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Opposite Lock

by Eric Drumwright, President

THE RACING SEASON HAS STARTED!

I hope that got your attention... but, let me cover a few other subjects before I delve into the upcoming racing season.

First, I want to thank everyone that came out to Rock Bottom Brewery for our "Meet the Officers Lunch". We had a nice turn-out (we missed those of you that could not attend) and enjoyed our food, "drinks" and conversations.

Our annual Board meeting preceded the lunch with many subjects and ideas discussed. Our main goal is bring our members more fun and value for their membership.

Last year we rewarded Rally Masters who signed up early with a \$25 gas card. This year we've expanded that to include Rally Masters for every driving event, all year long! We have openings in our schedule, so if you are thinking of hosting an event, get it on our event calendar before your preferred date is taken. If you need help or have questions please contact Ken Rabbers, our Event Coordinator at events@indymiata.org.

We are planning to celebrate the club's 20th Anniversary sometime this year. Also, several new type of events were discussed, so keep a close eye on our web site Event page (<http://indymiata.org>) for all the latest happenings!

I would also like to encourage all members to post photos of themselves on our Members page. A nice head and shoulders shot of driver and navigator would help those of us that are name memory challenged. (That would be me!) If you have any problems or questions, please contact Sara McBride at editor@indymiata.org for help.

Hey, how about our Colts? In one week they will win their second Super Bowl in four years! I hope you all are enjoying this. We are watching history being made, that will fill the record books for years to come. How lucky we are, to be able to watch our four time MVP, Peyton Manning close-up! He could be the greatest quarterback to ever play the game!

Now back to RACING. By the time you read this the racing season will be underway. No, not NASCAR's jewel the "Daytona 500", but the Grand American Rolex Series' "Daytona 24 Hours." The race is run on January 31st, before this column was written, so the winner is unknown. This NASCAR owned road racing series features Prototype and production based Sports Cars run by independently owned teams. The teams run a number of different chassis powered by stock-block based engines from manufactures like BMW, Chevrolet, Porsche, and Ford.

This series features some big names from the racing world. David Donohue (son of Mark) and Alex Gurney (son of Dan) compete in this series. This around the clock event calls for each car to have multiple drivers. This is the biggest Sports Car race in North America, and big name drivers from NASCAR, Indy Car, Le Mans and even past F-1 drivers show-up for this one event. In the past few years the following drivers have competed in the Daytona 24 Hour: Tony Stewart, Jeff Gordon, Jimmy Johnson, Scott Dixon, Juan Pablo Montoya, Jamie McMurray, Dario Franchitti, Danica Patrick, Jimmy Vasser, Helio Castroneves, Ryan Brisco, Scott Pruett, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Kurt Busch, Justin Wilson, Graham



2009 Daytona 24 Hours winner, Brumos Racing Porsche/Riley (seen here at Mid-Ohio, 2009.) Photo by Eric Drumwright
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Rahal, Buddy Rice, and many more.

The premiere class is Daytona Prototype, known as DP. These are special designed, single seat, closed, rear engine, sports cars. The Prototypes compete on the track with two classes of GT production based cars. This includes, Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, Porsches, and Mazda RX-8s (one driven by Patrick Dempsey of TV's "Grey's Anatomy"). I think the racing is very good and I hope some of you saw a little of this years race (it was on Speed TV). Maybe you will check it out in future races. They tested on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course last year. Look for an endurance race at IMS next year as part of the track's Centennial Celebration.



Mazda powered Lola Prototype of Dyson Racing - American Lemans Racing Series. (seen here at Mid-Ohio, 2009.)

Some of the other racing series that are starting soon:

- ① NASCAR starts their season with the "Daytona 500" on February 14th.
- ② Indy Car gets started on March 14th on a new street circuit in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- ③ Formula-1 starts the same weekend in Bahrain, where Michael Schumacher will come out of retirement to race for the new Mercedes Team. A new American based team plans to enter the series this year. They have not yet chosen their drivers.
- ④ American Le Mans Series (ALMS) features the same cars that run in the "24 Hours of Le Mans." There are two classes of exotic prototypes and production based sports cars. In the past few years these have included, Audi, Peugeot, Porsche, Acura, Ferrari, Panoz, Aston Martin, Dodge Vipers, and Corvettes. Mazda powers and sponsors a prototype in this series. The first ALMS race is the "Twelve Hours of Sebring" on March 20th.

I hope my love of racing hasn't bored you all. With football almost over, I'm ready for the racing season to take off at full throttle!

