President's Corner
by Tony Zlocki

Happy New Year to all the Miami Valley Miata Club members! I would like to take a moment to introduce myself and my wife, Jeanne. We joined the Miami Valley club in April 2015. I owned a 1990 (NA), my first Miata. Prior to that time, we lived in Milford, Ohio and were members of the Cincinnati Miata club. We have two children and two grandchildren. We moved here after retirement to be closer to our grandchildren. We have enjoyed our time with the club and hope to make many new friends. We will plan fun trips to interesting places and look forward to your participation.

The Polar Bear Run 2018 was to the Company 7 BBQ restaurant in Englewood. The weather was great, and most people were able to ride top down. We had 21 cars and one OTM. We traveled through Huber Heights and Tipp City to our destination of Company 7 BBQ, Thanks to all who participated.

Treasurer Report for Period Ending December 31, 2018
by Fred Hoppel

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Notes:
A detailed Financial Report for 2018 and a proposed 2019 Budget will be presented to the MVMC Executive Committee on Tuesday January 8th, and to the MVMC membership in the February MVMC Newsletter.
Membership Update

By Pat Valley
Membership Director

We had no new members joining in December.

It is time to renew your membership for 2019. Please send a completed membership form and a check for $20 to: Pat Valley, 2000 Deer Hollow Trail, Xenia, OH 45385.

Membership form:

January Birthdays

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New Members for 2019

Let’s all help keep the Miami Valley Miata Club vibrant by recruiting new members in 2019. See Pat Valley for MVMC information cards.
Outgoing President's Farewell and Looking Ahead in 2019

MVMC Membership,

I just want to thank all for the opportunity to be our club's president for the past two years and wish the incoming President and Vice President as smooth of a ride as I had.

I credit the success of the club these past three years (since I first served as club VP) to the Executive Committee and volunteers from our membership who have been a pleasure to work with. A lot of good communication and passion for fun lead to more drives and non-drive events than in any previous two-year timeframe in the MVMC's 25-year history. I'm proud to have been part of that special Silver Anniversary. Now I look forward to serving as the MVMC Rally Master and plan to invest as much energy in this as I can to create fun and good memories for all (with essentially the same outstanding Executive Committee as before!).

Thank you also for the great participation of Membership at the Christmas Party. Special thanks to Mary Anne Blazer for bringing (and leading) the United Chimes Bell Choir, whose music added a wonderful and cheerful dimension to the event. Thanks to the Executive Committee for pulling this all together! Finally, thanks to Rick and Kathleen Lach for taking the donated clothing items to St. Vincent de Paul, as they have done for many years.

Hope to see y'all at the January 25th MVMC Event Planning Meeting 9:00a-10:30a at the Fairborn Senior Center. Enjoy free coffee and donuts in exchange for your drive and non-drive event ideas!

Chuck Valley, Rally Master
Miami Valley Miata Club

The Miami Valley Miata club cut a check for $225 from 2018 membership donations that will buy books and technical manuals for students enrolled in the Automotive Technology Department at Sinclair Community College. The check was presented to the Dean of Engineering who oversees the Automotive Technology Program by incoming President Tony Zlocki, outgoing President Chuck Valley, and Membership Chair Pat Valley
Miami Valley Miata Club
Anniversary Logo
Shirt or Cap

Take your shirt or cap to Boomerang Embroidery (3008 Birdwood Road, Kettering). They will embroider the Miata Club Anniversary logo for $11.00.

Add a name to the right side of the shirt for $4.00 (block or script lettering) (plus tax).

Provide your own cap, or order one from Lori’s website

Boomerang’s catalog: https://www.companycasuals.com/miata

Miami Valley Miata Club Magnets!

MVMC car magnets are available for $5 each. We recommend a pair so both sides of your Miata/MX-5 can publicize our great club during Drive & Dines!
MVMC 2019 Calendar of Events

NOTE: This is displayed as a running three-month calendar of upcoming events for which at least two of the three factors of date, host(s) and venue are CONFIRMED.

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25th Anniversary Plaques

Available in silver, gold, or white tone from member Bob Luken at a cost of $10.00 each

Plate size is 5 inches by 7 inches, and the overall base size if 6 inches by 8 inches.

