

Winter Dinner Has Miatas, Food and Talk

by Jim Nutt

It was a cold and snowy night, but 21 club members arrived at the Steak and Ale ready to start the new year with Miata talk.

It was crowded at the restaurant and members met in the bar for a quick "warm-up" as we waited for our area to be cleared. After being seated, we were offered a free sample of wine by the Steak and Ale staff.

A quick introductory speech by new president Rick Morris preceded Miata talk and other topics. Rick reminded members of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum tour in February. Jay Hofacker announced he will be hosting a March gathering at the Slippery Noodle Inn since last year's event there proved to be a good and bluesy time.

Dinner discussions centered around special modifications, either actual or dreamed, as well as a trip down memory lane remembering the sports cars we seem all to have owned in a previous life! Some started and some did not.... Lucas electronics, no doubt; some cornered and some did not.... solid rear axle no doubt; some were fast.... Jag; some were gas guzzlers.... Olds 88; some were cheap.... Renault LeCar. But all were remembered on that cold winter's evening with a mix of humor and fondness.



Left: New members Larry Cobble and Don and Linda Buchanon.



Jim Nutt and Bob Dix talking about the cars they have owned?

New Member Profile

by Melissa Forbes

Larry Cobble is a new addition to the Indy Miata Club. He recently acquired a 2002 Special Edition yellow Miata which is one of 1,000 cars of its kind produced. This is his first Miata, but he is a long-time roadster lover; he had an MG before he buying his Miata. When asked what made him decide to get a Miata, he replied it was because it is a better road car, and had six speeds as opposed to four.

Larry has retired from GE and enjoys sprint cars. Welcome to the club, Larry!

Club Classifieds - Sell, trade or look for stuff here!

For Sale: 1) ~~Hardtop~~ **Sold!** - 1995 Miata OEM Brilliant Black with defroster and rain gutter. Is like new. OEM sells for at least \$2,000. Will sell for \$1,200 to club member. (Very Firm) 2) *Kevlar High Performance Clutch* - from Dealer Alternative. New in the box. This is NOT an ACT clutch. It is a genuine Kevlar clutch with unlimited holding power. Similar clutches are sold new from \$800 to \$1,000. Sell to club member for \$485. (Very Firm). 3) *1999 Ford F150 Pickup* - Full Size Bed and Cab. AT / PS /AC/ Tilt Wheel/ Cruise Control/ 5000 lb. Trailer capability with 4.2 Liter V6. Only 19,000 miles. Bought new, well maintained, garaged. No dings or dents. Edmonds average retail in the Indy area is \$10,775. Will sell to club member only for \$9,200 (Very Firm). Call Jim Barrick @ 765-342-6352.

For Sale: 1991 white Miata with a black top and black interior. This car is in excellent condition with only 56,000 miles. This Miata includes a new convertible top with a glass window, a white hard top, AM/FM radio with a CD player, and alloy wheels. Price - \$6500. Please contact Charlie at 317-769-3123 or cbarman@iupui.edu.