

Miami Valley
Miata Club



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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



September 2024 was yet another Drive & Dine (D&D) and event-filled month. Among the many events were the Greene County Drive I led with several club members participating. A special thanks to Rhonda and Steve Miller for opening up their home for the after-drive social. It was an enjoyable early evening drive with good conversations, snacks, and beverages. The club also enjoyed the country drive to the Do Good Restaurant in Osgood Ohio, about an hour and a half north of the Dayton area. Osgood, located in Darke County, in the latest census had a reported population of only 306 and it is out in the boonies between nowhere and somewhere! Thanks to

Ruth and Enrique Ellenbogen for stepping up to host this D&D.

On Tuesday, September 17th the MVMC held our club's Annual Picnic at Lofino Park Shelter. Burgers and hotdogs on the grille, cooked to our members' delight, plus members brought in wonderful side dishes and desserts (see photo of the spread at right). One of the many tasty side dishes was Ruth Ellenbogen's roasted sweet potato wedges. They were delish!



Nice this year, our sponsor Jeff Schmitt Mazda brought over some products, namely a brand new turbo CX-90 and brand new loaded MX-5 RF. Whoop whoop! 😊 I got to drive the RF from the parking lot _all the way_ to the shelter! I didn't get it out of second gear, but I was tempted to drive it away! I encouraged Senior Sales Manager, Abel Gallagher, and Brent Miller to bring their products and let them know it could be like a 'remote showroom'. They liked the idea so you'll likely be seeing our sponsor at more MVMC events.

Can you believe - October is already here! The MVMC's first of two non-drive October events is on Saturday October 5th 10am to noon at Lofino Park for those interested in learning how or wanting to play pickleball. The shelter is reserved for those planning to participate in the Pickleball Blast. This is a weather permitting event so if windy or wet, don't bother showing up. We will need an RSVP for the pickleball nlt Friday noon. Members who have a spare paddle please bring them. An announcement will be going out early this week.

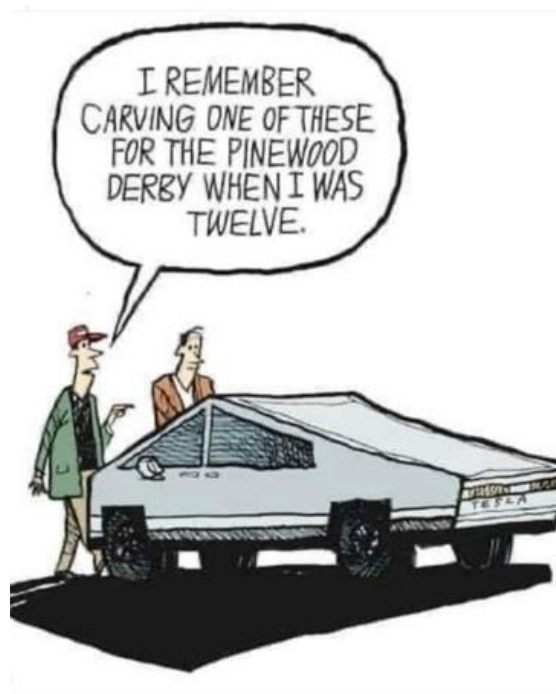
The second of the two non-drive Saturday, October 5th events will be at LaComedia Dinner Theater to enjoy "Saturday Night Fever" and the hit movie songs of the Bee Gees. At last count 33 MVMC members have signed up for this special, fun night out!

The Fall Foliage Drive is this October 24-27th. A few rooms are still available at the Townsend River Breeze Inn in Townsend, TN. Contact Dan Kirkpatrick 937-673-4178 if you are planning to join us on this enjoyable, memorable trip to the Smokies. **By the way, with the recent Hurricane Helene aftermath, currently there are some TN and NC roads closed due to downed power lines and flooding. Dan Kirkpatrick, host of this year's drive has contacted the hotel and it is reported that all will be opened up over the next three weeks so it is not anticipated to be a problem getting around. The Tail is open to Deal's Gap at the present time, but there are some road closures. Stay tuned for any future weather reports as this is hurricane season.** By the way, Dan reports that there are two rooms still available. Contact Dan at 937-673-4178.