Bob also can print a 24” x 36” poster of the 25th cake logo printed on glossy photo paper. Cost is $15.00.

Contact Bob Luken at rpluken@earthlink.net

"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 2018 Christmas Party

Turnout was great, as was the venue, the Fairborn Senior Center

Mary Anne Blazer conducted the Bell Choir entertainment

Chinese Gift Exchange had its humorous moments

Some folks looked just plain silly

Exchange gifts were placed under one tree; hats, gloves, scarves and sundries for the St. Vincent de Paul Society under the other

Photos courtesy of Chuck White
2018 Polar Bear Run

Pre-drive meeting took place at Carriage Hill Metropark. Note the great turnout!

Weather was pleasant if cool

The drive ended with lunch at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood

Photos courtesy of Tony Zlocki

For more photos from January MVMC events, visit the club’s Google Drive page:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1c_CciWx7_ITdqPFgYT99eTj7HT1OyaHs
Replacing a 1990 Miata Wiper Motor

by Bob Luken

I found it necessary to replace the wiper motor on my recently purchased 1990 Miata. In searching EBAY, I found a number of wiper motors listed as fitting 1990 – 1997 Miatas.

After receiving a motor, I found that it did not fit. Upon doing further research I learned that the early production Miata used a different motor and mounting plate. The early production Miatas had a wiper motor mounting plate with three holes, and those manufactured after July 1990 had four mounting holes.

The wiper motor at the top in the photograph is a post-July 1990 motor, and the wiper motor on the bottom is an early production motor.

In replacing the wiper motor in a 1990 Miata, it will be necessary to check the production date. Better yet, remove the motor first. In ordering a replacement wiper motor, be sure that the motor that you order has the correct number of mounting holes.

Links of interest:

MVMC GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/300608016771949/

MVMC ORG FACEBOOK PUBLIC PAGE
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Miami-Valley-Miata-Club/229407270577928

LINKS TO MIATA CLUBS IN THE MIDWEST
http://www.miata.net/clubs/ohkywv.html

BUCKEYE MIATA CLUB / COLUMBUS-
http://www.buckeyemiataclub.com/


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

OHIO MIATA OWNERS FACEBOOK PRIVATE GROUP (request to join)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/478759678813248/
Shop Talk (It’s not just about the cars)
By Tim Howard

It’s been a long wait, but it finally happened. Susan Cain has wanted a removable hard top for her NB Miata since I first met her at Ed’s shop five or six years ago. At that time Susan was parking outside, which primarily drove her desire, but fueling the fire was the fact that a close neighbor had a car identical to Susan’s, except it had a hard top. That daily exposure made it hard to get the idea out of her mind.

Over the years, Susan looked for a top of her own and followed a number of leads, but it never worked out. Then as luck would have it, just after Susan bought a new house with a garage, her neighbor contacted her and explained that she and her husband were selling their Miata and asked if Susan would like to buy the hard top. This is confirmation that good things come to those who wait. The color of the top matched Susan’s car, it came with the pulley system for storage and installation of the top, and was reasonably priced. It just doesn’t get any better than that! Obviously, Susan jumped at the offer and ultimately called Ed Kramer and I to see if we would help her install the top on her car. She acquired the necessary latch plates, and in early December, Ed Kramer, Ed Walker, Susan and I met at Ed’s shop to install the latch plates and top. Below are a few pictures of us at work that day, and the finished product. Susan reports that she is very happy with the top. The car is quieter inside, it is more secure, and it is almost like getting an entirely different car.

If you happen to own an NA or NB Miata (1990 thru 2005), and you think you might want a hard top, the same top fits all the above-mentioned models. The earlier tops, about the first four years of production, did not have the electronics necessary for self-defrosting rear windows. Also, during the 15 years of production, there were several iterations of latch plates used to secure the top to the body. If your car has never had a hard top before, you will need to purchase the latch plates that are appropriate for your car. These plates are available from several sources and can usually be purchased for between $50.00 and $100.00. Make sure you get the ones that are appropriate for your car. Good Hunting!
Latch plates in place

Susan’s NB with the top in place - now that looks fabulous!