UPDATE: The 2010 "Daytona 24 Hours" Overall and DP class winner was the #9 Action Express Racing Riley-Porsche, driven by Joao Barbosa, Mike Rockefeller, Terry Borcheller and Ryan Daiziel. This new, unsponsored team beat the bigger teams and more well known drivers!

The GT class was won by the #70 Speedsource Mazda RX-8, driven by Sylain Trembly, Nick Hamm, Jonathan Bomarito and David Haskel. It was Mazda's 16th Class win in the "Daytona 24"! ZOOM, ZOOM indeed!!!

GT Class winner of 2010 "Rolex 24 At Daytona", the Speedsource Mazda RX-8. (seen here at Mid-Ohio, 2009.)



Photos courtesy of Eric Drumwright

Good Turnout For President's Luncheon

It wasn't a top down day on Saturday January 23, both there were a lot of Miatas and Miata support vehicles in the parking lot of the Rock Bottom Brewery as members gathered for the President's Luncheon.

Board members and several club members arrived at 11:30 for a Board of Director's Meeting. After the meeting concluded, lunch was ordered and friendly conversations began.

President Eric Drumwright gave a brief synopsis of the board meeting for the members and then discussed upcoming events.

Thank you to Eric for organizing the lunch.



Eric thanks those all who attended the President's Luncheon on January 23..

IMC Web Site Update Continues

January was a busy month for our webmaster as some preventative maintenance and repairs were done to the club's web site.

Our web site is somewhat unique as it was written from the ground up by a former member. After looking at several options, he felt that a 'pre-made' web site wouldn't offer all the features that the club needed, so he fired up the computer and wrote the code himself.

Your current web master is not as skilled, so caution was taken when the hood of the site was raised. Her mantra is "There is no 'Undo' button"!

The first objective was to move the whole site to its own domain. The club owns the domain name "indymiata.org" but if you typed that in your browser, it sent you to the active pages of a sub domain. Your address bar would show: <http://indymiata.dustbunny.com>. Now, every page is at indymiata.org.

The move went smoothly except that members photos and icons for the forum were lost. (After this happened, the webmaster, reminded herself that the three most important things when using a computer are: backup, backup and backup.) Unfortunately, the backup was older than it should have been and newer photos were not restored. Even the webmaster was affected by this!

The next step was moving non IMC events to their own page. It was felt that the Events page was too cluttered, so now only IMC events are listed on the Events page. There is a new link in the menu bar, NON IMC. This is where all other events that we think IMC members might be interested in attending will be listed.

Next up on the To Do list is be a link for Routes and Forms. The Routes link will have PDF files of previous club events available for download. We will be asking for former (and future) Rally Masters to send us a file of their routes for inclusion.

The Forms area will have a listing of all club forms, such as the Rally Master Guide and the Event Waiver form.

Another change that is being implemented is when an event disappears off the event page. Right now, an event disappears the day of the event (actually

at 4:00 AM, but let's not get picky...). You can still view the event if you click on the "View all events for this year" link at the bottom, but we want to make it easier for you and the Rally Master. This is still a work in progress. You may see an "Imaginary Event!" or two on the Event page as we test things.

We encourage all members to put a photo of themselves and their car in the member area. Photos should be limited in size to around 500 pixels wide. The icon size should be 50 pixels by 50 pixels. The program will tell you if your photo is too large.

If you're not a computer geek and want some help with your photos, e-mail the webmaster and she'll help you out. She's somewhat a bit of a geek!

If you have any questions or comments about the web site, please contact your webmaster. We want to make your online experience as easy as driving your Miata.

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The Fun Starts Here!



Welcome back Sara J McBride [Update Your Information](#) [Member Forum](#)

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Looking For A Job?

IMC Wants Your Help

by Ken Rabbers

Description – The Indy Miata Club is searching for individuals, couples or groups to act as event coordinators (or Rally Master) for the upcoming "top down" season.

Qualifications – The event coordinator must be a member of the Indy Miata Club, no other experience or qualifications necessary other than a desire to help out your fellow club members.

Duties and Responsibilities – The event coordinators will be responsible for the following:

For a rally or driving event – set a date and time; determine a route; find a place to meet at the end of the rally such as a restaurant or other establishment for a meal, snacks, etc.

For a "Night Before" mingle – find a place for a group to meet and mingle. This would typically be an establishment such as Culver's, Dairy Queen or other similar venue with enough parking nearby so normal business for the establishment is not disrupted. The dates and times have already been set, this type of event is as easy as it gets.

For an overnight gathering – set dates and times; arrange for a place to stay for the group (individuals would be responsible for their own reservations and payment); determine a route or routes if a multiple day event; arrange for a place for meals if so desired.

