



Open Road



Volume 13

Issue 1

The Official Newsletter of the Indy Miata Club

January 2002

Four Wheel Drift...

Chuck Wills
President
Indy Miata Club

What's Inside

Page 2

Time to renew your membership!
Officer Listing.

Page 3

Winter dinner.
Dr. Detail and his thoughts on winter.

Page 4

Holiday Party review.

Page 5

Holiday Party pictures

Page 6

GPS - A great toy.

Page 7

Go-Karting in February.
Membership form.

Did anyone get any cool Miata stuff over the holidays? I got a hard top and some really groovy Mechanix gloves. I couldn't be happier... well, ok, I would be happier with sunny, 80 degree weather, but at least I've got the hardtop for the winter.

2002 is here! I remember when 2002 was a ground breaking BMW sports sedan, and not our calendar year. Time does have a way of marching on, and with it comes the expected changes.

One is the changing of the guard in the Miata Club. Steve did an outstanding job as President and has left big shoes to fill. Thank you Steve, and I'll do my best to continue the tradition of Miata Club leadership. I know that with Rick as VP we should have a strong year filled with great events and a growing club.

Looking at the 2002 event calendar, we've got some nice events lined up, but we also have some holes to fill. We are planning some new events as well as continuing some traditional events.

One new event in the works is a Membership Drive. This will be a competition to see who can entice the most new members to the club. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

We're going to organize some fun wintertime events too -- look for a return of go-kart racing in February and a Museum tour in March. Some of our summer favorites will be back as well -- Fussin' & Cussin and the Huber Wine Tour will be back with new routes, as will the April Post Tax Blues Rally. I think everyone liked Bob's Ice Cream Cruise last year, and hopefully we'll have a repeat this year.

I would love to see some new Rally Masters step up to the plate to organize an event. In an effort to try and make things easier on new Rally Masters we are trying to resurrect a "Rally Master Manual". This little book gives guidelines for planning an event and gives a good blueprint for things to do/not do. I want to have some copies available by our first event in January. New Rally Masters should feel free to call on some of the old pro's for advice as well. The key to a good event is a bit of planning mixed well with a lot of participation. Being a Rally Master isn't hard, it just takes a little time to make your ideas take shape. Please contact Rick or me if you have any event ideas and we will help you put it all together. Remember, it doesn't have to be a rally. You can organize a tour, dinner or anything that would be fun.

Even if you don't have the inclination to be a Rally Master, we still want to know the kinds of events that you like to participate in. If you have any feedback or comments, please contact Rick or me. We want to know! Stay tuned to these pages for other exciting announcements and news. I don't have any other new news to pass on at this point, so I'll do a few introductions:

Chuck Wills, President. My wife Teresa and I have been in the club since 1998 and drive a 1997 Montego Blue . It's supercharged and set up for racing on the track. We have run the Huber Winery Tour for the last three years and plan to do a modified version of it again this year. I'm a self



Zoom-Zoom to page 2