
Miami Valley
Miata Club



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The President's Corner

by Chuck Valley



August 2024 was a Drive & Dine (D&D) filled month. Among the many events were the British Car Show at Eastwood Park hosted by Tim Howard, the Southeastern Miami County Drive & Dine hosted by Randy and Lynda Mott, the Cedar Cliff Drive & Dine hosted by Bonnie and Clyde Hebert, and the Champaigne County Aircraft Museum Drive & Dine hosted by Dan and Norma Kirkpatrick. Congratulations and a big thanks to all who put a D&D together! These events all contribute to the club's fun factor and encourages socializing among fellow Miata enthusiasts.

The upcoming Meet & Greet will be the **MVMC Annual Picnic** held at 5:30p-7:00p, September 17th at Lofino Park Shelter, 640 Grange Hall Road, Beaver Creek. The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks. We ask that members bring a side dish or dessert for sharing. No need to bring lawn chairs since the shelter provides picnic table seating. This is a 'MVMC members only' event. Please RSVP to Pat Valley, 937-608-5252 by Friday the 13th so she will know how much food and drink to buy.

The club has a few seats available for the October 5th LaComedia Dinner Theater featuring "Saturday Night Fever" and the hit movie songs of the Bee Gees. 28 MVMC members have already signed up for this special, fun night out!

How many out there play pickleball or want to learn? We will be having a Pickleball Bash at Lofino Park also on Saturday 10:00am to noon October 5th. RSVP Chuck Valley at 937-608-5251 if interested.

The Fall Foliage Drive is this October 24-27th. A few rooms are still available at the 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.

Check for upcoming drives and events in our miamivalleymiataclub.org website.

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.

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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
Sep 7	Greene County Drive & Social	Chuck Valley, Steve & Rhonda Miller	Rotary Park, Beavercreek, OH
Sep 17	MVMC Annual Picnic	MVMC Officers	Lofino Park Shelter, Beavercreek, OH
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 12	Plain Fork Café Drive & Dine	Dave & Peggy Berry	Pleasant Plain, OH
Oct 15	Meet & Greet/Pizza Party	MVMC Officers	Jeff Schmitt Mazda, Beavercreek, 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 2	Burger Burn	TBA	Lofino Park, Beavercreek, OH
Nov 9	Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum Drive	Chuck Valley	Auburn, IN
Nov 19	Meet & Greet/2025 Officer Elections	MVMC Officers	TBA

From the Membership Desk

By Gina Seay
Membership Director

We added no new members in August.

We wish the following members happy birthday in September:

September Birthdays

Ed Walker, Roger Gordon, Dale
Burnside, Russ Loughlin, Michael
Ryan, Jenni Ruehl, Christal
Kronbergs, Sean White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

New Members for 2024

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

Treasurer's Report for August 2024

By Pat Valley, Secretary-Treasurer

Income and expenses for the month of August:

Income: \$71.00
Expenses: \$ -0-
Bank Bal: \$2,876.72

Income is from Membership: \$20.00; Magnet sales: \$10.00; Sinclair donations: \$41.00

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



From the Rally Master

On the road again....

Up coming drive, September 7th - Greene County Drive and Social, starting at 6PM at the Rotary Park in Beavercreek and ending at Steve & Ronda Miller's house for socializing.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the drive to Cedar Cliff Falls. By the time you get this news letter the drive to Champaign County Aircraft Museum will have also come and gone. Special thanks to Dan and Norma Kirkpatrick for organizing the drive.

Thank you,

Clyde Hebert, Rally Master
937-657-6294
Lhebert2019@gmail.com

2024 Celebration of Life



October 24, 1995 Pat treated himself for his 50th birthday, bringing home his 1995 M Edition Miata! We have led many drives over the years, enjoying the drive, the scenery, the destination (and food), but more importantly, the company!

I'm convinced that he ordered the beautiful weather we had for our last drive to John Bryan State Park where we held a Celebration of Life for him on the 9th of August 2024.

He would have been so honored to see so many of his friends from the club drive "over the river and through the woods" to say their last goodbyes and witness the flag ceremony in his honor! Friends and family were in awe of seeing so many Miatas (and owners) who took the time to come to pay their respects!

Thank you Chris and Donna Vollmer for leading his MVMC friends:

Cinda & Drake Daum

Enrique & Ruth Ellenbogen

Pat & Lee (Korb) Gould

Fred & Jayna Hoppel

Calvin & Bonnie Hebert

Rick and Kathleen Lach

Russ & Diane Loughlin

Dean & Ann Lundgren

Bryon & Skeeter Pettit

Patti Purdin

Tom Seay

Bill Titley

Jon & Jo Anne Vincent

Mike Wheeler

Roger & Laura West

and to others who sent cards!

zoom...zoom!

During his career in the USAF, Pat was a high flyer. He served in the F-4 Phantom II and C-141 Starlifter. Not quite Miata style, but pretty cool!

Cedar Cliff Falls Drive



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Champaign County Aircraft Museum Drive & Dine



True Tail Gunners on this Drive & Dine!



PB&J Cheeseburger at Lunch. Oh my!



