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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



The end of 2025 is nigh. We've all been working on finishing off the leftovers and now we're working off the weight we put on during Thanksgiving; hopefully only a few pounds! Not long from now we'll be gathering at the Fairborn Senior Center in Fairborn for our **Annual MVMC Christmas Party**; this year on

Saturday, December 13th. Be looking for the Christmas Party announcement with all the details in the next few days. Bring a tasty side dish or dessert to share. Please remember to bring clothing items for the less fortunate boys and girls in the Miami Valley. The MVMC's clothing donations typically include blankets, gloves, hats, boy's and girl's underwear and will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul. There are two Christmas trees at the Fairborn Senior's Center. Please place donated gifts under the tree to the right.



As usual, the club provides the main cuisine, this year from City Barbecue. As has become a tradition, Pat Valley and Dave Berry will run the Chinese Gift Exchange which is always a highlight of the party. There will be door prizes too!

Special thanks to Randy and Lynda Mott for hosting the November 1st Shop Day at the huge, clean, shop at the Mott Century Farm. Also, Shop Day wouldn't be such a success without the mechanical skills offered by Christy Haynes, Ed Walker, and our Tech Advisor Roger Gordon!

Regarding Officers for 2026:

We have most officers returning to serve the club in 2026, however, after a four-year void, our club has a Vice President! Peggy Berry self-nominated and her nomination was officially voted on at the November 18th Meet & Greet at Underground Chuck's. As president, I finally have someone to whom I can delegate! I will continue as MVMC President in 2026, and Peggy will be selecting the Meet & Greet restaurants for the first three months of the year and running those meetings. Aside from me, returning club officers for 2026 are Gina Seay – Membership Director, Pat Valley – Secretary/Treasurer, Dave Berry – Newsletter Editor, Christy Haynes – Webmaster, Clyde Hebert – Rally Master, and Roger Gordon – Technical Advisor.

One special note I'd like to remind our members; please look for the Sinclair Foundation donation container we send around at our Meet & Greets. It will be prominently displayed at the Christmas Party. College students often find themselves short on finances for books and tools needed for the **Automotive Technology Program at Sinclair College**. The MVMC has donated nearly a few thousand dollars over the many years we have had the opportunity to help these students, and they are very grateful! So far this year our club has collected \$300, but if you are feeling the Christmas spirit, I encourage you to help boost that number.

Remember, the MVMC Newsletter is a great resource for events three months out, but know that we also frequently update the MVMC website so you can be aware of upcoming events that occasionally change dates.

And as always, special thanks to Jeff Schmitt Mazda as our club sponsor and opening up their showroom for our Annual Pizza Party. Remember to return the favor by visiting their showroom, having maintenance done on your Mazda, consider buying any of their fine products, and receive a 10% discount on Mazda parts.

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club



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/>

"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)."

Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2025

 <p>President Chuck Valley</p>	 <p>Secretary-Treasurer Pat Valley</p>
 <p>Vice President Vacant</p>	 <p>Technical Director Roger Gordon</p>
 <p>Membership Director Gina Seay</p>	 <p>Newsletter Editor Dave Berry</p>
 <p>Rally Master L. Calvin (Clyde) Hebert</p>	 <p>Webmaster Christy Haynes</p>

MVMC 2025 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
Dec 6	2026 Event Planning Meeting	Chuck Valley, Clyde Hebert	Beavercreek Senior Center
Dec 13	MVMC Annual Christmas Party	MVMC Officers	Fairborn Senior Center
Dec 31	Polar Bear Run	Dean & Ann Lundgren	Dayton environs
Jan 20	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Spaghetti Warehouse, Dayton
Feb 17	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Archer's Tavern, Kettering



From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added no new members in November.

We wish the following members happy birthday in December:

December Birthdays

Dan Kirkpatrick, Doug Snyder, Jim Owen, Leeta (Skeeter) Pettit, Rhonda Miller, John Topping, Kara Topping, Lois Bell, Pete Kronbergs, Steve Human, Thomas Livesay, Andy Swanson



New Members for 2025

Andy Swanson
Clinton Morris
Don Hone
Corey Hoag
Jim Shaw
Sharon & Greg Orbash
Tom Livesay
Larry & Rhonda Thomas
Matthew Human
Tammy House

It's that time of year again. Membership dues are required to be in by **December 31st**. Please mail to me or pay at the Christmas Party. No need to fill out a new form unless you have a new address, email, etc. Still only \$20.00 and please pay by check to **Miami Valley MX-5 Club**.

