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In The Marbles...

by Rick Morris, President

With May Comes the World Famous Sounds of.....

Indy Miata Club members getting lost for the first time of the year! Not really, or, at least, we hope not. We are finally into the real driving season, when you can count on temperatures that are warm enough to get the top down on a daily basis. The mornings are still a little nippy, but the afternoons are almost always warm enough to have a top down drive on the way home from work. It's always nice to end the day with a top down drive home to bleed off some of the stress that may have accumulated during the workday. It's also nice to, as Sara says, hear the wind whistling between your ears. It's just a good way to end the day.

Speaking of driving season, we had the annual Post Tax Blues Rally on Saturday, April 26th, and if you missed it, you missed a really good drive. We had a total of twenty-eight cars from our club and the Lake Effect club, and it turned out to be a beautiful day. All the drivers seemed to enjoy the route and nobody got lost, which is always a plus. We did have something of a problem with the restaurant, though, as they weren't even close to being prepared to serve our crowd. Apologies for that, but it was still a good day.

Continuing in the club events vein, don't forget that the second annual Picture This rally is coming up very soon. It will be held on Sunday, May 4th starting at 1:15PM in the McDonald's in Broad Ripple. I've been the administrative assistant on the route and it should be a really enjoyable tour of the city. We have lots of new stops this year and what we think will be some very "imaginative" answers that you may have to look a little bit to find. As always, a phone book and map of the city will be very helpful. There isn't anything real obscure, but route planning will be important (snicker).

Tell Us Your Story!

One of the things that I have found out in talking to as club members as I do is that we all have a very interesting story concerning how we got our first, or second or third, Miata. I always find them interesting and I think other club members would as well. With this in mind, we would like to start a new section of the Open Road called, not surprisingly, "My Miata Story". What we would like to have is your story about how you got your car. Write up your story, around a half page or more and send it along via email to our intrepid newsletter editor. You can include a picture if you want. We will publish the stories, hopefully at least one a month in the upcoming issues of the Open Road. The news letter gets better the more people we have contributing, and this is your big chance to share your story with fellow club members. We would like to hear from you.

Whatever Happened to Dr. Detail?

A lot of you, or maybe none of you, have been wondering whatever happened to Dr. Detail? We were wondering, too, as he seemed to just drop off the face of the Earth. As it turns out, he was kidnapped by gypsies and sold to the circus around the first of the year. He finally made good his escape and found his way back home last week. Apparently it was a very traumatic experience that he doesn't like to talk about. He has agreed to take a break from his post-kidnapping therapy sessions though, and write a spring cleaning article that appears elsewhere in this issue. Those of you wanting to help him along the road to recovery can send Godiva chocolate to him in care of the newsletter editor. Apparently that's the only thing that will help, or at least that's what he says.

Finally, we have had a couple of web site hiccups over the past couple of weeks. They have, thankfully, been very intermittent and my hosting service says they have all the problems ironed out now, so we

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