

AIM Tech Day Review

AIM's annual Tech Day and Open house drew a good crowd on June 29th. Miatas arrived with their tops down and their owner's ready to learn.

As members arrived, their cars were lined up and entered into the "Show and Shine" car show. Hoods were opened, cars inspected, accessories, add-on's etc. were discussed.

Shane Benson, owner of AIM and club member, gave us a tour of the shop and explained what AIM could do for our Miatas. During our tour, we saw a range of cars that AIM was working on, from a Miata that had been heavily modified for E-class racing (windshield cut off, doors were basically just the outer panel!), Shane's Spec Miata "Frances the Mule" that had just returned from racing at Laguna Seca, to Lyn St. James Miata that was in for basic maintenance. Tackside Supply will soon have a showroom in AIM with lots of Miata goodies.

Rick Morris (Dr. Detail) then gave a presentation on car care. He was happy to report that all the member's cars looked good and he really couldn't use them as examples of how not to care for your car. He gave basic car care tips from how to clean the engine compartment to cleaning the windshield and headlights, and then fielded questions from members.

The results of the "Show and Shine" contest were announced and John Martin took home the prize for his new 2002 Titanium Special Edition.



Left: Matt Reeck and Dr. Detail discuss how to remove some scratches from Matt's car.

Right: Shane Benson talks about springs, shocks, and oil coolers.



There's always something to look at in someone else's engine compartment!



Classifieds

I am in the process of selling my 1999 Mazda Miata M2 and I'm also selling numerous parts & accessories that I have accumulated. All items are in excellent condition. Some items are brand new. Please e-mail me at jtboles@comcast.net or call 317-241-6570. Thanks! John Boles.

Black Da'Lan trailer hitch – 1 1/4" receiver, includes hitch tongue. \$95. / Black cargo rack. Fits a 1 1/4" hitch receiver. \$55. / Black, Robbins tonneau cover. This tonneau has been modified to be used with a Hard Dog sport roll bar. \$120. / Mazda chrome/bullet gas cap. \$50. / Strut tower brace. \$25 plus actual shipping and insurance. / New, black OEM Mazda center console. This center console sells new for \$400 from Mazda. Your price? \$150. / New, black OEM Mazda M2 soft top with glass window and defogger. This top sells new for \$750 from Mazda. Your price? \$350. / Four brand new OEM Mazda silver center caps for alloy wheels. \$35. / Two brand new black OEM doorsill plates. \$25. / New, black top boot cover plus a black boot storage pouch. \$75. / 1999 Mazda Miata shop manual. \$20.

Help Wanted!

Take a look at the calendar on the back of the Open Road and note the open Mingle dates. We're looking for someone to step up and arrange a mingle for these dates.

It doesn't have to be a white glove affair, some of the best mingles are the "show up here, have a hamburger and a root beer and talk cars". Got a favorite place that has a great tenderloin? Call Chuck Wills to claim a date and then let us know.

We've also got an open rally date in November. Got an idea for a rally? Let Chuck know. And if you haven't gotten a copy of the Rally Master's Handbook, ask for one at the next event you attend!