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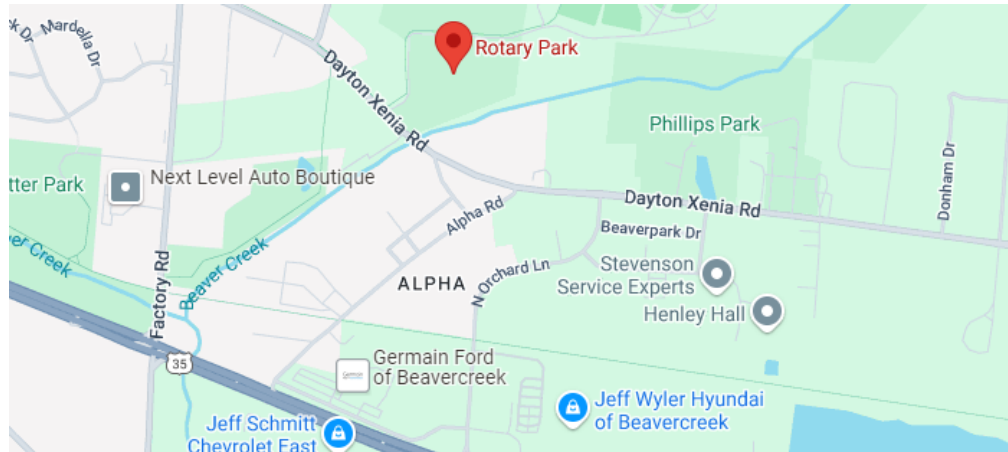


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Greene County Drive and Social

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Please join us on Saturday, Sep 7th for a nice drive through Greene County. The drive will last about 45 minutes, ending at Steve & Rhonda Miller's home (2001 Court Dean, Beavercreek) for a get together on their large deck. Bring your FRS radios and meet at Rotary Park, Dayton-Xenia Rd, Beavercreek at 6 PM, driver's meeting at 6:15 PM, depart at 6:30 PM for the drive led by Chuck Valley and arriving at the Miller's about 7:30 PM. You can either drop off your favorite snack or dessert ahead of time at the Miller's or just bring it with you when you arrive after the drive. You won't need to bring lawn chairs and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Steve (937) 409-5725 or Rhonda (937) 409-5724 by Wed/Sep 4th. Even if you can't make the drive, you're invited to the get together.



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



I may be a little premature, but we are again closing in on the time of the year when many Miata owners begin thinking about placing their cars in storage for the winter season. With that in mind, Roger Gordon provided me with information on a new, or at least one I had not seen before, product that might be useful for cars in storage as well as cars that are simply parked outside in cold weather. In fact, this product could be useful for anyone owning a car manufactured since about 2011. That product is the Noco Boost Plus 1000 Amp Ultra Safe Jump Starter. This unit is compact, roughly 4 inches x 8 inches x 5 inches only and weighs about 8 ounces. It can be used as a jump

starter, 12volt battery pack, a jump box, and it includes jumper cables for a 6.0 liter gasoline engine and a 3.0 liter diesel engine. The product is advertised to have the capacity for 20 jump-starts on a single charge. The product is ultra safe to use without worrying about incorrect connections or sparks. The design also includes reverse polarity protection.

It is truly a multifunction tool including a built-in portable LED flashlight with seven modes among which are an emergency strobe and SOS. It will also recharge smart phones, tablets, and other USB devices and it is easily rechargeable from any powered USB port in 3 hours at 2.1 amps.

If you own a Miata or any other model car produced after about 2011, it is likely that it is heavily computerized. You may be aware that you need to maintain constant power to these computerized systems in order to maintain the functionality of all your cars' computer-based features. If your battery goes dead or if you disconnect your cars battery without providing a constant 12 volt source, it is possible you could lose things like all of your radio settings at the least, or worse, all of the manufacturer installed codes that control systems that make the car run and drive. In that worst case it is possible that you would need to have your car towed to a dealer to have the computer reflashed to get all those codes back. This product

is designed to provide constant power even if you have to install a new battery. All you need do is clamp it to terminals on your battery cables before you disconnect them from the battery, then you are free to remove the battery and install a new one while the NOCO Boost Plus continues to power your important computerized systems. It might also be an important source of power for your battery powered products such as cell phones and computers in the event of an extended power outage. At the nominal purchase price of \$99.00, it might be cheap insurance to have this product on hand in your home..If you would like to learn more about this product enclosed below is a URL where you can go to get the full story from the manufacturer.



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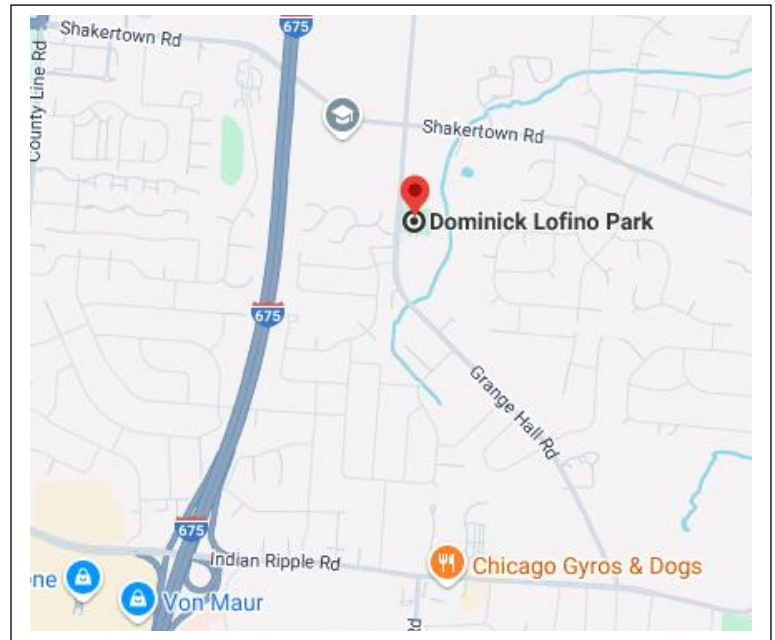
September Meet & Greet and Annual Picnic

Join your fellow members for the September 17th Meet & Greet and Annual Picnic

Where: Lofino Park, 640 Grange Hall Road, Beavercreek, OH 45430

Time: Gather to socialize and order early beginning 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your fellow Miami Valley Miata Club members!



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