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## The President's Corner

What a difference a month makes! By now, we are all hopefully safe at home and staying healthy. The Coronavirus situation has certainly changed everything we do. As you can imagine and as many of you know, all Miami Valley Miata Club events for March and April 2020 are now cancelled, postponed or on hold depending on the activity, due to the issuance of the Stay at Home Order by Governor DeWine on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Today, Monday, March 30, Governor DeWine announced that Ohio school's closures have been extended to at least May 1. For many of you this may mean helping with homeschooling for our children or our grandchildren.

I've been asked about MVMC members going on drives together. With the weather getting nicer, this is certainly something club members may want to do. I would encourage you to read the rest of my President's Comments before you plan an outing. There are some concerns to consider if you decide to go on a drive; number one, make sure you keep a minimum distance between each other, not hard to do in a Miata, but if you stop somewhere, it can become a problem. Obviously, restaurants are not available to have a breakfast before a drive or a lunch after a drive. Bringing a sack lunch would be an option. Getting take-out food from a restaurant is also an option, but I do want to warn everyone, restaurant workers may have been exposed to the virus but have not shown symptoms yet. The biggest concern I personally have about going on short drives, is the need to take a restroom break. Norma and I have discussed this. This is a real issue! Most state and local parks are now closed which generally means restrooms are closed. You could use a restroom at a gas station, but you never know who has used that restroom before you. Norma and I are both Registered Nurses, as are several other Miata Clubs members or are involved in healthcare in other ways. This is a very dangerous time. We certainly don't want to frighten anyone from getting out and enjoying the warmer weather. Just be very, VERY careful. Personally, Norma and I will NOT be doing any drives! I would recommend that you look at the State of Ohio's information on the following website: **[coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)**.

A section of the website is titled: **DIRECTOR'S STAY AT HOME ORDER**. This comes from the Ohio Department of Health, Dr. Amy Acton.

Dr. Acton very clearly states that "**All Persons Stay at Home Unless Engaged in Essential Work or Activity**." As much as I consider going on a drive essential for my mental health, I will follow the directive.

The following are several excerpts taken directly from "**The Directors Stay at Home Order**." The words from her directive are in bold. For the complete wording of each section, please go to the website.

**1. Stay at home or place of residence. With exceptions as outlined below, all individuals currently living within the State of Ohio are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence except as allowed in this Order.**

**2. Non-essential business and operations must cease.**

**3. Prohibited activities. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes permitted by this Order. Any gathering of more than ten people is prohibited unless exempted by this Order. This is in accordance with President Trump's coronavirus guidelines issued March 16, 2020. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or residence. All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including, but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, and country clubs or social clubs shall be closed.**

**4. Prohibited and permitted travel. Only Essential Travel and Essential Activities as defined herein, are permitted.**

**5. Leaving the home for Essential Activities is permitted. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following Essential Activities:**

**a. For health and safety.**

**b. For necessary supplies and services.**

**c. For outdoor activity. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements, as defined below, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or biking. Individuals may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas. However, public access playgrounds may increase spread of COVID19, and therefore shall be closed.** I copied all of item c. It does not mention going on a drive (see item 4 above).

**d. For certain types of work.**

**e. To take care of others.**

**6. Elderly people and those who are vulnerable as a result of illness should take additional precautions.** I can't speak for all members of the MVMC, but Norma and I fall into this category!!!

**7. Healthcare and Public Health Operations. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services through Healthcare and Public Health Operations.**

There is a lot more information on Dr. Acton's Directive. I pulled out the parts that I believe apply to us.

My final comments on going on a drive: you can drive to the store, for a healthcare appointment (if it hasn't been cancelled), etc., etc. - in a Miata! Unless of course, you're stocking up on essentials like toilet paper (good luck finding any!!). Bottom line, we've been ordered to stay home unless travel is essential. Norma and I are sticking to that! Any drives that you may have done after March 23<sup>rd</sup>, or that you do while the Stay at Home Order remains in place, are not and cannot be sanctioned by the MVMC. In other words, during this time of "staying home", no one is earning "Drivers Challenge Book" points! HOWEVER, if you completed a sanctioned activity BEFORE March 24<sup>th</sup>, such as a visit to a

state or national park in your Miata (and have photographic documentation), that activity will count for points.








On a very somber note, many of you are aware that a member of our Miami Valley Miata Club passed away a few weeks ago. I spoke with Kathy Helman whose husband Walter passed away. Because of the coronavirus situation, Kathy has not been able to plan a memorial service for Walt. I told her she was in our thoughts and prayers and when a memorial service was possible, the MVMC would gladly assist in any way we can.

If you have any questions about anything I've put in the message or about our MVMC Drivers Challenge Book, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [Daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com) or call me at: 937-673-4178.

Stay safe! Stay healthy! If any MVMC members need assistance, let us know. We are here for each other!!!

