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The President's Corner

by Mike Wheeler



For some, the driving season is over until next year. For others, BE CAREFUL! About this time a couple of years ago, warmish weather, low speed, wet roads, snow tires mounted, off camber turn and the back end came around and put me sideways. WOW, things sure happen fast in a Miata! Anyway, wave or flash your lights when you encounter another Miata. Especially the brave ones out this winter!

Like club presidents before me, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank each of the Executive Committee members that served with me. I believe that each year we raise the bar higher and this outstanding publication that you're reading is proof of that. So **Chuck Valley, Pat Valley, Chris Vollmer, Tim Howard, Christy Haynes, Mike Allen and Dave Berry** please accept my sincere appreciation for your service to the club and assistance to me throughout 2022. I know some of you will be back and continue to do the good work that you have been doing. As for the rest of the club, those special members, my thanks go out to you also for supporting the club with your enthusiastic presence in meetings and events. Keep up the good work!

With most things, change is good. New people bring new ideas and opportunities to get out and enjoy our cars. I know that several ideas are percolating for events in the coming year. As this is my third time serving as your president and multiple other positions, I can tell you that each Executive Committee brings new ideas and opportunities. They keep the club fresh. I know you have some ideas that you'd like to see come about, just let any of the current or future officers know and we'll try to get something worked out. Or better yet, take part in the MVMC Event Planning session scheduled for January 7th – see the Calendar of Events and description on the following page. Just be prepared to pitch in!







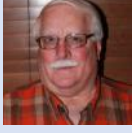

It is the MVMC practice to not have a December Meet 'n Greet. Instead we will be having the annual Christmas Party at the Fairborn Senior Center. There is no limit on how many can attend so if you haven't already sent in an RSVP please do so. I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Party on the 3rd. It's always a lot of fun! And don't forget our annual Polar Bear Run on December 31st (time and start point to be announced later this month).

In closing, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe Driving New Year! And remember, turn signals are not just for smart people any more! (I always wanted to say that).

Mike

Velocity Red '05 Mazdaspeed

Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2022

 President Mike Wheeler	 Secretary-Treasurer Pat Valley
 Vice President Chuck Valley	 Technical Director Tim Howard
 Membership Director Chris Vollmer	 Newsletter Editor Dave Berry
 Rally Master Mike Allen	 Webmaster Christy Haynes

MVMC 2022 & 2023 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 3	Christmas Party	MVMC Officers	Fairborn Senior Center
Dec 31	Annual Polar Bear Run	Mike Allen	TBA

Date	Event	Host(s)	Venue
Jan 7	MVMC Event Planning	Chuck Valley & Mike Allen	Beavercreek Seniors Center
Jan 17	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	TBA

All club members are welcome to participate in the 2023 MVMC Event Planning Meeting. This year we have reserved the Lofino Meeting Room. Location is 3868 Dayton-Xenia Rd, Beavercreek 45432. The meeting will run from 9a-11a Saturday January 7th. Incoming President Chuck Valley and Rally Master Mike Allen will host this important annual event. In exchange for some new ideas and discussions for drive and non-drive events, the club provides free coffee and donuts as has been the tradition over many years.



Mark your calendar for the Polar Bear Run on December 31

Secretary/Treasurer Report

By Pat Valley

Our bank balance is \$5,558.45 before Christmas party expenses are paid. Current estimate for the party expense is about \$687 for food, and \$500 for door prizes.

Jeff Schmitt has provided their 4th Quarter sponsorship to us; remember to support them as often as possible for parts and service for our 4-wheel babies.

From the Membership Desk

By Chris Vollmer
Membership Director

We added no new members in November.

We wish the following members happy birthday in December:

December Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays this month are:

Dan Kirkpatrick, Doug Snyder, Jim Owen,
Leeta (Skeeter) Pettit, Rhonda Miller, Joe
Talaious, Carole Hart, Cindy Beatty



New Members in 2022

James Olsen
Andrew & Erica Meade
Geoffrey & Jolene Towers
Linda Wise
Roxan Ashburn & Jenni Ruehl
Edward & Barbara Hess
Billy Ray & Dawn Osborn
Terri Kerrivan
Kara Martin & Jack Ly

As a reminder, payment of dues for 2023 is coming up, so plan now to send an updated Membership Application form and your check for \$20.00 to the Membership Director. Below is a link to the form.

http://miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/MVMCMembershipForm_DEC2021.pdf

Please be sure to highlight any changes to your address, phone number, email address, or Miata ownership. If there are no changes, mark "No Changes" on the form and send along anyway!

"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)."

November Meet & Greet and Election of 2023 Officers

The November Meet & Greet was held on Tuesday, November 15th, at TJ Chumps, 7050 Executive Boulevard, Huber Heights, Ohio. Following the business meeting, the club's officers for 2023 were voted upon. Those elected for the coming year are as follows:

Secretary/Treasurer	Pat Valley
Membership Director	Gina Seay
Rally Master	Mike Allen
Technical Director	Tim Howard
Webmaster	Christy Haynes
Newsletter Editor	Dave Berry

Chuck Valley, currently serving as Vice President, will become the 2023 club President as prescribed in the By-laws.

There was not a nominee for the particularly important office of Vice President – who will become the new President in the year 2024, and the position remains open as of publication of this newsletter.

If you have the desire, ability, leadership experience, energy, and just as important, time, to serve as Vice President and then President of your club, please let any of the current or incoming officers know of your interest. The position can be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.



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/>

Miami Valley Miata Club 2022 Christmas Party



We need your Positive OR Negative reply ASAP. If you already RSVP'd and received a reply from Pat, no need to reply again.

