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The President's Corner

by Mike Wheeler

Welcome to March! The first month of Spring, though it's still a couple of weeks away. Also, the month for the wearing 'o the green! The month when everyone is Irish, and blarney is the order of the day. Especially if you used to be a racer! More importantly though, it's probably the first month that it will be safe to plan for some top-down driving in your Miata. As I write this, the week ahead has several nice sunny days in the forecast. February was slow but things should pick up now.

Speaking of top-down drives, the club has an event scheduled for the 19th of March. Dan Kirkpatrick has arranged for a short drive followed by a visit to the brand-new Miami Valley Military History Museum located in Fairborn. Lunch will be scheduled in there somewhere. Mark your calendars for the first club drive of the year.

Just before that, on the 15th of March, will be the monthly Meet and Greet. This month's meeting will be at **Bennett's**

Publical, 67 S. Main St. Miamisburg OH. We've secured a private room on the ground floor and, as usual, the meeting will start at 6:30 but feel free to arrive as early as 5:30 for food and socializing. I've not been there but I'm told it's a great location with a good menu.

There are several events scheduled for April so check the club calendar on the website and start your planning. Not much more to talk about. The club will be 29 years old this year. Jeff Schmitt's Mazda is still the club sponsor so be sure to check out and use the club discounts. And keep the shiny side up.

Mike Wheeler
Highland Green '07







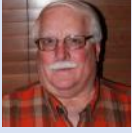



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Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2022

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

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
Mar 15	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Bennett's Pubical, Miamisburg
Mar 19	Drive to the Miami Valley Military History Museum	Dan Kirkpatrick et al	Fairborn
Apr 14-17	Dogwoods in the Smokies	Mike Wheeler	Knoxville/Marysville, TN
Apr 16	Spring Shop Day	Randy Mott & Tim Howard	Mott Farm, Casstown, OH
Apr 30	Drive & Picnic	Mike & Gail Allen	TBA
May 7	Plain Folk Café Drive & Dine	Dave & Peggy Berry	Plain Folk Café, Pleasant Plain
May 13	MX-5 Cup	Jeff Monnier	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH
May 14	Drive & Picnic	Randy & Lynda Mott	TBA

Calendar note: The club has tentatively scheduled an outing to a Dayton Dragons game on May 19. However, there continue to be tense negotiations between Major League Baseball and its players over a new Collective Bargaining Agreement that could affect both MLB and minor league schedules. Stay tuned.

From the Membership Desk

By Chris Vollmer
Membership Director

We added three new members in February. Welcome Roxan Ashburn, Jenni Ruehl, and Edward & Barbara Hess to the club!

We wish the following members happy birthday in March:

March Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays this month are:

Anne Talafous, Chet Hallett, Darden Whitaker, Frank Hubbell, Gail Allen, Joanne Vincent, Mary Anne Blazer, Mike Murphy, Patti Purdin, Susan Cain, Timothy West

New Members in 2022

Edward & Barbara Hess
Jenni Ruehl
Roxan Ashburn
Terri Kerivan



Renew Your Membership

Club membership dues are payable now; 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.

 **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/>

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Beginning Bank Balance: \$4,847.61

Expenses for the month: \$-0-

Income for the month: \$80.00 [from membership dues]

Ending Bank Balance: \$4,927.61

Items For Sale

Dianne and Dan Long offer a set of tires for sale

TIRES - Capital Sport UHP 205-145ZR16

Set of 4

Mounted on NB stock wheels

10,000 miles

Asking \$275

diane_long@sbcglobal.net

Dan's cell - 937-238-9670



"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)."

