



# The Wright Roadster

The Newsletter of the  
Miami Valley Miata Club

"Top Down,  
Enjoying Life!"

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

## From Our Club President

Greetings and Happy New Year!! Welcome to the 2013 edition of the Miami Valley Miata Club. The twenty years past will be hard to top but with your help, we'll try.

It just wouldn't be right to start the year without first thanking the 2012 membership and directors for getting us where we are today. The club grew well over the year and eventually reached something over 100 cars. Half have already re-enrolled. Hopefully, the rest are just waiting until the Meet 'n Greet! We have 5 returning officers who, along with the new officers, will be introduced throughout the year. The club still needs a Technical Director to fill out the board. Ed Kramer, who has served us well for quite a few years promises he will provide all the assistance a new volunteer can stand. So step on up!

As some of you know, I served as club president 7 years ago. At that time I speculated on who would be the first member with a new NC model Miata. Looking back I can't actually tell you who that was (Gordon Stafford?) but I believe that fully a third of the current membership is driving an NC. After checking, I believe that the final 2012 tally was 40 NAs, 35 NBs, and 27 NCs. Well I was close.

I don't think I would be giving anything away by saying that so far, the 2013 Member Survey indicates

that driving to interesting places and driving to get a good meal are tied as the favorite things to do as a group with "an overnight trip" close behind. As in years past, we plan to have a full slate of driving events. A couple of people have already shown interest in leading them. If you have a great location for an overnight, give us a holler! Just as a reminder, a driving event host will receive a gas card and a road event award pin for stepping forward and planning something we can all enjoy. Be sure to contact our Rally Master and let him know you're interested in helping out and, in return, you'll get plenty of help if you need it. Contact information is available on our web site, [www.miamivalleymiatclub.com](http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.com) or the list of officers here in the Wright Roadster. Any one of us will put you in touch with the Rally Master. So far I know that a Virtual Rally has been scheduled and a trip to Miata's at the Gap XIV(?) is being planned. Also, this is the club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so watch for that bit celebration.

In addition to the other events that will be planned throughout the year, we will continue to have monthly "Meet 'n Greet" meetings at a local eatery. **The first one will be on Tuesday January 15 in Vandalia just off Little York Road and Poe Ave at the Little York Pizza and Tavern.**

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Meet n Greets start at 6:30 (many of us get there early)  
For dates, times and details of events go to our web site at  
[www.miamivalleymiatclub.com](http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.com)

## Miami Valley Miata Club 2013 Officers

President Mike Wheeler 	Vice President Steve Trego 	Secretary/Treasurer Russ Loughlin 	Tech Advisor 	Membership Dorothy and Fred Tuzzi 	
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 Steve Miller 1/21  
 Larry Roberts 1/22  
 Chris Vollmer 1/27  
 Bill Bittner Sr. 1/30  
 Mary Northrup 1/30  
 Sam Siembida 1/30  
 Debbie Burnside 1/31



## Welcome New Members

Please welcome Tim and Keri Miller from Valparaiso, IN  
 They drive both a '97 Red and a '99 10th Anniversary Blue, and are also members of the Indy club as well as the Lake Effect Miata Club of northwest Indiana

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## From Our Club President

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We have a little bit of business to conduct so please try and be there otherwise just come to enjoy the food and friendship. As always, some members will arrive early so feel free to join in. I will always take a suggestion on where to hold monthly meetings so if you have a favorite location, please speak up.

Since we're just getting underway, I won't go on and on. Just let me say that I look forward to enjoying my Miata and the camaraderie that goes along with being with a bunch of like minded people. As the new club president I want to invite you to tell me what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong. I can't guarantee that I'll agree with you but I do want to know how you feel. Let's, together, make this great year!

Mike Wheeler  
'06 Brilliant Black

### FYI ON PENETRATING OILS

Interesting! Even if you're not mechanically inclined, this might be worth noting.

"Machinist's Workshop" recently published information on various penetrating oils. The magazine reports they tested these products for "break out torque" on rusted nuts and bolts. A subjective test was made of popular penetrating oils, with the unit of merit being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" bolt.

Average torque load to loosen nut:

No Oil used .....	516 foot pounds
WD-40 .....	238 foot pounds
PB Blaster .....	214 foot pounds
Liquid Wrench .....	127 foot pounds
Kano Kroil .....	106 foot pounds
ATF/Acetone mix.....	53 foot pounds

The ATF/Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50/50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test.

