



The Wright Roadster

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Miami Valley Miata Club

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Enjoying Life!"

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The President's Corner



Greetings Miataphiles!

I saw snowflakes out my window here at the St. Pia Zadora Golden Buckeye Retirement Community and Rehab Facility somewhere near Pisgah the other day so it's official that the winter driving season is upon us! Even though the calendar doesn't say it and it was 66 degrees this week I guess I'll go ahead and mount the other tires as soon as I can get down that low.

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall colors. Seems a little less colorful than last year, must be too much rain. Or is that too little rain? I can never keep that straight. Oh well, the folks that went to Hocking Hills not once but twice last month should have had a great view. I have one less large tree in my yard but the sugar maple has been beautiful as it is every year. Of course after the foliage view then comes the true meaning of "Fall". Be careful out there as those leaves can be slippery on the roads.

Just a couple of things to remind you of this month. The clubs annual Christmas Party is being held Saturday, December 7, New Carlisle Sportsman's Club. The party planning is underway so be sure to contact Santa Steve Hayden if you'd like to be involved in the preparations. Check the club web site for details complete with a map.

Also, I want to mention the November Meet 'n Greet. This is our annual Business Meeting and we will be holding the election of club officers for 2014. All positions save one are open so if you'd like to participate in the clubs leadership, now is your opportunity to get involved.

That's all for this month. Hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting this month.

Ciao,
Mike Wheeler
Brilliant Black '06

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New Members

Please welcome:

Bob and Evie Heckman of Piqua - brand new 2013 Silver Metallic hardtop.

Patrick and Dena Czeiszperger of Oakwood - 2001 Black (aftermarket turbo)

Bob and Michelle Wolz of Beavercreek - also a new 2013, and also Silver.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Yes, it's that time of year again when your membership renewal is up for consideration. We hope to have the majority in hand by the end of the year per our by-laws. The dues continue to be only \$20 for all your Miata enjoyment. (Those of you who joined in this last calendar quarter are already covered for 2014.)

We are asking that each of you fill out a new form this year as we have continued to use what you submitted several years ago in most cases for the last several renewals, and phone numbers and cars have changed in many cases. This form <http://miamivalleymiataclub.com/forms/Application.pdf> can be downloaded from the web and sent in. We will also have them on hand at the November Meet & Greet.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing all of you back again!

Dorothy and Fred Tuzzi, Membership

CONGRATULATIONS! to Dan Kirkpatrick, club member, just elected as Fairborn's next Mayor. Best wishes, Dan, from all of us in the Miami Valley Miata Club. We look forward to when you are back mingling among us all.

Next Meet n Greet Tuesday November 19



Champps

7880 Washington Village Drive

Centerville, OH 45459

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STARTS AT 6:30 (SOME COME EARLY)

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

By Ed & Tim

OUR THURSDAY SHOP DAY

So ya can't get outside anymore and it's not even decent driving weather and your look'in for somethin' to do. Tim, Larry and I have an answer. Join us here at the shop on Thursdays for tinkering, coffee & donuts and kibitzing. We have already solved most of the worlds problems - Flash lent his genius to Tim's electrical meltdown and John's cel is no longer lit. Now how can you beat that! Seriously, love to have you come out from 10:00 till noonish on Thursdays for no other reason than some good old time fellowship. Give a call first just to make sure - 862-4434

AND I IN MY CAP, HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN FOR A LONG WINTERS NAP

About this time every year I get questions about winter car 'inactivity' and storage. Not all situations are going to be ideal, but we can always make a situation better;

Parking

That's a no brainer. You need a heated garage keeping temps fairly even with a thick car cover. Not available? Then you need to consider the following;

- 1) No garage? How about a car port that will keep the rain and snow off? If not, park your car on pavement avoiding grass or gravel. Moisture coming up from the ground is more damaging than what comes down as rain. Car covers are great in a protected environment but tend to collect damaging moisture when used in the open.
- 2) Make sure all your fluids are fresh and topped off. Brake and clutch fluid that is dark will be contaminated with water and potentially damaging to brake/clutch parts. Fill the gas tank with premium and make sure the gas cap is properly tightened. I really don't recommend a stabilizer for the typical three to four months of inactivity.
- 3) A battery tender (not charger) will prolong the life of your battery, especially if you have a glass mat (sealed) battery.

