

Miatas, Minglin', and Music at the Noodle

by Chuck Wills

Have you ever wanted to go to Memphis? The home of Blues Bar-BQ and The King? Well, if you haven't been, it's worth the trip. There is no other place in the world like Beale street - one blues club after another and the smell of sweet bar-BQ in the air. The problem is it's a good 8 hour drive from Indy.

The solution to this dilemma is The Slippery Noodle Inn -- the oldest bar in Indy and the finest blues club between Memphis and Chicago. They may not have bar-b-q, but the hot and spicy music more than makes up for it.

On March 16 (St Patrick's Day), we held the Mid-Month-Miata Club-Mingle at "the Noodle". I had listed this as a "non-event" because there was really no planning involved. Just show up and look for a familiar face, order a beer and enjoy the tunes.

When I arrived, Rick and Sara had beat me there and they were chatting with Jay Hofacker. The band hadn't started yet so we just hung out and talked about cars and club stuff. Just before the band started we were joined by Eric Drumright and the-one-and-only Teresa Turbo. Ms. Turbo had just out-run the cops and had ducked into the club for cover. Then Shane and Sara Benson came by and helped us with a few pitchers of green beer.

Did I say there was no Bar-B-Q at The Noodle? I was wrong, because then the band took the stage -- "Smokehouse Dave and the Barbecue Kings". Having won the Naptown Blues Contest, they were just back from the International Blues Competition in Memphis. They had finished in the top ten in that competition, going up against bands from all over the world and as far away as Singapore.

We were not disappointed. The band was hot and Smokehouse Dave's voice was like warm whisky and honey - smooooth! They did some standards like "Red House" and "Rock me Baby" along with my new personal theme song "I got the keys to the highway". I've heard BB King do that tune, and Smokehouse Dave did



it every bit as well. I can't say enough about that band. If you like the blues even a little bit, it's worth it to find where they are playing and take in a show. They were so good in fact, I got up and danced! (either an indication of good music or good beer... maybe both!)

Between the music, atmosphere and good company, I can't imagine a better evening. We had such a great time, before we knew it the band was doing their final song for the night -- an encore of "Rock me Baby". I think we all enjoyed it so much, we may do more "non-events" like this. See ya at "The Noodle" "cause "Dis-is-it!"

"There's a Miata car over yonder, an' it's what my baby drives. She got her foot to the floor, and I be beggin' for a ride!" (Original lyrics by "the Prez".)

Miata Owners Club (MOC) News

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- Six issues of Miata Magazine
- \$30 Mazda Genuine Accessories Rebate
- Exclusive Miata Auto Insurance
- Special Club Events
- Personalized Member ID Card, Club Decal , a Zoom-Zoom Sticker and more.

And now, MOC and Mazda have just announced a new benefit for MOC members. Participating dealers will now offer a 20% discount on parts and service to MOC members. The program is new as of March 5th so many dealers maybe in process. Feel free to contact your local dealer and encourage them to participate!

Go to: <http://www.miataownersclub.com/> for more information and to see which dealers in your area have already signed up.

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