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President's Corner



This will be my last contribution to the President's column, and I would like to end my tenure with a compliment to all the officers and members of the Miami Valley Miata Club, without whose support this task would have been impossible. Dan, I'm sure you know that you have a dedicated staff that only has the best interests of the club at heart and they have been a pleasure to know and work with.

I wish all club members a very Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas and hope to see you at the party on the 7th.


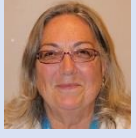


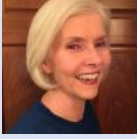


Tony Zlocki



"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 2019

 President Tony Zlocki	 Secretary-Treasurer Patti Purdin (Interim)
 Vice President Dan Kirkpatrick	 Technical Director Tim Howard
 Membership Director Pat Valley	 Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Dave Berry
 Rally Master Chuck Valley	(Empty space)

MVMC 2019 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
Dec 7	Christmas Party	MVMC Officers	Fairborn Senior Center
Dec 31	Polar Bear Run	TBA	TBA

From the Rally Master



As we close out the activities of 2019 and look forward to 2020, I am beginning to plan the MVMC Event Planning Meeting. This is a time we sit and have donuts and coffee and roughly sketch our drive and non-drive events for the new year.

As for now, some Saturday morning in January we will be getting together for a few hours. This year we will follow with a "how to" (on a later date) for those interested in hosting a drive, which will include topics for drive planning, route selection, rules of the road, and selecting a restaurant, led by Dave Berry. Be looking for announcements of times and places for the MVMC Event Planning Meeting and the "How to Plan a Drive" symposium.

Chuck Valley, Rally Master
 Miami Valley Miata Club

From the Membership Desk

by Pat Valley
Membership Director

The Club is holding steady at 86 members; we added no new members during November.

Dues for 2020 should be paid by 1 January, and the amount remains \$20. Dues can be paid at the Christmas party on 7 December or mailed to Pat Valley at 2000 Deer Hollow Trail, Xenia, OH 45385. **Make the check payable to: Miami Valley Miata Club.** We will not cash your check until January in order to keep our records straight for each calendar year. Log-in information and password will change for 2020, and information will be sent to everyone via email.

December Birthdays

12/01	Carole Hart
12/04	Kathy Helman
12/05	Hunter Turner
12/05	Joe Talafous
12/11	Dan Kirkpatrick
12/25	Denis Loyer
12/26	Doug Snyder
12/27	Jim Owen
12/30	Skeeter Pettit
12/31	Rhonda Miller



New Members for 2019

Reva & Rick Hartman
Art & Nancy Thibeault
Jim & Charlene Brokaw
Karen Monaghan
Tim & Carole Hart
Jerry & Nancy Cooper
Jeff Dixon & Cate Renner
Wayne Rickey
Larry Leese
Karen Nagafuchi
Gary & Denise Thrasher
Dave & Rachel Johnson
Heather Morgan
Barry & Anissa Evans
Paul & Karen Weglage

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2020 Miami Valley Miata Club Officers

Election of new MVMC officers for the year 2020 was conducted at the November Meet & Greet on November 19, at Flyboy's Deli in Beavercreek. Following are the results for 2020 elected Officer positions:

Vice President: Jim Brokaw
Secretary/Treasurer: Patti Purdin
Membership Director: Pat Valley
Rally Master: Chuck Valley
Technical Director: Tim Howard
Newsletter Editor: Dave Berry
Webmaster: Dave Berry



Your club officers for 2020. Left to right: Dan Kirkpatrick (President), Jim Brokaw, Dave Berry, Tim Howard, Patti Purdin, Chuck Valley, Pat Valley

Jim Brokaw's name was placed into nomination for Vice President from the floor prior to voting at the Meet & Greet, and he graciously accepted.

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



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

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

An Announcement from Incoming President, Dan Kirkpatrick



2020 Miami Valley Miata Club Challenge Book

Something new and exciting for the MVMC in 2020 is the **Miami Valley Miata Club Challenge**

Book. While this activity for the club is entirely voluntary, we're hoping all members will want to be a part of it. Here's how it works: at the February Virtual Rally, all members of the club who are present (and if you're not, we will mail you a copy of the Challenge Book) will receive the Challenge Book. The goal of the Challenge Book is for members of the MVMC to earn "points" for each club activity they attend or sponsor (i.e. Meet & Greets, Club Drives, sponsoring a drive, etc). At the end of 2020, the top three MVMC members who have earned the most points will receive a fantastic prize. Prizes are being paid for by having different restaurants "sponsor" our Meet & Greet events. We already have several restaurants who have agreed to a sponsorship. None of the prizes will be paid for by club dues.

Remember, this is entirely voluntary. No one is required to be a part of the MVMC Challenge Book program!! It will not change any of the MVMC events or activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Kirkpatrick at 937-673-4178



MVMC members enjoyed a drive on a lovely fall November day to the pretty town of Madison, Indiana. Pictured here are those who participated.