For a social event – set a date and time; determine a place to meet.

Scheduled events in need of an organizer: Night Before the 500 Mingle (May 29, 2010); Night Before the Brickyard Mingle (July 24, 2010); Night Before the Red Bull Grand Prix Mingle (August 28, 2010)

Don't feel that you have find a new route. If you do, great, but you can also reuse a route that you've run before and enjoyed. Run it the same direction, run it in reverse, modify a few sections. We don't care, we just want an excuse to get out on the road in our beloved little roadsters.

There is also a nice little document that has been prepared by our own Sara McBride that is available on the club web site full of tips and tricks. You can download the Rally Master's Guide at <http://indymiata.org/forms/rmguid.pdf>.

As a bonus for anyone who volunteers to be an event organizer for a driving event, they will receive a \$25 gas card on the day of the event. This does not include mingles or social gatherings.

Please contact me via e-mail (events@indymiata.org) with any questions or to submit your resume. Don't worry; we keep all resumes on file in the event that we have an opening that fits your skill level and experience. Basically, if you respond, you meet the requirements.

Thank you for applying!

Ray Skillman Mazda Provides Support To IMC Members

VP Jack Cruse met last week with Ray Skillman Mazda Vice President Justin Bunte (pronounced "Bunt A") to secure financial support for IMC and IMC members from Ray Skillman Mazda.

Skillman Mazda has agreed to pay the first year's IMC membership fee of \$20 and an additional \$30 for the club's treasury, for individuals that purchase a new or used MX-5 from them in 2010.

Additionally, Skillman Mazda will support a 10% parts and/or 10% parts and service discount when IMC members use their location at 5309 W. Pike Plaza Rd (239-8060) for service. Members only need to mention this discount

Mazda Announces 20th Anniversary MX-5

Autoweek magazine was the first to leak that Mazda is doing something special for the 20th anniversary of the Miata MX-5.

In true Mazda fashion, the Japanese carmaker will celebrate its latest MX-5 milestone with another special-edition model. The MX-5 20th Anniversary Edition will make its world debut at the Geneva auto show in March.

Production will be limited to 2,000 units painted in either true red, crystal white pearl or a special Aurora blue. Based off the SE soft-top model, the Anniversary Edition adds special exterior styling touches, including chrome grille surround, door handles, headlight fascia, specific 17-inch wheels and 20th-anniversary badging.

In addition, each car will be equipped with a serial number, stainless-steel scuff plates and body-colored trim for the interior. The only minor performance upgrade included is a front suspension strut tower bar.

Unfortunately, U.S. MX-5 fans won't be able to get their hands on this limited-edition model because the 20th Anniversary Edition MX-5 will be available exclusively in Europe.



Article and photo courtesy of autoweek.com

to the service department Manager when they request service for their vehicle.

Ray Skillman Mazda donated shirts, oil change certificates and other items for the 2009 Holiday Party.

Other IMC officers will be contacting the three other Indy area Mazda dealers soon to try to get similar arrangements for members.

Indy Miata Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A Board of Directors meeting was held on January 23, 2010 at 11:30AM. In attendance were: President, Eric Drumwright; Vice President, Jack Cruse; Treasurer, Steve Crouse; Membership Director, Tom Lewis, Webmaster/Editor, Sara McBride; Secretary, Nancy Burrill; Events Coordinator, Ken Rabbers and several Indy Miata Club Members.

* Club Liability Insurance

Treasurer, Steve Crouse worked with Membership Director Tom Lewis to assure that the IMC has a current Liability Insurance policy. The carrier is Western Reserve. Tom has been given the payment by Treasurer, Steve Crouse for both 2009 and 2010 payments.

* Membership Policy Change

The Board decided to change the membership policy of the IMC to reflect the following: If you are a new member to the IMC and are paying to join the club in the 4th Quarter the membership will be carried as paid in full for the next full year. The board felt this would encourage new members to join the latter part of the season. Existing members that pay their membership in the 4th quarter will be charged the usual fee for the upcoming year. It was agreed that the change did not constitute a change in the club by-laws but rather just a policy change.

* Treasury Report

Steve Crouse, Treasurer presented a spreadsheet indicating both Income and Expenditures to date. Beginning balance (12/22/08) was 16015.09, Revenue was \$3644.67, expenditures for 2009 were \$5800.79, leaving an ending Balance 12/30/09) of \$13,859.17.

A debit card will be requested by the Treasurer for the Membership Director, Tom Lewis to assist in postage of club memberships, etc.

