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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



October has come and gone in a flash! The last few days of October with high winds have blown most, if not all the color from the trees, but Indian Summer is now upon us with warm days and mostly dry, sunny weather forecast this first week of November and then some.

On Saturday, October 5th, several members of our club met up at Lofino Park in Beavercreek for the Pickleball Blast. Weather was ideal and members new to the game were taught the basics of pickleball by seasoned players. After an hour and a half of hitting the ball usually over the net and maneuvering our 'seasoned' bodies on the court; left, right, forward and 'carefully' backward, we all enjoyed the shade of the adjacent shelter to relax, chat, and enjoy 6" subs with chips and pop. If that weren't enough, that evening thirty-four MVMC members and family had a night out at LaComedia enjoying a performance of Saturday Night Fever and the great buffet the venue offers.

On Tuesday, October 15th, the MVMC held our club's Annual Pizza Party at our sponsor Jeff Schmitt Mazda. The well-attended event is always a great way to recognize our sponsor, share pizza and conversation with the sales staff, and look over new Mazda vehicles. It was announced at the party that our current officers with the exception of Technical Director were willing to serve again in 2025; however, self-nominations would be considered and placed on the ballot for the November election of MVMC club officers. Roger Gordon, former Rally Master, self-nominated for the open Technical Director position.

On October 19th, Pat and I led the D&D to the Plain Folk Café in Pleasant Plain, Ohio. Due to some road closures, a few reroutes had to be made. The drive was very enjoyable and scenic with beautiful Fall weather and colors. There is a section of the route we referred to as Ohio's Mini-Tail of the Dragon. Bonnie and Clyde Hebert did a great job as tail gunners of a convoy of thirteen Miatas.

The Fall Foliage Drive to the Smoky Mountains (October 24th-27th) was a successful and fun trip. Weather cooperated 90% of the time with only a little rain on the Friday trip to the beautiful and scenic Tapoco Lodge for lunch with members from both the Miami Valley Miata Club and Mountain Miata Club. Thanks to Dan and Norma Kirkpatrick for planning and leading this year's drive.

Fall Shop Day was on October 26th and was another great success! As is customary for our club, we had coffee and donuts in the morning thanks to Tim Howard, and for lunch, grilled hotdogs by Master Chef Pat Valley, special 'family recipe' beans by Laura and Roger West, and chips and drinks. Bonnie Hebert made a special dessert called 'pretzel bark' and although I had never heard of it, it was very tasty! We had a great turnout and a BIG THANKS to Randy and Lynda Mott who share their fabulous facility, daughter Christy Haynes who contributes her time and mechanical skills as wrench turner along with Tech Director Tim Howard and brother-in-law Ed Walker! After observing this crew turn wrenches,

their timing for oil changes and tire rotations _almost rivals_ the Indy pit crews! Shop Days occur twice a year, in April and October. It is a fantastic way to keep your Miata road ready, safe, and performing to spec.

Lastly, Wednesday evening the Executive Committee met at Taylor's Tavern and discussed plans for the election and the Christmas Party. This year we will have an ugly sweater contest, lots of fabulous door prizes, the Chinese Gift Exchange, and dinner from Olive Garden. An announcement will be going out in a few weeks for the Christmas Party.

Check for upcoming drives and events and potential changes in venue or dates in our miamivalleymiataclub.org website.

Thanks to all who help maintain the fun factor for our club and thanks for joining in most if not all our events!

Chuck Valley, President
Miami Valley Miata Club

Bus Drivers when they see each other;



Pilots when they see each other;



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 membership. 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, or announce same at the November 19th Meet & Greet and Election of 2025 officers.

The Miami Valley Miata Club will be considering self-nominations for any of the officer positions for 2025. Weigh your interest and let us know at the November 19th Meet & Greet and Election of 2025 officers..

An election of officers to serve in 2025 will be held at the November 19th Meet & Greet at the Wandering Griffin, 3725 Presidential Drive, Beavercreek, Ohio 45324.

Miami Valley Miata Club Officers for 2024

 President Chuck Valley	 Secretary-Treasurer Pat Valley
 Vice President Vacant	 Technical Director Tim Howard
 Membership Director Gina Seay	 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
Nov 9	Canton Classic Automobile Museum Drive & Dine	Chuck Valley	Canton, OH
Nov 19	Meet & Greet/2025 Officer Elections	MVMC Officers	Wandering Griffin, Beavercreek, OH
Dec 14	Annual MVMC Christmas Party	MVMC Officers	Fairborn Senior Center, Fairborn, OH
Dec 31	Polar Bear Run Drive & Dine	TBD	Metropolitan Dayton area

"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 one new member in October. Please welcome Micah Rocha to the club!

We wish the following members happy birthday in November:

November Birthdays

Jon Vincent, Tim Blazer, Gina Seay,
Enrique Ellenbogen, L. Calvin Hebert,
Lynda Mott, Randy Mott, Roxan
Ashburn, Laura West, Ed Bell, Amy
White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

New Members for 2024

Micah Rocha
Richard Coffee
Nancy Spilsbury
Teresa Watkins
Mike & Stephanie Little
Sean & Amy White
Julie Green
Peter & Christal Kronbergs

Meet George Wetmore

George drives a 2000 Special Edition Mahogany Mica. He bought his Miata because it was new to him. His memories include taking trips through the Rocky Mountains. Other hobbies are competition shooting, wood working, and of course Living Life to the Fullest.