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25th Anniversary Plaques

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

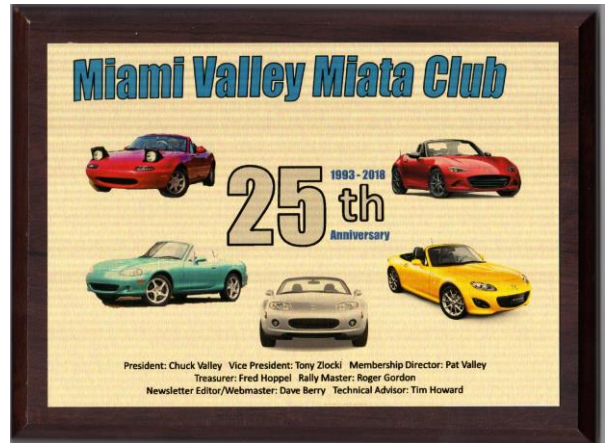


Plate size is 5 inches by 7 inches, and the overall base size is 6 inches by 8 inches.

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

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!

See Dave Berry for yours!



2019 Miami Valley Miata Club Christmas Party



When: Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Where: Fairborn Senior Center ~ 325 N. Third St., Fairborn, OH 45324

Time: 6:00 – 6:30 PM Arrive, Snack, and Socialize

6:30 – 7:30 PM Dinner and Desserts

7:45 – 8:45 PM (Optional) Chinese Gift Exchange ~\$20 limit

Members Bring: Appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share.

Link to Signup Sheet to declare what you are bringing:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NAhcxNycnhEOfp83HKWF5ws8gbo1XBxkYVdI0PUIWQ>

Provided: The Club will provide Lasagna, Cheese Ravioli, Chicken Alfredo, Tossed Salad and Bread Sticks from Fazoli's, as well as sodas and water.

Optional: Bring blankets, gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, underwear, and/or socks for St. Vincent De Paul's Homeless Shelter Charity Tree.

PLEASE RSVP - AN ACCURATE HEADCOUNT IS REQUIRED FOR ORDERING FOOD

Please email Tony Zlocki at jeanzlocki@yahoo.com or text to 513-646-0970

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

by Tim Howard



Several weeks ago, Roger Gordon used Facebook to ask a very simple question. What is your favorite automotive wax product? Several of us responded. As one might expect, the responses were varied with no consensus. After giving this some thought, it occurred to me that while the input was interesting, our individual opinions are likely of limited value. After all, they were based upon our very limited personal experience. Even the best of us wax our cars relatively infrequently (recommended frequency every 6 months).

Further, how often do we try a new product? Finally, most of us have no technical expertise regarding the desirable qualities of automotive wax. I concluded that the only way to get reliable input on this topic would be to ask experts. After all, there are hundreds of products available in the marketplace and, even if an individual tried, he could not try all of them.

As we all do these days, I turned to the Internet and found several product comparisons of automotive wax products conducted by technical experts in 2019. These studies covered a broad array of products and also considered input from consumer surveys. The four studies that I ultimately used each summarized their work with a list of the top ten recommended products. I weighted the top 10 to come up with a consolidated recommendation. The top product in each of the 4 comparisons got 10 points, and the worst got 1 point. In total, there were 25 discrete products included in the top 10 recommendations from the 4 comparative studies, and those products were produced by 13 different manufacturers. By way of example, if by chance one product would have been chosen as the best in all four studies, its weighted score in the competition would have been 40 points. I then used these weighted results to identify the top 5 products available in 2019.

Before we get to those results, it might be helpful to review some of the wax-related technical data that I learned from reviewing these studies. First, although there are some other derivative products available in the market today that protect automotive paint, add gloss, enhance color, and bead water, the most common take the form of either paste or liquid (including sprays). There are also three basic types, either wax-based or synthetic polymer-based, or a combination of the two. Outlined below are the basic characteristics of these product types.

Liquid Products: Generally easier to apply and remove than paste.

Paste Products: Generally harder to apply than liquids.

Wax Based: Best for gloss, color enhancement, and water beading
Protects paint through a thin surface film of wax
Leaves an undesirable white film on matte black and rubber surfaces
Should not be applied in direct sunlight
Short life span, sometimes as-little-as 6 to 8 weeks

Synthetic based: Less effective at color enhancement, gloss, and water beading
Does not leave white film on matte black and rubber surfaces

Can be applied in direct sunlight

Protects paint by internally bonding polymers with the paint itself

Life span can be as-long-as 6 months (developed for extreme climates)

Finally, the results of my combined comparative analysis are as follows:

First Place: Meguair's Ultimate Synthetic - Liquid (35 points)

Second Place: Meguair's Gold Class Carnauba Plus – Liquid Wax & Syn (24 points)

Third Place: Chemical Guys Butter Wet – Liquid Wax (17 points)

Fourth Place: Meguair's Deep Crystal Carnauba – Liquid Wax (15 points)

Fifth Place: Car Guys Premium - Liquid Wax & Syn (14 points)

On a personal note, although it is widely reported that synthetics are less effective at color enhancement, gloss, and water beading, I have not been able to discern a difference. Perhaps that is because I am old and half blind. It might also result from me using the first-place winning synthetic for the past several years. It is possible that this product is simply superior to other synthetics in this area.

Additionally, if anyone wants a copy of the detailed combined comparison worksheet to see how their favorite product fared, please contact me at tghcc@woh.rr.com and I will forward it to you.

happy new year!

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/>