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Skid Marks....

by Rick Booe, President

Hey troops. It looks like August is almost over. Have you had a good summer? Susie and I have had a pretty good one. It's been busy, and not over yet, but it's been fun. We have had some good times in the Miata, although not as many as we would like. There never seems to be enough time for everything.

We had the Harley trip to Minnesota/Wisconsin. We then went to Texas to see our son receive his Air Force pilot wings. Andy got his wings on August 11th and will be getting them clipped on September 2nd as he will be getting married to a wonderful girl (Renee) from Terre Haute. I seem to be the only one at our house that thinks that is funny. Maybe it's a guy thing.

Susie went to Florida in July to visit our daughter Lisa when she was sick. Lisa spent the summer in Orlando working with Campus Outreach. She will be starting her 3rd year at the University of Southern Indiana this fall. Lisa is the typical poor college student now. Anybody out there have connections in Evansville to help her get a good part-time job?

I spent all of last Saturday working on cars in my garage. I enjoy these days of greasy hands, loud music playing, and a couple of cold beverages (in 12oz bottles), changing oil, fixing leaks and squeaks, rotating tires and general servicing. I worked on all my vehicles except the Miata. It seems like I never have to work on that thing. Do they ever break down? We have had ours for seven years and never had a breakdown of any sort.

This has been a very slow rally summer and I am not sure why. Maybe because it has been so hot this summer. We have gained some new members this year. But I think we must have lost some good rally masters. We do have rallies on the schedule for September and October, plus the Ritter's gathering. I can't wait to get out there and zoom-zoom with you guys and girls soon. I hope we will have big turnouts for these events. Susie and I will be there for sure.

I hope you have all had a good summer. As always, it will end too soon, so, get outside and enjoy it while you can.

Remember, one Miata is fun, but a whole bunch of Miatas is a whole bunch of fun!

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Head West For Custard!

On September 21 the Ritters gathering heads west with Miatas showing up at 4840 W 56th Street around 7:00pm. The Ritters is located in the north end of the plaza at 56th and Georgetown.

Come on out for cool cars, conversation and custard.

Riddlee Rallee Ree! The Place To Be!

Saturday the 30th is the date to come on out and join Bob Wiley and PK Rajic for a Clue Rally to make you laugh and cry!

This rally will consist of several nice driving roads along with some slower driving areas where you'll hunt for answers to clues. There also might (Might! Hah!) be a few Riddles along the way! We will end up in a nice eatery for lunch, beverages, story swapping and maybe even yelling at the Rally Masters! But, please remember the #1 Rule in rallying... always remember... The Rally Masters are ALWAYS right!

Please try to pre-register on the web so we can get a head count. And by doing this, you'll save three bucks!

This rally will go mainly throughout the Hendricks County area, so not a far drive from Indy. Prizes will be awarded to ralliers with the most correct answers to obviously simple clues.

We "might" have some T shirts available at this rally.

Look on page 4 for the Rally flyer and if you would like to help Bob out, fill out the disclaimer form and mail it with your check to him, Less paperwork for the Rally Master on the day of the rally is good!

Let's end the summer with a blast! See you there!

GCMC's Miata Midwest Gathering

It's not to late for a fun weekend getaway! The Greater Cincinnati Miata Club's annual event, The Miata Midwest Gathering is being held September 8-10th. This year's Gathering is entitled "The Wild, Wild, (Mid) West, and the Cincy Club has planned another great time for all those who attend.

This is a two day plus party with driving events, a Mazda sponsored BBQ dinner (wear your best cowboy duds and your ten gallon hat, partner), a Car Show and Shine contest, door prizes and more. Vendors scheduled to be present are Poppadent, Cool Breeze Scoop, and Alta Color (touch up painter). There will also be a presentation by a Zaino representative and Shane Benson from AIM Tuning will be there to talk about making your Miata perform at its best.

The website with more information and registration forms about the MMG is: <http://www.miatagathering.com/>.

Zoom-Zoom Live Happening In Chicago

IMC member Steve Crouse reminds us that Mazda is once again presenting their Zoom-Zoom live event in Chicago on October 7th and 8th.. Held at Arlington Park, you can drive several different Mazda vehicles, and participate in several different events. There will be a matched time gymkhana, a sports course where you can drive a Miata or RX-8, drive a MazdaSpeed6 "stupid fast" (Mazda's description, honest!) or pilot a CX-7 on a target hunt. And will driving cool cars, your points in these events may win you a prize!

You must pre-register for this event so head over to the official website at: <https://www.zoomzoomlive.com/>. Steve attended the one earlier in the year and gave it a big thumbs up!

USGP Drive Video Is On The Web!

If you missed the Downtown Drive put on during the USGP weekend last June, Gary Marconi will let you see how much fun it was!

