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Our incoming officers:

MVMC 2016 Board

President:	Dave Berry
Vice President:	Chuck Valley
Membership Chair:	Pat Valley
News Letter Chair:	Rosemary Clark
Web Master:	Elizabeth Klinc
Technical Directors:	Tim Howard
	Ed Kramer
Rally Master:	Mike Wheeler
Treasurer:	Russ Loughlin



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

When is winter coming?" My wife, Peggy, asked me that question recently after a spell of spring-like weather in December. Personally, I am happy if winter never arrives. Sure, I enjoyed it as a child, with sledding and snowball fights ensuing. But as an adult, I would be happy to slip through fall and right into spring.

Of course winter brings cold temperatures (*usually*) to our parts, and snow and ice as well. The latter can make winter driving perilous. Some of our members avoid this by heading south, while others garage their Miatas until spring. I continue to drive mine, but since my workplace is my home, I can be selective when I do – so no driving it if there is slippery stuff on the road. It doesn't hurt that my bank, a grocery store, pharmacy, coffee shop, and a decent restaurant are all within walking distance. I hope that those of you who spend winter here, and use your Miata for regular transportation, will take extra care. Put on those snow tires!

Winter also brings us into a new calendar year, and with that at least a partial changeover in the club' slate of officers. We have been fortunate in that the process has been practically seamless for the several years that I have observed, and with the help of our outgoing crew, I fully anticipate that will repeat. So while we welcome newcomers Chuck and Pat Valley to the team, the continuation of Russ Loughlin, Tim Howard, Ed Kramer, Rosemary Clark, Liz Klinc and the return of Mike Wheller brings us outstanding stability that will make all our jobs easier.

Winter brings one other thing – an important planning period for the Club' activities for the coming year. The officers will kick things off with a board meeting in mid-January, and we intend to follow for the third year running with a planning meeting, open to everyone. It looks like there are already a number of events anticipated, including regulars like the Virtual Rally, and some drives that were targeted for last year but did not take place. We also hope to explore a project for updating/modernizing the Club' logo, so you can start thinking about that as well.

So here is looking forward to an outstanding 2016, and we shall see you soon! *Dave Berry*



CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Renew Your Membership!

Annual Dues are \$20.00, January through December

[View and Download the Membership Form \(PDF\)](#)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPEAL

The calendar has now rolled over and while we had hoped to have all the membership renewals completed by this time, there are those who keep forgetting or putting it off.

Your attention to this sooner rather than later 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.

We will leave renewals open through February. March will mark the changing of the access codes for the "Members Only" portion of the website. At this time we will update the newsletter and email distribution lists as well.

You may download the renewal form online at: <http://miamivalleymiatclub.org/node/125> and turn it in at the Jan 19 Meet & Greet, or mail it along with your \$20 cash or check (payable to MVMC).

If you have decided not to renew, we would like to be in the know. And if you wouldn't mind, please share with us your reason(s) why. Drop me an email or a phone call and then I won't pester you anymore.

Thank you!
Pat Valley, Membership Chair
pvalley529@yahoo.com
937-608-5252



TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

AND ALL OUR

RETURNING MEMBERS



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

01/05 Steve Trego
01/06 Don Bennett
01/09 John Muhlenkamp
01/13 Paula Goodrich
01/14 Kathleen Lach
01/14 Paula Bennett
01/17 Dianne Long
01/18 Norma Kirkpatrick
01/19 Jeanne Zlocki
01/21 Steve Miller
01/22 Larry Roberts
01/26 Charles (Chuck) White
01/27 Chris Vollmer
01/28 Eric Klinc
01/31 Debbie Burnside

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RALLY REPORT: Drives and Activities for 2016



Jan. 13 Board meeting at 6:30pm at Spinoza's at the Mall at Fairfield Commons.

