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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



May events included the Drive & Dine lunch to Valley Vineyards in Morrow Ohio hosted by Mike and Gail Allen and the Meet & Greet at Bennet's Pubical in Miamisburg hosted by our club officers.

With the weather becoming beautiful, my hope is that more MVMC members will step up to host a drive. This is a great way to invest in our club with more fun drives and allow other members who have been stepping up to feel they are appreciated. If you could consider investing a little time putting your first drive together, get with any one of our officers, especially our Rally Master Clyde Hebert who will help you route your drive and also help with a test drive. And remember, you can earn a \$30 Speedway gas gift card with a minimum 30-mile route.








The MVMC Poker Run will be Saturday June 15th starting at Russ Nature Reserve on Kemp Road at 10:00am and will traverse through eastern Greene County and southwestern Clark County with quick stops at 'Dealer Stations' along the route that ends at the large shelter at Rotary Park in Beaver Creek for lunch. Winning poker hands will qualify for fabulous prizes! Bring nothing but a competitive spirit and an appetite. This event is yet another way the club can give back to members while encouraging socializing among fellow Miata enthusiasts. If you haven't yet 'text RSVP'd' for the MVMC Poker Run, please do so to our Treasurer Pat Valley (937) 608-5252 by June 12th so the right amount of food can be ordered.

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club

"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
Jun 9	Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance	Tim Howard & Ed Walker	Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH
Jun 15	Poker Run	Chuck & Pat Valley	Russ Nature Preserve, Beavercreek, OH
Jun 18	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Company 7 BBQ, Englewood, OH
Jul 4	Fairborn July 4 th Parade	Dan Kirkpatrick	Fairborn, OH
Jul 4	Beavercreek July 4 th Parade	Dan Kirkpatrick	Beavercreek, OH
Jul 16	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Taylor's Tavern, Springfield, OH
Jul 27	Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum Drive	Chuck Valley	Auburn, IN
Aug 3	British Car Show	Tim Howard	Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton, OH
Aug 20	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	TBA

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added no new members in May.

We wish the following members happy birthday in June:

June Birthdays

Jeanne Gordon, Christy Haynes,
Frank Hughes, Albert Szkarupa, Bill
Bateman, Tim Howard, Karen
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

New Members for 2024

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

WELCOME

Miami Valley Miata Club Member Profiles

Congratulations Kaitlyn Fields!!!

Katie Fields has been a member of the Miami Valley Miata Club since 2017 and has always enjoyed 'riding shotgun' in "Dee Dee's" (Pat Valley's) '91 Miata.

While at Greenon High School, Kaity lettered in Women's Golf and played clarinet for five years in various bands, (Marching, Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, and Pep Band.)

Kaity just graduated as Salutatorian from Greenon High School while earning an Associate's Degree, also with honors, from Sinclair College. Kaity recently received a full-ride scholarship to Ohio State University where she will be majoring in Biology with a Pre-Med track.



Meet Bonnie & Clyde Hebert

The Heberts drive a 2007 Highland green Miata. They bought the Miata to have fun! Their memories are driving the Tail of the Dragon and going on drives with the club. Their other hobbies are playing pickleball, bicycling, card playing, and taking cruises on big ships.



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Jeff Schmitt Mazda



Treasurer's Report for May 2024

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of May:

Income: \$ 86.00
Expenses: \$648.00
Bank Bal: \$2964.00

Income is from memberships (\$20.00) and Sinclair donations (\$66.00).

Expenses are for gas cards (\$300.00) and the Burger Burn (\$348.00)

To view the Miami Valley Miata Club's 2024 Budget and Actuals as of May 30, 2024, click the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nLTt-fZaGN06Sct919hf9cfLAJxkyHa1/view?usp=sharing>

From the Rally Master

Don't miss the Poker Run, June 15th at the Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Road, Beaver creek, starting at 10:00. There will be a light lunch after the drive at Rotary Park in Beaver creek. Good luck!

Thank you,

Clyde Hebert, Rally Master
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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/>

Valley Vineyards Drive and Dine

Photos courtesy of Bonnie & Clyde Hebert





2024 Cincinnati Concours



**Join Ed Walker and Tim Howard
at Ault Park For the Cincinnati Concours
Sunday, June 9, 2024**

Meet at the Dayton Mall in the Bravo Parking Lot at 7:30 am

Concours opens at 10:00 am and closes at 4:00 pm.

The featured Marques are Ford Mustangs and
Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg classics.

Tickets are \$45.00 at the gate, and

PRIME PARKING IS AVAILABLE

just outside the show gates (only Miatas are allowed).