Gary was the second car behind Rick and Susie Booe (that's one of the perks of being President, you lead the drive!) and had his video camera rolling during the seventeen minute, police escorted cruise through downtown.

Gary has graciously posted on the web for us to enjoy! Follow the link from the topic in the member forum section of the club website (indymiata.org) or type in the following URL and hold on! Wheeeeeee! <http://web.mac.com/gmarconi1/iWeb/Site/USGP-06Fast.html>

Gary, thanks for doing this!



More Miata Power Retractable Hard Top Info

The Miata MX-5 Power Retractable Hard Top that carries Mazda's unique power retractable roof system steps in as the top-of-the-range model of the third-generation Roadster. The new hardtop provides both a high level of comfort for an open-top sports car and the traditional Roadster "Jinba Ittai" ("Rider and horse as one") driving pleasure at the same time. The lightweight hard top has a simple one-touch open/close electric control, and boasts an unprecedented mechanism which folds the roof away into the same space behind the seats and inside the wheelbase that the soft-top model requires.

The design of the lightweight compact roof makes allowances for the expanded aperture necessary for a power retractable roof, minimizes the weight increase while ensuring durability, and maintains the same small, lightweight, highly-rigid body as the soft-top; the key to achieving "Jinba Ittai".

The roof is installed in the space behind the seats near the vehicle's center-of-gravity, maintaining the 50:50 weight distribution. Also, it keeps a low yaw inertia moment that is important for a lightweight sports car feel.

The suspension system is optimized to suit the characteristics of the model - such as the rigid body - maintaining the same "Jinba Ittai" performance as the soft top.

It is the first power retractable roof system in the world that doesn't reduce trunk size, stowing the roof behind the seats inside the wheelbase. In addition, it boasts the world's fastest roof operation (for roadsters) - only 12 seconds.

A choice of six colors, including the new Stormy Blue Mica and existing Copper Red, True Red, Galaxy Gray Mica, Sunlight Silver Metallic and Brilliant Black could be the color options for this car.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale - Hard top for 1st Gen Miata. MINT, seldom used. Price negotiable. Email or call Bob Wiley with offer. wileekyot@aol.com or 317-838-0263

For Sale - 1994 Miata, red w/ black interior, supercharged w/ intercooler, leather seats, new tires, body is perfect, looks new and drives out like new. This car took a "best of show" at Kazoom's "Miatas & More" in 2005. All the essential accessories to make this car a winner. \$12,200 OBO - Must sell to make room for Mini Cooper. Call Bill Florent at 260-356-4270 or email: billjean3@localnet.com.

Congratulations - Steve, Angela and Riley Jacobson added a new driver to their family on August 22nd. Daughter Brooklyn Rachel was born at 8:29am and weighed 6lbs. 11oz. and was 22" long with dark hair! Mom and daughter are doing great!

RIDDLEE RALLEE REE! I SEE SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH



The name of this rally tells it all! Be sure to bring a pen, clipboard and your sense of humor! This Rally will be fun for drivers and co-pilots alike! One half of this run will be fun driving, the other half will be slower driving and finding answers to clues. The Rally winners will have the most correct answers.

We'll meet at 9:15 to 10:00 in the parking lot in front of the OLD vacated Wal-Mart in Plainfield. (in back of McDonalds!) McDonalds is on the south side of US 40 on the east end of Plainfield. (maybe 1 mile East of SR 267) We'll have a driver's meeting and then the first car will be off about 10:30!

We'll end up at a nice place for lunch, trade stories and maybe yell at the Rally Masters. But remember, the Rally Masters are always right! Oh, and of course, we'll award prizes!

Questions? Email Bob Wiley : wileekyot@aol.com

Entry fee is \$7.00 pre-register on web or mail, \$10.00 day of Rallee!

You can mail your entry with signed disclaimer and check to:
Bob Wiley 5857 Oberlies Way Plainfield, IN. 46168

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Driver : _____



Copilot : _____

I understand that this is not a speed contest and agree to participate at my own risk. I agree to hold the Indy Miata, their officers and event organizers harmless from any claim arising from my participation in this event. All entries must be signed.

Driver's signature _____ Phone # _____

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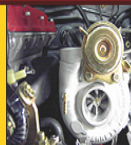
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2006 Scheduled Events

September 1 - Miata Midwest Gathering

September 21 - Ritters Mingle

September 30 - Riddlee Rallee Ree,
I See Something You Don't See!

November - Hidden Drives IV

December - Holiday Party

October 19 - Ritters Mingle

October 22 - Lake Monroe Rally



Remember the article in the August Open Road about the transport ship carrying nearly 5000 Mazda cars that tipped on its side? Here it is! It is still unknown as to how much damage the cars sustained (a few cars became loose and crashed into other cars beside them) and what will be done with them.