

Movies, Moonlight, and Miatas!!

By Bob "Kyot" Wylie

This fun night started with some ominous clouds lurking in the distance.. but fear not.. we mighty Miatateers know when we have a run.. the sun shines upon us! Or.. in this case.. the stars!

Our annual drive up to Mel's 50's Drive-in movie was fun as always. The skies cleared and some of us took a "backroads" trip from Zionsville to Mel's. Gary and Kathy Collings set up the route for all to enjoy. They, by the way, are the proud new owners of a 2000 Burgundy Miata.

Remember the good ole days at the drive-in when the reel to reel movie would break.. and you'd see the film flapping round 'n round on the bright white screen? Then people would jump up and down to make their shadows appear on the screen and act silly? Or use your two hands to make "shadow ducks" or "shadow men"? I did that! Remember when everyone would start honking at the movie, if the sound disappeared or the film broke? Heeheehee! I did that! Fun stuff and good memories! Well, none of that happened... I think the technology has changed to where we won't see that again! Colors are bright, hifi stereo sound and the movie doesn't "shake". This particular night we enjoyed an action packed animated Disney film called Atlantis. The second movie was Pearl Harbor, which I didn't hang around for. Check your newspaper for a review!

Thanks to Mel's again for giving us the discounted price and thanks to the Collings for setting this annual event up.

Greenfield Frosty Mug Mingle Report

By Beth McCoy

On July 13th (Friday the 13th) a few of us dared to venture out in our Miatas to Greenfield just to try our luck and push our arteries to the limit with many fried foods. Needless to say the Zendog took off before the food came. Jane (his wife) who is a cardiologist has taught him well. Teresa Wills suggested that I throw out my cole slaw because it did not comply with the "only fried food" law that we had established. I agreed, and decided to start my diet the next day.

All in all, we had a good time harassing each that night, after all, it was Friday the 13th, and nothing that is said can be held against you on a day when anything can happen. Until next time...eat carrots and V-8 juice.

Upcoming Events for You & Your Miata

Midwest Miata Magic Weekend (August 31 - September 3, 2001) in La Crosse, Wisconsin, hosted by the Windy City Miata Club. LaCrosse is located on a scenic stretch of the Mississippi River in some of the hilliest country in the Midwest. There are many Miata roads in the area, as well as opportunities for biking and canoeing. For more details, and a registration form, visit the web site at <http://www.windycitymiataclub.com/2001/lacrosse.html>. For further questions, e-mail Al Brown & Cyndee Boyvey at hobie88903@aol.com. Indy club members Gary and Kathy Collings will be leaving the evening before the event if anyone wants to caravan to the Chicago area with them.

Midwest Miata Gathering. (September 14-16) The Greater Cincinnati Miata Club and the MX5 Journal are instigating a non-event event for the enjoyment of all. While the primary audience is comprised of the Miata Chapters in Ohio, Indiana, (?Michigan), and Kentucky... ALL are welcome, there is no fee for registering and attending the Gathering. Go to www.MiataGathering.net for more information.

Movie Road Trip (or Why We Really Drive Miatas)

By Dan Bowers

Editors note: Dan and Peggy Bowers drove over from Sullivan, Illinois to participate in the Mel's Movie Mingle. Last year, they saw the event listed on the our website, drove over and joined our club. They seem to be making this an annual trip! They are also members of the Abe Lincoln Miata Club. This is from an e-mail after the event.)

We went a little crazy that night! We had planned on investing the lovely, long travel time over to your lovely state for the reward of spending time with the members before showtime. Our plan was not to stay long after dark and be home at a "reasonable" time. Well, the company was good, the night was pleasant, we were both on vacation, etc. and I got interested in "Pearl Harbor". We stayed for the whole thing and had that 3 1/2 hour drive home after the show.

The weather was great. The moon was nearly full and kept us company...(you know, the glass half full or empty thing), and well...it was really a good "top down" trip all the way home. We saw lots of wildlife, deer, raccoons, opossums, a young coyote, and a red fox. We nearly had the roads to ourselves. We took country roads to Rockville, then followed US36 home.

It had been many years since we did an all-nighter! We remembered "old times" and had some good laughs...the kind that make your eyes water. We were on the road headed west as the sky began to get pink in the east. We heard the birds waking up and witnessed a whole new day come to life. We saw a beautiful sunrise and shared a wonderful cup of "road coffee". We crawled into our bed at 6am. and were up (well..kind of!) by 9:00am as we had made plans to meet friends by 10:00am. We were tired for sure, but will not trade the experience for another. We know have a new memory to add to the treasure chest.

"Sundae" Mingle Raindate!

As we go to press, the weather forecast does not look sunny for the Bob Wiley's "Sundae Mingle". If the event is rained out, it will be held on August 12th. Check the web site or call the hotline (317-767-5234) for current information. If we do run on the 29th, Bob's thinking of another mingle on the 12th!