

Late Apex! The VP's Corner

I'd like to thank you all for your interest in the Indy Miata Karting Challenge. So far we've got 7 or 8 people that are both interested AND can make the event. Unfortunately, this is short of the 16 we need to make this happen. To reserve our spot at Fastimes I would need to come up with a \$650 deposit this week. Considering the short time to pull it together, I just don't see it as being feasible. So, I'd like to propose an alternative.

Manny Lozano (MDC) sent out an e-mail about a karting opportunity in Whiteland (copied below). It's much less expensive with more track time too. The event is a fund raiser for the Whiteland Girls Softball League. I have e-mailed the organizers about getting tickets and will pass along that information.

I will try to organize another karting event later this year when there's more time to pull some other people in from other clubs. Again, thanks for your interest and I will keep you posted on further developments.

Chuck Wills
Indy Miata Club Vice President.

So you wanna go racing wheel-to-wheel, but don't want to bend up your car? Here's the perfect solution: Go Cart racing at Whiteland Raceway (25 minutes south of Indy). This an outdoor go cart facility equipped with real carts (not the ones you see at the Putt-Putt mini golf centers). This event is a fund-raiser presented by the Greater Whiteland Girls Softball League. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd, from noon to 8pm. You can race all day, as long as you want, and come-n-go as you please during the 8-hour period. The fee is \$20 and covers you for the whole day. The track facility is closed to the public, and the event will run rain or shine. You might want to bring your own Snell rated helmet, since the facility's loaner helmets are not exactly hygienic. You must wear long cotton pants and long sleeved cotton tops to race the carts. Don't wear anything made of synthetics since the go-cart's exhaust piping is near your forearm, and tends to melt the synthetic fiber away (as well as your skin). A thick denim jacket would be best. The tickets will be pre-sale only, and will be available at the April and May Columbus Sports Car Club autocrosses or call Pam Farr at 317-525-8564. Pam can be e-mailed at Whitelandfarr@aol.com. Come join us for some wheel-to-wheel racing action in a safe, enjoyable environment.

Best regards, Manny Lozano
Motorsports Driving Club President

Classifieds will return next month!

Upcoming Events

May 6 (Sunday), and May 23 (Wednesday)

The tradition of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway "Lap around the Track" is returning in the Month of May. **This is not a club function** The Mayor's Breakfast will be held at the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the State Fair Ground. Following the \$40 per person breakfast and entertainment, there will be an opportunity for a slow paced lap on the Speedway circuit. On Community Day, Wednesday, May 23, you can enter the track for tours of Gasoline Alley, the pits, and take a lap in you car, for \$5 per person. This is a public event, and usually a very crowded afternoon.

May 19th - Mingle at the Mug 'n Bun

Join Event Master Chuck Wills for dinner and drinks at Speedway, Indiana's most famous institution, the Mug N Bun. Located at 5211 W. 10th Street, we'll gather at 5:30pm. to eat, drink and talk about cars, life and other important subjects.

June 16 - Batesville - Metamora Runs

Indy Miata is inviting the GCMA, BGMC and MVMC chapters to a combined rally / road run. Starting in Batesville, IN. This will be a chance to meet Miata lovers from other clubs, for news, views, and a cruise. (The idea is to follow our club motto "Few rules, just fun".) This will be a simple rally, with easy directions and few clues. We have confirmed with the luncheon pub that our dining area will handle 70 persons. With 4 chapters participating. That would average 18 persons per club, or 9 Miatas allotted to each. Therefore each chapter will allow the first 9 paid cars (when registration opens) to pay their \$7 to their own club (for later payment to IndyMiata), and each club will put any others on a club "wait list" in case some chapter is short the day before the restaurant needs our reservations. The wait lists will be called, in turn, until all slots are filled. So mark your calendars NOW and watch for the June issue of Open Road with the registration form. Have that check written, envelope addressed, and ready to mail. Remember, "first postmarked, first in".

June 30 - Mel's Drive-in!

It's Drive-In movie time! Meet at the Zionsville Lion's Park at 6:30pm and caravan to the drive-in. No need to pre-register for this event, but if folks want to make certain you don't get left behind, you may RSVP to Gary Collings by e-mail <gcolling@gte.net> or phone 317/873-4224.

Don't forget you can check for changes or new events at:

<http://members.aol.com/indymiata/>
Indy Miata Club Info Hotline Phone Number
317-767-5324



John Louk proclaims his sentiment loud and clear with this plate on his Miata.