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In closing, let me say that the response to the site has been very encouraging. Even more encouraging than the response to the site has been the response to the club event calendar. It's great to see new members getting involved in planning and hosting events. It's going to be a great year for the Indy Miata Club!

New Payment Options For Membership

by Bob Wiley

During these bitter cold days when the Miatas are usually parked in protective garages (a least some of us lucky ones can do this), I bet a lot of you are spending more time surfing the web. I am!

At the recent officer elections, I was voted in to take Pat Metheaux's place as Treasurer. Pat did a fine job for approximately 10 years and I'd like to add my thanks to Pat as we really appreciate his efforts.

Since I am an avid Ebay seller and sometimes buyer, the first idea I brought to the new President's attention was that the club should offer "online membership renewals". He loved the idea and two or three days later I had a new club Paypal account up and running.

Paypal is an online payment service used by millions of people worldwide. It's totally safe and I can highly recommend it. If you haven't paid for your 2003 membership yet and you want to pay online, we now have a Paypal link upon entering our new web site. Once at Paypal.com, you can easily register and the use of checking, savings or credit card is just a click away. If you use a bank account, it takes 3 to 5 business days to transfer some cash into your Paypal account.

To pay the club dues on Paypal, use IndyMiataClub@aol.com as the email for payment when asked. Any questions you have regarding this process, email IndyMiataClub@aol.com for information.

We think this is another step forward for the club and hope you'll enjoy the simplicity of this service. Of course, if you still wish to mail your payment, we have included the form in this issue of the Open Road. However you renew, do it soon and don't miss out on any of the fun!

Upcoming Events - Don't Miss The Fun!

The tour to the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum is scheduled for February 8th. Please RSVP to Rick Morris as soon as possible. Don't miss seeing over one hundred beautiful, classic cars up close.

Circle March 15th on your calendar as the night to head downtown to the Slippery Noodle Inn to enjoy food and drink with other Miata/Blues enthusiasts!

April 15th means taxes and then on the 19th, the Post Tax Blues Rally!

On May 4th (a Sunday!), Picture This v2.0 is being held and once again we'll navigate Indy through photographs. Then on May 17-18th, the Windy City Miata Club is sponsoring an overnight trip to a windmill museum and two car museums. For more information, go to <http://www.windycitymiataclub.com/html/tour.html> and click on the "Windmills of Your Mind" link.

Join the Indy and Cincinnati Miata clubs at Deals Gap! Though there's another event going on in Indy over Memorial Day weekend, some Indy and Cincy club members are getting out of town to drive the famous "Dragon". Reservations for Tapoco Lodge may be made by calling 800-822-5083. Leave a message and they'll call back. Cabins go fast! Let them know you're with the Miata Club. Questions and/or to RSVP, contact Cincy club president Jon Roberto at (513) 232-8422 or via email at info@cinci.rr.com.

We are sorry to announce that due to family commitments, Judy and Conrad Serwatka have informed us that the "Michigan Lighthouse Tour" scheduled for October has been cancelled.

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