Gina Seay
61 West Hunter Dr.
Enon, OH 45323

Thank You

Treasurer's Report

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Financial data for the month of November are as follows:

Income:	\$110.00
Expenses	\$118.64
Bank Bal:	\$2137.18

Income is from memberships (\$60.00) and Sinclair College donations (\$50.00).

Expenses are for ballot printing (\$8.59) and Fall Shop Day (\$110.05).

From the Rally Master

Don't put your Miatas away just yet. The Polar Bear Run is the last ride of the year, New Years Eve day. Hosted by Dean & Ann Lundgren with details to be worked out. A notice will be sent out. We also have a drive to Plain City and Der Dutchman restaurant in 2026, again dates and further information to be worked out. I'm looking for volunteers to host one or more of the following rides: Bennett's Pubical, Charleston Falls, Bicycle Museum in New Bremen, Cartridge Brewing in Maineville, Covered Bridges and Valley Vineyards. These are just a few of the possible rides for 2026, please feel free to initiate any other drives. I look forward to a lot of great drives for 2026.

Thank you,
L. Clyde Hebert

And now for a little December humor...



Pre-order your new Miatallac now!



MVMC 2026 EVENT PLANNING MEETING

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

TIME: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

WHERE: Beavercreek Senior Center (Lofino Plaza Meeting Room) 3868 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beavercreek, OH 45432

Donuts & coffee provided.

On December 6th, the Miata Club planning committee meets to rough out drives and events for 2026. I'm looking for volunteers to host drives. I've included a list of possible drives. Please look over the list and volunteer to host one or two drives. If you already have a favorite drive we can include it. Some ideas include museums, restaurants, Vineyards, parks where we could picnic. If you haven't hosted a drive I've included a list that is fairly easy. The MVMC web site has a document section that describes how to organize a drive. It also mentions using Google maps, which is excellent. Any seasoned member will be glad to assist you.

Possible Drives:

- Bennett's Pubical (or Bullwinkle's)
- Charleston Falls
- Valley Vineyards
- Bicycle Museum, New Bremen
- Covered Bridges tour
- Buck Creek State Park (picnic)

Larry Thomas is considering repeating last year's drive to the Stockport Mill. For those people that couldn't attend last year it was fantastic. Gina and Tommy Seay plan on a drive to Plain City which has an excellent Amish restaurant. I will contact others about repeating drives including Hickory River Bar-B-Que, Plain Folk drive, Fall Foliage drive (Tail of the Dragon) (I believe that Dan Kirkpatrick may be looking for someone to take over this drive), Poker run, and the Hanover Vineyard.

Some ideas for longer routes for the seasoned hosts include Ark Encounters (Kentucky), Historic Roscoe Village (Coshocton, overnight), Holmes County (Amish Community overnight), even the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (overnight).

I look forward to a great year, memorable drives and the many smiling faces as we drive our Miatas.

Thank you,

L. Clyde Hebert
Rally Master

Shop Talk

It's not just about the Miatas

By Roger Gordon



The following Technical Director article (and pics) was captured from a Hagerty Drivers Club Magazine article entitled EXHAUSTS DEMYSTIFIED.

I learned a few things from it – thought other might benefit as well.

1. Exhaust manifold –

Collects gases from individual exhaust ports and merges them into a single outlet. Factory exhaust manifolds are often made from cast iron, which aside from being relatively inexpensive, is durable and good at taming the heat and noise of fresh combustion. They're usually heavy, though and are shaped such that they restrict exhaust flow.



2. Headers –

Headers do the same job as the factory exhaust manifold but with a focus on reducing backpressure and increasing the volume of air able to flow through the engine. Their tubes (called "runners") typically have different lengths, designed to prevent gases from one cylinder from colliding with those of another, which would create a restriction. Often, they'll be made of materials like stainless steel, which are lighter and, well, cool looking (an important consideration if we're being honest). A tradeoff, in addition to noise, can be heat under the hood.



