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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



As we find ourselves a little further into 2025, a welcome February thaw has fast melted away the snow with recent daytime high temperatures in the upper 50s. Since the salt has been washed away from the roads, consider taking you and yours on a drive to your favorite park, ice cream shop, or a nice drive in the country whether it be in your Miata or your OTM. It'll be great to get out again with that top down to feel the brisk breeze and the sun's small dose of natural vitamin D. If you're not driving your Miata, it's a good time to pull it out of the garage and run it for 15 minutes until that warm oil has an opportunity to circulate through the pistons, valves, and crankshaft. While idling or driving, running the A/C for a few minutes sounds crazy this time of year, but it actually serves to lubricate the compressor which can help it have a longer service life.

On January 4th we held the club's Annual Event Planning at Lofino Plaza Meeting Room on Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. A decent number of MVMC members were present including most of our MVMC officers. We enjoyed Dunkin' Donuts and coffee provided by the club and discussed club events of 2025 including Drive & Dines, non-drive events, and I went over the reserved Meet & Greet locations for the first quarter and then some of the new year. Our Webmaster Christy Haynes has recently loaded all of the M&Gs through May, included the scheduled D&Ds, and other events into the MVMC 2025 website calendar. More drive events will likely be added along the way. Upcoming non-drive events include the Virtual Rally on February 15th (*announcement to go out soon*) and our Spring Shop Day April 5th. Remember, if you have an idea for a drive that you are willing to host, our Rally Master Clyde Hebert will be happy to assist you. Get out your map, find a point of interest like a restaurant, park, or winery and plot your route. A 30-miler to the destination will earn for you a \$30 gas card! Our treasurer, Pat Valley, will be happy to craft and send out the announcement.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the February 18th Meet & Greet at Archer's Tavern Fireside Room in Kettering, the March 18th Meet & Greet at Frickers in Huber Heights, and the April 15th Meet & Greet at Company 7 in Englewood.

Be sure to review all 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: miamivalleymiatclub.org Please know that venues and dates are subject to change and M&Gs further out than May will be added eventually.

Get out and enjoy those sunny, warmer days when we are fortunate to get them!

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club

35th Anniversary MX-5









Interesting announcement from Miata on a 35th anniversary edition of our favorite fun car. Looks to be a special edition ND available only in the US with special paint and other appearance items. A beige soft top will look great and the fun will continue when the top goes down to reveal a tan Napa Leather interior. Would be nice to see this after seeing all our black tops and dominant black interiors. Sadly, there are no performance upgrades but the price is not that much more than regular Miatas. Order yours soon!

Read about the other goodies and see pictures at this link:

<https://www.autoguide.com/auto/manufacturers/mazda/this-is-how-mazda-is-celebrating-the-miata-s-35th-birthday-44615839>



Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2025

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

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
Feb 15	2025 Virtual Rally	Pat Gould & Lee Korb	Kirkpatrick Home, Fairborn, OH
Feb 18	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Archer's Tavern, Kettering, OH
Mar 18	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Fricke's, Huber Heights, OH
Apr 12	Shop Day	Roger Gordon, Randy Mott	Mott Farm, Casstown, OH
Apr 15	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Company 7 BBQ, Englewood, OH

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Jeff Schmitt Mazda





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.

"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)."

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added no new members in January, but prior member Wayne Rickey has rejoined. Welcome Wayne back to the club!

We wish the following members happy birthday in February:

February Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays this month are:

Brenda Donahue, Bonnie Sturgeon, Fred Hoppel, Peggy Berry, Karen Walker, Bonnie Herbert, Linda Wise, Diane Cushwa, Micah Rochaf



New Members for 2025



2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE NOW

Don't miss out on access to our Members-only Website, Newsletters, Monthly Meet & Greets, Drive & Dines, plus other Club events!

RENEW NOW TO STAY ON THE ACTIVE LIST!

Membership form is available online at:

[Membership Form](#)

Dues are still only \$20

Checks should be made out to: **Miami Valley MX-5 Club** (that's our official name of record)

Mail to:

Gina Seay
61 West Hunter Drive
Enon, OH 45323

Treasurer's Report

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of January:

Income: \$820.00
Expenses: \$81.46
Bank Bal: \$2323.46

Income is from membership dues - \$520 and Jeff Schmitt quarterly sponsorship - \$300.00

Expenses are for the state filing fee - \$25.00, and the Planning Meeting - \$56.46

The state filing fee is for the "Statement of Continued Existence", a requirement every 5 years

Tax Form 990-N was filed for the club for tax year 2024.

And now for a little February humor...



"I'm going to need you to step out of the vehicle, walk in a straight line, pose, and then walk in the other direction."



"Before I can sell you an electric car, I'm required to disclose the fact that everyone will ask you how many miles it gets before you have to recharge it."

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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/>

Miata Word Search



Our thanks to Pat Gould for contributing a bit of entertainment for what can be a long month of February. Feel free to print off the table below and try your hand at finding the entries listed below it.

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BILSTEIN
C PACKAGE
COLD AIR INDUCTION
CONVERTABLE
CURVES
DOUBLE WISHBONE
DRIVE N DINE

FUN
FUNKANNA
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HARE AND HOUND
M EDITION
MANUAL
MAZDASPEED

MEET N GREET
MIATA
MVMC
NA
NB
NC
ND

POKER RUN
POWER HARDTOP
RAGTOP
RED
RF
ROAD RALLY
ROADSTER

SUMMER
SUPERCHARGER
TAIL OF THE DRAGON
TOPLESS
TORSEN
TURBO
TWO SEATER
ZOOM ZOOM

Shop Talk

It's not just about the Miatas

By Roger Gordon



Overview of Past Tech Director Topics

As I started to think about writing Technical Director articles for our newsletter, it occurred to me that I should avoid topics that were recently addressed. To that end, I started looking at past newsletters to see what Tim and others had previously published. Long story short, I ended up looking at every newsletter since 2012 and creating a spreadsheet of all addressed topics.

