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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



Activity in July for the MVMC always includes several of our members participating in the Independence Day Parades, mostly in Fairborn and some also in the Beaver Creek Parade. Although not the record number, the club was well represented by seventeen well-kept Miatas/MX-5s, many of which carried local and state dignitaries. Several mayors from local communities were among them. Notable in the Beaver Creek Parade, Dan Kirkpatrick had the privilege of driving the Grand Marshal. At nearing 100 years old, I bet she was the oldest person Dan or anyone in our club has ever had in his car! For trivial interest's sake, I challenge anyone out there to top that - having carried an older passenger than 100 in your little beast.

Our Meet & Greet at Cassano's Pizza King in New Carlisle was another well-attended gathering with a grand total of 37 hungry members including several new members who have joined in the past few months! That is inspiring to know that a 'newbie' is joining in at these social events. Let's keep that in mind to greet them and start a little conversation making them feel welcome.

Coming up tomorrow (Saturday) is the British Car Show hosted by MVMC's Chuck White and his Triumph Club members. Our Rally Master, Clyde Hebert, was instrumental in organizing this including a meet-up for breakfast at Bob Evans for our club. This is the 40th anniversary of the show so it will be well attended! Mark your calendars for August 16th for the Hickory River Smokehouse Drive & Dine hosted by Randy and Lynda Mott. Randy always has a nice drive up in the northern part of the Miami Valley where we less often venture, and the Hickory River Smokehouse is top-rated for its BBQ and other great dishes.









Tuesday, August 19th, we will be meeting up at Taylor's Tavern in Springfield (just north of Enon) for our Meet & Greet. Seating will be outside under their canopy, so if it does rain we should be OK, and if it is as hot as it has been in July, hopefully there will be a relatively cool shaded breeze.

The MVMC Newsletter is a great resource for events three months out, but know that we also frequently update the MVMC website so you can be aware of upcoming events that occasionally change dates.

Hope to see you at these fun events!

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club

Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2025

 <p>President Chuck Valley</p>	 <p>Secretary-Treasurer Pat Valley</p>
 <p>Vice President Vacant</p>	 <p>Technical Director Roger Gordon</p>
 <p>Membership Director Gina Seay</p>	 <p>Newsletter Editor Dave Berry</p>
 <p>Rally Master L. Calvin (Clyde) Hebert</p>	 <p>Webmaster Christy Haynes</p>

MVMC 2025 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
Aug 2	40 th Anniversary British Car Show	Clyde Hebert, Chuck White	Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton
Aug 16	Southeastern Miami County Drive & Dine	Randy & Lynda Mott	Carriage Hill MetroPark, Dayton
Aug 19	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Taylor's Tavern, Springfield, OH
Sep 16	MVMC Annual Picnic	MVMC Officers	Lofino Park, Beavercreek
Oct 18	Plain Folk Drive & Dine	Chuck & Pat Valley	Russ Reserve, Beavercreek
Oct 21	MVMC Annual Pizza Party	MVMC Officers	Jeff Schmitt Mazda, Beavercreek
Oct 25	Fall Shop Day	Roger Gordon, Randy Mott	Mott Farm, Casstown, OH

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. 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 2026.

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 election, you will serve the club as VP in 2025 followed by a full one-year term as president beginning Jan 1, 2026. To a certain extent, as VP you will shadow the then 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 Roadster 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.

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added one member in July. Welcome Don Hone to the club!

We wish the following members happy birthday in August:

August Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays this month are:

Matthew Kirkpatrick, Mary Beth Smith,
Pat Gould, Linda Howard, Anthony
Zlocki, Carole Stofer, Karen Monaghan,
Bridget Fath, A.J. Mesaros, Jr, Dean
Lundgren, Dearing McMillin , Greg
Garrett, Greg Orbash



New Members for 2025

Don Hone
Corey Hoag
Jim Shaw
Sharon & Greg Orbash
Tom Livesay
Larry & Rhonda Thomas
Matthew Human
Tammy House

Meet Jim Shaw: Jim has a 2025 Deep Crystal Blue Mica Miata. He bought that Miata because it has a manual transmission and is a fun car to drive. Jim has also made some modifications to his Miata such as Installing a cold air intake, throttle body spacer, performance mid-pipe and muffler, shock tower brace, and front/rear sway bars. "Haven't had it long enough for any road trips yet." Jims other hobbies are Ham radios and computers.

Meet Don Hone: Don has a 2025 Soul Metallic Red Miata. Why did Don get a Miata? This is his story. "Back when the MX-5 was released in Britain in 1990, I immediately fell in love, but unfortunately I couldn't get one at that time. However, I knew that one day I would be getting the Japanese Grand Child of the beautiful English sports cars.

Then in 2002 my wife and I got an NA which we absolutely loved. In 2003 we moved to the Isle of Wight and the MX-5 is the perfect car for that beautiful island off the south coast of England. Many happy memories driving to the coast or along the coast remain, and generally just having fun.

