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Four Wheel Drift...

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Last month at the end of my article I promised to tell the difference between a guibo and a CV joint. Being a man of my word, here goes:

Guibo: (GWEE-bow): a flex joint, often made of rubber, that joins two shafts at their ends and allows a certain degree of misalignment or "flexing" while the shafts spin. Guibo's are often used on drive shafts.

CV Joint: (SEE-VEE-joint): Short for "constant velocity joint" - a mechanical coupling made up of collars and bearings that allows shafts to run at an angle to one another, or nonparallel, and continue turning at the same speed. Often used in drive axles of Miata's.

Whew, I'm glad I got that off my chest. And now for some good news. Rather than my usual miscellaneous ramblings, I'm actually going to talk about club activities this month! Yeah! We have got a very exciting line up of events and happenings.

Announcement #1: Membership Drive. This is going to be a competition starting right now and ending at our June Rally. The idea is to enlist as many new members as you can between now and then. There is a new Membership Form with this newsletter. Grab that form, and at the bottom of the front page is a spot that says "referring member". Print your name there. Now photocopy this form several hundred times and put a copy under the wiper blade of EVERY MIATA YOU SEE. If you see a Miata driving down the road, I suggest you wait until it stops before you try and tag it, but that's up to you. When this new prospective member sends in the form, you will be counted as the referring member and you will get 1 point. Whomever has the most points by mid June will be the winner. So get out now and start tagging cars!

The Grand Prize for bringing in the most new members is a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice. This will be presented at the June rally event. (you don't have to be present to win, but it sure wouldn't be a bad idea to be there... otherwise I might pick the restaurant for ya). I will have many copies of the membership flyer at every Miata Club event. Feel free to make your own copies, just please note that this is a two-sided form. Look on page two for more rules.

Announcement #2: The Rally Master Handbook is ready! This is a step-by-step guide to running a successful club event. We are going to make it available on-line as well as in hard copy. See Rick or Chuck at any club event for your copy. If you ever thought about organizing your own rally, this is the book for you. Get yours today!

Announcement #3: The return of AIM TECH DAY! You may have been to previous Tech Sessions at AIM (Advanced Import Motorsports), but this one will be seriously different. Due to a scheduling problem, we've had to postpone our visit to AIM, but the new date will be announced soon.

There have been many changes at AIM in the past few months, and this will be a perfect time to see what's going on and have some great Miata fellowship. This is going to be so big, we are inviting all Miata enthusiasts from all the surrounding clubs. Stay tuned next month for more details, but here a sampling of what we have in store for you:

Dyno Testing!!!: See how much ground-pounding horse power your fire breathing Miata can muster! (Or see what your bone stock Miata can do!

Shop Tour: AIM has nearly doubled in size and added fancy new equipment, come see it in action!

Ladies Tech Session: For ladies only, this will cover basics like changing a flat, general maintenance and an open Q/A session. We know you've been curious about it!

On-line Store: AIM will be unveiling their brand new on-line parts store. Everything you ever wanted for your Miata, just a mouse click away! And much, much more! We are just putting the finishing touches on this, but lets just say it is going to be one special event. Check the next issue of the Open Road or the club web site for the date of this great event.