* Web site Changes:

1. Link to listing of past Rally's will be added.
2. Copy of club web site kept by Club President
3. National Events separated from the current Events.
4. New web site URL – <http://indymiata.org>
5. Old URL will be rerouted but server has been changed.

* Events/Rally's 2010 :

Gas Cards - A \$25 gas card will be given to all Rally Masters to help offset the costs of setting up the Rally. There is no time limit to sign up this year but would encourage getting your Rally on the

list as soon as possible.

* **Rally Options** – All rally masters have the option of the following activities:

1. 50/50 drawing – This is an additional activity where participants are sold tickets at a price of \$1 each of 6 for \$5. The money will then be divided in half. ½ goes to the ticket holder and the other half goes in an account the club will identify for charity donation at the end of the year. Depending upon the expenses for the year, the Board will determine the amount and charity that the IMC will be donating to during the holiday season. The recipient and amount will be announced at the holiday party in December.

2. Rally Fee – If the Rally Master wishes to charge a fee instead of the 50/50 they may do so. The Rally Master will then use ½ of the \$ collected toward gifts or event costs for that Rally. The other ½ will go to the charity fund designated by IMC.

3. Food Rallies – If a Rally Master wishes they may ask for a food donation instead of the 50/50 or Rally Fee. It is the responsibility of the Rally Master to coordinate this activity including the distribution of the proceeds (food) to the food bank.

* Advertisements/Sponsors

1. Several board members will contact the Indianapolis Car Dealerships (Rousch, Hubler, Skillman) to encourage club discounts in lieu of advertising in our club newspaper. (Separate information from each board member will be provided.)

2. Advertising in the club newspaper will be permitted for a fee. Only advertising will be permitted that provides a benefit to the club members. The cost per ad will be determined at a future date and communicated to the club. The intent is to provide members with discounts and not to generate income for the club.

* Possible 2010 events:

1. IMC 20th Anniversary Celebration – Ken Rabbers, Committee Chairman
2. Community Service Event - Ken Rabbers
3. Food Drive Rally – Eric Drumwright
4. Time and Distance Rally – Jack Cruse
5. Classic Car Rally – Eric Drumwright
6. Cart Race Rally – Eric Drumwright
7. Holiday Party – Same location as 2009 – Nancy Burrill

* **Future Board Meetings** – It was agreed that the Next Board of Director meeting would be held in November, 2010 to discuss the Holiday Charity Donation specifics. This meeting will be open to all members to attend if they would like and the meeting place and time would be posted on our Club Web site as well as the minutes from each meeting.

Submitted by Nancy Burrill, Secretary.

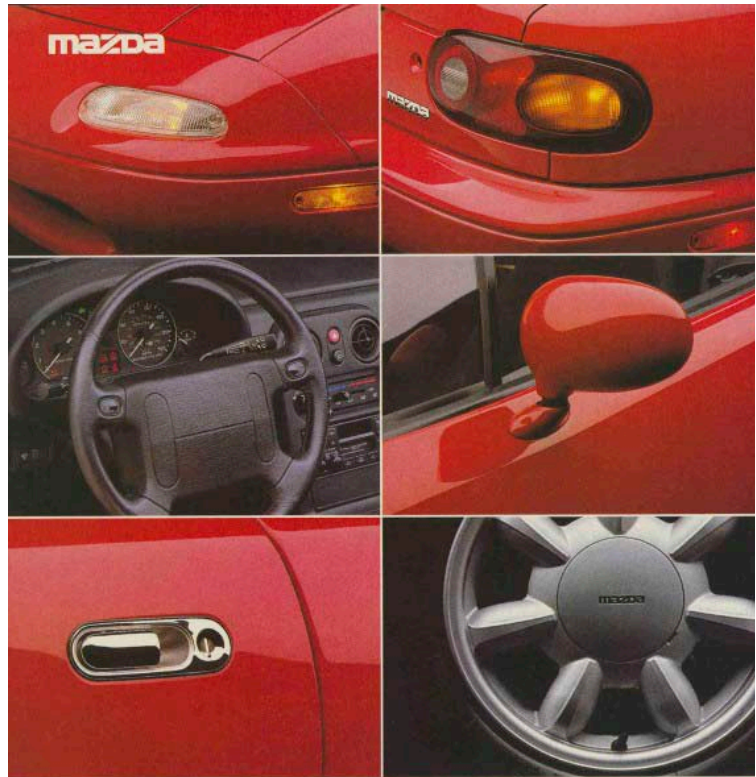


Jump Into The Mazda Miata Wayback Machine!

Ken Rabbers found a series of Mazda print ads for the Miata. To celebrate the Miata's 20th Anniversary, we'll feature more in the coming months.

