

Miami Valley
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The President's Corner

by Jim Brokaw

Welcome to the March edition, which means February is finally in our rear-view mirror and better weather is around the next bend! Although I own no "garage queens," old man Winter, in cahoots with the Warren County Association of Daily Salt Spreading, held our Miatas hostage in their stalls for the entire month. I am anxious to get on the road with the top down and let the wind blow through the hair that I used to have.

Our club's February highlight was the virtual Virtual Rally, organized and orchestrated by Pat Gould and Lee Korb, and featuring lots of automobile-themed videos and brutal trivia questions. Well done!

Club events start picking up in April, first with Dogwoods in the Smokies (15-18 April), so March is a good month to give our Roadsters a good going over. If they've been out on salted roads, give them a thorough wash down. Check your tires for wear and for age; check brakes, belts and fluid levels; and don't forget to make sure that your drains aren't clogged. If you're not able to prep your Roadster for a summer of fun, consider scheduling it for a ride on Randy Mott's lift at the Shop Day on April 24th.

As of today, rooms are still available at the Luxbury Inn in Maryville, TN for the Dogwoods event. Call [\(865\) 983-9839](tel:8659839839) to reserve a room, and please call Dan Kirkpatrick if you have questions.

Lastly, I want to thank David Berry again for creating our newsletter, and also everyone who contributed to it. If you have something you would like to share, please consider writing an article.

We hope to see you in Tennessee. Keep the sunny side up!



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From the Membership Desk

by Pat Valley
Membership Director

We added two new members this month! Welcome aboard to Erik Vasco and A.J. Mesaros, Jr.!

Our membership stands at 61 so far this year. If you have friends who have not yet renewed their membership, please let them know they should renew ASAP. We will be updating the password for the Members-Only side of the website soon. We'll send out the new password as soon as it's changed. We wish the following members happy birthday in March:

March Birthdays

03/06	Anne Talafous
03/08	Gail Allen
03/19	Mary Anne Blazer
03/21	Heather Morgan
03/21	Timothy West
03/22	Frank Hubbell
03/23	Gary Gepfrey
03/23	Patti Purdin
03/23	Darden Whitaker
03/27	Joanne Vincent
03/28	Susan Cain
03/30	John Bowling
03/31	Chet Hallett

New Members in 2021

A.J. Mesaros, Jr.
 Erik Vasco
 Jeff & Bridget Fath
 Joe & Cindy Beatty
 Nancy & Albert Szkarupa
 Moe & Marie LaBrie
 Bob & Terry Stockholm



MVMC 2021 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.



Date	Event	Host(s)	Venue
Apr 15-18	Dogwoods in the Smokies	Dan Kirkpatrick	Maryville, Tennessee
Apr 24	Shop Day at the Mott Farm	Randy Mott, Tim Howard, Ed Walker	Mott Farm, Casstown, OH

2021 VIRTUAL RALLY

by Pat Gould and Lee Korb

Virtual Rally goes Google!

On February 27th, teams gathered to run this challenging course. Dianne and Russ Loughlin, Dave and Peggy Berry, Mike Wheeler and Sally Morgan, and Michael Ryan zoomed in to get the answers.

Lee and I used Miata commercials, movie trailers, and trivia to make up the questions. There were 76 questions for a possible 101 points. Some questions were easy, and some required googling the subject to get the answer. There were times when backing up a video to catch something was the only way to get the answer.

Sharry and Steve Hayden, long time members of the MVMC, had moved out west a couple years ago. We asked them to test run this rally. With their feedback, we were able to tweak it ever so slightly. Sharry and Steve say "Hi" to everyone.

Mike Wheeler and Sally Morgan came in with the high score of 88, with Dave and Peggy Berry a close second with a score of 86. Congratulations to them and thanks to all the teams running this rally.

For those who couldn't make it, the questions are on the MVMC Facebook page, along with the answers. Also provided is a nice video for "The Uninvited Guest", and details of the origin of the "Zoom Zoom Zoom" song.

