

Miami Valley
Miata Club



THE WRIGHT ROADSTER

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The President's Corner

by Jim Brokaw

Welcome to the September edition of *The Wright Roadster*! I'm writing this note on Labor Day, which by many is considered the unofficial end of summer. But we all know that Labor Day does not mark the end of fun for Miata owners. With cool, dry, clear weather and colorful fall foliage, many of the best opportunities of the year for fun top-down driving still lie ahead of us! Speaking of beautiful scenery, if you've never driven the Smoky Mountains in the fall, or even if you have, consider joining us for the Fall Foliage Drive, October 28-31. This year we will be based at the Townsend Gateway Inn, and you can call them at (865) 238-0123 for reservations.

Our annual picnic is set for September 14th at the Elizabeth Township Pavilion southeast of Troy. The Club will provide burgers and dogs. Please bring a side for sharing, and if you're not comfortable with sharing, please feel free to bring your own culinary delights!

Fall is also car show season! Coming up this month are the Patriot Salute Car Show at the Dayton VA grounds on September 11; the 2021 Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park and the Fairborn Car Show, both on Sept 19th; and the Pet Fest Car Show in Kettering on Sept 25th.

Unfortunately, once again due to Covid, Jeff Schmitt Mazda is unable to host our annual Pizza Party in October. We have been anticipating this and intend to find a new location for our party. Watch your email queue for an update as we get closer.








Our Vice President, Mike Wheeler, is heading up our Nomination Committee for our 2022 Executive Committee slate. As always, all positions are open, except for the President. If you are interested in helping to lead our Club, please let Mike know. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Pizza Party.

Get out there and enjoy the weather! Have fun, stay safe and we'll see you at the picnic!

"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 2021

 President Jim Brokaw	 Secretary-Treasurer Patti Purdin
 Vice President Mike Wheeler	 Technical Director Tim Howard
 Membership Director Pat Valley	 Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Dave Berry
 Rally Master Chuck Valley	(Empty cell)

MVMC 2021 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
Sep 11	Patriot Salute Car Show	Dan Kirkpatrick	Dayton VA Campus
Sep 14	Annual Picnic	MVMC Officers	Elizabeth Township Office Pavilion, near Casstown, OH
Sep 19	Dayton Concours d'Elegance	Tim Howard	Carillon Park
Sep 19	Fairborn Car Show	Dan Kirkpatrick	Main St. & Central Ave., Fairborn, OH
Sep 25	Pet Fest Car Show	Dan Kirkpatrick	Delco Park, Kettering, OH
Oct 19	Meet & Greet/Pizza Party	MVMC Officers	TBA
Oct 28-31	Fall Foliage Tour	Chuck & Pat Valley	SE Tennessee
Nov 16	Meet & Greet/Election of 2022 Officers	MVMC Officers	TBA

NOTE: The Miata Reunion scheduled for October 23-24 at New Jersey Motorsports Park HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

From the Membership Desk

by Pat Valley
Membership Director

I am trying something new this month – instead of identifying individual birthdays as has been done in the past, I am posting a general Happy Birthday MONTH for any members with birthdays this month. The news is full of reports of hacks and leaks; therefore, I think it might be prudent to be less specific with any personal data that *could* be added to other data that might result in a “bad guy’s” opportunity to steal someone’s identity.

If you are opposed to this method of birthday announcement going forward, please email your comments to me at patvalley@earthlink.net.

There were no new members added in August.

We wish the following members happy birthday in September:

September Birthdays

Notice: We have become concerned to protect members’ information from prying eyes and scammers. We are discontinuing listing specific birthdates.

September birthdays are:

Joe Beatty, Charlene Brokaw, Dale Burnside, Roger Gordon, Paul Haller, Tim Hart, Russ Loughlin, Jeanne Ponziani, Michael Ryan, Chuck Valley, and Ed Walker.

New Members in 2021

Pete & Marissa Ballentine
Vickie & Tom Gordon
Roderick & Stephanie Leupp
A.J. Mesaros, Jr.
Erik Vasco
Jeff & Bridget Fath
Joe & Cindy Beatty
Nancy & Albert Szkarupa
Moe & Marie LaBrie
Bob & Terry Stockholm



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/>

Rally Blast from the Past

Chuck Valley, our intrepid Rally Master, had pressing engagements this month, including a trip to Florida (in the summertime? Yikes!). So in lieu of his monthly report, we feature a piece that appeared in the club's newsletter exactly 26 years ago. This gives you an idea of the MVMC's activities in its earliest years. It's interesting that the theme for what is described is quite similar to our Tour de Gem Rallies of the last two years.

Note one difference: a participation fee was charged. This was common in the early years.

FUN RALLY !!!