In 2006 a daughter arrived and if an MX-5 is a squash for two, it's an impossibility for three, even if one is a baby! So we swapped our second car convertible for ones with four seats - for several years.

Roll on 19 years and with our daughter having her own car and my wife deciding she wanted a more mainstream car, I decided my own mainstream car could last a few more years and allow me to spend my hard-won pocket money on the ND. In March 2025 I ordered my new MX-5 from Jeff Schmitt in Beavercreek and collected it in late June. So far it's been everything and more than I hoped for."

As for other hobbies Don enjoys English football (soccer), travel, and going out to pubs, restaurants, theatre, etc.

Treasurer's Report

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of June:

Income:	\$ 450.00
Expenses:	\$ 216.41
Bank Bal:	\$ 2260.59

Income is from: Memberships (\$40), Jeff Schmitt Sponsorship (\$300), Magnet Sales (\$10), Sinclair Donations (\$100)

Expenses are for: Membership Director Supplies (\$6.41) and Rally Master Gas Cards (\$210)

NOTE: for all email notices that request an RSVP, ***please*** remember to reply so that we can get an accurate head count.

For example, our annual picnic is coming up in September; in order to ensure we buy enough food, we need your response! (since the Club is providing food, the annual picnic is for members only.)

From the Rally Master, Clyde Hebert

The British Car and Motorcycle show is Saturday August 2nd. Please refer to the email that was sent out or contact me, Clyde, at 937-657-6294 or email: lhebert2019@gmail.com.

Saturday, August 16th, Randy and Lynda Mott are hosting the Hickory River Smokehouse drive to Tipp City. Again refer to the email that was sent out.

If anyone is interested in hosting a drive, please contact me or Chuck Valley and we'll get rolling!

And now for a little August humor...



Mike Wheeler, if you can't decide between a Miata and a Mustang, you're in luck!

Fourth of July Parades

Fairborn



Fourth of July Parades

Beavercreek



*Chuck Valley poses with the
Beaver Creek Parade's Grand Marshal*



Mazda
ON THE WEB

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/>



40th Anniversary 2025 British Car and Motorcycle Show

Saturday August 2, 2025
Eastwood MetroPark
1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH
Free Admission

Meet at the Bob Evans, 1285 Woodman Dr. at 9:00 am if you want breakfast or meet in the parking lot at 9:45 am if you do not want breakfast.

Contact Clyde Hebert to confirm your attendance at the show and breakfast.
Phone: 937-657-6294
Email: lhebert2019@gmail.com

"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)."



Southeastern Miami County Drive and Dine

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Join Randy and Lynda Mott for a country drive
thru rural Miami County

Hickory River Smokehouse

**135 S. Garber Drive
Tipp City, OH 45371**

Times: 10:00 am arrive

10:15 am driver meeting

10:30 am depart for drive

Meet: 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 the 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 23-26, 2025



Join fellow Miami Valley Miata Club members for a Fall Foliage drive to the Smoky Mountains October 23-26, 2025

We will be staying at the Townsend River Breeze
8242 TN-73; Townsend, TN 37882
Phone: (865) 448-2389

Group Booking: Miami Valley Miatas

Make your reservation *now*, and also let Dan Kirkpatrick know you made your reservation.

The club has blocked off rooms at the following rate:
Cost: \$396, Tax \$58.41 Total \$454.41 for 3 nights

RSVP by August 1st to Dan Kirkpatrick so a list can be generated. Call or text him at 937-673-4178 or email to: daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com

Shop Talk

It's not just about the Miatas

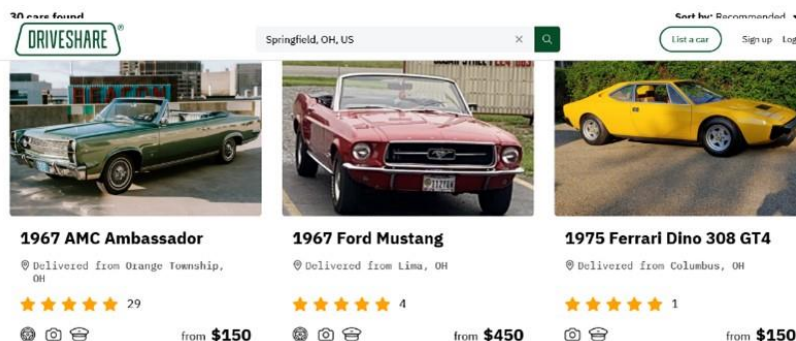
By Roger Gordon



Shame on me for having no MIATA related content for you this month, but I do have some interesting car related stuff that you may find of value.

1. Here's a fun thing. Did you know you can rent other people's cars? Did you know you can rent out YOUR car if you want? There is a site called DRIVESHARE which will show you cars available in your area to rent – how about an old Thunderbird or a '97 Viper or a 1926 Model T? All are available to rent.

