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Steve Jacobson, President, Indy Miata

So, there goes another year of top-down, apex-nailing, heel-and-toe down shifting, and plain good old Miata-type fun. My hardtop is now on and I bet some of you are prepping your cars for a nice winter's nap. (I like to keep my options open during the winter. I like to take it for a spin when the roads are clear and dry.) And also, there goes another Indy Miata Club year.

This has been a very fun year for me. I may not have been able to participate in all of the club's activities that I would have liked to but I have been able to be involved in all of them one way or another. Honestly, I really do very little compared to the other behind the scene type people in the club. The folks who do all the grunt work to keep this club going. People who give much of what little free time they actually have to put together great events such as the Post Tax Blues Rally or the Fussin' & Cussin' Rally. Or the people who pull their hair out monthly trying to put together a great little newsletter (Beth and Sara). Also, the ones that continually update and add to our club's web site (Jim and Bob). (Have you seen it lately? If not, please check it out: <http://members.aol.com/indymiata/index.htm>). And the ones who handle new members and make sure the club has enough funds to pull off an event (Barb and Pat). And our VP, Chuck Wills, who has pulled me out of a jam or two more than once. I want to thank them for their dedication, their time and their friendship.

But the club can always use more of these kinds of people. If you have a desire to serve in any capacity, please let us know. The club could always use new and fresh ideas no matter who you are. If you have ever had a great idea for a rally or fun drive to a new restaurant, please do not hesitate to bring it up. We are always looking for more and different ideas. You don't need to plan a rally as your first event. Put together a mingle to your local Ritter's. (I've seen some very nice Austin-Healeys at the one in Noblesville on summer Sunday nights!) Please don't be shy. This club is for you and about you and your favorite car.

I have enjoyed being president. The club is a great getaway from the stresses of life. It's a place to chat with someone who you may not have normally conversed with had they not been driving the same car as you. It's also a vast resource of ideas and knowledge covering many different topics. I have enjoyed meeting many new people this year.

I'd like to see the club grow this next year. I'd like to see the membership continue to grow over the next several years. Every spring the new Miatas are flying out doors of the dealerships and we need to be there to make sure those new owners know how to treat them! We need to make sure the dealership knows how loyal we are. And don't forget the used Miatas too. If you ever need to sell your Miata make sure to hook the new owner up with us. If you do, I bet we'll see you again with a new one some day. And I'd like to see our club continue to collaborate with the other area clubs like we have done in the past. Those clubs