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1995

- WHAT:** This will be a question and answer gimmick rally. You must follow a cryptic, humorous set of route instructions to stay on course. Along the way, there will be questions to answer by being observant of your surroundings. Points will be awarded for staying on course (closest to actual course mileage) and for correct answers to the questions. Penalties will be assessed for finishing the rally **too early or too late**. The course will take you over some great scenic back roads south of the Dayton area. The rally will end at a restaurant so we can get something to eat, swap lies, and award highly valuable prizes. If Cheryl Curtis from Cincinnati doesn't show up, the rest of us may have a chance to win something ! Please bring pen, paper, clipboard, compass, Cray computer, prayer beads, and Ouija Board.
- WHERE:** We will meet in the Cub Foods parking lot on Wilmington Pike, just south of I-675. Take the "Wilmington Pike-Bellbrook" Exit #7 off I-675 and turn south.
- WHEN:** Sunday, 24 September 1995. We will meet at 11 AM. First car out at 11:30.
- COST:** Fee is \$5 for MVMC Miatas and \$10 for Non-MVMC Miatas. (We have to cover the cost of all those valuable prizes somehow !)
- SIGN-UP:** Please call Rally Masters Bill and Sharron Mattingly to sign-up for this stellar event: (513) 848-2050.

Used Car Prices Have Gotten Crazy!

And it ain't the first time!

As we all know, with seemingly no end in sight for the current dealer shortages, used car prices are going through the roof!

Here are a few examples of newspaper ads for NA Miatas. Remember, the base price for a 1990 Miata was \$13,800. Getting one fully loaded with all extras, including the removable hard top, would push the sticker price to just over \$17,000. Stand by for some serious sticker shock:

'90 MIATA Red. A pckg., AC, cruise, HT, \$25K.

'89 MIATA CONV Wht Air. \$26.5k/obo (PRIMO)

'90 MIATA red/blk int. Detachable HT/Conv. Fully loaded, air bag on driver side, full instrumentation, p/s, p/w, p/b, cruz cntrl, a/c, a/fm stereo. Chance of a lifetime. \$45.8K cash money. First come first serve.

'90 MIATA RARE BLUE, PKG A, under 100 miles. \$27,500


'90 MIATA Showroom Condition. Red, Air and options. \$22,000

All the above Miatas were listed for sale in the Los Angeles Times in **October 1989**, except for the last one, which was in the Dayton Daily News. It was an exciting first year, deliveries could not keep up with demand, and clearly, some unscrupulous people were looking take advantage of the Miata craze to make a quick buck. Happy shopping!

- Jim Brokaw

Below is a sample current advertisement of a used Miata for sale. The asking price is nearly what I paid for my NC NEW in 2009. It's crazy, all right! - Editor

Here is the 2009 Mazda MX-5 Miata you were looking at.



INSPECTED BY PARTNER ⓘ

**2009 MAZDA
MX-5 MIATA**

Sport
8,499 miles
VIN: JM1NC25F290204687

\$17,590
Shipping: \$390

PURCHASE PENDING

VIEW THIS CAR

OUR CLUB SPONSOR
Jeff Schmitt Mazda



MVMC Car Shows - September 2021

- Patriot Salute Car Show

Date: Saturday, Sep 11, 2021

Registration: starts at 0900

Awards: given out at 1600

Cost per entry: \$15

Location: Dayton VA grounds, Adjacent to the Putnam Library, 120 Ohio Ave

Special Notes: Prizes for different categories. Food trucks.

RSVP: none required

- Fairborn Car Show

Date: Sunday, Sep 19, 2021

Registration: starts at 0900

Awards: given out at 1600

Cost per entry: \$15

Location: Main Street and Central Ave in Fairborn

Special Notes: Goodie bags with dash plaques to the first 250 registrations. T-shirts. Car Club with the most entries will win a trophy.

RSVP to Dan Kirkpatrick at 937-673-4178 or Daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com to pre-register and to reserve a space for all MVMC entries. Provide T-shirt size

- Pet Fest Car Show - Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association

Date: Saturday, Sep 25, 2021

Registration: starts at 1000

Awards: none

Cost Per entry: No cost

Location: Delco Park in Kettering, 1700 Delco Park Dr.

Special Notes: MVMC cars will be the only cars in the car show. In 2022 they are planning a full car show. Food trucks. Pet vendors. 4-H Petting area

RSVP to Dan Kirkpatrick at 937-673-4178 or Daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com by Sep 10 with T-shirt size (provided free to MVMC cars)



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

It's not Tim Howard this month. He is taking a little break. So as we did for Rally Master, Chuck Valley, we have tracked down an article from a 1995 newsletter. Now, if you have had the good fortune of owning a Miata M Edition, this will perk you up right away.

Thanks to club founder Drake Daum for contributing this way back when.

More M Speedster Minutiae

by Drake Daum

In page 14 of the 4 Sep 1995 issue of Autoweek, Matt DeLorenzo writes in his "Off the Line" column about the recent Autoweek sponsored Rolling Concours held in Monterey CA.