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



"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)."

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 toward a selectee. 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 2025.

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 selection, you will serve the club as VP the remaining months of 2024 followed by a full one-year term as president beginning Jan 1, 2025. To a certain extent, as VP you will shadow the 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 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 October 15th Pizza Party at Jeff Schmitt Mazda.

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

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|  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 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Oct 5 | Pickleball Blast | Chuck & Pat Valley | Lofino Park, Beavercreek, OH |
| Oct 5 | LaComedia "Saturday Night Fever" | Chuck & Pat Valley | La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, OH |
| Oct 15 | Pizza Party | MVMC Officers | Jeff Schmitt Mazda, Beavercreek, OH |
| Oct 19 | Plain Folk Café Drive & Dine | Chuck & Pat Valley | Pleasant Plain, OH |
| Oct 24-27 | Fall Foliage Drive | Dan Kirkpatrick | Townsend, TN |
| Oct 26 | Fall Shop Day | Tim Howard, Ed Walker, Randy & Lynda Mott | Mott Farm, Casstown, OH |
| Nov 9 | Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum Drive | Chuck Valley | Auburn, IN |
| 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 |

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added two new members in September. Please welcome Nancy Spilsbury and Richard Coffee to the club!

We wish the following members happy birthday in October:

October Birthdays

Marilyn Rodney, Jayna Hoppel,
Byron Pettit, Sharon Wilson, Debbie
Whitaker, Susan Hubbell, Rick Lach,
Vicki Beegle, Dan Long

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

New Members for 2024

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

Meet Paul Weglage

Paul has a 1990 Red with black soft top and some ground effects on his Miata. He bought the Miata for his wife's birthday present! They used to do a lot of Sunday drives around the countryside for 2-3 hours. Other hobbies are golf, woodworking, handyman projects and being a Freemason.

Meet Roger and Laura West

Rodger and Laura have a 2023 Black Miata. They bought the Miata because they knew it was a great car! Their car is so new that they really don't have memories made yet. Other hobby is bicycling.



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Jeff Schmitt Mazda

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Treasurer's Report for September 2024

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of September:

Income: \$61.00
Expenses: \$ -0-
Bank Bal: \$2,937.00

Income includes memberships \$40 and Sinclair donations \$21.

Upcoming income includes our fourth installment of sponsorship from Jeff Schmitt; expenses will be for the September picnic, and Shop Day wienie roast.

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/>

Do Good Drive & Dine



MVMC Annual Picnic



MVMC Annual Picnic (cont.)





Miami Valley Miata Club



Serving Greater Dayton Ohio Area Miata Enthusiasts since 1993

Pickleball Blast

Hosted by: Chuck Valley

Please join Chuck Valley and other club members for an enjoyable morning learning the basics of pickleball and playing a few games to sharpen your skills.

When: Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Where: Dominic Lofino Park Shelter; 640 Grange Hall Rd., Beavercreek, OH 45432

Please RSVP by NOON Friday, October 4th to Chuck at charles.valley@yahoo.com or text to 937-608-5251 so we can get a head count. Subs, chips and drinks provided by the Club.

Fall Shop Day

October 26, 2024

Location: Randy Mott's Farm, 1350 South Hufford Road, Casstown, Ohio 45312

Time: 10:00am until 2:00pm

The club will provide donuts and coffee in the morning as well as hot dogs, chips, and beverages around noon.

If you want to schedule work, contact Tim Howard at 937-287-2424, or email tghcc@woh.rr.com to discuss the work you would like done and reserve a time slot.

If you just plan to attend, also please respond to Tim by October 22nd so we can get a count for the purchase of food.

Note: If you are scheduling work, bring your own consumables (oil, filter, etc.). Lift time will be billed at \$25.00 per hour.



