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In The Marbles...

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***&#!#\$%&%\$\$ Winter!**

Where did the summer go all of a sudden! We had a great summer, and now it's gone. I put the winter tires on my car recently. This event is as depressing as taking them off in the spring is exciting. When the winter tires and hardtop go on the car, I have accepted the fact that it probably won't be seventy degrees and sunny again for quite a while. We may get a couple of nice driving days, but they will be the exception rather than the rule. I just can't wait for the first snowfall so I can get outside and shovel some more snow. I'm all aquiver at the prospect!

We had an excellent driving event during October. Jay Hofacker did an excellent job putting together a tour of Boone County by making up a route that took us by all the historical markers in the county. It was a fun event and the weather was excellent. After the event, we met at the Friendly Tavern in Zionsville for a real tasty lunch (the tenderloin was excellent). Jay did an excellent job organizing and hosting the event. This event was another example of people getting involved in the club and taking us places that we haven't been before. Good job, Jay!

We have a couple of interesting events coming up during November as well. On Saturday, November 8, we will be going on a driving and eating trip from Indianapolis to Brown County. As hard as it might be to believe, Sara has found some roads in Brown County that we haven't been on yet. It will be a fairly short drive with the lunch stop in Nashville. This will be a "no rain" event, so be sure to check the weather or call (see article on page 2).

The second event for November is an open house at AIM Tuning. I always enjoy visiting AIM and asking Shane a lot of dumb questions. He is always patient and explains things so that even I can understand them. If you have some questions about your car, now is the time to get an answer from the master himself. There is also a rumor that Doctor Detail may make an appearance, but this is contingent on court dates and rehab schedule.

Next month we will be having our annual holiday party and officer elections. There are complete details elsewhere in this issue, but I would like to once again urge people to step forward and be an active part of the club. This has been a very good year for the club. We have had events organized and hosted by new members, interesting trips to new places and in general a very good time. It has been a great year. If you would like to see the club continue to grow in the future, now is your chance. Run for a club office and help the club keep going. The only way this happens is if people get involved.

Doctor Detail sent me a note through his attorney asking me to remind all of you that now is probably the last chance you will have to get your cars cleaned up and ready for winter. If your car is a daily driver like mine is, it's time to make sure everything is in tip top shape. This includes the interior and exterior. Winter ravages our cars, but you can greatly minimize the effects with a little preparation. Don't forget to do it, your Miata will love you for it.

Until next time, keep those cards and letters coming.