



The Open Road

The Official Newsletter of the

Indy Miata Club

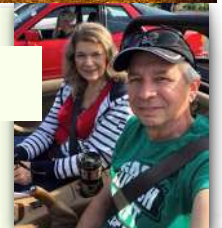
“The Fun Starts Here!”

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The President's Corner by Aaron Workman

Hello Indy Miata Club!

Well, the dog days of summer are here! Schools back in session and we are gearing up for an exciting fall!

Our next club event is the always popular Automobilia on August 28th. Organizers have closed registration, but if you're in the area check out the event. The next "Miatas on Main" at Big Woods Speedway will be held August 30th. Our July meetup was fantastic with 30+ cars and lots of new faces.

Speaking of new faces, we are so excited to welcome all of our new members joining this year. Some are brand new to the Miata/MX-5 and looking for information about the car. Here's a short list of my personal favorite Miata/MX-5 sites and parts/accessory vendors.

• **Websites:**

- Miata.net Garage: <https://www.miata.net>
- Miata.net Forum: <https://forum.miata.net/vb/>
- Mazda Workshop Manuals: <https://beavismotorsport.com/guides-tech/workshop-manual/>

• **Parts and accessories:**

- Flyin Miata: <https://www.flyinmiata.com/>
- Moss Miata: <https://mossmiata.com/>
- Treasure Coast Miata: <https://treasurecoastmiata.com/>
- Good-win Racing (wheels, brakes & exhaust): <https://www.good-win-racing.com/>
- Priority Mazda: <https://www.prioritymazdaparts.com/>
- Track Dog Racing: <https://trackdogracing.com/>

Enjoy! Zoom, zoom!

Aaron & Jill Workman



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The Club officers will meet on August 31st.

If you have any topic that you would like brought up at that meeting, please contact one of the officers and let them know.

2021 Club OFFICERS.

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Events Coordinator—Currently filled by the V.P.



Our total paid 2021 membership to date is **117**
5 new members joined us this month:

Jeremy & Stephanie Hall ('95 Red)

Bryan & Susan Darling ('90 White + '15 Red 25th Anniversary Ed.)

Josh Dayberry (2000 Red/Black/Yellow)



Event Updates

The July 26th Miatas on Main had over 30 cars show up.



“Miatas on Main” returns on Monday, August 30th, at 6:00 p.m. 
at Big Woods, Speedway, 100 MAIN ST. Speedway, IN (10th & Main) Rain or Shine!



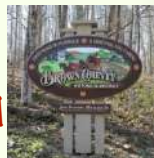
Check Out **IMC Events** on the Website



Artomobilia [Aug 28th]

ARTOMOBILIA

**A Day Ride Through
Brown County [Sep 18th]**



**The 18th Annual Hidden Drives
[Nov 6th].**

Planning...for September...?



**Model T & Wilber Wright
Museum Tours...more later...**



Tom Roush Mazda Open House

Food, Band(s), Classic Car Exhibit, Miata Gathering

They'll be deciding on the date soon (*probably after Labor Day*)...stay tuned!

D.T.B.W.H.A.W.T.C.W.C.M.O.A.W.

The Second IMC "Drive-to-Brunch-Just-Because-We're-Hungry-and-Want-to-Chat-With-Club Members-on-a-Weekday" was held at Stacks Pancake House.

Good food, some new introductions, great stories and lots of laughs. (We ignored the rain and enjoyed the coffee.)



We'll be resurrecting the Brunch idea when the weather turns Miata-unfriendly in the Winter months. At that time, it should be a welcome diversion for those hibernating and missing the club activities.

Stay tuned to the Website Events Page.....



Tire Squeal 2021 Report#2 by Tom & Sue Bowers

(Also see July's edition of *The Open Road*, p.5) Several were on hand to ride the route on June 12th. We had terrific weather and a great day of fun was had by all. Others rode the route as time and weather allowed.