Contact Tim Howard by June first to reserve a spot.

Space is limited

Contact Tim Howard @ tghcc@woh.rr.com

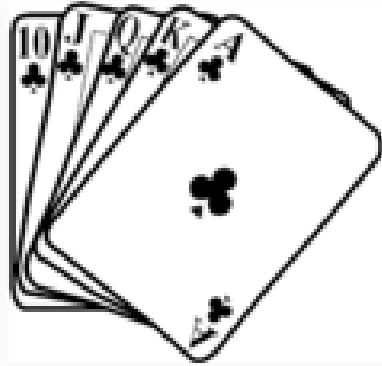
or at **937-439-3942 or 937 287 2424**

if interested

MVMC Poker Run

**hosted by: Chuck & Pat Valley
and Dealers**

Roger Gordon and Bonnie & Clyde Hebert



Start: Russ Nature Reserve
2380 Kemp Road
Beavercreek, OH 45431

When: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Arrive: 10:00 am

Driver Meeting: 10:15 am

Depart: 10:30 am

RSVP no later than June 12 to Pat Valley at: trish529@earthlink.net or text
937.608.5252

After the drive, the Club will provide a light picnic lunch of chicken strips, chips, and drinks at Rotary Park; 2260 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beavercreek, OH 45432.

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

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

By Tim Howard



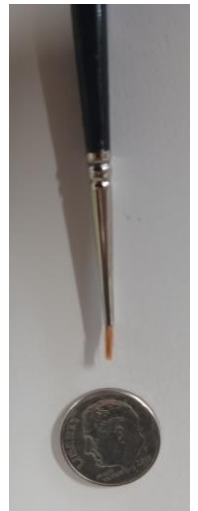
One of the topics that people frequently ask me about is how to touch up paint chips, door dings and scratches on their cars. It is relatively easy to do this, but it can be time consuming if you want to do a professional job. The first step in the process is acquiring the correct color of touchup paint. It would be best to make sure that you have the proper manufacturer's name for the color of the paint, but also have the paint code in hand before you go shopping. The easiest place to find the paint code on a Miata is on a sticker on the driver's side door jam. Most of us know the color by name; mine is True Red. Armed with this info and the year your car was manufactured, you are ready to shop at virtually any source, internet, auto paint store, parts store, or auto dealer.

I have had good luck with auto parts store touch-up spray cans like those sold by Dupli color for about \$10.00. Another excellent source would be an auto paint store, but they are usually way more expensive. The next thing you need to purchase is a paintbrush. The most common mistake that most people make when doing touchups is using a brush that is too large. At the right is a picture of my favorite brush, about 1/16th of an inch wide.



My favorite container

The second most common mistake is having the paint be too thick. I frequently buy spray cans and spray the paint into a small container that I dip the brush into to load it with paint. Spray paint is about the right consistency for this process. Don't forget to wear rubber gloves when you spray paint into the small container. Without gloves, you will get paint all over your hands. No matter what form of paint you buy, shake it or mix it about three times longer than you think is necessary; it will help you get a closer color match.



My favorite brush

The third most common mistake is trying to brush the paint on. The best approach is to dab it on, just enough to cover the area of the chip. The next most common mistake is to attempt to complete the total repair in one session. While you can sometimes get by with one dab on small chips, large spots frequently require 4 or 5 coats with drying time in between. The objective is to slowly raise the level of the paint in the chip to the level of the surrounding paint or just slightly above. On larger holes the dabbing technique with thin paint works to self-level and allows the paint to flow together thus creating a consistent color. The drying time between coats is key. As the paint dries it shrinks, allowing you to fill to the proper level without overfilling and getting paint on the surrounding surface.

If you do end up getting more paint than you want on the surrounding surface, it is not the end of the world. You can use some 1000 to 1200 grit wet sandpaper to carefully smooth the surface of the chip. Try not to sand beyond the filled area. When you are satisfied that you have smoothed the surface adequately, you can then polish it by hand or with a buffer if you have one, using a finishing compound. Do this until the desired level of gloss is achieved.

With a little practice you will be surprised at the difference you can make.

June Meet & Greet

Join your fellow members for the June 18th Meet & Greet!

Where: Company 7 BBQ, 1001 S. Main Street, Englewood, OH 45322

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

Company 7 menu: <https://company7bbq.com/menus>

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

Four (4) ball caps are available from Dan Kirkpatrick. Cost is \$11.00 each. One size fits all.



Contact Dan at 937-673-4178 or daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com