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



This month, Susan Cain directed me to an article published by Autozone regarding gasoline stabilization. Since we are fast approaching that time of the year when many of us will be storing our Miatas for the winter, I thought it might be a good topic for Shop Talk. I wrote an article on this topic many years ago in which I recommended that if you were planning to store your car for between three and six months that it was not necessary to add a stabilizing agent to your gasoline. The author of this article disagrees with that. In fact, he plainly states that gasoline has an expiration date of 30 days, even premium. Given that fact, he recommends that that you add stabilizer to the gas tank of any gasoline powered product that you are going to store for more than 30 days if you cannot drain the tank before storage. I have three cars and one driver. I believe that I have gasoline that is more than 30 days old most of the time. To the best of my knowledge, old gasoline has never been the source of a problem in any of my cars. However, over the years, I have had spring starting problems with lawn mowers and chain saws etc., when I forgot to run them dry before storing them in the fall. All that said, in the face of new knowledge, I believe I would amend my previous advice by saying if you are going to store your Miata for more than three months you should consider adding stabilizer to your gasoline.

If you decide to be safe and add a stabilizer to your gasoline, you should know that most reputable brands will protect your car for 24 months. The good news is that adding stabilizer is a DIY friendly process. The first step is to drive your car until the gas tank is nearly empty. Then you open the tank and measure out the amount of stabilizer recommended by the manufacturer and pour it into the gas tank. At this point you will want to fill the tank with gasoline to minimize the chance that your fuel system is exposed to air or water (avoid gasoline containing ethanol if possible). At that point, you should start the engine and let it run for five to ten minutes. In most cases, a drive home from the gas station should be adequate to ensure that the stabilizer is evenly distributed though out the gas tank and fuel delivery system.

You are now done and set for up to 24 months of storage.



ND owners, heads up!

Mazda recently issued a recall on some NDs. Please see the following for further information:

<https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/a62411767/mazda-recall-nd-generation-mx-5-miata-airbag-problem/>

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/mazda-recalls-over-77-000-102710064.html>

October Meet & Greet/Pizza Party & Officer Nominations

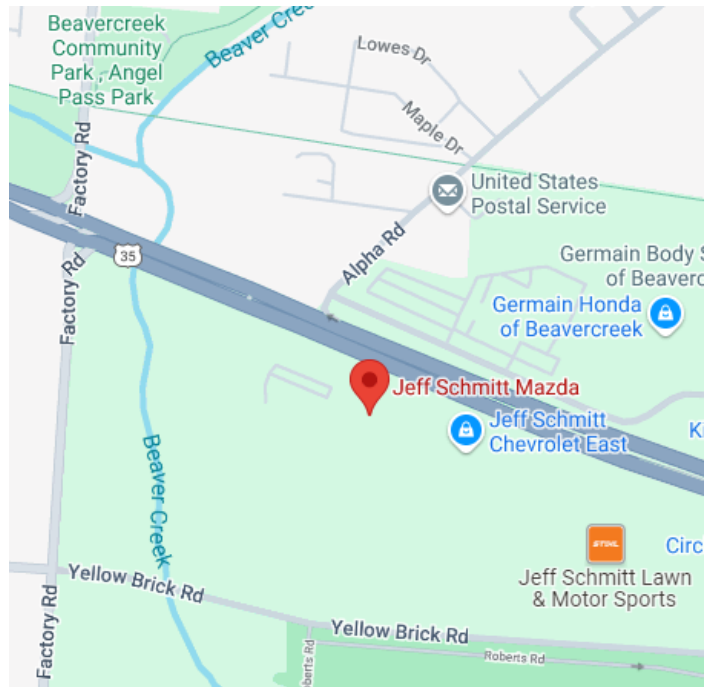
Join your fellow members for annual Meet & Greet/Pizza Party and Officer Nominations

When: Tuesday, October 15th

Where: Jeff Schmitt Mazda, 646 Alpha Road, Beaver Creek, OH 45430

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

Please bring your own chair!



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