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Happy New Year!

Due to technical difficulties, we do not have the normal column by our President. This feature will return in February. Meanwhile, enjoy these pictures from 2003.



Thanks to all the great Rally
Masters and Hosts of events.
It was a fun filled year!

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Meet Me In St. Louis!

It's official! A national event, sponsored by the Gateway Miata Club, will be held in St. Louis September 30th through October 3, 2004.

In 1904, St. Louis was the focus of the world with both the World's Fair and Olympics held in the city. In 2004, The Mazda world will be focused on the city as the Gateway Miata Club welcomes all Mazda marques as guests attending a family reunion its fair city. This event will also serve as a birthday party for the Mazda Miata, introduced to the world fifteen years ago.

Activities will include many activities including autocross hot laps on the oval/road course, a track driving school, fun CAN-a, parade laps and group photo (all at Gateway International Raceway), a concours, a Wine Country Rallye, Scenic St. Louie Rallye, car care and performance clinics, "drag" races, scavenger hunts, R/C car and Hot Wheels races, vendor hall at the track and/or hotel, BYO state beer and wine tasting contest, and do it your self tours.

Information about signing up for the actual event will be announced soon, but reservations are being accepted by the Sheraton Westport Hotel. It is recommended that you call ASAP if you are considering attending this event. Since this event is located in the Midwest and includes all Mazda marques, the hotel will fill up quickly. Also, many activities are being held at the hotel, so it's the place to stay. You must call (314) 878-1500 to make your reservation. Mention that you are coming to the Miata event or you will be told that there are no rooms available.

Never been to a national event? Those who have will tell you not to miss this one since it's right in our back yard. You'll meet friendly folks, look at cars, drive some great roads and have a great time. See you there!



Don and Becky Hill are all smiles as they "steal" a wine basket from Teresa and Chuck Wills at the 2003 Holiday Party.

Holiday Party Was A Festive Affair!

Indy Miata Club members gathered in record numbers on December 7th at the Old Spaghetti Factory for the club's annual Holiday Party.

Early arrivals gathered in the bar area to watch the Colts win their game and then headed downstairs where the 65 plus members sat down to eat, drink and be merry by talking with old friends and meeting new ones.

Elections were held and Ben Hermann was elected the new Vice President. Rick Morris stepped aside for new President Jay Hofaker (elevated from VP). Bob Wiley was thanked for his year as treasurer and Chuck Wills was selected to take over that position. All other officers remained in their posts for the coming year.

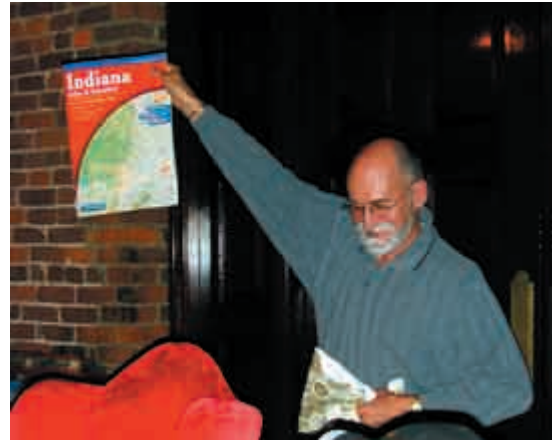
In his final speech as President, Rick asked that all Rally Masters and event hosts stand and be recognized for their efforts in the past year. He also thanked those who participated in events and everyone who helped make the club remain strong.

Chances were offered for a drawing for a Indianapolis Motor Speedway decanter and glass set from 2000 listing the three race winners for the year and for T-shirts, a key chain and a zoom-zoom sticker from the Northern Exposure event held in Ottawa, Canada in 2002. Eric Drumwright won the decanter set. The Northern Exposure articles were donated by club members Gary and Kathy Collings, while the decanter set was donated by Mike Sliger, a Miata owner from Tennessee. A big thanks to them for their donations. proceeds for the drawing went into the club treasury.

