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In The Marbles...

by Rick Morris, President

It's pretty hard to believe that this is my last "In the Marbles" article. I remember when I started writing the first one almost a year ago and it seemed like I sat here and stared at a blank screen forever trying to think of something to write. I was also trying to think of what I could possibly think about to write for the whole year that was coming up. Fortunately (or unfortunately, depending on your point of view) I managed to find enough words to fill this space and now this is the last time I'll be writing as president of the Indy Miata Club.

I think the club has had an excellent year. We had a lot of good driving and social events and an encouraging number of new people stepped up to the plate and organized and hosted events. We were blessed with very good weather for almost all the club functions and our attendance was, I believe, as good as it has been since I've been a member. This kind of member involvement gave me, and everybody else, warm and fuzzy feelings about the club. It was also very rewarding to realize that all the effort that previous club officers and members put into building a solid foundation for our club has paid off.

The first driving event of the year was a trip to the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg museum on a "brisk" February Saturday. We continued with the Post-Tax Blues, Picture This, Longest Day, Mardi Gras, Fussin and Cussin, Cinco de Wino and Historical Markers rallies. Sprinkled among these were the Brickyard, Highway to Hill, Barbecue/Car Wash and F1 mingles. During the F1 mingle, we got to take a police-escorted tour of downtown Indy. We have been busy, haven't we?

The reason that we have been so busy is because all of you have made the decision to get involved with the club. Whether it's hosting an event or attending one, member involvement is what makes any organization grow and prosper. You have made all this happen and it's been a privilege to be a part of it.

Thanks for All the Help

Nobody can really do anything in any organization by themselves, and I'd like to thank all the other officers who have made my job possible. Thanks to Jay for standing up and being our Vice President this year and President next year. Thanks to Bob Wiley for keeping the money straight and setting up our PayPal account. Thanks to Melissa Forbes for keeping the club membership up to date and for being the main beta tester for the club database. Thanks go to Jim Nutt for keeping the club web site up to date. Thanks to Chuck Wills for his help and the interesting, entertaining and informative tool tips in the newsletter. Thanks to all the members who contributed articles about their cars and trips to the newsletter (we need more of these, by the way). I would also thank Dr. Detail for his newsletter articles, but he has apparently entered the federal witness protection program and is nowhere to be found.

A very special Thank You goes to Sara for being the newsletter editor for the past few years. Most of you don't realize how much time and effort she puts into the club and the newsletter, only past editors know this. Putting out any regular newsletter is a job and putting out one as good as ours is a huge project on a monthly basis. Thanks again, Sara.

Looking Ahead

Next year should see the club continue on the path of great events and good times. I'm very confident that Jay Hofacker will do a great job as club president but he will need all of you to help just like I did. At the upcoming holiday party, run for office or sign up to host an event. You can also get involved by contributing an article about your car or a special Miata trip to the newsletter. Whatever