. We, Elaine and I, have three vacations scheduled over just three months and then a big one in October.

It seems that as I get older, getting ready for a big trip with a lot of outdoor activity in the cold, and at high elevation, takes longer than it used to. The trip is always fun, other than the travel days by plane (which I think I used to enjoy when I was younger and flying was simpler). And then there is the recovery once we get home, unpacking, putting rarely used things like hiking poles away, doing the laundry (BTW, that one of my jobs), sorting through hundreds, if not thousands, of photos and sharing stories with friends and family. It seems a 7 day vacation takes 2 to 3 weeks from start to finish!

We just got back from a hiking trip to Bryce, Zion & Snow Canyons. Snow Canyon was warm, Zion Canyon was comfortably cool and Bryce Canyon had over 1 to 2 feet of snow on the ground.

For me, hiking thru the hoodoos at Bryce was worth the trip. But hiking thru a 'slot canyon' was AWESOME! It was only about 600 feet long and 50 feet deep. But at one point it was only 9 inches wide. And was only 12 to 18 inches wide for a good 100 feet or more! If I took in a good breath, I was wedged in between the walls. I had to exhale to be able to move sideways. Although most of the 12 in our group started into the canyon, some backed out when it got really tight and only six of us made it to the end.



Sunshine Report

By Judy Western

HI EVERYONE,

AS YOU SEE, I'M STILL AROUND. AS ALWAYS, I ENJOY BRINGING SUNSHINE YOUR WAY. AS YOU MAY RECALL, JUDY WESTERN WILL BE TAKING OVER ONCE SHE HAS SOME HEALTH CHALLENGES WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE RESOLVED SOON. MEANWHILE, I TRUST YOU ARE ALL DOING WELL. PLEASE BE SURE TO LET ONE OF US KNOW IF ANYONE NEEDS SOME EXTRA SUNSHINE.

WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO CHARLENE HAYMAN, AS RICK HAD A FALL AND HAS HAD MULTIPLE CHALLENGES. ALSO, CONTINUE TO KEEP JUDY WESTERN IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TOO. AS ALWAYS, ADDITIONAL NOTES, CARDS OR OTHER CONTACTS ARE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED WHEN MEMBERS ARE HURTING ETC.

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

JILL AMBUS, JACKIE AUDRAIN, CARL CAPOZZI, RON CRAWFORD, KATHY ENGLER, AL GASTON, LAUREN GOODMAN, MARK HAFLICH, JEFFREY JACKSON, DONNA KERR, JOHN KOSS, CHARLENE MAUTI, KATRINA MCINTOSH, BARBARA PIONTEK, JOHN ZUROVITCH AND, RICHARD ZWIEBEL. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!! PLEASE JOIN ME IN WISHING THESE SPECIAL MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY YEAR AHEAD.

I GUESS ITS APPROPRIATE TO WISH ALL THE MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. ALSO, BE SAFE AND ENJOY MEMORIAL DAY, TOO. IF YOU ARE TRAVELING PLEASE TAKE CARE. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON.

SUNSHINE SANDY

The May Membership Meeting DON'T MISS IT!

Dear members:

Come on and come all!! We're lucky to have a special guest speaker at the May dinner meeting. Mazda Service Manager, Doug Ingram, from Ed Howard Mazda is going to give a Miata related presentation and after dinner he will take questions from the floor. This has all been arranged by Dennis Laslo, our Membership Chairperson and Ed Howard Mazda liaison. Please come and support our club, the efforts of our liaison and our guest speaker.

DATE : Thursday May 11

TIME: 5:00 PM for dinner 6:00 for meeting

PLACE: Beef O'Bradys

1105 Taylor St, Punta Gorda

RSVP by May 9th to kathy.engler@gmail.com

This will be your last opportunity to renew your membership for the 2023-2024 year. If not renewed you will, sadly, be removed from the roster, and will receive no further event communications or invitations. Renewal forms are available on our website and one is attached to this email.