Engine start-ups

Ideally your car should be driven (with verve) for about 45 minutes once a week. Idling your car for a half hour in the winter is not recommended because the car can't get to operating temperature to drive out moisture from the engine and exhaust as well as circulate other fluids. If this is not possible then leave the car alone until the driving season restarts. Starting an engine that has not been run for a couple of weeks means very little oil is left on the cylinder walls. This 'dry' start scours the cylinders thus lowering your, all important, compression.

After an extended 'sleep', remove the spark plugs and spray Sea-Foam Deep Creep into the cylinders. With the plugs still out, turn the engine over a few seconds to lube the piston rings and walls. Don't want to do that? Than limited your dry starts to as few as possible.

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MIAMI VALLEY MIATA CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY



We are having our Miata Club Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 7**, at the New Carlisle Sportsman's Club 1475 Folk Ream Road, Springfield, Ohio, 45504, at 6:00 PM. All club members are invited, this is your invitation and announcement all rolled into one. Because of this magnificent setting, our theme this year is Christmas in the Country.

The club will provide the sandwich fixen's and non-alcoholic beverages, and members are asked to bring your favorite covered dish(es) (salad, casserole, or dessert) and BYOB.

Again, this year we will be decorating the Christmas tree with Mitten, Hat, and Sock for those less fortunate. The clothing will be donated to St. Vincent's.

In addition, we will have an optional Chinese gift exchange. If you are a couple, and you bring two gifts, you take two gifts home. If you are a couple, and you bring one gift, you take one gift home. Price limit on the gifts is \$15.00. Please wrap your gifts but no tags. If you decide not to participate in the gift exchange, that's ok too. There will also be door prize drawings for various Miata logoed items.

We will try to stick to the following schedule:

4:30 Works arrive

6:00 Arrive, socialize, and set up the covered dish items.

6:30 Dinner Line

7:00 Gift Exchange (Gifts can be stolen but are frozen at the third steal)

8:00 Door Prize drawings

In between, we'll do some mixing games, singing, and other fun opportunities.

Please RSVP to Steve & Sharry Hayden at steve@Haydeninc.com by December 3 with the number of people attending and your names. We need to know how much meat and cheese to buy. Space is not a problem this year, the club house is a beautiful log building with lots of room.

This should be a fun evening in a great setting, please call Steve or Sharry at 233-7180 if you have questions.

Directions:

I-70 E

Slight right onto OH-4 E (signs for Enon/Springfield) in 1.3 mi

Take the exit toward Enon/Donnellsville in 0.1 mi

Turn left onto Enon Rd in 1.8 mi

Continue onto Milton Carlisle Rd in 0.4 mi

Continue onto Lost Rd in 0.9 mi

Sharp left onto New Carlisle Pike in 0.9 mi

Turn right onto Folk Ream Rd

Look for the luminaries on the left

Hocking Hill Fall Foliage Drive n Dine – Follow Up Report

During the month of October we had two separate drives scheduled to Hocking Hills; one on Saturday, Oct 19th and another on Saturday, Oct 26th. The earlier trip had to be moved from Saturday to Sunday because of the rainy weather forecasted for Saturday. We started the drivers' meeting by singing Happy Birthday to Byron Pettit and my wife (Jayna), who were each celebrating birthdays on Oct 20th. The weather on Sunday, Oct 20th was chilly, but turned out to be a beautiful day. We had 10 cars on the Oct 20th drive (many with their tops down).



The trip scheduled for Saturday, Oct 26th was also chilly, but turned out to be a beautiful day, and we had 13 cars on the Oct 26th drive (many with their tops down).

At the end of both drives we had a very nice meal at the Hocking Hills Dining Lodge, and we took walking hikes after our meals at Cedar Falls and Ash Cave.

We were very happy with the weather, and turnout we had for both drives and are hoping to plan 1-2 drives in 2014. I hope all of those persons who joined us enjoyed their drive to Hocking Hills.

Thanks ... Fred and Jayna Hoppel





