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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



Once again the 4th of July parades were a success with seventeen Miatas with good representation of the NA through ND and RF versions. The Fairborn parade drivers had local dignitaries like Little Miss Fairborn, Buckeye Man for OSU, Ohio Senator Bob Hackett, and local politicians 'riding shotgun'. Afterward, drivers met up at the Kirkpatricks' house for tasty grilled burgers, brats, chips, beverages, and desserts. Around 6:00pm we lined up at PNC Bank in Beavercreek for the Beavercreek parade, which is much smaller than Fairborn's parade. Six Miatas from our club escorted local dignitaries down Dayton-Xenia Road. Although a smaller parade, the public lined both sides of the street, often two deep, and were very enthused to watch our little beasts along the near mile long parade route. Big thanks to Dan and Norma Kirkpatrick for hosting the Independence Day lunch!

Thanks also to Chris and Donna Vollmer for putting together a fantastic Drive & Picnic this past Saturday to Paint Creek State Park. The weather was beautiful, the route was winding, and the countryside scenery was spectacular for the nine top-down Miatas and their humans. Picnics are especially nice because you are seldom disappointed in the food, the service is pretty good, and tipping is not required! 😊

Calling on members to host a drive:!

If you have an idea for a drive that you are willing to host, our Rally Master will be happy to assist you. Pick a short route and a stop at a restaurant, ice cream shop, point of interest, or maybe a winery. A 30-miler to the destination will earn for you a \$30 gas card!

Several drives are planned for this month and next. The August 20th Meet & Greet will be at Chuy's in Beavercreek. I look forward to seeing you all there for some great Mexican cuisine. An announcement will be going out about a week or so in advance of each event.

Many of you knew Pat Sturgeon. He was a long-term member (Member #107) as he and his wife Bonnie joined the Miami Valley Miata Club in September 1996. Pat purchased his first Merlot M Edition Miata in 1995 and was heavily involved in the club as Treasurer for numerous years. He and Bonnie hosted numerous Drive and Dines through the years and were among a small group from the club who gave it their all. As such, in 2023 they were awarded lifetime memberships.

Since Pat was a veteran and served in the US Air Force eight years, there will be a flag folding ceremony on August 9th at John Bryan State Park at 3:00pm. The MVMC is planning a convoy to meet up in the Kroger parking lot at 1161 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Road in Fairborn at 2:00pm, depart on the convoy at 2:15pm, and arrive at the ceremony by 2:45pm.

We are encouraging maximum participation for Pat's service to his country and wonderful years he and Bonnie were enthusiastic Miami Valley Miata Club members.

RSVP to Chris Vollmer at 937-999-9307 for any other details. Chris and Donna will be leading the convoy.

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club

Vice President needed for the Miami Valley Miata Club

The MVMC is currently seeking members to self-nominate for Vice President. Previous donation of time that benefitted the MVMC is a plus that will be considered and voted on by the Executive Committee toward a selectee. The VP should possess a passion to serve the MVMC and devotion and time necessary to carry out the duties of president leading the club in 2025.

The VP coordinates with other executive officers and applies the MVMC bylaws to resolve issues that may arise and may serve as a fill-in for the President during his or her absence. Upon selection, you will serve the club as VP the remaining months of 2024 followed by a full one-year term as president beginning Jan 1, 2025. To a certain extent, as VP you will shadow the current president, so you learn what is expected during your term as president.









To aid in your decision to self-nominate, you should be willing to commit to the following responsibilities when you become President:

1. Coordinating Meet & Greet locations, ensuring venue can accommodate members and that it is a generally acceptable restaurant.
2. Planning for and leading Executive Committee Meetings held every other month including coordination of date, venue, and agenda items for upcoming club events and general discussions.
3. Organizing the club's annual events and delegating assistance from fellow executive officers for the MVMC Picnic/Nominations for the following year's officers, coordinating the voting and ballots for the following year's officers, and planning/coordinating the MVMC Christmas Party
4. Writing the President's Corner article for the monthly Wright Flyer Newsletter.
5. Maintaining a good relationship with our sponsor, Jeff Schmitt Mazda, and encouraging members to consider purchasing cars, having service performed and buying parts there.



Send your self-nomination to Chuck Valley, President of the Miami Valley Miata Club. c.valley@earthlink.net or text (937) 608-5251.

Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2024

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|  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 |
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| Aug 3 | British Car Show | Tim Howard | Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton, OH |
| Aug 9 | Pat Sturgeon Memorial Drive & Flag Folding Ceremony | Chris & Donna Vollmer | Xenia Station Bike Hub, Xenia, OH to John Bryan State Park, Yellow Springs, OH |
| Aug 10 | Southeastern Miami County Drive & Dine | Randy & Lynda Mott | Carriage Hill MetroPark, Huber Heights, OH |
| Aug 20 | Meet & Greet | MVMC Officers | Chuy's, Beavercreek, OH |
| Aug 31 | Champaign County Air Museum Drive & Dine | TBA | Urbana, OH |
| Sep 17 | MVMC Annual Picnic | MVMC Officers | Lofino Park Shelter, Beavercreek, OH |
| Sep 21 | LaComedia "Saturday Night Fever" | TBA | Springboro, OH |
| Oct 5 | Pickleball Blast | Chuck & Pat Valley | Lofino Park, Beavercreek, OH |
| Oct 12 | Plain Fork Café Drive & Dine | Dave & Peggy Berry | Pleasant Plain, OH |
| Oct 15 | Meet & Greet/Pizza Party | MVMC Officers | Jeff Schmitt Mazda, Beavercreek, OH |
| Oct 24-27 | Fall Foliage Drive | Dan Kirkpatrick | Maryville, TN |
| Oct 26 | Fall Shop Day | Tim Howard, Ed Walker, Randy & Lynda Mott | Mott Farm, Casstown, OH |

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added no new members in July.

We wish the following members happy birthday in August:

August Birthdays

Marybeth Smith, Pat Gould, Linda Howard, Anthony Zlocki, Carole Stofer, Karen Monaghan, Bridget Fath, A.J. Mesaros, Jr., Dean Lundgren

A graphic with the text "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" in blue and white letters on a blue background with white confetti.

New Members for 2024

Mike & Stephanie Little
Sean & Amy White
Julie Green
Peter & Christal Kronbergs

A graphic with the word "WELCOME" in colorful, blocky letters (W: blue, E: green, L: yellow, C: red, O: blue, M: green, E: red).

Treasurer's Report for July 2024

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of July:

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| Income: | \$390.00 |
| Expenses: | \$140.75 |
| Bank Bal: | \$2805.62 |

Income is from Jeff Schmitt sponsorship (\$300), magnet sales (\$55), and Sinclair college donations (\$35)

Expenses are for Membership Director supplies (\$22.06) and magnets (\$118.69)

From the Rally Master

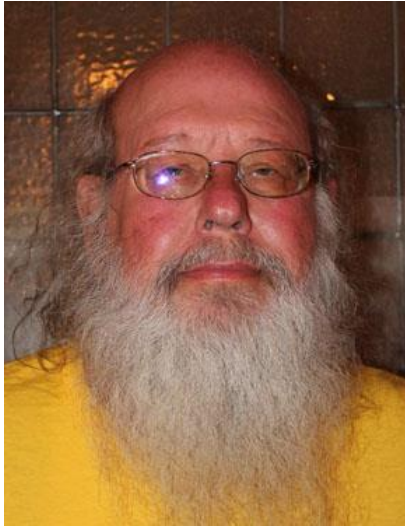
Two events are coming up in August:

1. This Saturday August 3. The British Car Show. Meet at the Bob Evans restaurant at Woodman Drive and US 35 at 08:00am if interested in breakfast, or 09:00 am in the Bob Evans parking lot, from where we will drive to the British Car Show at Eastwood MetroPark. Contact Tim Howard for more details.
2. Saturday August 10th – Randy and Lynda Mott are having a drive and dine starting at the Carriage Hill Metro Park at 10:30am.

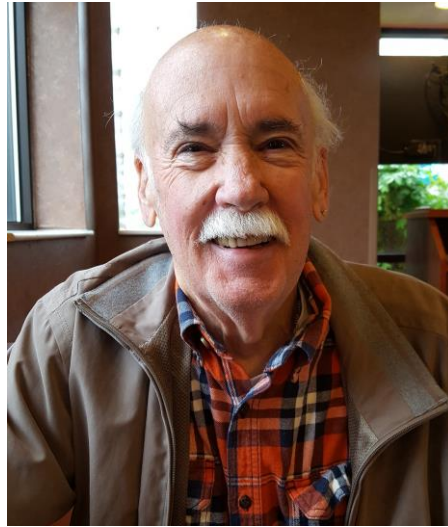
Thank you,

Clyde Hebert, Rally Master
937-657-6294
Lhebert2019@gmail.com

In Memoriam



Bob



Paul



Pat

The Miami Valley Miata Club lost three of our family in the past two months. They were Bob Luken, Paul Haller, and Pat Sturgeon.

Bob Luken was not only a member of our club, he was also active in Dayton's British Transportation Museum, was a licensed pilot and airplane owner, and a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Paul Haller was a long-time employee of NCR Corporation, and being an avid golfer, was for a period President of NCR Country Club. Paul served as the club's Rally Master and regularly organized and hosted the annual Polar Bear Run. Paul was awarded Lifetime Membership in the club in August 2017, shortly before relocating to Florida with his wife, Judy, to be nearer family

Pat Sturgeon served the club in the office of Secretary-Treasurer for many years, He and wife Bonnie for several years hosted a Euchre tournament under the guise of Gears, Games and Grub (there was certainly food, and weather permitting, a short drive to kick things off). Pat and Bonnie were awarded Lifetime Memberships at the 30th Anniversary Party in September 2023.

