

Miami Valley
Miata Club

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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



As temperatures are warming up, April is typically the beginning of driving season for our club and things start to get busy on the schedule. Be ready for a couple of Drive & Dines, a Meet & Greet, and the Spring Shop Day up at the Mott Century Farm later this month.

As you may know, it's been a record number of years between major body design changes for the MX-5 since the last major body design change with the ND in 2016. Have you seen the 'teaser video' for the new 2025 MX-5 "NE"? Due to licensing restrictions, I cannot publicize the video or stills from the video; however, you can search "2025 MX-5" and you'll likely be impressed with the recent video that provides a bit of Miata/MX-5 history, but also highlights the new 'overdue' MX-5 fresh design from Mazda which is, in my opinion, astounding! There is a rumor that Mazda may be offering a 'super quick' eV MX-5 along with the hydrocarbon models. Be sure to stay tuned for all this, especially if you are in the market for a new model.

Remember, the April 16th Meet & Greet will be at Archer's Tavern, 2030 E Dorothy Lane, Kettering.

Be sure to periodically look at upcoming events in this newsletter as we show three months out. If you want to see what's planned throughout the year, go to the MVMC website: miamivalleymiataclub.org especially since dates(s) may change for one or more events after the newsletter has been published. The website's Events calendar is king!

Have a fun and safe driving season!

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club



News Flash - the Editor found a bootleg photo of the astounding 2025 MX-5, OM edition

"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 2024

 President Chuck Valley	 Secretary-Treasurer Pat Valley
 Vice President Vacant	 Technical Director Tim Howard
 Membership Director Gina Seav	 Newsletter Editor Dave Berry
 Rally Master L. Calvin (Clyde) Hebert	 Webmaster Christy Haynes

MVMC 2024 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
Apr 13	Spring Shop Day	Tim Howard, Ed Walker, Randy Mott	Mott Farm, Casstown, OH
Apr 16	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Archer's Tavern, Kettering, OH
Apr 20	Charleston Falls Drive	Leroy Hebert	Tipp City, OH
Apr 27	American Sign Museum	Chuck Valley	Cincinnati, OH
May 4	Burger Burn/Picnic	MVMC Officers	TBA
May 11	Wolf Sanctuary/Wick's Pies Drive & Dine	Tony & Jeanne Zlocki	Winchester, IN
May 18	Valley Vineyards Drive	Gail & Mike Allen	Morrow, OH
May 21	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Bennett's Pubical, Miamisburg, OH
Jun 1	Poker Run	Chuck Valley	TBA
Jun 9	Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance	Tim Howard	Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH
Jun 18	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	TBA
Jun 22	London Cobra Show	Tim Howard	London, OH

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added two new members in March. Welcome Sean and Amy White!

We wish the following members happy birthday in April:

April Birthdays

Vickie Gordon, George Wetmore, Jim Denker, Ann Lundgren, Mike Allen, David Berry

Happy Birthday!

New Members for 2024

Sean & Amy White
Julie Green
Peter & Christal Kronbergs

WELCOME

Miami Valley Miata Club Member Profiles

Meet Your Technical Director – Tim Howard

Tim drives a red Miata. He bought his Miata because after driving his brother-in-law's, he liked it so much he decided to buy his own. His biggest adventure is the trips to the Tail of the Dragon and the Mitty. Tim's other hobbies are music and building things such as cars, furniture and remodeling houses.



Meet Roger and Jeanne Gordon

The Gordon's have two Miata's, a 2019 White RF GT and 2012 Red GT. They have had many memories driving their Miata: going on the Tail of the Dragon, the Skyline drive, over the Overseas Highway in the Florida Keys, over the Sunshine Bridge, doing the Parade Lap at Mid-Ohio, and the covered bridge drives with the club. Other hobbies include shooting, pool parties, home improvement projects, and they are also downsizing, like many of us.



Treasurer's Report for February 2024

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of February:

Income: \$20.00
Expenses: \$0
Bank Bal: \$3538.46

Income is from a membership renewal.

REMINDER: 2024 membership dues need to be paid now, in order to remain active in the Club.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MVMX-5 CLUB.

