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Around The Bend... by Jay Hofaker, President

What's that old saying? April showers bring May flowers? We should change it to a more Miata friendly saying of something like.... April sun means top down fun.

A little rain didn't dampen the spirits of the people who attended John and Marsha Schaub's Cabin Fever run. We had a good turnout despite the clouds and a little rain. The route was a good one with options of a shorter run heading into Nashville to shop or wander around, with a longer route for the people who needed to remember what seat time in their car felt like. Thanks and a big round of applause go to John and Marsha for setting up this run, because we all enjoyed the good day.

Next month is the PTBR, where you can meet with our neighbors to the north, the Lake Effect Club, and attempt to win what I'm sure will be fabulous prizes on twisty Miata roads that Sara McBride and Bill and Jean Florent have found for us. The great thing about the PTBR? Since it's a poker run, you play the cards you get. No hunting for clues in this rally since the only two skills you need are the ability to follow simple directions and drive! We can do that, right?

We've got sunny days ahead, so get your car ready. Let's clean the windshield, check the oil, check the tire pressure, put gas in the tank, drop the top and drive!

A Miata Milestone Reached

Mazda Motor Corporation marked a significant production milestone on March 5th as the 700,000th Mazda Roadster rolled off the assembly line at the Ujina No. 1 plant near Mazda's headquarters in Hiroshima, Japan. Vehicle number 700,000, powered by the new 1.8-liter turbocharged, 178-horsepower engine and painted Velocity Red Mica, will be shipped to the U.S. market.



The Mazda Roadster debuted at the Chicago Auto Show in February 1989, was launched in the United States in May of the same year and then rolled out in markets throughout the world. The Mazda Roadster debuted in Japan in September 1989.

Currently in its 15th year of production, the best-selling sports car and Mazda brand icon has become the symbol of driving pleasure in many markets throughout the world. Roadster fans around the globe have established driving clubs in an effort to support their shared enthusiasm for the vehicle. The Roadster was developed based on the simple and pure concept of "oneness between car and driver." With its fun-to-drive, lightweight open-top design and simple, distinctive styling, it is instantly recognizable as a product embodying Mazda's "Zoom-Zoom" brand philosophy.