Dan Kirkpatrick  
Miami Valley Miata Club President  
937-673-4178

## Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2020

 <p><b>President</b> Dan Kirkpatrick</p>	 <p><b>Secretary-Treasurer</b> Patti Purdin</p>
 <p><b>Vice President</b> Jim Brokaw</p>	 <p><b>Technical Director</b> Tim Howard</p>
 <p><b>Membership Director</b> Pat Valley</p>	 <p><b>Newsletter Editor/Webmaster</b> Dave Berry</p>
 <p><b>Rally Master</b> Chuck Valley</p>	

"The newsletter is an official MVMC publication. By agreement with Jeff Schmitt Mazda we are to provide them with advertising space with their logo in every issue of the newsletter. As the Jeff Schmitt logo is a part of the newsletter, we don't want to appear to be in competition with our sponsor. Therefore, no advertising of used vehicles will appear in the newsletter.

We will advertise Miata related parts in the newsletter at no charge for MVMC members. The MVMC will help with preparing and releasing advertisements for used vehicles for MVMC members by e-mail distribution directly to members and on MVMC Facebook page(s)."

## MVMC 2020 Calendar of Events

**NOTE: This is displayed as a running three-month calendar of upcoming events for which at least two of the three factors of date, host(s) and venue are CONFIRMED.**



Date	Event	Host(s)	Venue
Apr 11	Miata History	Drake Daum	TBA
Apr 16-19	Dogwoods in Smoky Mountains	Dan Kirkpatrick	Maryville, Tennessee
Apr 24	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Tickets Pub & Eatery, Fairborn
Apr 25	Shop Day	Randy Mott, Tim Howard, Ed Walker	Mott Farm, Casstown
May 2	Poker Run	Chuck & Pat Valley	TBA
May 3	Sunday Fun Day	Tim Howard	McClain, OH
May 15	Mecum Auction	TBA	Indianapolis, IN
May 16	Plain Folk Café Drive & Dine	Dave Berry	Pleasant Plain, OH
May 19	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Rip Rap Roadhouse, Dayton
May 27	Dayton Dragons	Dave Berry	Day Air Ballpark, Dayton
Jun 6	USAF Museum Tour	Chuck & Pat Valley	Wright-Patterson AFB
Jun 13	Ohio Presidents Tour	Chuck & Pat Valley	TBA
Jun 16	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Bennett's Pubical, Miamisburg
Jun 26	Ohio Miata Owners Track Day	OMO Members Only	Nelson Ledges Race Course
Jun 26-27	Dublin Car Show	Arthritis Foundation	Dublin, OH
Jun 27	London Cobra Show	Tim Howard, Ed Walker	London, OH

**Please note:**

- All April events have been cancelled
- All May and June events are ON HOLD until further notice
- The Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance at Ault Park, scheduled for June 14, has been cancelled by the organizers

Once events have been resumed, be sure to RVSP for any event you plan to attend

### Miami Valley Miata Club Magnets!

MVMC car magnets are available for \$5 each. We recommend a pair so both sides of your Miata/MX-5 can publicize our great club during Drive & Dines!

Contact Dave Berry for yours!



## From the Membership Desk

by Pat Valley  
Membership Director

The Club does not have any new members for the month of March; no surprise since our Meet & Greet and drives had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hoping things will get back to normal soon and our driving season will begin.

### April Birthdays

04/03 Chris White  
04/06 George Wetmore  
04/06 Rick Hartman  
04/24 Mike Allen  
04/26 Barb Robinson  
04/27 Dave Berry  
04/29 Nancy Thibeault

### New Members in 2020

Tim & Johanna West  
Michael Ryan



In other sad news, member Walt Helman passed away on March 18<sup>th</sup>. He was a US Army veteran and served as a field artillery surveyor in the Vietnam War. Walt was a member of the Miami Valley Miata Club since 2007.



**Attention all who were planning to take part in the Dogwoods in the Smokies trip:**

Dan Kirkpatrick has contacted the Luxbury Inn in Marysville and arranged for cancellation of the club's room reservations. You need not call the Luxbury yourself.



## UPDATE FOR MVMC MEMBERS

Please be advised that all club activities and events for April are now cancelled. This is to comply with stay-at-home orders issued by the governor of Ohio and similar efforts to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

The following events and activities are cancelled:

- April 11 - Miata History Presentation
- April 16-19 Dogwoods in the Smoky Mountains trip
- April 21 - Meet & Greet at Tickets Pub
- April 25 - Shop Day at the Mott Farm

Also please be advised that all future activities and events remain on hold until further notice. The club's officers will review the situation month-by-month and issue further updates as needed.

Thanks you for your patience, and stay safe!