Pat and The Hat (Lee Korb)



Dogwoods in the Smokies

April 15-18, 2021

Join fellow Miami Valley Miata Club members in a Spring Retreat to southeastern Tennessee to view the blooming of the dogwood trees.

We'll also join with our friends at the Mountain Miata Club to drive the legendary local roads, including options for driving the Tail of the Dragon.

A block of five rooms is available at the Luxbury Inn in Maryville, Tennessee, but you must make your reservations soon.

Prices vary depending on the room. Rates go up slightly on Friday and Saturday nights.

UPDATE: As of March 5th, only two rooms remain available for booking at the Luxbury Inn.

Please let Dan Kirkpatrick know so an attendee list can be generated. You can reach him at 937-673-4178 or daniel.r.kirkpatrick@gmail.com



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

By Tim Howard



Occasionally, it is fun to do a product comparison article on some shop or auto-related product. While surfing the Internet recently, I ran across a YouTube video created by a guy that devised his own product comparison experiment to prove which penetrating oil was the most effective at freeing nuts and bolts that were rusted together. His approach to the testing involved components that you could readily find around your house or garage (a long piece of angle iron, 30 nuts and bolts of the same size, an electric drill and a bit, a torque wrench, and some acid

to create rust on the fasteners once they were bolted together and torqued to the same specification). I watched the presentation from beginning to end as he tested 7 different penetrating oils and ranked them from best to worst. When it was done, although I understood his logic, I could not help but think that the test was way too simplistic and crude to create perfectly accurate results. That caused me to investigate whether there were any other more scientifically accurate penetrating oil comparisons on the Internet. I wanted to see how they might compare to his results. Additionally, as many of us work on our own cars, I thought knowing which product was the best might be useful.

To make a long story short, I found multiple studies performed by reputable testing organizations...many more than I expected to find on this topic. Some tested and ranked up to 15 different products, and of the five I used, most were current (within the last 24 months). To keep it simple, I decided to limit my analysis to the top 5 performers in each analysis. The results of these tests were surprisingly consistent and, for me, plain surprising, as I was unfamiliar with the brand of the top two products. The results of the analysis are as follows:

Kano Aerokroil Penetrating Oil	19 points	\$2.01 per ounce
Kano Kroil Penetrating Oil	16 points	\$1.84 per ounce
WD 40 300004 Penetrating Spray	12 Points	\$1.50 per ounce
Blaster 16 PB Penetrating Catalyst	9 Points	\$0.59 per ounce
Liquid Wrench	5 Points	\$1.45 per ounce
Gibbs Brand Lubricant	5 Points	\$1.52 per ounce
3 in One Multi-Purpose Oil	4 Points	\$1.33 per ounce
Castle Thrust Oil	4 Points	\$1.17 per ounce
Royal Purple Max Film	1 Point	\$1.28 per ounce

It is important to point out that the two top performers, the Kano products, were also the most expensive per ounce; while the fourth ranked product, Blaster, was the least expensive, making it the best value.

Now you are probably wondering how the professionally done testing compared to the results of the home test video that I watched. Of the 7 products that the home tester included in his procedure, 5 matched products included in our professional analysis. The two that did not match were a torch (heat), and a home brew of acetone and automatic transmission fluid. Our home tester concluded that heat worked best but was not always a good alternative. In his test, second place went to liquid wrench, third was the home brew, fourth was Royal purple, fifth was WD40, sixth was PB blaster, and seventh was Kano Kroil. So for the products that were included in both the professional and the home tests, the product ranking were almost exact opposites. I am speechless! I did not expect the results to match, but also did not expect direct opposites. I don't know about you, but I am going with the pros on this one.

Miata Parts for Sale!

For Sale - Steel braided clutch line for NB and maybe NA models. New, never used. \$25. Contact Pat 232-5614 or p19g53@gmail.com



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