March Meet & Greet

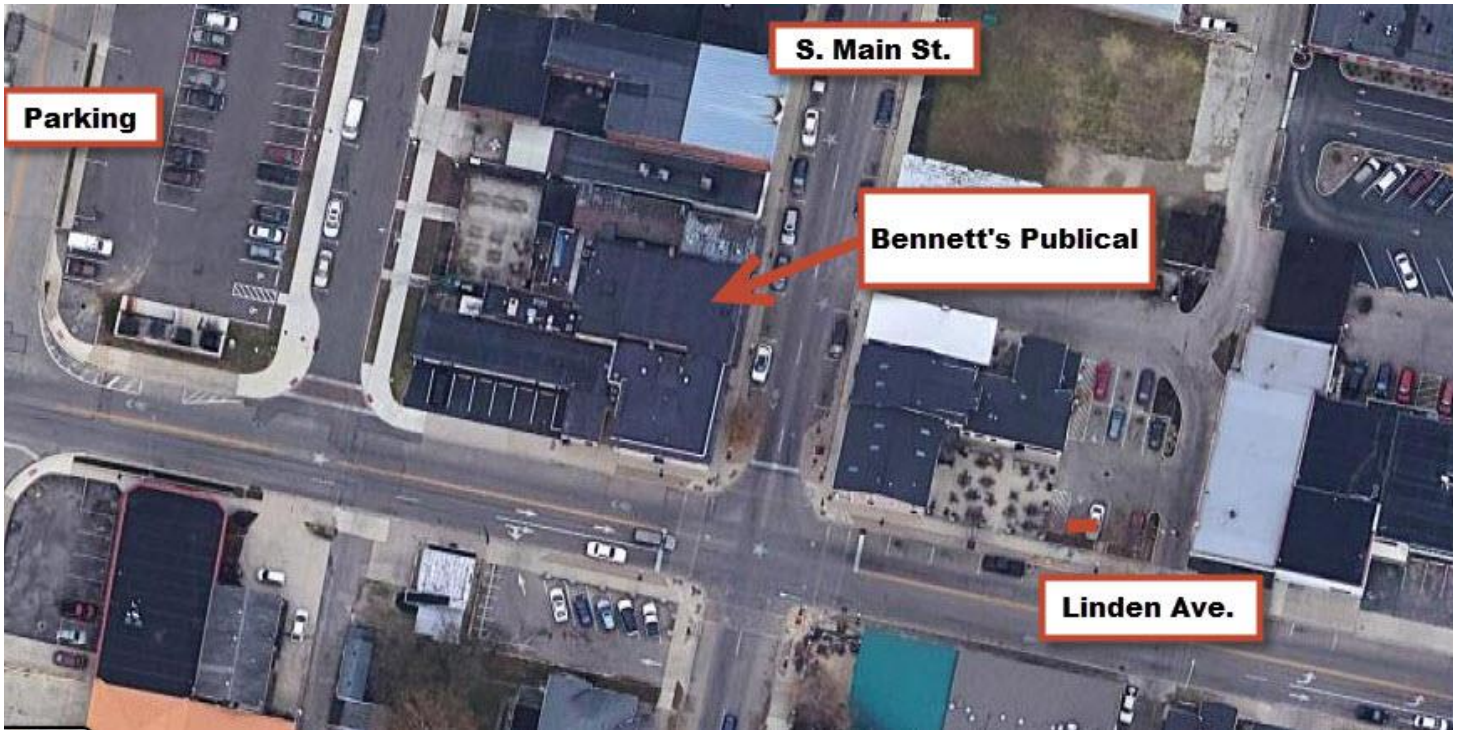
Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill

67 S. Main Street

Miamisburg, Ohio

<http://www.bennettspubical.com/>

Meeting starts at 6:30pm, but feel free to arrive as soon as 5:30pm to order early and socialize!



Ready for a Road Trip?



This storied event, originating in 2009, has been put on hold the last two years due to the COVID pandemic. But it looks like this year, IT WILL HAPPEN!

Barber Motorsports Park is truly a world class facility, offering a first-class experience for all sports car enthusiasts, and especially for the Miata Reunion family on July 30-31st.

Want track time? It doesn't get much better. Barber was selected as the official U.S. home for the Porsche Track Experience. 2.366 miles, 16 turns, FIA Grade 2. Regarded as one of the top road courses in the U.S.

World famous motoring museum? The Barber Museum houses the world's largest collection of Lotus race cars, and coincidentally is in the Guinness Book of World records for the world's largest collection of motorcycles. (We are negotiating a special discounted entry fee for registered Miata Reunion attendees.)

Social time with Miata owners from all over? We'll have our traditional Moss BBQ & Car Show again on the Friday of the event weekend. Ready to dress up for a special Miata evening? This year our banquet will be *inside the museum*, featuring Tom Matano and Norman Garrett as our keynote speakers. Seating limited to the first 400.

How about a Car Control Clinic hosted and taught by the pros? Jzilla Track Days will be running their clinic over at the Proving Ground (at the track) on Saturday. No roll bars or special equipment required (just helmets).

Parade Laps! We invite everyone registered for the event to join us during lunch on Saturday to drive your Miata on this iconic track during Parade Laps for the Group Photo and Event Video.

We will be publishing further details and pricing info at the Miata Reunion website soon, so watch for the announcement. Please mark your calendars.

REGISTRATION OPENS ON MARCH 5TH AT 9AM PACIFIC.

<https://miatareunion.com/>

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

By Tim Howard



One of the comments frequently made by the owners of NC Miatas with standard transmissions is that it is difficult to find a comfortable driving position. Small- to average-sized drivers complain that it is difficult to adjust the seat to a position that allows them to fully depress the clutch pedal and not be too close to the steering wheel for arm comfort. To quote Good Win Racing, the problem is not so much the overall height of the driver, but the combination of the driver's inseam and arm length. For instance, Good Win says that it is common for a 5'

11" driver with an inseam of 30 inches or shorter to have difficulty finding a seat adjustment that is comfortable.

Well, the 5' 11" example is me. It was not that I could not drive my 2013 NC, it just was not comfortable. Then Ed Walker told me what he had done to correct this same problem. He purchased a clutch pedal extender offered exclusively through Good Win Racing. His recommendation was so glowing that he convinced me to part with \$84.00 for an extender. The product I received was a well-engineered product that added 1.5 inches to the height of the clutch pedal.



The extender above all else was easy to install but was also well

designed and built. More importantly, it worked as advertised. It took about 15 minutes to install with two screws which were included and an owner-supplied 4mm allen wrench. The hardest part was removing and reinstalling the rubber cover on the clutch pedal. A small amount of dish soap can make this job much easier. Additionally, if you have some on hand, a small amount of thread lock on each of the two screws would also be a good idea.

Like Ed, I am well pleased with this product. My driving position is now much more comfortable. If you want more information on this clutch pedal extender, go to the Good Win Racing website and look under interior parts for 2006 through 2015 NC Miatas. Good Win is known for providing excellent and informative presentations about each product that they offer for sale.