He mentions Mazda's Tom Matano and Jay Amestoy and the obvious fun they both had driving the Miata M Speedster concept car in the parade of exotic vehicles. (Great picture of Tom and the M Speedster on page 32). Those of us in the MCA who attended the M Speedster's world debut at the Chicago Auto Show in February remember the passionate speeches delivered by Tom and Jay about Mazda, the new M Edition Miata, and the M Speedster concept vehicle.

Tom and Jack Pitney brought the M Speedster to the recent Rock 'n' Roll National Miata Rally hosted by the Northcoast Miata Club in Cleveland. (*thank you Jane Schweitzer for a wonderful time and for all your hard work*) The M Speed-

ster was extensively driven on public roads around the area by various automotive journalists. For a concept car, it has proven to be very road-worthy indeed, (over 4000 miles on it so far). The car was on the track at Nelson Ledges Race Course and driven to the awards banquet at the Crawford Auto Museum, as well as the last day's events at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and was parked UN-ATTENDED out in the lot with all the other lowly (i.e. production) Miatas. During this small lapse in oversight, an MVMC car sticker mysteriously became affixed to the



Speedster's windshield, making it and Tom Matano honorary members. I have NO idea how this could've happened. (*You go collect the \$20, Drake--Tom*)

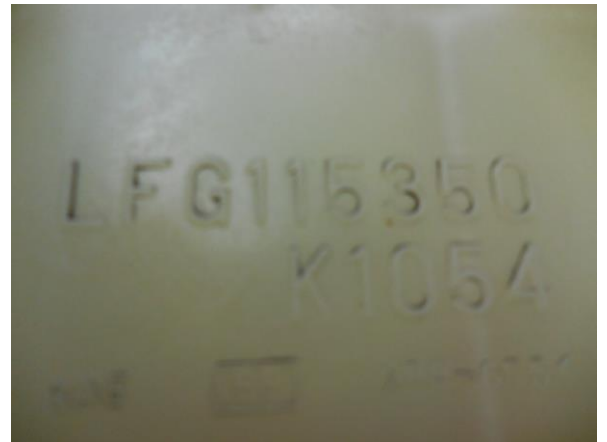
Miata Parts for Sale!

For Sale - Steel braided clutch line for NB and maybe NA models. New, never used. \$25. Contact Pat 937-232-5614 or p19g53@gmail.com



Also for sale:

Two coolant tanks for NC Miata. These tanks are used. They came from a 2012 NC and a 2013 NC. The part numbers are the same - LFG115350. Get your spare today! \$30 each. 937-232-5614 phone or text.



More Miata Parts Still for Sale!

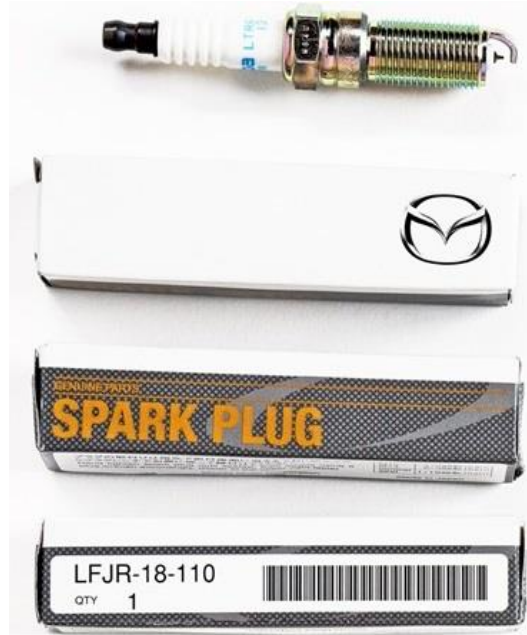
Susan Cain's 2003 Miata was totaled in an accident in December when a woman turned in front of her (yikes!). She was bummed, to say the least, but soon replaced it with a black 2015 Grand Touring with retractable hard top (good show!). Before the 2003's unfortunate demise, Susan had invested in a number of upgrades which she now offers for sale to MVMC members.



Miata Hard Top Storage Stand
Used, like new - \$75
Contact info: Susan Cain
lawcain7@outlook.com



Miata Hard Top Cover - \$20
Contact info: Susan Cain
lawcain7@outlook.com



OEM Spark Plugs, new LFJR-18-110
Purchased 2018, never used - \$20



Miata Boot Cover, Parchment, 1999-2005 - \$50
Contact info: Susan Cain, lawcain7@outlook.com

Item Descriptions

- Hard Top Trolley Cart or Storage Stand w/locking wheels, black, 40x30x20, like new - \$75
- Hard Top Storage Cover, gray, like new - \$20
- OEM Mazda Spark Plugs, 'LFJR-18-110' in original boxes. New. Purchased in 2018 for 2015 NC, but never used - \$20
- Parchment Tan Vinyl Boot Cover from 2003 NB, very good condition - \$50

Contact info: Susan Cain, lawcain7@outlook.com, 937-232-3363 - please leave message