Club officers held a Zoom meeting on March 13; discussion centered on the upcoming scheduled drives. A few drives were taken off the list due to conflicts, and a few have been added in.

From the Rally Master

Attention: The April 13 visit to the Halderman Mustang Museum is off our schedule. The April 20th Wolf Sanctuary drive has been re-scheduled to May 11. I will be having a drive on April 20 to Charleston Falls (2535 Ross Rd., Tipp City). We will meet at the Rotary Park in Beaver creek (2260 Dayton Xenia Road, Beaver creek) at 10:00am. This is a short drive (less than one hour) through some back roads. Plan on hiking to the Falls, which is a short, easy walk on a fine gravel walkway. Of course the hike will be weather dependent, but the drive will be held rain or shine. There are six picnic tables at Charleston Falls Park, so let's plan on a picnic! Bring your own lunch, possibly chairs, just in case the tables are taken. There are bathrooms on site.

April 27 is a scheduled drive to the American Sign Museum, with the details to be announced. Please RSVP me so I can get an idea of how many people will be attending.

Thank you,
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ON THE WEB Links of interest:

MVMC GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/300608016771949/>

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/>

Major NA Upgrade Offering from Mazda!!!

Own a first-generation MX-5 Miata (the NA)? Well, now you can install a factory-authorized upgrade for more horsepower and torque! The kit comprises two (yes, two) small-block Chevy V8 engines, subframe extension, increased capacity radiator, and heavy duty Allison transmission from an Oshkosh truck. The cost is a mere \$23,999.99. If interested, contact Mazda of Sacramento at 555-247-9161.



Now for a little levity...



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

By Tim Howard



Winter is officially gasping its final breaths. For most of us, that signifies that it is time to start pulling our classics and convertibles out of their seasonal slumber. Preparing those cherished cars for their first drive of the season is essential to starting the season out right. It is better to find any deficiencies where and when you can do something about it than to find it in the middle of that first long spring drive. I recently found an article written by Eastwood that provides a guide and checklist to waking your car up for the season. I would like to summarize this

article for this month's Shop talk.

Outside the vehicle

Walk around the car and examine it for anything that might have been damaged in storage. Look underneath for puddles and drips, noting the color and location relative to the car. Check the tires for tread wear and signs of dry rot. Inflate the tires to the recommended pressure. Also inspect the windshield wipers.



Inside the vehicle

Look for evidence of rodents such as droppings, chewed upholstery or carpeting, or shredded insulation. Sniff for musty odors and test for damp upholstery and for mold.

Under the hood

Check the fluid levels: oil, coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid, transmission fluid, wiper fluid, and top them off if necessary.

Inspect the battery terminals and if they are corroded, clean them. If you have a multi-meter, evaluate the battery voltage. It should be at least 12 volts. While you are there, check the condition of all the belts and hoses for signs of wear, cracks, or deterioration. Replace any damaged components as needed. You should also check the wiring for evidence of rodent damage. On a personal note, I once checked the air filter and found the enclosure packed full of nuts and dry dog food!



Test the brakes

Before starting the car, test the brakes for proper operation by applying pressure to the brake pedal. Be alert for any sponginess, binding, or unusual noises. Visually inspect any brake components that you can and don't forget to test the parking brake.

Check electrical functions

Test all the lights, including the headlights, taillights, turn signals, and brake lights to make sure they are working correctly. Also check the horn, wipers, and other electrical components for proper operation.

Start your engine

Start the engine and allow it to warm up gradually. Listen for unusual noises or vibrations. Don't be surprised by a bit of off-colored smoke and valve train clatter on the first startup. This is not a problem unless it continues once the engine reaches operating temperature.

Get on the road for a short test drive to evaluate its performance, handling, and braking. Pay attention to any abnormal noises, vibrations, or handling issues, and address them accordingly. Don't forget to take your phone with you and tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

It might be wise to have someone follow you in case something fails. The worst case is they can check out how the car goes down the road. Happy motoring!!!

April Meet & Greet

Join your fellow members for the April Meet & Greet!

Where: Archer's Tavern, 2030 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45420



Time: Gather to socialize and order early beginning 5:30 pm Business Meeting will begin at approximately 6:30 pm

