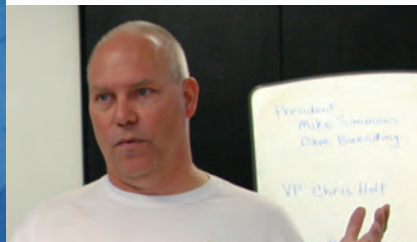


# Nov. - Dec. 2011 MiataSOTam

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# Board Meeting October 16, 2011

Many thanks to outgoing President and First Lady, John and Lynda Miller. They served our club with distinction.

Mike Simmons gave a review of the driving year 2011. It was a fun year with many new adventures and winding roads.

The 2012 calendar was passed around to encourage everyone to volunteer to lead an event or just help with one. Without our volunteers there would be no Club. Getting involved with a Rally or Drive will help to develop new friendships and give our Club fresh and exciting ideas for new drives. We are always looking for new roads and places to enjoy.

## 2012 Board of Directors



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Email notifications are sent to club members as a reminder of upcoming events. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to receive these notifications, send an email with your name and email address to Mike Simmons at vicepresident@miataclubmn.com requesting your email address be added to the distribution list.

# Fall Rally to Superior, Wisconsin 2011

Another amazing Fall Rally as 37 colorful Miata's gathered in sunny Forest Lake for the start of the Sailing to Superior – Export to Ely adventure. Chris and Sarah led the way as we left the parking lot, rocking out to our new CD's. Group 1 encountered a garbage truck, which split up the group and slowed a few cars down, with it's noxious fumes. Group 3, completed 2 unscheduled u-turns, before we even reached our first rest stop at the St. Croix Falls Information Center. They were ready for us with hot coffee and three reporters who interviewed and photographed Chris Holt and his car, for a newspaper article. After a quick pit stop we were off again winding our way to Crex Meadows Wildlife area, in Grantsburg, WI. A lucky few spotted sandhill cranes and a trumpeter swan.

A picnic lunch stop, at Memorial Park, in Shell Lake, WI completed the morning. Then we were off, for the afternoon. It didn't take long to reach Hayward, WI with several places to get snacks, then on to Solon Springs, before the final ride into Superior, WI to Barkers Island Inn.

Before dinner, Chris brought us back to our youth with a coloring contest, of a Miata, (of course). Sue Beckman won the coloring contest, good job Sue. Prizes were given out, courtesy of Morries Mazda, after a dinner of pizza, chicken wings, veggies and bars.

Saturday morning started out warm and sunny. The number of Miata's increased to 38. Butch and Barb led the way out of Duluth and on to Ely. The roads were fast and curvy, even a few fall colors, and of course a few deer crossing the road. Ely's Harvest Moon Festival had crafters and food vendors for everyone to enjoy. The trip back was equally curvy with Craig and Nancy in the lead. Dave Buending certainly knows how to find the terrific roads.

Back in Duluth, everyone got cleaned up for dinner at the Congdon mansion, Glensheen. Dave and Candy led us to the elegant mansion for a beautiful dinner and tour. Barb handed out prizes before dinner for the word unscramble. Andrea Johnson blew everyone out of the water with her speedy and accurate finish. Blackwoods catered the dinner of caesar salad, mixed veggies, bread, pasta's, and a chocolate fountain for dessert. We ate in the winter garden and then toured the beautiful mansion at sunset. Awesome!

Sunday, Butch and Barb led a group back to the Twin Cities through Jay Cooke State Park. A great finish to another fall rally. Thanks to everyone for a terrific time.



## 2011 COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	HOSTS	EVENT
December 11	Incoming Board of Directors	Holiday Brunch (Watch for email with further information)

## 2012 COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

February 5	Maros, Tietels, Shaws	Superbowl Brunch
March 11	Flatens	Sunday Brunch - Game Day @ Dave & Busters
April 15	Board of Directors	Spring Clean-Up & Board Meeting
April 21	Holts	Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up
May 4 thru May 6	Johnsons, Brinkmans, Flatens	Spring Rally
May 24 <b>or</b> May 30	<b>OPEN</b>	Wednesday Drive & Dinner
June 9	Fourres, Rogers	Saturday Picnic (Wedding Shower for Holts)
June 27	Marv Gilman	Wednesday Drive
July 4 (Wednesday)	Mike Ferber	Fourth of July
July 8	Simmons	Sunday Drive & Brunch
July 25	<b>OPEN</b>	Wednesday Drive & Dinner
August 12	<b>OPEN</b>	Sunday Drive & Brunch
August 22	Jeff Adrian	Wednesday Drive & Dinner - Vino in the Valley
September 7 thru September 9	Holts, Fourres, Rogers, Campbells	Fall Rally
September 26	<b>OPEN</b>	Wednesday Drive & Dinner
September 29 and September 30	Millers	Up North Drive (Fall Color Drive)
October 14	Board of Directors	Fall Clean-Up & Board Meeting
October 20	Holts	Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up
December 9	Board of directors - Incoming for 2013	Holiday Brunch

## SPECIAL EVENTS

To Be Determined	<b>OPEN</b>	Double Drive-In (Dinner & Movie)
To Be Determined	Millers, Spaeths	Extended Trip
To Be Determined	<b>OPEN</b>	Fall Cider / Winery
To Be Determined - Fall	Flatens	Go-Karting (Stockholm, MN)
October 7	<b>OPEN</b>	Drive-for-Kids
To Be Determined	Flatens	ELKO Speedway
To Be Determined	Pam Flatens	Powder Puff - (Ladies Drive)



## Our Annual Holiday Brunch December 11, 2011

**Harvest Grill at Bunker Hills Golf Club  
12800 Bunker Prairie Road, Coon Rapids, Minnesota 55448  
Time: 10:30 am**

**RSVP should be sent to Mike Simmons at  
president@miataclubmn.com and should be made by December 4, 2011**

**Watch for  
emails with  
more  
information!**

They have recently opened a brand new facility so we should have an enjoyable & comfortable setting for our Holiday Brunch in one of their Banquet Rooms. The Brunch will include many favorites we have come to expect at these events, including made-to-order omelet's, an assortment of breakfast meats (sausage, bacon, ham) and potatoes (hash browns, home fries), eggs Benedict, soup & salad bar, pastas and a carving station (type of meat is the chef's choice which will be made that week), and a dessert bar. **The cost will be \$15.00 plus tax per adult, with a discounted price of \$12.00 plus tax for those willing to admit they are 60+.** The price includes juices & sodas. Coffee & alcoholic beverages are extra as is gratuity.

Once again, we will be supporting one of the local Ronald McDonald Houses with household needs and gifts for the residents. More details regarding which house we will be supporting as well as a list of items needed will be posted later. We hope to see as many members of the Miata Club of Minnesota as possible. Make plans now to join with all you friends as we celebrate the holidays here in beautiful Minnesota.