So, my submission this month is the presentation of this spreadsheet of past articles. In addition, a link to the entire spreadsheet is being added to our website so members can search it for topics and find the newsletter in which it appears.

Some of my personal favorites were:

- September 2024 about the NOCO device
- February 2022 about replacing coolant overflow vessel on NC's
- September 2015 about Wheel dipping (by Susan Cain)
- January 2020 Miata Battery talk
- June 2013 Dealing with sticky windows – both manual and electric
- July 2020 Car Buffer usage
- October 2020 Installing seat heater on NA (by Christy Haynes)
- August 2021 Tire mismatch lesson
- Any of them that talk about:
 - waxes or cleanup or ceramic products
 - recalcitrant seat belts and cleaning them
 - paint touch-ups and techniques
 - convertible top cleaning and care
 - restoring hazy headlight lenses

On the following page you'll find a representation of what the spreadsheet contains (it's much too large to reproduce in this newsletter). Once it is linked into the website, look for this entry near the bottom of the Members Only page:



Clicking this link will download the file as an OpenDocument Spreadsheet (ODS). The far right column of each entry contains a link to the newsletter in which the associated article appears. You can copy that link to your browser's address line to open the newsletter itself. Once all is in place, any feedback will be welcome.

Here's the sample of the spreadsheet's contents:

	A	B	C
1	2024 December	Article from Motor Trend Magazine 2026 Next-Gen Mazda MX-5 Miata: It Will Be Electrified	https://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/Dec2024Newsletter.pdf
2	2024 November	No real Tech report – Pic Overview of Shop Day at the Mott's	http://miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/Nov2024Newsletter.pdf
3	2024 October	Gasoline Stabilizers – Comments and advice	https://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/Oct2024Newsletter.pdf
4	2024 September	NOCO Boost Plus Maintaining car memory when changing battery + Jump starting	https://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/Sept2024Newsletter.pdf
5	2024 August	Car show at Carillon Park	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/August2024Newsletter.pdf
6	2024 July	LoJack Dead Battery experience and advice	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/July2024Newsletter.pdf
7	2024 June	Touchup paint and techniques	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/June2024Newsletter.pdf
8	2024 May	CLASSIC.COM and advice on selling your car	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/May2024Newsletter.pdf
9	2024 April	Waking up your car after Winter or long Storage	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/April2024Newsletter.pdf
10	2024 March	Convertible top care	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/March2024Newsletter.pdf
11	2024 February	Oil Advice	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/February2024Newsletter.pdf
12	2024 January	Porsche and Miata shifting + Turnpike Issue resolution	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/January2024Newsletter.pdf
13	2023 December	PA Turnpike issue	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/December2023Newsletter.pdf
14	2023 November	Took a break – Halloween pics instead	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/November2023Newsletter.pdf
15	2023 October	Keyfob scam - Electronic theft of keyfob codes	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/October2023Newsletter.pdf
16	2023 September	Month off – pics from British Car Show	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/September2023Newsletter.pdf
17	2023 August	Painting Brake parts	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/August2023Newsletter.pdf
18	2023 July	Seat Fixing Great repair kit recommendation - "Leather World"	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/July2023Newsletter.pdf
19	2023 June	Installing a convertible top – Comments and recommendations	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/June2023Newsletter.pdf
20	2023 May	WindshieldWow product – cleaning both sides of windows at once	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/May2023Newsletter.pdf
21	2023 April	Seatcover installation experience and tips	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/April2023Newsletter.pdf
22	2023 March	Buffing Paint + cleanup and evaluation of new Porsche	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/March2023Newsletter.pdf
23	2023 February	Porsche cleanup – Rust remover and carpets	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/February2023Newsletter_0.pdf
24	2023 January	Buying the Porsche Boxster	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/January2023Newsletter.pdf
25	2022 December	Wind blocker evaluation and Comments on NC Miata	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/December2022Newsletter.pdf
26	2022 November	Waxing – Shine – Ceramics Comments and recommendations Meguires and Griots	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/November2022Newsletter.pdf
27	2022 October	Car and Coffee and Concours D'Elegance – Hydraulic Hood Struts	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/October2022Newsletter.pdf
28	2022 September	Paint damage – dealing with chips and scratches	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/September2022Newsletter.pdf
29	2022 August	Finding a project car	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/August2022newletter.pdf
30	2022 July	Seat Covers + Fields Auto Works tour	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/July2022Newsletter.pdf
31	2022 June	No Tech Report	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/June2022Newsletter.pdf
32	2022 May	Headlight Restoration kits – comments and recommendations	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/May2022Newsletter.pdf
33	2022 April	Seat cover and upholstery topics	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/April2022Newsletter.pdf
34	2022 March	Clutch Pedal Extender - Evaluation and Opinions	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/March2022Newsletter.pdf
35	2022 February	Replacing radiator overflow container on NC's	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/February2022Newsletter.pdf
36	2022 January	Comments and Opinions on Ceramic finishes in general	http://www.miamivalleymiatclub.org/sites/default/files/January2022Newsletter.pdf

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. \$100.

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

FOR SALE –

Numerous slightly used Miatas. Available for pick up in Daytona, Florida