Jan. 19 Meet & Greet

Jan. 30 planning meeting



JANUARY MEET & GREET

The January 19 Meet & Greet at Don Pablo's will kick off our new year. So please, everyone come out of winter hibernation and join us for an enjoyable evening of food, drink and socializing.

When: Tuesday, January 19, 2016
(5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

Where: Don Pablo's, 2745 Fairfield Commons, Beaver creek, Ohio 45431

Don Pablo's serves a varied menu of Tex-Mex delights, including appetizers, salads, combos and entrees.

.Meet your new officers:

If you haven't had an opportunity to meet your new officers since November's election, we hope you will come on out and say hello. We like to meet and speak with every one of you.

New members are especially welcome:

If you are new to the club, some of us may still be looking to welcome you to the club and learn more about your interests and share our own experiences with you. The Meet & Greet is a great venue to get acquainted.

Website: <http://www.donpablos.com/>



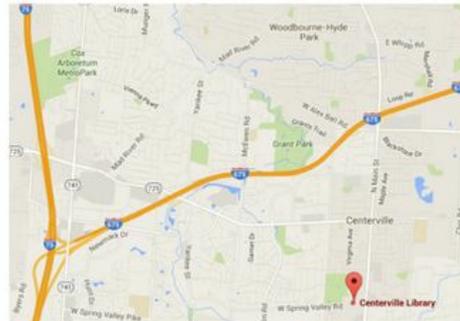
You're Invited!



Event: Annual Planning Meeting

When: Saturday, January 30, 10:00am to 12:30pm

Where: Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Street, Centerville, Ohio 45458



Details: Share your ideas for 2016 MVMC events and activities and help us map out a year full of fun, excitement and comradery. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Please reply to this invitation if you plan to attend.

RSVP



A note from Rosemary:

We all enjoy photo's as reminders of our enjoyable experiences. For those of us using smart phones and it's camera app, **PLEASE** take a few snaps at those Miata activities, from the meet&greet to those great drives that you are participating in,

THEN take a moment to SHARE with the membership via email share to: miamivalleyMC@gmail.com



POLAR BEAR RUN 2015



**GOOD
FRIENDS**

**GOOD
FOOD**

**GOOD
TIMES**

Hi Everyone,



A heads up for all the officers:

I am scheduling a 2016 MVMC planning meeting for Saturday, January 30, and I will be putting out an announcement to the membership within a day or two. The meeting will take place at the Centerville Library on West Spring Valley Street from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm (we have to vacate at that time to allow preparation for an afternoon event).

As in prior years, any member will be welcome to participate and bring good ideas for the year's events. I will endeavor to prepare an agenda so we can make the most effective use of our time with some specific topics. Please feel free to suggest any that you might wish to discuss. I will incorporate as best I can, and will forward the agenda to you in advance of the meeting.

We were unable to secure use of the facilities at Audio Etc. this year, as they have expanded staff and moved into office space adjoining their community room. That's good news for them, unfortunate for us as they were great hosts.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Annual Treasurer's Report 2015:

Checking Account Starting Balance	\$3975.27
Spent	\$2606.46
Received	\$1851.00
Checking Account Ending Balance	\$3219.81

9TH ANNUAL JOYCE HILL MEMORIAL 'POLAR BEAR RUN'

Wow, another great day for the 'fun' Yes, December 31st, 2015 was a perfect day (low 30's, no sun, no wind, no snow, no rain) for our annual 'Polar Run' and Remembrance of our late Club member Joyce Hill. Believe it or not, the 'fun' once again actually occurred when it was supposed to - New Years Eve morning. I don't know if was any warmer after lunch at Bennett's in Miamisburg, but member Dan Fitzpatrick left Bennett's top down – I didn't notice any other tops being down then, including mine.

Another great turnout - 21 cars and 31 members. –that' really wonderful and it definitely made for another cool-looking caravan. And yes, it was a bit cold standing around until all participants arrived, but, once in the cars - tops down, windows up, heaters on, gloves on, well layered = comfortable as always.

