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you decide to do, it all makes a difference. Things happen because somebody decides to do them and if nothing happens, it's because nobody has decided to do anything. It's all up to you.

### *Some Final Thoughts*

(I know, I know, there's nothing more annoying than a frustrated author with a word processor and a captive audience.) The first time I drove my Miata to a club event, I was making a pit stop and happened to see another Miata at the same place. The other Miata had a roll bar installed. I was thinking about getting one, so I struck up a conversation with the owner (who turned out to be Chuck Wills). I asked him if he installed the bar himself or had it installed. He said that he had installed it himself and I said something to the effect that I would never attempt something like that. Chuck immediately offered to help me install a bar (little did he know I would take him up on the offer). That experience has stuck with me ever since, and it's typical of Miata people everywhere.

The point I'm trying to make, in a roundabout way, is that it's the people that make the Miata special. Don't get me wrong, our cars are very special, but they are still just cars. Every time I have gone to any kind of Miata event, I have always been impressed by how friendly and helpful the other Miata owners are. You have all been just like that with me and I have tried to do the same with everybody else. Keep up the good work and don't forget to introduce yourself to new member and make them feel like part of the family. After all, we all are part of the family of happy Miata owners.

Thanks again for a great experience!

## Join Us At The Holiday Party

We will have the 13th annual holiday party on December 7th at 5:00pm. Mark your calendars now..... and plan to drive the SUV if it is bad weather. No one will make fun of you!

The Holiday Party is being held at The Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Indy at 210 South Meridian Street. This is a casual fun social evening, with supper at 5:00pm, a wrapped gift exchange (\$12-\$15 per Miata), concluding with the election of 2004 Officers. As usual the club will pick up the tab for dinner.

We need to have an accurate head count three days before the dinner, so please register for the dinner at the club website on the events page or by emailing Rick Morris at rick@dustbunny.com. The Circle Center garage across the street (under Nordstroms) will probably be the best place to park. It's inexpensive and secure.

If you are interested in running for the office of Vice President, Membership Chair, or Treasurer, or nominating someone, please let President Rick Morris know by emailing him at rick@dustbunny.com.

It has been a great year for the club, so let's end it on a festive note!

## Miata's To "Meet Me in St. Louie"!

Though an official announcement has not been made, it looks as though a national gathering of Miatas will happen! "Meet Me in St. Louie", hosted by the Gateway Miata club of St. Louis, MO, will be held September 30 - October 3, 2004. This will be a very comprehensive national event including two track days at Gateway International Raceway, autocross, a fun-CAN-a, concours, a "drag" race, scavenger hunt, tours, several rallies, and more.

When registration is offered, it will probably fill up fast, so we'll post information and links on the Indy club web site as soon as it is available and there will be registration information in the Open Road.

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