

Miami Valley
Miata Club



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The President's Corner

by Mike Wheeler

Greetings Miataphiles, Spring is officially here and with that top-down driving can't be far behind. Perhaps you've braved one or two of the nice warm days we've had this year. I know I have.

Not much to talk about this month. We do have a couple of events coming up as well as a Meet and Greet. I hope everyone that attended was happy with Bennett's since we'll have a couple more there as well as T.J. Chumps in Huber Heights. Those are two of what will be three locations we'll use this year. We're still looking for the third and would prefer that it be centrally located somewhere in the Miami Valley. If you know of a good location, please let me know.

Be sure to sign up with Tim Howard if you want to do some season opening work on your Miata during this month's maintenance day. A great time and place to get some things done. We also have a trip to Knoxville, TN and the surrounding area coming up this month and a joint drive with the Mountain Miatas of East Tennessee. Trees are just starting to bloom down there, and the weather is warm so that should be a great time as well. Also, late in the month, we'll have a drive and picnic. There is talk of an event at Jeff Schmitt's Mazda that we might hook together with the drive and picnic. Stand by for more word on that.

I'd like to thank Dan Kirkpatrick for putting together the drive and event at the Miami Valley Military History Museum in Fairborn. Very interesting place, I'd recommend stopping by and checking it out.

Once again, not much to write about. Drives, events and fun times will be picking up very soon so stay in touch and be involved. This is your club. That's all from here. Keep the shiny side up.









Mike Wheeler
Highland Green '07

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 President Mike Wheeler	 Secretary-Treasurer Pat Valley
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MVMC 2022 Calendar of Events

NOTE: This is displayed as a running 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 14-17	Dogwoods in the Smokies	Mike Wheeler	Knoxville/Marysville, TN
Apr 16	Spring Shop Day	Randy Mott & Tim Howard	Mott Farm, Cassville, OH
Apr 19	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	TBA
Apr 30	Drive & Picnic	Mike & Gail Allen	TBA
May 13	MX-5 Cup	Jeff Monnier	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH
May 14	Drive & Picnic	Jeff & Lynda Mott	TBA
May 17	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	TBA
May 19	Dayton Dragons	Dave & Peggy Berry	Day-Air Ballpark
Jun 4	Fields Autoworks	Christy Haynes	Plain City, OH
Jun 11	Drive & Picnic	Chuck & Pat Valley	TBA
Jun 12	Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance	Tim Howard	Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH
Jun 21	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	TBA
Jun 25	London Cobra Show	Tim Howard	London, OH

Note: The Plain Folk Café Drive & Dine will take place at a later date due to a schedule conflict for the hosts.

From the Membership Desk

By Chris Vollmer
Membership Director

We added new member in March. Welcome Kara Martin and Jack Ly to the club!

We wish the following members happy birthday in April:

April Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays this month are:
Mike Allen, Dave Berry, Vickie
Gordon, Terri Kerivan, Nancy
Thibeault, George Wetmore

New Members in 2022

Kara Martin & Jack Ly
Terri Kerivan



Renew Your Membership

Club membership dues are overdue; our membership remains a bargain at \$20! You can renew now by mailing your check made payable to: **Miami Valley Miata Club**, to Chris Vollmer, 1675 Sunset Canyon Court, Fairborn, OH 45324. Please include a membership form with payment; only your name plus any updated/changed information are required.

The membership rolls have been updated. If you are late at renewing and want to be re-instated to the mailing list, the Members Photo Gallery on the website, and/or the club's Facebook group, please let one of the officers know. We'll get the task(s) to the proper officer.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report for March 2022

by Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

March Beginning Bank Balance: \$4,928

Income: \$60

Expenses: \$-0-

Ending Balance: \$4,988

"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)."

Montgomery County Military History Museum Drive & Dine

by Dan Kirkpatrick



There wasn't a huge turnout for the Military History Museum Drive & Dine – the weather was lousy, and tops were up! We did receive positive comments about the drive, as the museum was enjoyed by all.

2022 Spring Maintenance Day



When: April 16, 2022, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Randy Mott's workshop
1350 South Hufford Road
Casstown, Ohio 45312

What: Get your Miata ready for the 2022 driving season. Perhaps you would just like to consult on a cosmetic or operational issue that is diminishing your ownership experience. This could be your chance to ask those embarrassing technical questions in a friendly environment.

Why: Take advantage of Randy's great facility and accumulated club experience with Miatas. At the same time enjoy the company of other Miata enthusiasts. As usual there will be coffee and donuts. What more could one ask for? Other than donuts and coffee please bring your own refreshments for the day,

How: If you would like to schedule work contact Tim Howard at 937-287-2424, or email tghcc@woh.rr.com to discuss the work you would like done and to reserve a time slot. If you would just like to attend for donuts and friendship, please respond that you will attend so we can get a head count.

