

Miatas Are Top Cars in Solo II and Other Events

Indy Miata Club members were busy running their Miatas in local, regional, and national events. Here's a quick rundown of how they fared.

Miatas made a strong showing in the Indy SCCA region events. Our new Vice President, Jay Hofacker, took first place honors for the year in the CS class. (This follows his first place standing in B stock in 2001.) Following in second place was Matt Reeck, who was trying autocross for the first time this year. Two other Miatas tied for third in this class.

Despite running a limited schedule, Shane Benson finished in second place in the CSP class. Miatas once again showed that they are great handling cars by also taking first and third in this class.

Former club member Dan Stone took second in the ES class. Dan shared his introduction to autocrossing in the June 2001 Open Road.

Over in the Spec Miata road racing series, Shane Benson and his car, Frances the Mule, besides running in the MazdaSpeed Cup event at Laguna Seca, were busy at regional events. He was a podium finisher in all the events he entered in the Midwest except for one. Shane was the Central Division Series winner and also received the prestigious Hergenroether Award, which goes to the top competition driver in the Indy Region SCCA.

Frances saw more duty as Chuck Wills drover her to win his racing license in August. Chuck seems to have been bitten hard by the racing bug and will most likely be running more events in the future.

Congratulations to all of our Miata club members and best of luck in the upcoming autocross and racing seasons!



Jay Hofacker looks ahead and prepares for a hard left turn while in competition last summer.



Matt Reeck looks ahead to the next portion of the course during an autocross run at the old Bush Stadium.



Autocross photos courtesy of Steve Linn

Shane Benson maneuvers Frances through the cones. Besides autocrossing, Shane also drove in Spec Miata events.

Winter Dinner Directions

The Steak and Ale is located at 4302 S. East Street (us 31) in the Southern Shopping Plaza.

If you are on the interstate, take the US31 North exit of I-465 (exit 2) to the Southern Plaza entrance. It will be a left turn into the Plaza if heading north.

See you on January 18th!