3. CATS –

Around 1975 – gasoline powered cars in the US started to be equipped with catalytic converters to reduce toxic and smog-forming byproducts of combustion. Inside today's cats is a honeycomb of precious metals such as platinum and rhodium that convert smog-forming unburnt fuel, harmful ozone-producing oxides of nitrogen and toxic carbon monoxide into relatively benign nitrogen, carbon dioxide and water vapor.



4. Straight Pipe – (No Picture)

Just like it sounds, the cat and mufflers are simply eliminated, along with their restrictions. This is illegal for a car that is still subject to smog testing. Aside from that, removing the cat can throw a car's various sensors into disarray.

5. CAT BACK – (Next Two Pictures) The next two are CAT BACK. Refers to the exhaust system downstream of the catalytic converter, from the converter to the tailpipe. CAT BACK systems are typically cheaper and easier to certify from a legal standpoint as they do not tamper with the car's factory emission systems.

6. H-Pipe –

A crossover pipe, usually in the shape of an H, that smooths out the uneven exhaust pluses between the two cylinder banks on a V-Engine. This helps with a phenomenon called scavenging, wherein the fast-moving exhaust pulses help pull out exhaust gases from the cylinder and pull in more fresh air. Because the engine has to do less work to get rid of exhaust gases, a crossover pipe can increase engine power.



7. X-PIPE –

A crossover pipe in the shape of an X. The performance benefits of an X-pipe are minimal compared with an H-Pipe, so really the choice is down to sound preference (X-Pipes tend to produce a "smoother" note) and packaging (an X-Pipe can be difficult to fit around, say, a transmission or driveshaft).



8. Muffler –

The last stop on most factory systems is a baffled, insulated box designed to slow the gases and er, muffle the noise.



9. GLASS-PACK –

Essentially a straight tube wrapped in fiberglass (or sometimes steel wool). The design improves exhaust flow while offering some sound-deadening and shaping compared with the raw blat of a straight pipe. The first glass-packs were created in 1968 by Cherry Bomb Exhaust, a company that is still around today.



10. CHAMBERED MUFFLER -

As the name implies, this design features a series of chambers, which shape the exhaust note much the way wind instruments shape air coming from your mouth. Not that far, in principle, from most stock mufflers, but the focus here is on refining the noise as opposed to reducing it. (Note: This design is sometimes called a “turbo muffler,” a nod to what was used on the turbocharged Corvair.)



11. STRAIGHT-THROUGH –

Straight-through mufflers combine elements of both the turbo muffler and the glass-pack. Like the glass-pack, these mufflers direct exhaust flow through a perforated central tube insulated by fiberglass or steel wool. But like the turbo muffler, it has a larger canister, meaning there's another wall for sounds to pass through.



Tech Director QUICK TIP

If you decide to sell or trade your car, before doing anything else, tell all your friends, neighbors and relatives – stick a notice on Facebook and Facebook marketplace. There are always people looking for cars – the buyer may be right in your contact list.



Be sure to prep your Miata for Winter driving!

Club Member Items for Sale or Free



NA tan convertible boot

Free to good home!

Contact Chuck Valley at
937-608-5251

(first inquiry gets it!)

FREE

North American Custom Car HALF cover for Miata. Like new – only used once or twice. Excellent quality. Goes on easy, once you figure out which is the front and back.

<https://www.northamericancustomcovers.com/products/rp-121>

A member bought this cover for their NC Miata after detecting water on the carpet. Turns out the leak was elsewhere so no longer needed.

If interested, call or text Roger Gordon at 937-831-4209 or email him at MVMC-Technical-Director@gmail.com.



Half cover on NC Miata



Nice carrying case

FOR SALE - oil filter relocation kit. I believe I bought it from Moss Motors. It fits NA/NB models. I can provide photos and additional info by request. \$75.

Contact Pat Gould 937-232-5614 v/text or email p19g53@gmail.com, write "filter" in the subject line.