Dan  
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Miami Valley Club President  
937-673-4178

## Treasurer's Report 1st Quarter 2020

By Patti Purdin

Beginning Balance	\$1,794.66	
Plus Income Dues	\$1,280.00	
Sinclair	\$15.75	
Jeff Schmitt	\$300.00	
		\$3,390.41
Less Expenses		
Annual Meeting	\$37.25	
Dayton Dragons	\$166.00	
Virtual Rally	\$171.61	
		\$374.86
Ending Balance	\$3,015.55	
Sponsorship Account Balance	500.00	



## Support our Sponsoring Restaurants

If you are occasionally (or maybe regularly) sending out for meals by delivery or pick-up, call on the restaurants who had stepped up to support us this year for our Drivers Challenge. They are: **Don Patron's**, **El Meson**, **TJ Chumps**, **Tickets Pub & Eatery**, **Rip-Rap Roadhouse**, **Bennett's Publical**, **Giovanni's Italian Restaurant**, **Nick's Restaurant**, and **Los Mariachi's**.

Some may offer delivery (on their own, or by DoorDash or Grubhub), but it's likely that many are at least taking carry-out orders. So, thank them for their support of MVMC, and help them stay in business, by ordering meals from them during this period. And tell them the Miami Valley Miata Club appreciates their support!



## Miami Valley Miata Club Anniversary Logo Shirt or Cap

Take your shirt or cap to Boomerang Embroidery (3008 Birdwood Road, Kettering). They will embroider the Miata Club Anniversary logo for \$11.00.

Add a name to the right side of the shirt for \$4.00 (block or script lettering) (plus tax).



Provide your own cap, or order one from Lori's website

**Boomerang**  
  
**Embroidery**  
&  
Custom T's

BoomerangEmbroidery.com      Lori A. Andrews  
CustomSportsTowels.com      937-367-8893  
Lori@BoomerangEmbroidery.com      Dayton, Ohio

**Boomerang's catalog: <https://www.companycasuals.com/miata>**

**Mazda**  
ON THE WEB Links of interest:

MVMC GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/300608016771949/>

MVMC ORG FACEBOOK PUBLIC PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Miami-Valley-Miata-Club/229407270577928>

LINKS TO MIATA CLUBS IN THE MIDWEST

<http://www.miata.net/clubs/ohkywv.html>

BUCKEYE MIATA CLUB / COLUMBUS-

<http://www.buckeyemiataclub.com/>

GREATER CINCINNATI <http://www.cincimiata.com/news.asp>

INDY MIATA CLUB <http://www.indymiata.org/>

OHIO MIATA OWNERS FACEBOOK PRIVATE GROUP (request to join)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/478759678813248/>



## Shop Talk (It's not just about the cars)

by Tim Howard



Few of us would have predicted the current worldwide crisis as little as 30 days ago, yet here we are. In-the-midst of all the negative things which accompany such a period, it is always good to look for and emphasize the positives. With that in mind, I have been looking for positive outcomes. From a big picture perspective, it has been my observation in past crisis situations, the crisis itself tends to focus us on what is important, eliminates differences, and ultimately brings people together. I am hoping that this pandemic will help us not only in the United States, but Worldwide... help us focus on what is really important, overlook some of our petty differences, and foster a spirit of community and cooperation. Timing is everything, and now is the time. Although it is admittedly small, I intend to do my part to make this happen.

On a more personal level, one of the positive things that has happened to me during this period is the purchase of a new project car. If you didn't know, just before Christmas I sold the red 2006 project car and thus spent about three months without a personal project. Historically, that is the time of the year when I make the most progress on my project vehicles. Almost to the day, one week before the stay-at-home order was issued, I located and purchased a new project car, a low-mileage 2016 ND Miata that needs some body work and overall clean-up /spruce up. Thus far, I have been very pleased not only with the car itself, but also with the timing of the purchase. I have been happy staying at home and working on the new project. To date, I have been cleaning, evaluating, and making minor repairs and upgrades as I identify the need. When the weather gets consistently a little warmer, I will take on the body work that needs to be done. One of the hidden positives of this acquisition is that it rounds out my personal experience with all four generations of Miatas (NA, NB, NC, and ND). There is no substitute for ownership when you are trying to round out your knowledge of a model or brand.

Below is a picture of my latest acquisition on its perch in my garage.



## Miami Valley Miata Club

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plaques

Available in silver, gold, or white tone from member Bob Luken at a cost of \$10.00 each



Plate size is 5 inches by 7 inches, and the overall base size is 6 inches by 8 inches.

Bob also can print a 24" x 36" poster of the 25th cake logo printed on glossy photo paper. Cost is \$15.00.

Contact Bob Luken at [rpluken@earthlink.net](mailto:rpluken@earthlink.net)

### Notices to Members:

- At the beginning of February, an email notice was sent to all members who had renewed for 2020. The notice contained the new login and password for the Members Only page of the Miami Valley Miata Club's website. If you are a current member, and have not received the notice or have misplaced it, please contact Dave Berry, Webmaster, at 937-367-6879 or [dinglebe@hotmail.com](mailto:dinglebe@hotmail.com).
- If you would like to take part in the nation's biggest Miata gathering (even bigger than Miatas at the Gap!), the 2020 Miata Reunion has been scheduled for October 30th thru November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, at Road Atlanta. Past events have been held far away at Laguna Seca in Monterey, California, so this will be your opportunity to join the fun only a day's drive away! For more information, here is the website: <https://miatareunion.com/>