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Four Wheel Drift... by *Chuck Wills, President*

Greetings to all from Indy Miata Headquarters. As winter approaches, I hope all of you are readying your cars for the cold – snow tires, new anti freeze and maybe some new wiper blades. If you are lucky, a hard top, or if you are REALLY lucky a car cover and a second car for the bad weather.

We at Indy Miata HQ are busy readying our custom built environmentally controlled garage for the impending winter season. It's pretty easy, really. Just a matter of switching on the dual ceiling mounted heaters and making sure the overhead doors are tuned up. You see, it's a little known perk of being a Club officer – we get to use the club headquarters as our own personal “tree house”. Along with the eight bay garage with in-ground lifts and indoor car wash, we've got a heated lap pool, sauna and espresso bar. These are manned 24 hours per day by a masseuse, Ingrid. And you thought your club dues paid for nothing!

I'm letting you in on this secret because I'm giving YOU an opportunity to join our secret society of Club Officers. You may think it sounds rather unglamorous, but there's really much more than meets the eye. If you become an officer, you get unlimited access to the “Club Treehouse” (garage), personal use of our lot-boy/gopher Trevor, and a velour smoking jacket with the club logo embroidered on the chest. But wait there's more! You also get the feeling of power, knowing that you make the decisions on club activities and content. Ever want to have a real live ego trip? Now's your chance!

In all seriousness, now is the time to think of the club leadership for the next year. Elections will be held at the December Christmas party, so the time for nominations is at hand. None of the positions require an MBA or even a GED. It's just a matter of spending an hour or two a month making sure the club business is attended to – checking the calendar and maybe writing an article for the newsletter. Piece of cake! Do you remember the old Smokey the Bear commercials? “Only YOU can prevent forest fires”. It's true, and “Only YOU can make a contribution to the club” with your time and talents. Our club runs so well because we've got a great team at the helm and great members ready to participate. We need this to continue next year and I need you to pitch in and do it (yes, I'm talking to YOU!)

I have been thrilled with the amount of new members that have joined the club this year. Even if you are new, we would love to nominate you for a position in the club. It's open season on offices, so if you want to be a part, just say the word. Or, if you know someone that you think would make a good officer, just nominate them!

If you don't know, the officer positions are: VP, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer and Membership Director. The VP automatically becomes the President, so Rick has that post wrapped up for 2003.

There is one last job that is more important than any other: Rally Master. We need members to plan events for next year. There are many folks that have experience in planning club events, and they will be willing to help any new folks put together an event of their own. I think I can speak for Rick, Sara and myself when I say, “If you come up with a rally idea, we'll help you organize it!” All it takes is an idea! Without Rally Masters, the monthly events, or lack thereof, will be very boring.

EVENT ALERT! Our November dinner will be a planning and discussion session for the next year. If you want to have a voice in things or have your opinion heard, please come to the dinner. We'll discuss officers job descriptions, elections and event planning for next year. On top of that, we'll have the usual camaraderie among our club friends and some mighty good grub. I hope to see everyone on November 10th (Sunday night) (Look further in the newsletter for more dinner details)

Also, get ready for the annual Holiday Party. It's right around the corner on December 15th (Sunday afternoon). At the beginning of my term of office, a longtime member mentioned that he liked to see the different personalities of the Officers come out in the types of events we have. Looking back, I can see that. Each holiday party has been a little different and has reflected well upon the officer's style.

Bearing that in mind, our holiday party is going to be “a little different” this year. Country Clubs are very nice, but anyone that knows me will quickly realize that racing is in my heart. So, we're having our