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Miata ever built has the heart of a race car, so it was made to do stuff like this.

Q: Do I have to modify my car?

A: As long as your car meets the safety requirements, no. You must have a roll bar OR a hard top, fresh brake fluid, and tires with good tread. That's it. Bruce ran his totally stock 92 Miata with its original tires and brakes and had a blast! Even with old tires, he was able to stick like glue in the corners and was able to keep up with cars that should have been much faster than him. A bone stock Miata is a very quick car, so don't worry about modifications. Just make sure your car is in good repair and hit the track!

Q: Are you sure it's safe?

A: Yes! But remember, safety is up to you. Don't drive past your limits. These events are for learning, so take advantage of the expert help that is available. There is no safer place to learn car control and high-speed driving skills.

Q: Why do I want to do that?

A: It's fun! Also the driving skills learned will directly translate to street driving -- accident avoidance, skid control, threshold braking, proper line through a corner. One of the biggest reasons to do it is to find out what your personal driving limits are and the limits of your car. This is something that is impossible to do on the street.

To sum it up, I hope that everyone will at least consider attending the Mazda-only driving school in November. It is specifically designed for the Mazda enthusiast and people that are just starting to become interested in track events. There is really nothing else like the feeling of driving your car on the track. I encourage everyone to talk to those of us that have done it and seriously consider trying it yourself. If you think that you might be interested in attending the Mazda training day, please contact me ASAP. Spots are filling up quickly. Even if you are not sure or if you have any questions, I encourage you to call and discuss it with me.

See you at the track!

Run For The Cold! "Sundae" Mingle, Part 2!

Since everyone enjoyed the last Mingle/Cruise back in July (see page 5), we're going to do another "Sundae" mingle!

Meeting Date: September 9

Meeting Place: Behind the CVS at corner of SR 67 and 267 in Mooresville.

This will be a "Fun Run" of about 50 miles on some twisty roads! We'll then have some delicious cold refreshments, car lookin' & chit chattin' with friends.

From Indy, take I-465 to southwest corner, exit south/west on 67. Follow into Mooresville, go left at SR 267 light into Southridge Crossing lot by the CVS.

If you can't make the run, we'll end up in Plainfield at Ritters Frozen Custard, just off SR 267 and I-70 about 6:30pm. Join us there for tasty treats!

Questions? E-mail the MingleMaster Bob Wiley at: wileekyot@aol.com

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