

Miami Valley
Miata Club



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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



April was the first of the 'busy months' for the Miami Valley Miata Club. April events included Spring Shop Day when we get our Miatas tuned up for the driving season, the Drive & Dine to Charleston Falls, the Drive & Dine to the American Sign Museum in Cincinnati, and the Meet & Greet at Archers Tavern.

Starting this first Saturday in May, we are inviting all MVMC members to the Burger Burn at Rotary Park (large shelter). Bring nothing, but an appetite. The Burger Burn will include burgers, hotdogs, potato salad, mac & cheese, and baked beans from City Barbecue! Beverages and dessert will also be provided. This is the club's way to give back to members while encouraging socializing among fellow Miata enthusiasts. The weather should be great! If you haven't yet 'text RSVP'd' for the Burger Burn, please do so to our Treasurer Pat Valley (937) 608-5252 by Thursday noon so the right amount of food can be ordered.

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.

See you at the Burger Burn!

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club

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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/>

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
May 4	Burger Burn/Picnic	MVMC Officers	Rotary Park, Beavercreek, OH
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	Russ Nature Preserve, Beavercreek, OH
Jun 9	Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance	Tim Howard	Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH
Jun 18	Meet & Greet	MVMC Officers	Company 7 BBQ, Englewood, OH
Jun 22	London Cobra Show	Tim Howard	London, 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

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added new members Mike and Stephanie Little in April. Welcome them to the club!

We wish the following members happy birthday in May:

May Birthdays

Daniel Donahue, Mike Smith, Jill Wetmore, Lee Korb, Mike Wheeler, Tommy Seay, Susan Hughes, Robert Luken, Kaitlyn Fields, Paul Weglage, Paul Monaghan, Roger West, Mike Little

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

New Members for 2024

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

WELCOME

Miami Valley Miata Club Member Profiles

Meet Dave & Peggy Berry--- Dave is our Newsletter Editor

The Berrys have a 2009 Stormy Blue Mica. Dave said he bought it because it called his name from the dealer's lot. Their adventure with the Miata is 23 passes on the Tail of the Dragon (Dave solo, Peggy declined). Other hobbies are trivia, reading, and watching YouTube videos. They both love to travel, having just completed their fifth river cruise, this one on the Mississippi from Memphis to New Orleans.



Meet Chuck White

Chuck drives a 2015 Meteor Gray Miata. He bought the Miata because he missed his 1965 Triumph TR4A a few years after selling it (but not the maintenance!). His memory is driving the Pacific Coast Highway from Southern California to Oregon. Other hobbies are Genealogy.



"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)."

Treasurer's Report for April 2024

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of April:

Income:	\$360.00
Expenses:	\$373.00
Bank Bal:	\$3525.00

Income is from memberships (\$60) and Jeff Schmitt Mazda sponsorship (\$300). Expense is for annual liability insurance (\$373).

From the Rally Master

Attention: The May 11th drive to Wick's Pies/Wolf Sanctuary has been cancelled.

May 18th – Valley Vineyard drive is still on and Hosted by Mike and Gail Allen. More to be announced.

I want to thank everyone that came out on these last two drives, the Charleston Falls and the American Sign Museum. Chuck and Pat Valley did an excellent job of getting the American Sign Museum together.

The weather is great for some Miata drives. Let's get some organized. As previously mentioned, I have a slew of route sheets that we have taken in the past and can be used for a drive. Just give me a call and I will send out the routes.

Thank you,
Clyde Hebert, Rally Master
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Charleston Falls Drive and Picnic

Photos courtesy of Bonnie Hebert



American Sign Museum Drive and Dine

Photos courtesy of Bonnie Hebert and Chuck Valley



For more photos from the American Sign Museum Drive and Dine, visit <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17eJJo5ag232TIE2qHmLyZOYhEzCfV3db?usp=sharing>