The annual gift exchange was presided over by Gary Collings. Once again, the "open a gift or steal one from someone" procedure was used. There were several gifts that were stolen, with gifts including wine bottles seeming to be the most popular. Barney Lafollette seemed to be up all evening as gift after gift was "stolen" from him! Other gifts included jumper cables, Delorme Gazetteers of Indiana, a Hendrick County Sheriff's hat, a Miata front mask, a steering wheel cover, Starbucks coffee with a Miata mug, and Eric Drumwright offered one of his racing photos.

Club members were offered the opportunity to sign up for 2004 events and many dates were filled in for coming year.

A big thank you to past President Rick Morris for organizing the last event of the year, the 2003 Holiday Party.



Barney Lafollette shows off one of the many gifts he opened. Did he get to keep this one?



Hazel Moore knows they probably won't be keeping that gift as Dennis returns to the table.



Everyone watches as gifts are opened, seeing what they want to steal when it's their turn!



Jeanne Spellman is excited about the books on touring Indiana.



Rick Morris makes his final speech as club President.

Miata Special Edition Registries

Last month we listed several registries for Miata Special Editions and we give you a few more this issue. The registries are for that are maintained by volunteers. If you own one of these rare Miatas, sign your car up!

- * STO Registry - Sonny runs a registry for the first "special edition for the NA Miata. <http://www.sonny2.com/Miata/stomainnull.htm>
- * R package - These cars were built for racing-minded owners with beefed up suspension, shocks, Torsen diff and more. Contact Brian Porter at porterb@mediaone.net
- * Laguna Blue - <http://home.hot.rr.com/photogjunkie/is> the home of Barry Weyand registry for Lagunas produced from 1994-1995.
- * 1993 LE - If it's a black Miata with red interior and BBS wheels, you're looking at a 93 LE. Contact Richard Hung at RHungENT@hotmail.com or go to http://www.miata93le.com/93le_registry.htm
- * 1992 Sunburst Yellow. Is this car one of the most sought after Miatas that wasn't a special edition? Contact Geoff Fahrning yellowmiataregistry@cox.net
- * 1991 BRG - British Racing Green was brought back in 2001, but this is for the NA Special Edition owners. Contact Don Diget, 11207 Westlawn, Stanwood, MI 49346, (231) 972-2167 or ddiget@centuryinter.net.

Cold Weather Reminder For Your Car

Now that snow clouds are in the sky, some folks are storing their cars while others are putting on snow tires and braving the elements. A quick tip for all.

Check your tire pressure! If you're storing your car, pump the tires up to 45-50 lbs to prevent flat spotting. If your driving your car, check your tires once a month to make sure you're not driving on just 15 lbs of pressure. When was the last time you checked your spare tire? Don't be caught with two flat tires!

Classifieds

For Sale: 92 Miata with no dents, rust, tears or scratches. 66,000 miles. Almost new tires. AM/FM cass. Stored last couple of winters. Can send photo on request. \$5000. Call Jim Tice at 317-253-1155 days, 842-3378 evenings, or email at jtpcpu@comcast.net.

For Sale: OEM Brace Bar for any 90-93 Miata. This is the bar behind the seats that was added as a standard item in '94. It adds stiffness and side impact protection to the chassis. Installation is simple, nuts and bolts for mounting are included. \$25. 317-570-4598. steven.jacobson@hp.com

For Sale: Plastic door sill plates for 89-97 Miatas. These help prevent scuffs and scratches. \$15.00. Call Rick at 317-291-8993 or email rick@dustbunny.com

For Sale: Two front shock tower braces. We recently added new intakes to our cars and these will no longer fit. \$15.00 each. (Sold new for \$90.00) Call Rick at 317-291-8993 or email rick@dustbunny.com

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Winter Dinner - January 17th

January 17 - Winter Dinner

February 21 - A-C-D Tour

March - Open Dates

April 17 - Post Tax Blues

April - Mingle at the Vic

May 8 - Picture This III

May 29 - 500 Mingle

June 12 - Run to the River

June Mingle - USGP

July 24 - Unnamed Rally

July Mingle: Open

August 7 - Brickyard Mingle

August - B + B Rally

September - Huber Winery Tour

September : Open Mingle

October - Open dates

November - Open dates

December - Holiday Party

Have an idea for an event? Contact Jay or Ben and they'll help you schedule it!

Never hosted an event? We have open Mingle dates if you don't want to start with a full blown rally.