Meet Dan Long

Dan has a 2003 Splash Green Mica Miata. He bought it as a car hobby and to take weekend drives. Best memory is driving it home from Florida where he bought it. Other hobbies are Antiquing.



Treasurer's Report for October 2024

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of October:

Income: \$377.00
Expenses: \$763.58
Bank Bal: \$2,578.31

Income is from: Current - \$20; 2025 Membership - \$20; Jeff Schmitt sponsorship - \$300; Magnet sale - \$5; Sinclair donations - \$32

Expenses are from: Picnic - \$185; Pizza party - \$351; Pickleball blast - \$88; Shop Day - \$98; Miscellaneous supplies - \$40

Note to all: Pat has MVMC Club magnets for sale to all members. Price is \$5.00 each.



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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/>

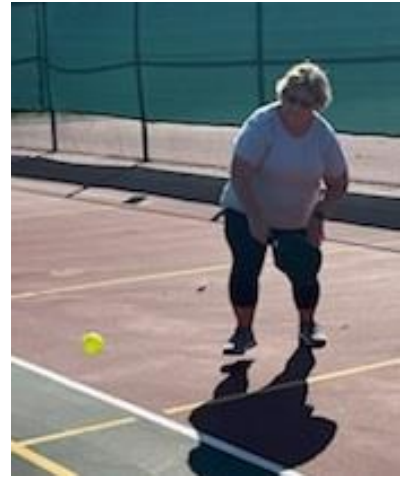
GREATER CINCINNATI <http://www.cincimiata.com/news.asp>

INDY MIATA CLUB <http://www.indymiata.org/>

OHIO MIATA OWNERS FACEBOOK PRIVATE GROUP (request to join)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/478759678813248/>

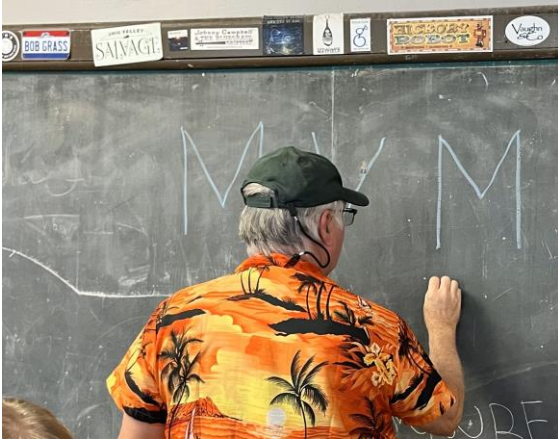
Pickleball Blast



Annual Pizza Party



Plain Folk Drive & Dine



Fall Foliage Drive





Miami Valley Miata Club



Serving Greater Dayton Ohio Area Miata Enthusiasts since 1993

Dry Ice Demonstration

Dry Ice Transformations, LLC., located in Beavercreek has invited club members to a "Dry Ice Demo."

The demonstration is targeted for automobile undercarriage areas. According to the company, the state-of-the-art process works well to remove grit, grime, oil, and debris that has collected over the years in and on the undercarriage, wheel wells, and engine bay of your vehicle.

The intent of this announcement is to poll interest in participating in the demo. A minimum participation of 10 members is required. There is no obligation to purchase any product and the demo is free of charge.

Available time for the demo is: 9:00 am - noon and is offered both weekends and weekdays and includes introductions, video, demo, and a Q&A session. Light refreshments (coffee and other beverages) and donuts will be provided by Dry Ice Transformations, LLC.

If you are interested, please RSVP to Chuck Valley via text: 937-608-5251 no later than November 12th.

This announcement is not an endorsement of Dry Ice Transformations, LLC. or its products.



Canton Classic Automobile Museum Drive & Dine

Hosted by: Chuck & Pat Valley

When: Saturday, November 9

Where: Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Rd., Beaver Creek

Meet: 9:00 am

Drivers' Meeting: 9:15 am

Depart: 9:30 am

Bring FRS Radio

Join the MVMC for a fun trip to the Canton Classic Automobile Museum that has cars dating back to 1904 up to 1981 and lots of automobile memorabilia. If you haven't seen this collection of automobiles or it's been a long time since, you and yours (maybe your granddaughter or grandson) will truly enjoy this visit and perhaps see the first car grandpa or grandma ever owned!

We will be on the road an hour or so before making a pitstop about halfway up to Canton, then a great lunch stop awaits at the Killbuck Sweet Shoppe with a 5-star Yelp rating. As the name suggests, Killbuck's has sweets like ice cream, frozen yogurt, and other delights, but also a great diverse Americana lunch menu of specialty sandwiches, quesadillas, various sides, salads, and tasty burgers that according to several reviews, are "HUGE!"

Cost: Senior adults \$8, Students 6-18 \$7

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 7 to
Pat at trish529@earthlink.net or text to 937-608-5252



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

By Tim Howard

Tim is taking a well-deserved break this month, so in lieu of an article we are posting photos from the Fall Shop Day event.



November Meet & Greet & 2025 Officer Elections

Join your fellow members for annual Meet & Greet and Officer Elections

When: Tuesday, November 19th

Where: Wandering Griffin Brewery & Restaurant, 3725 Presidential Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45324

Time: Gather to socialize early, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm



Miami Valley Miata Club Ball Cap is still available!!!!

One (1) ball cap remains available from Dan Kirkpatrick.
Grey in color. Cost is \$11.00. One size fits all.



Contact Dan at 937-673-4168 or daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com