Cost – yep – not cheap, but Model T is \$200 a day – that is reasonable for a photo shoot I suppose. I cannot image wanting to put my car here but hey – everyone is different. I have no idea what the requirements are, but if you wanted to recreate prom night for your sweetie in a 1958 T-bird, It's yours for \$400 a day. It is kind of fun to go to the site and see what is available in your area.



More non-Miata-related stuff:

- If you worked on your own cars, pre-internet, and needed some specialized knowledge to fix your car, you went to the local library and checked out one of the Chilton Library books for your model – (if it was not already checked out). Honestly, I had forgotten about these (much like the JC Whitney catalogue) but now the Hagerty Driver's Club is giving free access to the entire Chilton Library – which is of course online and not hard copy. So if you happen to have a project car of the vintage variety, this might be a good source for you. Membership in the Driver's Club is \$85 annual and includes roadside service and some other benefits. The main reason I joined was to receive their excellent bi-monthly Hagerty Driver's Club magazine.
- We forget, but in the old days ('50s for me) some cars still had 6-volt electrical systems. The advent of AC and power windows created the need for way more power, so all cars went to 12-volt systems – which continues today for the Internal Combustion crowd. Just do not be surprised if you start seeing 48-volt systems coming down the road. I am seeing more and more talk of them on the way – only to high-end cars initially, I suspect, but it will eventually trickle down to us commoners. So, get ready to throw away that 12-volt charger that most of us have in the garage.

TESLA anyone?

- I wanted to see what the hoopla was about with the Tesla. Would I like it? Would I drive it? How does it all work? Figured I would get a used one – in case I did not care for it and had to sell it, I would not lose too much money. So, I found a newer reasonably priced USED one in Columbus and bought it. It was cheaper from having been in a rental fleet. At the time, it qualified for a \$4,000 tax credit – which made it even more reasonable. Previously, I would not have bought one because it was not suitable for long drives to remote places – however, our current lifestyle does not really allow that so the range became less important – and, if we did need a long trip, we could rent a non-EV vehicle or borrow one of our kid's cars. Anyway, long story short, I do love the Tesla Model 3 and love driving it. I've put 25K miles on it since last August when I bought it and have done zero maintenance. This week, I had some minor service done at the Tesla facility in Dayton, just to see how that works.

The service experience was as great as the car. I did have a 220V wall connector installed in our garage, so charging is easy when I remember to plug it in. The dollars paid for electricity to charge is way less than then dollars paid for gas – even though our previous vehicle was a hybrid. Bottom line – I like the Tesla Model 3 a lot and am thinking about upgrading to a newer one before the \$7,500 tax credit expires at the end of September 2025. If you have questions about Tesla, feel free to reach out or come over some time and drive ours if you want.

CARVANA

5. Just wanted to report that I have had two positive experiences with CARVANA. Our neighbor bought a car from CARVANA and had it delivered and reported a good experience. I never bought a car from them, but I have sold two with them. I was very happy with one sale (only time I ever “made money” on a sale) and was happy enough selling our Honda Accord. The process was pretty clean and simple – had to upload various photos of the vehicle. The person driving the truck to pick it up arrived on time – made sure the vehicle was “as described” and payment came quickly after that. I believe CARVANA received some negative press a few years ago – it had something to do with titles – which is sort of understandable since every single state has different title requirements and procedures. Expect to pay a little more than from a car lot for the whole CARVANA convenience of course.

SLATE

6. Did you know that AMAZON will be selling a truck soon? The truck will be a smaller (smaller than the old Ford Ranger) vehicle and EV only – no internal combustion engine. The base model is targeted to be less than \$20,000. The truck will have many strange features and be configurable in many ways – it does not even come painted – it was designed to be “wrapped” – so you can change colors easily. If you want one of the first ones, you need to get your deposit in soon. I already sent in my \$50 deposit even though I have no idea if I want one. Just do a search for SLATE AMAZON EV TRUCK. This thing could be wild!



7. Final item – this just makes me laugh. The new Corvette ZR1 twin turbo has 1,064 horsepower. If you try to get away, you may not get as far as you think. If you happen to drive the ZR1 at wide open throttle, you will drain the 18.5-gallon gas tank in NINE minutes.



Club Member Items for Sale or Free



NA tan convertible boot

Free to good home!

Contact Chuck Valley at
937-608-5251

(first inquiry gets it!)

FOR SALE - oil filter relocation kit. I believe I bought it from Moss Motors. It fits NA/NB models. I can provide photos and additional info by request. \$75.

Contact Pat Gould 937-232-5614 v/text or email p19g53@gmail.com, write "filter" in the subject line.

FREE TO GOOD HOME:

Mechanic's Creeper, 16" x 36",
large casters, with padded vinyl pillow
Used, but not abused. Works great !!
Batteries not included.

See attached photos at right.

Cheers, Drake 937-623-0505

**Voice Only; NO Texting, Please
Leave Message**



We have entered the Dog Days of Summer...