The one to the right is dated 1989. Looks like they were teasing us!

The photo below has no date, but to those who know, the meaning is timeless!

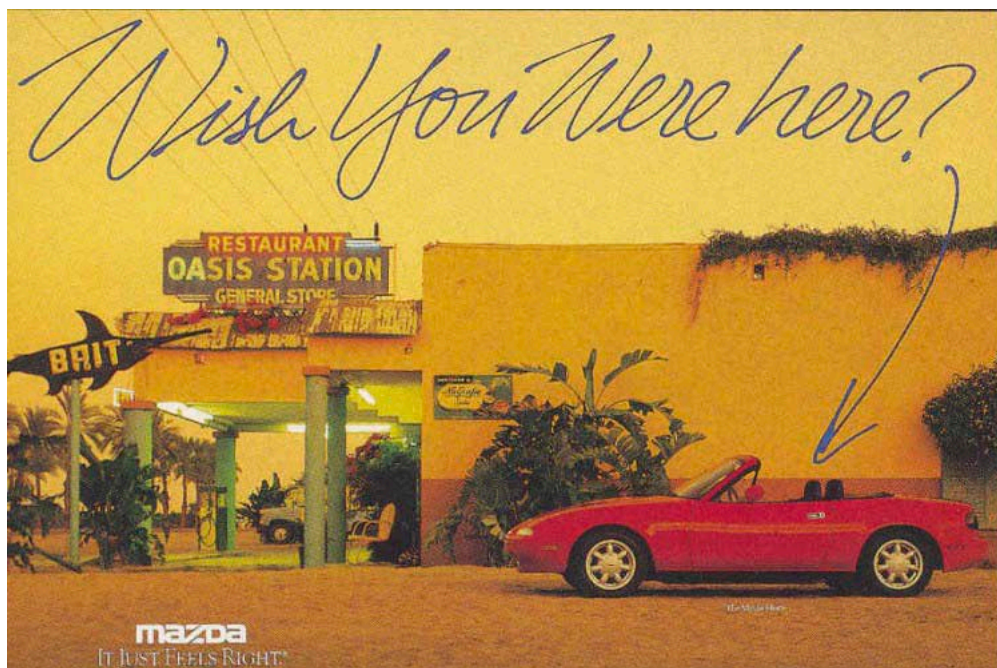


In July, you'll be able to put all the pieces together.

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Miata
Mazda MX-5
COMING JULY 1.

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Wish You Were here?



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IT JUST FEELS RIGHT.

Classifieds

For Sale - By Shane Benson - **94-95 Link ECU**. This is the Link ECU that I have used in my turbo car for the last 5 years. It is a complete plug and play standalone ECU. Works great and is suitable for normally aspirated or forced induction cars. Only works on 94-95; included is the ECU, housing and keypad. \$400 OBO. Assistance with tuning is available.

2002 exhaust header and downpipe - A popular upgrade for 99-00 cars that come with the restrictive cast iron manifold, this OEM tubular header and downpipe makes a very noticeable improvement in power and torque. I'll sell this critter for \$250. Call Shane at 317-381-0898

For Sale - By Syl Ebert - **Mazda 1991 tires and rims**. Rims are in excellent shape. Asking \$100. E-mail for more information: linda2418ebert@yahoo.com

For Sale - By Michael Leamy - **Beautiful 1991 Miata** - in **TOP shape with extras!** Super clean 1991 Miata with 41K+ original miles Factory air (blows cold), factory power windows. 5 speed. True (stainless) spoke wheels with knockoffs with high grade tires. JVC stereo with Kenwood in-trunk cd changer. Speakers in headrest (as well as doors). Garaged all its life. Paint and clear is bright and shiny. Interior is terrific shape as well - no rips, tears, etc. Mechanically perfect. Selling only because I just don't drive it. Asking \$5500. 317-319-4810

RAY SKILLMAN DISCOUNT



10% Parts/Service discount to IMC Members!

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Sales: 317-293-8060
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Parts: 317-293-8060



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Indianapolis, IN 46222
317-381-0898

Indy Miata Club members receive a 10% discount off labor, maintenance and OEM Mazda parts.



Don't forget to visit the club web site for up to date information and more! <http://indymiata.org>

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You are proud of your car, so let us help you to keep your Miata looking great. We offer services ranging from a "Wash and Vac" to a "Full Service Detail". Most importantly, we'll also give you guidance on how easy it is to keep your Miata looking great after it leaves our shop. And yes, we do black!

We invite you to stop by, take a tour of our new shop, and let's just talk about your car.

Indy Miata Club members receive a 10% discount.

stop by and say hi

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