Note: If you are scheduling work, bring your own consumables (oil, filter, etc.). Lift Time will be billed at \$25.00 per hour.

Dogwoods in the Smokies April 14-17, 2022

Join fellow Miami Valley Miata Club members in a Spring Retreat to southeastern Tennessee to view the blooming of the dogwood trees.

We'll also join with our friends at the Mountain Miata Club to drive the legendary local roads, including options for driving the Tail of the Dragon.

A block of ten rooms is available at the Luxbury Inn in Maryville, Tennessee, Although the deadline has passed, you can still ask for the group rate and see if the hotel will honor it.



Phone number to make reservations is 865-983-9839. Make sure to mention you are with the Miami Valley Miata Club to get the discount.

Rates including tax for three nights are:

- (5) Queen 1-bed Suite: \$346.10
- (3) Queen Deluxe 1-bed Suite: \$408.60
- (2) Queen 2-bed Suite: \$408.60

Please let Mike Allen know so an attendee list can be generated. You can reach him at 937-657-5454 or wmikeallen@gmail.com

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

By Tim Howard



Several years ago while we were attending the Cincinnati Concours d' Elegance, Jeff Monnier told us about a high-performance intake system produced in England that produced significant performance improvements in naturally aspirated Miatas. Jeff stated at the time that he would love to purchase one, but they were very expensive. The figure he mentioned was high enough that it scared me off, and I did not follow up. Recently, while surfing the internet, Ed Walker came across an advertisement for this product and some videos of one of their hottest models performing on tracks including the Nuremburg Ring. I was so impressed that I thought that some of you might want to learn about the product or at the least see for yourself how well our little cars can perform when properly outfitted via the YouTube address listed below the photo.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5DWGgDOFFQ>

The name of the company is B.B.R., and their hot model is the BBR 'Super 225'. Although they make performance kits for NA, NB, and NC models, the NC performance kit is the one for which they get the most acclaim. I will confine the rest of my remarks to the NC kit that creates the BBR 'Super 225'. It is important to say that this kit is designed to fit into a stock Miata body with no modifications so, if you are lucky enough to acquire one, you have a real sleeper on the street. This kit is the result of a close partnership between B.B.R. and an American company ECUTEK. As a result, the main components of the kit are four, 45mm drive by wire

throttle bodies, and software modifications for the Engine Control Unit that take full advantage of all of the hardware changes. Other major kit components include performance headers and exhaust, high performance intake and exhaust cams, plus more.

So, what do you get in terms of increased performance when you install all this equipment? Horsepower increases by 67, to 225 at 7,750 rpm. Torque increases by 36 to 174 lb. ft. at 5,950 rpm, with over 170 lb. ft. available from 3,000 rpm all the way to 7,800 rpm. I know you are lining up to write that check right now. Well, that check is a big one, 3,495 English Pounds for the DIY version. If you want a responsible shop to install it, I would count on another \$1500 to \$2000. If it helps loosen your purse strings, the four throttle bodies look great in the engine compartment and the exhaust note is incredible.



If this still seems a little rich for your blood, here is a more affordable alternative. I once owned an NC Miata with a cold air intake, header, and Engine Control Unit modifications by ECUTEK, the company that partnered with B.B.R. on this project. It was by far the quickest "almost stock" 4-cylinder Miata I have ever owned. Others that rode in it seemed to agree with my conclusion. Even better, I am told that anyone with moderate computer skills can accomplish the installation of the modified programs with ECUTEK'S assistance, and most backyard mechanics can install a cold air intake. The overall improvement sans the header should still be significant. The icing on the cake is that the price tag is a fraction of the above described B.B.R. system.

Your Next Miata?

(Godwanaland, Equatorial Territories) Sloan Benihana, Mazda Publicist for the Equatorial Territories, today gave a briefing to delegates about Mazda's plans for the MX-5 Miata, in light of world efforts to save energy and reduce carbon emissions.

Mr. Benihana explained that a future MX-5 (note: he did not specify what year this may appear) would be powered by a unique Potential Energy Delivery and Noiseless Transmission ("PEDANT") system. While range has not yet been determined, Mr. Benihana claimed a projected travel of at least two city blocks. Upon discharge of the stored energy, the device can quickly be returned to full capacity with a special device attached to the vehicle.

It is anticipated that, at least initially, the vehicles will be offered on a lease-only basis, with accompaniment by an Olympic weightlifter to assist with recharging the PEDANT system.

An artist's rendering of the future MX-5 Miata is shown below.



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/>