

# Indy Miata Photo Album

# Winter Weather Is On Its Way



An open hood and engine discussion. A common sight at all club events.



(Left) Jim Barrick, class clown. Never stand in front of him when pictures are being taken.

(Right) It was a fun drive, but then, it was in a Miata!



(Left) Linda Amos and her navigator Cheryl Wills find the mingle ending spot!

(Right) Lance and Mike in deep discussion at the AIM Open House.



by Dr. Detail

I don't know about you, but I am just tickled to death that winter will be here before we know it. I am just all a-twitter about getting outside when it's a hundred below zero and shoveling snow off the driveway. I can hardly wait. With this in mind, here is a plan to keep your car looking great all winter long. It's a simple, two step plan that is guaranteed to get good results:

**Step 1:** On November 1<sup>st</sup>, or sooner, drive your Miata to either Florida or Arizona.

**Step 2:** On April 1<sup>st</sup>, or later, drive your Miata back to Indiana.

Following this simple plan will keep both you and your car out of the snow, salt, rain and other crud that would otherwise accumulate on both you and your car. It will also do wonders for your mental outlook. At least it would do wonders for mine. If I hit the lottery before November 1<sup>st</sup>, I'll let you know how it turns out.

If, for any reason, this plan isn't feasible and your car is a daily driver like mine is, it's time to get your car ready for the coming unpleasantness. We probably won't be as lucky this winter as we were last winter. We might actually get the usual amount of snow and rain and your car's finish needs to be prepared for it.

You should take one of the few remaining warm days we have left and put a good coat of wax on your car. It will do a lot towards keeping it looking good as well as protecting the finish from the elements. It's a lot like your yard. They say that the most important time to feed your lawn is in the fall. Your car is much the same. The winter weather can hurt the finish if it isn't protected. A good coat of wax at this time of the year is a real good idea.

You should also take the time to apply the Rain-X again. Rain-X not only repels water, but it makes scraping the windshield (ugh!) a whole lot easier. Don't forget to do the headlights as well. They accumulate a lot more crud driving through our famous Indiana winter slop.

Finally, apply either Back to Black or Vinylux to your top. The winter elements are particularly hard on soft tops and they need all the protection they can get.