

Driver's Education, Continued

At the course:

1. Find the flattest area to park your car as you can and empty the entire contents of your interior, including floor mats. Anything not bolted down is a potential Sidewinder missile when you're doing 70mph into a turn.
2. Let your car warm up. Look at your oil and water gauges. Oil pressure - 30psi or just under at idle. Water to normal mark.
3. Practice deep breathing with your helmet on. When I put one on, I still get really excited, which translates into gorilla moves on course. I'm working on it, which is why I like DE's.
4. After you get off the course, go back to this flat area you found in #1, and leave your car idling, with the parking brake OFF (some folks actually put a piece of tape on the handle that says "NO!" to remind them). If you pull the brake, you risk fusing the rear pads to the rotor, which is really hot. Put your wheel chocks under your back tires, lift your hood, and let your car run at idle for 3-4 minutes. Engines are like our hearts. If we go out and sprint before warming up our tickers, that's bad. Once we've warmed up, and sprinted, we should cool down, too. Engines like to warm gradually, and cool gradually also. Look at your brake and clutch fluids. Are they at normal levels? How about any oil drips? Radiator reservoir, where's it at?

That's about it for me I guess. I'm sure I've left some stuff out, but ask around the club. I know Jay Hofacker digs autocross and some others too. Columbus, Indiana has a big autocross community, and Putnam Park is a GREAT local course for learning (lots of run off in most places) and has a schedule of schools on their website at <http://www.putnampark.com>. I want to give many thanks to Don Woods and all the folks too numerous to mention who brought off the MiMiata 3rd annual Waterford day without a hitch. Good people one and all. Take responsibility for your Zoom Zoomin' y'all, you don't need no stinkin' onboard computer to tell you when you're behaving badly. Enjoy your ride!

F1 Grand Car Cruise Sept. 28

The Grand Car Cruise is sponsored by the Indianapolis Visitor and Convention Bureau's U.S. Grand Prix Hospitality Committee. There will be three car clubs participating (Porsche, Ferrari and Jaguar) each at a different time.

The Ferraris will kickoff the weekend with their cruise through downtown at 3:45pm Friday afternoon. Their cruise will terminate at Monument Circle where they will have a car show and a dinner at the Columbia Club. The Porsche Club cruise will take place on Saturday, September 28th, at 6:00pm.

Classifieds

For Sale: 94 Miata, Black on Black. 105,000 Miles. A/C, Cruise, Power Windows. New Clutch, Water Pump, Timing belt, July 2001. New Front Rotors, pads, rear pads, August 2001. New top, May 2002. Serviced at AIM. Asking \$6,000 OBO. Call 317-722-1838 or matt@cleary.net Matt Cleary.

For Sale: Miata hardtop with electric defrost system. New condition from 1994 Red Miata. Always garaged and stored winters. Not a scratch. \$900 OBO. Contact Kurt Anderson at 219-462-3283 or Kvand@netnitco.net.

For Sale: Black cargo rack. Fits 1 1/4" hitch receiver. \$55. Black custom bicycle rack. Fits 1 1/4" hitch receiver. \$85. Black Robbins 1999 + tonneau cover. This tonneau has been modified to be used with a Hard Dog sport roll bar. \$120. New, black 1999 - 2000 OEM Mazda center console. \$150. New, black 1999 + OEM Mazda M2 soft top with glass window and defogger. \$350. Two brand new black 1999+ OEM doorsills. \$25. Aluminum slat grill for 1999 + Miata. \$35. Please e-mail John Boles at jtboles@comcast.net for digital pictures of any of these items You may also call (317) 241-6570 with any questions.



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