When: Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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

Time: 6:00 – 6:30 PM Arrive and Socialize 6:30 – 7:30 PM Dinner and Desserts 7:45 – 9:00 PM
(Optional) Chinese Gift Exchange ~\$25 limit

Members Bring: Dessert or Side Dish to share.

Provided: The Club will provide Lasagna, Fettucine Alfredo, Tossed Salad, and Bread Sticks from Olive Garden, 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 email RSVP to Pat Valley ASAP at trish529@earthlink.net or text to 937-608-5252

Winter Reminder!

by Roger Gordon

For those of us who "put away" our Miata in the winter, remember that there are pesky varmints who love to crawl up into the vehicle and chew on various components. We had something (mice? chipmunk? squirrel?) eat at the wiring of a sitting vehicle years ago and do thousands of dollars damage. Recently our son and daughter-in-law had their 2012 Toyota Rav 4 completely totaled by the insurance company after varmints ate into the wiring harness. And remember that this can happen regardless of whether the car is stored indoor or out.

This year I got one of these electronic gizmos to install under the hood. It supposedly emits electronic sounds and a blinking strobe light that keeps the animals at bay. Does it work? I have no idea, but I'm going to try it anyway - the one I bought was only \$25. This one is battery operated - batteries only last 45 days - so I will need to remember to check and replace batteries in January (not likely). There are also ones that you can hook directly to the car battery. I need to store our Miata covered outdoors so I was not comfortable with using the car battery that way. Surprisingly, the device turns itself off when it detects that the vehicle is in use (driving).

Obviously, you need to be able to attach the device to the car in such a way that it cannot be damaged by heat or vibration. In my case, I was able to zip-tie it to the under-hood insulation. That seems secure enough and out of the way enough.



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

By Tim Howard



Remember those warm spring and summer days when you are out driving your Miata with the top down and you are really enjoying the drive, when it occurs to you that it would be an even better day if you could stop at a nice restaurant to get something cool to drink and a nice meal? That very thing has happened to me. It is at that point that I turn to my wife and suggest that we stop for a nice meal. The answer is almost always the same. I am not going to a nice restaurant

when we both have our hair blown forward like Julius Caesar's long-lost relatives. Well, I think that must have happened to Ed Walker also. The difference between the two of us is that Ed decided to do something about it. He purchased a wind restrictor for his latest NC Miata. This product is a direct replacement for the stock Miata wind restrictor and is much more effective.

Instead of being a plastic screen, it is made of clear acrylic, completely solid, and about two inches taller than the stock unit. As such, it blocks much more of the forward flowing air while not blocking any of your rearward vision. It uses the stock base plate for attachment, so it looks as nice as the original equipment. Although the product actually comes in three designs: clear, etched design, and lighted etched design. Ed and I both agree the clear product is the one to buy. It comes with excellent installation instructions and requires only the simplest of hand



tools for the installation. Ed purchased his from Good-Win Racing, but they are also available from Amazon, eBay, and other sources. Prices range from around \$200.00 for the clear acrylic design to about \$300.00 for the most ornate etched and lighted unit. Ed and I prefer the clear acrylic design because it gives the driver an unobstructed rear view while providing all the advantages of restricted air flow. After owning his unit for several months, Ed recommends that you buy one so you too can enjoy going out to a nice restaurant after those long summertime drives with your wife or significant other.

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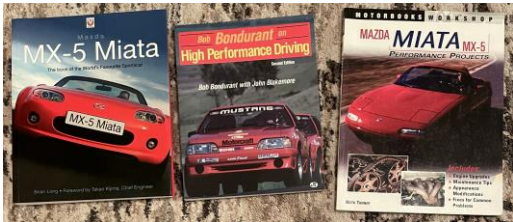
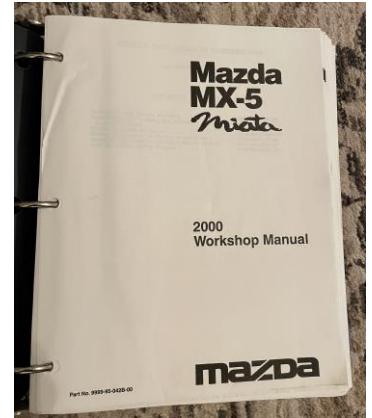


Former member Rick Kurtz would like to find a good home for a number of Miata items.

Per Rick, "I really enjoyed my Miata. I put 130k miles on it and it ran like new. With the service manual I did about 100% work on it. I borrowed a club tool to change the timing belt once. I traded it in on a Mazda CX-5 that now has 115,000 miles on it and runs and looks like new."

- 2000 Miata convertible car cover
- 2000 Miata fuel filter – Purolator F65366
- (2) Nippaparts 2000 Miata oil filters
- (2) Purolator PureOne PL14612 oil filters, fits 2000 Miata
- (1) Purolator air filter, fits 2000 Miata
- (1) Thompson flashing center brake light kit
- (1) Factory Workshop manual for 2000 Miata
- Book: Motorbooks Miata MX-5 Performance Project
- Book: Bob Bondurant on High Performance Driving
- Book: Mazda MX-5 Miata, The book of the World's Favourite Sportcar

Price is right: Free. OBO. You pick up.
Phone: 937-620-4713, text if interested.



Roger Gordon has two USED Miata car covers. These are cheaper car covers that were rated to be for outdoor usage but are not really good for long term outdoor use in heavy weather. Either would be perfect for indoor use. Would be OK for good weather outdoor use. Both have mirror pockets, and both have grommets on the bottoms to you can use a cable to lock them down to prevent theft.

Text Roger at 937-831-4209 if interested in either or both.





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Season and a
most prosperous
and healthy
New Year.

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