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Four Wheel Drift Continued...

I gripped the seat with one hand and tightened my seat belt with the other. I knew I was in more trouble than I had imagined when the tunes started pumping... Billy Idol... I was a dead man. I looked over and through the flurry of gear shifts and steering, I could see two squinted eyes focused on the horizon. Her gaze intensified as we drew nearer to the Dragon.

The Dragon is unforgiving and will test every ounce of driving metal you have. Its scaly back and whipping tale have already claimed three lives this year. Teresa Turbo didn't care. Body counts and statistics didn't mean any more to her than what was in her rear view mirror - meaningless stuff that just fades into the distance. She was on an eleven mile mission with just one thing on her mind. Slay... The... Dragon!

Everything blended into the background scenery that morning as we broke the speed of sound through the trees and valleys. The Dragon had met its match with Teresa Turbo. Breathlessly drifting through corners, dangling from the road as we rode the ragged edge of disaster down the mountain. The Dragon tried to foil her mission with blind corners and impossibly sharp hair pin curves, but Teresa Turbo anticipated this. With a blast of supercharged power and a turn of the wheel she counter steered around everything the Dragon could throw at her. The tires squealed in pain as she demanded more and more from them, the brakes begging in protest that they just couldn't give anymore, but she was relentless. As we accelerated harder and harder, I looked over at the gauges just in time to see the needles creep off the dials. And then, as quickly as it had started, it was over.

Teresa Turbo piloted us out of the cloud of smoke and dragons breath into the peaceful valleys to Tennessee. She had conquered the Dragon, beating it at its own game. We pulled to the shoulder to give our trusty steed a well deserved rest. With the exhaust popping and sizzling from the heat, she looked over at me and said "Let's do it again!"

Upcoming Events

The Greater Cincinnati Miata Club is hosting a regional nonevent event, the Midwest Miata Gathering 2002 on September 7. The Gathering website has more information, point your browser to: <http://www.cincimiata.com/MMG/index1.htm>. Gary and Kathy Collings will be leading a caravan to Cincinnati. (317/873-4224) or <gcolling@gte.net>.

The 2nd annual USGP Formula 1 mingle is being held at the Sonic Drive-In in the Speedway Shopping Center Saturday, September 28th at 6:30 pm. This event is being posted on Miata.Net in the Event section, so here's your chance to meet other Miata owners from across the country and enjoy the fine cuisine that Sonic offers.

If you're attending the USGP, we've arranged a special Miata parking corral! Go here to sign up: <http://f1miata.dustbunny.com> or call Chuck Wills to reserve your spot! Miatas only, no OTM's!

Corrections

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Steve Asay was the proud last place finisher in the Fussin' 'n Cussin' rally. We also apologize to Pat Metheau, Barb Gentry and Jim Nutt whose pictures were not sized properly. We regret the errors.

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