For those of you that have never participated in the Tire Squeal, you need to plan for next year. It is a total of 175 miles, and it contains a series of "points of interest", by visiting or eating at specific locations, there were also bonus POI's that you could find by solving the riddles. We started out with breakfast at Brown County Inn, which was one of the POI's.

There was a total of 133 entries with a total of \$8,460 donation to Gleaners, that puts them over \$40,000 over the past 3 years of the Tire Squeal. Our own Jonathan Stinson won 3RD place individual winner with 1146.24 points. The remaining top 10 were put into a hat and those from our group were Albert Kovacs 1119.72 points, Steve Crouse 1100.01 point, Alex Griffith (one of our newest members) 996.24, and Tom Bowers with 994.36 points. Alex Griffith was the random drawing winner. This year's Team Winners were: 1st place MINI Club of Indiana with 9819.42 points, 2nd place went to **Indy Miata Club** with 7026 points and Hoosier BMW with 3690. Congrats to all this year's winners!!

We all hope to run The Tire Squeal next year. We will post on the website as soon as we know the dates. We need to bring home the 1ST place trophy again!



WANDERING #4
An Occasional Series by
Gary Weidman

In our travels around Indiana, we sometimes come across old “filling stations”, as they were once called. Some are just remnants of what they once were, some have been lovingly restored, and some have been “repurposed”, as in the case with the knife store seen in one of the pictures. That particular building actually holds memories for me, as it is immediately next door to the former Acton home of my late aunt and uncle. I’m sure all of the others were once significant parts of their small communities.



Miatas On The Web

This section highlights websites that might interest any Miata owner.



A Convertible Love Story Me and My Mazda Miata

(Perfect for the Hallmark Channel)

“...Finally it was time to make a decision every sports-car-obsessed parent must eventually face: the Kids or the Convertible...”



24 Hours of Lemons [12:47]

This Disgusting Miata is Faster than Your Car.

Normally, I wouldn't include a video like this because, unfortunately, it starts with a hair loss commercial [from 0:50-1:34]. But, if you can get past that, you will probably be fascinated with the creative (bizarre?) innovations these people have come up with.



Wrench turners will love this!

Miata Tutorial [0:17] Installing Breaks



Simple...easy...cheap.

Note: This is a Facebook Video. Be sure to turn on the sound before viewing.

Off-Roading?



MIATA IS ALWAYS THE ANSWER!

This Mazda Miata Climbed a Colorado Jeep Trail on Stock Suspension with No Spotters. (Submitted by Tom Harrison)



Silly Stuff



Member Classifieds

Ads may be placed on the IMC website
by members for Miata-related items you wish to sell or buy.

Note: Ads will no longer be
featured in The Open Road.

If you want to place a classified ad:

Assemble all of the information you want in the ad. As a minimum:

- A complete description of the item.
- A picture (if appropriate)
- Asking price
- Contact information (email, phone, etc.)

•Email all of this to webmaster@indymiata.org in order to get your add posted on the website under the heading “**Classifieds & Dealers.**”

Please email the webmaster when your ad is no longer needed.



To review Mazda Dealer promotions

see the IMC Website under [Classifieds and Dealers.](#)

To order IMC shirts

see the IMC Website under [IMC Clothing.](#)



To order IMC stickers, fender magnets and windshield logos,

see the IMC Website under [Classifieds and Dealers.](#)





This section will appear in every issue and will include communication from members and, if appropriate, responses from the Editor.

To be included in the current issue, letters must be received by the first of the month.

No Letters to the Editor were received in July.

Club Members' Miatas

Each month we've been featuring pictures of Miatas belonging to Club Members.

If you have a picture of your Miata that you would like featured, send it to editor@indymiata.org

John & Paula Thatcher



Jim Sweet



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

If you don't have a picture posted under "Members" on our website, please consider submitting one, along with a brief bio. **Thanks!**



All pictures intended for posting on the website should be sent to president@indymiata.org

End of the Road



As mentioned in the last edition, "The Open Road" will continue to wind down over the coming months.

Watch for changes to our website and our Facebook presence for future IMC communications enhancements.

The next issue is planned for September.