Respectfully,

Kathy Engler

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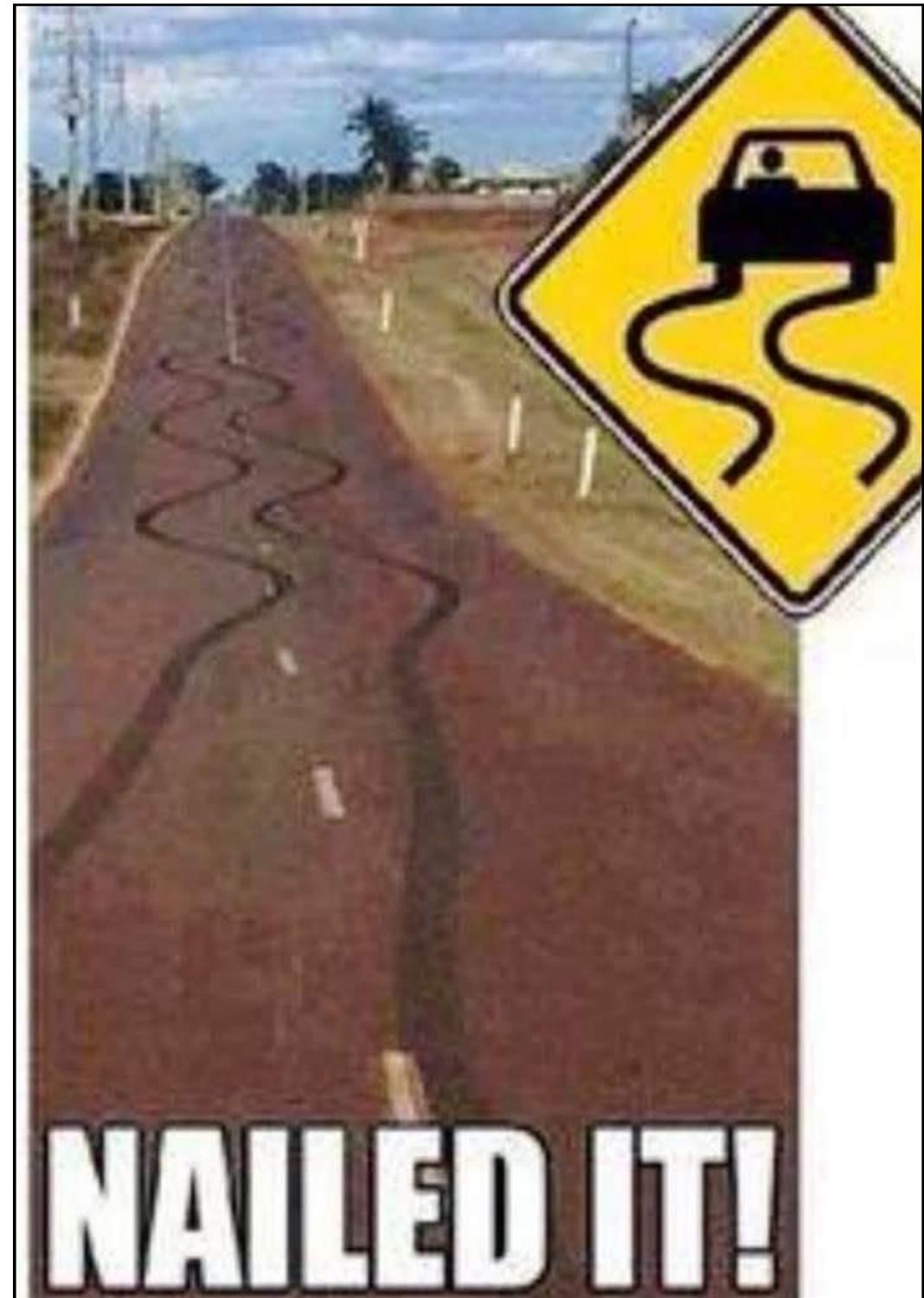
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Club Trip to Reef & Beef Restaurant & Lounge

By Katrina McIntosh

The road rally, led by Mike and Katrina McIntosh, from Punta Gorda to Arcadia was a success.

6 cars left McDonald's in Punta Gorda at 1030 for a leisurely drive to Arcadia (via Kings Hwy East). Lunch was at The Reef N Beef Restaurant and Lounge. 3 more cars joined us at the restaurant, for a total of 18 people. Great food and service, along with an enjoyable time socializing with fellow club members.



Miata Club Visit to The National Weather Service Office

How would you like to see how our weather is made?

Is it by consulting maps and forecast models?

Flipping a coin? Throwing darts at a board?

Spinning the weather wheel?

Now we can find out, by touring the **National Weather Service office**.

After three years on their wait list (thank you, COVID), it's finally our group's turn to schedule a tour. As a retired radio and TV meteorologist,

I think this will be a fun, informative, and interesting event
for Miata Club members.

DESTINATION

National Weather Service office in Ruskin, FL,
south-southeast of Tampa.

WHEN

Possible dates are **Fri, Nov. 17 or Sat, Nov. 18**
with a tour at approx. 11:00am.

MEETING LOCATION AND DRIVE

I envision meeting at the McDonalds off Jones Loop Road, Punta Gorda
at 7:30am for breakfast. We'd leave at 8:30 for a 90-mile,
2-hour leisurely drive without going on I-75.

PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTE

RSVP REQUIRED BY APRIL 22nd !!!

Since I need to schedule the tour well in advance, I need to know how
many people want to go. If you are going, please

RSVP to David Keller at tpines@cyberstreet.com by April 22.

Thank you, -- David Keller

