

Gotta Go Go-Karting at Johansson's

Start talking smack now, because the Indy Miata Club February go-karting event is going to be a barn burner! Chris Poglitsch and Chuck Wills have personally visited and run at every single karting center in the greater Indy region....twice. (Tough work, but someone has to do it.) We've taken into account cost, seat time, facilities and proximity and decided to go with Stefan Johansson Karting Center at 3649 Lafayette Road.

The event will be on Saturday, February 9, at the Johansson's Karting Center. Cost will be \$75 per driver. Driver's meeting is at 3:00pm and racing starts at 3:30. Only pre-registered drivers may race, but everyone is welcome to come and cheer on your favorite driver as they battle for the championship.

Registrant is limited, so please reserve your place quickly! This is an official Indy Miata event, but we are opening the invitation to Motorsports Drivers Club and AIM Tuning members to take any open spots. Preference will go to the Indy Miata drivers, but it's "first come, first served". We welcome any non-members to participate.

If you've never raced before, this is a perfect opportunity to learn the basics. Seasoned pros can keep their "track eyes" in focus here, too! Teams will be matched with experience, to keep everyone honest.

Spectators are welcome — Johansson's has good spectator areas with bleachers inside the track area. There are also snacks and drinks available in the comfortable (and quieter) lunch space. We anticipate that the racing will be done between 4:30 and 5:00, after which we will all meet at Union Jack's pub at 6225 W. 25th street in Speedway (it's just off of 465 on Crawfordsville road near the Speedway shopping center. Can't make the event? Everyone is more than welcome at Union Jack's afterwards to eat and talk!

Please RSVP to Chris Poglitsch at africaneggs@yahoo.com or call Chris at 317-462-9046. We need to have a head count as soon as possible, to assure that Miata members get a kart worthy of their skills. So please respond promptly if you are interested. See you at Johansson's!



This could be you, helmet on, strapped in and ready to race!

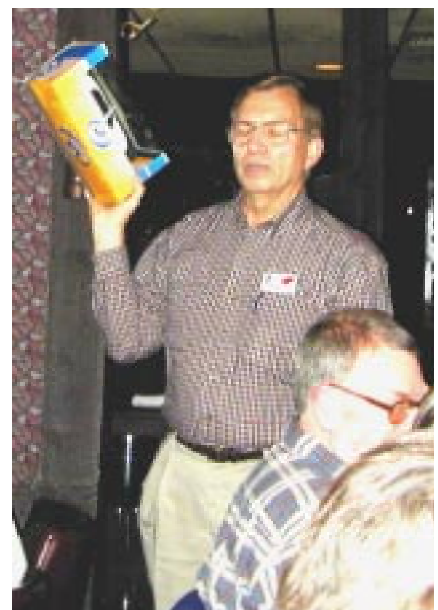
Mid-Winter "Non Rally" Dinner Well Attended

Baked salmon "as big as your head"; prime rib that was thick and juicy; filets and steaks that melted in your mouth; and a bottomless salad bar to boot. Plus the service was friendly, the food was delicious, and the atmosphere was just enough upscale to be comfortable. Yep, that's what you missed if you didn't attend the Indy Miata January Non-Rally Midwinter Dinner at the Steak & Ale.

But you really missed a lot more. You missed a wonderful evening of meeting and chatting with several new members and reacquainting yourself with some familiar faces that you may have only seen as a blur roaring down the highway during some spring, summer, and fall road runs.

A little over two hours of pleasant conversation, jokes, announcements, door prizes, and lots of wonderful food made for a perfect evening out. For several it was made even more perfect as they were the winners of the three door prizes. In the blind drawing, Jay Hofacker, Tom & Cindy Bates, and Chris & Janet Hutcheson won beautiful 1/18 scale models of Miatas from Gearheads Automotive Memorabilia in Broad Ripple.

To top it all off, some delightfully sinful desserts (sans any calories, I'm sure) were devoured faster than it takes for Chuck and Chris to make a lap at Johansen's Karting Center, or for Eddie Cheever to circle the Speedway. Jim & Martha Nutt say "Thanks for attending". Now, get ready for the February karting races. That will get your apex location skills honed, your adrenaline flowing, and make you anxious to attend all the summer rallies and autocross events on the schedule.



Jim Nutt displays one of the three fabulous prizes!

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