In honor of these three gentlemen, a new link has been added to the **Members Only** page of the club's website, www.miamivalleymiatclub.org You will find it displayed as [In Memoriam](#). It contains more detailed biographies.

If you know of past members for whom it would be appropriate to be added to In Memoriam, please contact any of the club's officers with the information, and a photo if available.

Fourth Of July Parades



Chuck Valley had the honor of driving Ohio State Senator Bob Hackett in the Fairborn Parade

Members gathered for the Beaver Creek Parade. Thanks to Dan Kirkpatrick for coordinating the club's participation in both.



Paint Creek Drive & Picnic

by Chris Vollmer

On 27 July, Donna and I led nine cars on a casual drive from Xenia station to a picnic lunch at Paint Creek State Park. The weather was perfect and I think everybody enjoyed the scenery and the curvy roads. Donna and I would like to thank everyone who joined us and hope you had as much fun as we did.



"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)."



**2024 British Car Show
Saturday August 3, 2024
Free Admission**

Meet at the Bob Evans at the intersection of Woodman Drive and Route 35 at 8:00 am if you want breakfast or meet in the parking lot at 9:00 am if you do not want breakfast.

Contact Tim Howard to confirm your attendance at the show and breakfast.

Phone: 937-287-2424

Email: tghcc@woh.rr.com

Tipp City, OH 45371
135 S. Garber Drive
Hickory River Smokehouse



Times: 10:30am arrive
10:45am driver meeting
11:00am depart for drive

Where: Carriage Hill Metro Park, 7800 Shull Road, Dayton, OH 45424 (Main Parking Lot)

Carriage Hill is north of I-70 on State Route 201, turn right on Shull Road, parking lot is on the right after entering the park. Restrooms are located 2 drives east of main parking lot at Cedar Falls Drive go north or left from Shull Road.

There are plenty of gas stations at the 201 I-70 intersection.

Please bring FSR radio if you have one, tune to channel 1-0.

This will be approximately a 1 hour leisurely drive thru southern rural Miami County with no rest stops. We will end the drive at the Hickory River Smokehouse, 135 S. Garber Drive, Tipp City where we will have lunch. Their phone number is 937-669-2271.

Here is a link to their menu: <https://www.hickoryriver.com/locations/ohio/tipp-city/menu.html>

Please RSVP to either Randy or Lynda:

Randy and Lynda Mott
1350 S. Hufford Road
Casstown, OH 45312
mott.randy@gmail.com or lynda.mott05@gmail.com
937-545-8772 cell, or 937-478-6826 cell

FALL FOLIAGE DRIVE

October 24-27, 2024



Fall Foliage drive to the Smoky Mountains October 24 - 27, 2024

Depart: Thursday, October 24, 2024
Bob Evans Springboro
40 Sharts Rd.
Springboro, OH 45066

Meet: 7:30 am for breakfast
Driver's meeting: 8:45 am
Depart: 9:00 am

Staying at Townsend River Breeze Motel; 8242 TN-73; Townsend, TN
37882
865-448-2389

Cost: \$415 - \$454 for three nights (depends on room configuration)
Seven reserved rooms remain as of May 14th

For additional information, contact Dan Kirkpatrick:
daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com
937-673-4178

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

By Tim Howard



On Tuesday July 23rd several members of the Miami Valley Miata Club went to Carillon Park to attend the car show sponsored by the National Corvair Owners Club, CORSA. The club was in Dayton to hold their annual gathering. They were using the Marriott hotel on Dixie Drive as the main gathering point for their multi-day event. Of course, that makes The Carillon Park a convenient and scenic backdrop for their annual car show. The show was host to between 100 and 200 show cars. Although Corvairs are not usually thought of as show cars, the cars on display were truly show worthy and the parking lot outside the park also contained many more beautiful Corvairs. While we were there, we ran into Bobbi and Tim Ross, both of whom are long term leaders of the Cincinnati Miata Club. As a result we spent a couple of hours touring and talking with them. Enough of the background, below are a few pictures that you can peruse to see what you missed.



For Sale

2018 Bushtec Quantum Sport Trailer

Features Include:

Special Edition Cast Aluminum Wheels

3.00 x 16 6-Ply Tires

Full Carpeted Interior w/ Garment Bag

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Front Body Side Led Marker Lights



This is how good it looks behind a Miata



Specifics: 38" Width 32" Height Weight 140 lbs

Storage Capacity 26 cu ft GVWR 350 lbs

Sells new for \$6500. Absolute Pristine New

If interested, contact George Wetmore at georgewetmore@gmail.com

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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/>

August Meet & Greet

Join your fellow members for the August 20th Meet & Greet!

Where: Chuy's, 2717 Fairfield Commons, Beavercreek, OH 45431

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

Chuy's menu: <https://www.chuys.com/menu/food>



Miami Valley Miata Club Ball Caps are available!!!!

Two (2) ball caps remain available from Chuck Valley. Cost is \$11.00 each. One size fits all.



Contact Chuck at 937-608-5251 or c.valley@earthlink.net