We didn't have to worry about a gate being locked at the starting point this year, so everything went off as planned. Thank goodness for that. The normal time for the drivers' meeting was at 10:15 and departure followed at 10:30 for a interesting 1 hr 15 min/44 mile drive through Carlisle, Post Town Heights, Astoria, Gratis, Farmersville, Germantown and Miamisburg. and then finishing at Bennett' Publical Family Sports Grill right in the center of downtown Miamisburg.

Only a couple of minor separations occurred, actually very early in the drive, thanks to Chuck and Pat Valley and Dave Berry keeping me aware via CB, and to all of the drivers for keeping their car close together. Bennett's was well prepared for us – tables set with snacks and menus – good food and we provided the fellowship in ample quantity. As I say every year, I can't wait until next year's 'fun'– it sure is fun looking at the faces of those along the way who must think all of us were crazy. And you know that Joyce was looking down with that big smile on her face. Thank you again, Joyce, for initiating an event that is so highly anticipated and very much enjoyed every new year' eve.

One of the most interesting sites on the drive occurred in Carlisle at the intersection of OH123/Central Ave. and Chamberlain Rd. Sitting beside the farmhouse on that corner are two Futuro Houses joined together by a walk-through tube. Checkout the web sites listed below for more info about them.



Note: As we did last year and again this year, I' going to try to continue starting each year' "fun"at Dayton-area educational/historical sites such as this year's Wright "Flyers Hangar in Springboro. I hope by making those members, who are not aware of the existence of the wonderful sites in and around the Miami Valley, and reminding those who are, that they should definitely make plans to visit and enjoy.

It sure is fun to organize an event that is so popular –thanks to all of you who joined the 2015 version of the 'un' Mark your calendar now for the Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2015' 'fun'

Please email suggestions, to me paulhaller@hotmail.com, of any sites of which you're aware that are educational and/or representative of Dayton' most remarkable inventiveness past history, and such. Thank you.

Here are the Futuro House web sites:

<http://www.cultofweird.com/blog/futuro-house>

www.thefuturohouse.com

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Futuro>

<http://futuro-house.net/>

All,

All MVMC Officers and Members,

I would like to thank the 2016 MVMC Officers and membership for their thoughts, prayers, emails, cards, hospital visit, and the beautiful fruit cup that was delivered to my home. All have really touched my and Jayna's heart.

I feel like I am doing well and have bounced back better than I expected. I walked the hospital hallways nearly everyday after surgery (Thursday-Monday), and have even walked at the Dayton Mall since coming home.

I do not know if I will need any radiation or chemo therapy at the present time. I am hoping Jayna and I can make the January Meet and Greet at Don Pablo's on January 19th. Again thanks for everything you have done to support Jayna and I.

Fred and Jayna Hoppel

MIAMI VALLEY MIATA CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

This group was setup to allow members to connect outside of the meet and greet activities; share their photo's and drive experiences. Members are free to post items for sale to other members. If you participate in the FaceBook world send a message to be able to connect to our private Miata Club group

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/>

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Membership Application

Membership: New Renewal - Membership # _____
Membership is \$20 per year. Renewals due January 1st of each year.

Internet access: Yes No *NOTE: Our main source of communication is through email and the MVMC website

Primary Member _____ Birthdate (mm/dd) _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Spouse/SO _____ Birthdate (mm/dd) _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Alt Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Car #1 (Year, Color, Options) _____

Car #2 (Year, Color, Options) _____

If new, have you been a member before? _____ If so, when? _____

If new, how did you hear about MVMC? _____

Yes No I wish to enjoy the benefits of having my name, address, phone number and email address listed in the club directory on the web site (updated quarterly), thereby allowing other club members (**only**) to contact me regarding club matters and events.

Yes No I agree to having my name and email address mentioned in newsletter articles involving club activities.

Send completed form and payment to: **Miami Valley Miata Club**
c/o Pat Valley
2000 Deer Hollow Trail
Xenia, OH 45385