Our local machinist group mixed up a batch, and we all now use it with equally good results. Note also that Liquid Wrench is almost as good as Kroil for 20% of the price.

ATF/Acetone mix is best, but you can also use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50/50 mix. ATF = Any type of Automatic Transmission Fluid

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Gordon Stafford

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## **Meet Steve Trego, Our New VP**

After having a few LBCs (Little British Cars) and loving every minute of owning, driving, and of course repairing them, not to mention sitting on the side of the road waiting for the flat bed, I decided to enter the world of the comfortable, reliable and great handling Miata (it's cute too!).

In addition to owning LBCs I was pretty involved with the Miami Valley Austin Healey club. During that time I had a square body Sprite, the only one in the club for some time, and was the VP for the club as well; great fun and made great friends! Just as our Miata club we had many activities, but we didn't drive much as our club does and certainly did not have over 100 cars!

After not having a sports car for a couple of years I got the itch again for top-down driving fun. Looked at many different cars from just as many countries and found a number of contenders, but I always liked the Miata and the original design, the NA, the best. The only trouble was I thought I wouldn't fit because of being a bit tall. To my pleasant surprise I did fit, and found a beautiful black and tan 1993 with the C package and only 19,000 original miles! After driving the car just around the block I knew it was the one.

Having been a member of the MVMC since May of this past year I have truly enjoyed meeting many of the members and going on the many drives. I am looking forward to serving as VP for the club and helping in planning and making the Miami Valley Miata Club the best it can be.

## **FINAL RENEWAL APPEAL**

The calendar has now rolled over and while we had hoped to have all the membership renewals in place at this point, that isn't quite the case - you know who you are.

Your attention to this at this time is most appreciated. We'd hate for you not to continue receiving the newsletters, or to not receive update emails as we go forward, especially if your intention is to continue with the club. At some point here quite soon we'll also be changing the access codes for the Members Only portion of the website.

You may continue your membership at the Jan 13 (rescheduled) Polar Bear Run, at the Jan 15 Meet & Greet, or please send your \$20 cash or check (to MVMC)

(If for whatever reason you will not be renewing, we would appreciate knowing that also. Drop us an email or a phone call and then we won't bug you to death. And only if you so choose we'd be interested as to why you won't be continuing.)

Dorothy and Fred Tuzzi, membership chairs

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# ***MIAMI VALLEY MIATA CLUB***

## ***POLAR BEAR RUN 2012 (13)***

**New Date** Sunday January 13, 2013

**10:00am Frisch's Restaurant, I-75/Ohio 73**

8201 Claude Thomas Road, Franklin OH 45005

Drivers Meeting 10:15

Departure 10:30

**12:00pm Tumbleweed Southwest Grill, I-70/Ohio 48**

9190 North Main Street, Dayton 45415 937-836-6057

Lunch when we get there

- The whole idea is for a top-down drive. Yes, it may be a bit cold, but that's why it's called the 'Polar Bear Run'. It's more fun doing this event with your top down but it is not required. If you've never participated and are somehow in doubt about our sanity, it's actually a lot of fun. With the combination of your heater on high-heat, 1 or both of your windows up, and clothing appropriate to the Fahrenheit forecast for the day, as if you were hiking in a moderate wind, all of which should make the top-down drive much more comfortable than you would ever suspect. Yeah, there may definitely be some doubting-Thomases about how comfortable one can be with the top down on a cold winter day, but you will not be as cold or uncomfortable as you might think. Keep in mind you don't need to put yours down until after you arrive at the starting point.
- Please bring your CB's because a minimum of 2 volunteer-drivers with CB's will be needed: 1 to be positioned in the middle of the caravan and 1 to be at the end in order to communicate with the lead car concerning some of the group being held up at traffic lights, intersections, etc.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, make every effort keeping up with car in front of you - maximum speed will be no more than 50mph - a tight formation makes for a shorter length of time for the entire drive and for a very cool looking grouping as we pass astonished onlookers.
- The 2013 drive will be approximately 1 hour long depending on how many stops we have to make because of the group being held up throughout the drive.
- Please try to participate - the more the merrier. The early lunch time will allow plenty of time for reveler's evening celebration plans.

RSVP by Friday, January 11 because I have to let

Tumbleweed know the number. Paulhaller

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