MVMC Burger Burn



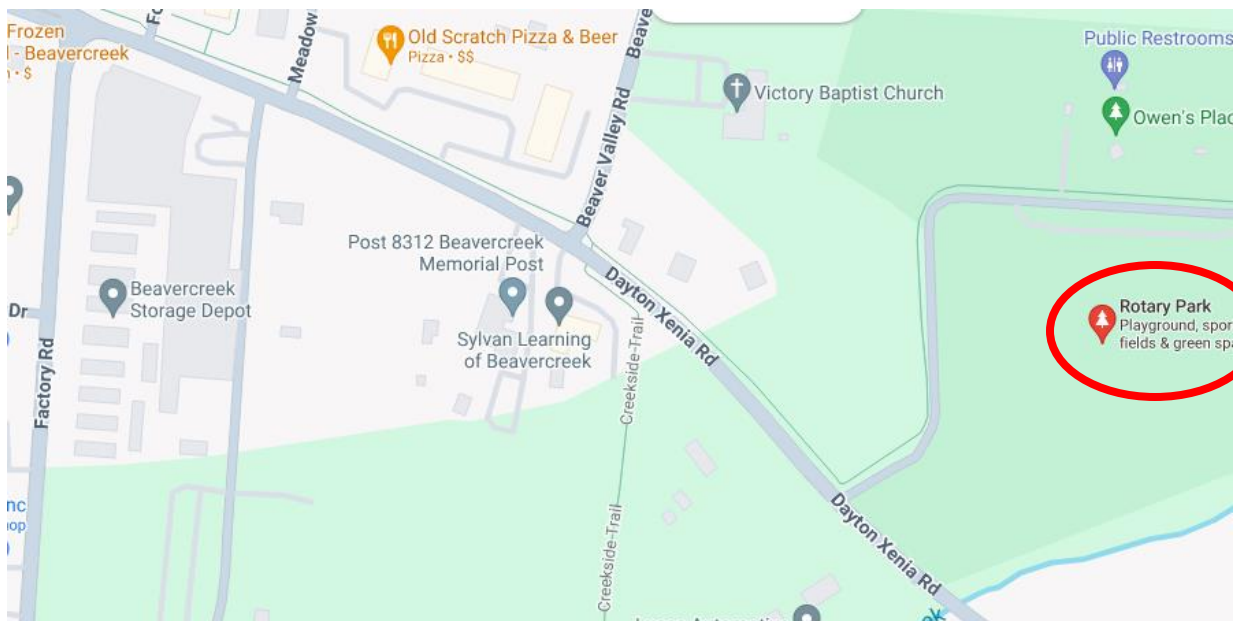
Where: Rotary Park; 2260 Dayton Xenia Rd; Beavercreek 45432

When: Saturday, May 4 11:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

Burgers, dogs, chips, beverages, sides and desserts, all provided by your Miami Valley Miata Club.

Please RSVP by Thursday May 2nd to Pat Valley: text 937-608-5252 or email trish529@earthlink.net

Come hungry or even hangry for grilled burgers and hot dogs!



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

By Tim Howard



Among the things many of us car lovers have in common is the fact that we tend to buy and sell more cars than the average person. I can also say that it is likely that most of us don't really enjoy the process of buying or selling, particularly selling. It is a very time-consuming process. It requires a great deal of hard work and patience to create a good selling document. Just determining what our vehicles are worth is enough to discourage many of us, and figuring out where to market your product can be daunting. Then, there are difficulties dealing with potential buyers, safely collecting the money from the sale, arranging for the transport, etc., that can be overwhelming. As a result, even the most adventurous among us can easily decide to take the easy road out and just simply avoid the process.

I mention all of this because during the past few days while cruising the net, I accidentally stumbled across a site that might be of interest to those of us who might be buying or selling a vehicle, particularly a classic or special-interest car like a Miata. I want to be clear that I have not used this service, so this is not a testimonial. I have scrutinized their offerings, and I am impressed. The name of the company is CLASSIC.COM. At its core, this site offers an easily searchable database of vehicles, either currently for sale or recently sold, at more than 250 dealers or auctions worldwide, all in one place. The database includes pictures and basic facts about a car, like where it was located, mileage, and options, as well as what it is currently listed or recently sold for. The search engine is easy to use, and predesigned reports and custom reports are impressive indeed. Also impressive is the list of automobiles that can be included in their database.

They advertise as follows:

- If you are a buyer, use their database to search for cars or follow the market
- If you are an owner, track the comps for your car
- If you are an auction or dealer, include your listings
- If you are a private seller, let them help you sell your car

Yes, you understood that last statement correctly: they have verified partners that will help you prepare, present, and sell your car. If the fees are not too high, it might well be worth it. If you ever think you might want to use any of the services that they offer, it would definitely be worth it to visit the CLASSIC.COM site to better understand their offerings. I was very impressed with the products that they offer.

A dark classic car, possibly a Porsche Carrera GT, is shown in profile against a black background. The car is illuminated from the side, highlighting its sleek lines and wheels. To the right of the car, the text reads: "CLASSIC.COM GARAGE™", "What's your car worth?", "Track recent comps for the classic or exotic cars you own - or the cars you want.", and a "GET STARTED" button.

CLASSIC.COM GARAGE™

What's your car worth?

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GET STARTED

May Meet & Greet

Join your fellow members for the May 21st Meet & Greet!

Where: Bennett's Pubical, 67 S. Main Street, Miamisburg, OH 45342

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



www.bennettspubical.com

