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It's A Poker Run For The PTBR

What happens after April 15th, one of the most dreaded days in the year? Why, one of the most anticipated dates on the Indy Miata club calendar, the Post Tax Blues Rally! The PTBR has turned into an annual fun event with the Lake Effect Miata Club. This driving event is once again being set up as a Poker Run with a route that will you be able to drive your blues away. Bill and Jean Florent and Sara McBride have been busy scouting routes in three counties to find the best Miata roads. The rally will take approximately two hours and will end at a local restaurant to eat and award prizes.

We'll be meeting on Saturday April 17th, at 10:00 at the McDonalds in Peru, IN (intersection of Business US31 and Main) so you can get a late breakfast and coffee and chat with everyone. Driver's Meeting will begin at 10:30.

Indy club members can meet at 8:15 at the Meijer's parking lot at US31 on the north side of Indy to caravan to Peru. (Yes, there will be a box or two of Longs Doughnuts!) We will depart at 8:30. Indy members can call Sara at 317-291-8993 or email her at miata@2cat.com with any questions.

Entry fee is \$7.00 for those who pre-register and \$10.00 day of event. If you register on the club web site, you will only pay \$7.00 on the day of the event. Drivers and navigators will be asked to sign a registration form at the event. There is a registration form on page 7. If you mail your registration form, please mail before April 13th. (Registering in advance makes your Rally Master's job easier!)

If you want to mail your registration form and check (made out to Indy Miata Club), send it to: Sara J McBride, 4249 Springwood Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46228.

Don't miss the first rally of the year, don't miss your chance to win the poker rally, and don't miss meeting old and new friends.

See you on April 17th at the PTBR....and of course, Top Down!

Picture This Rally Set For May 8th

Think you know Indianapolis? Then attend the third edition of "Picture This"! This is a very good event that is a "challenge" to those of us living in Indy.

The route instructions are nothing but a set of pictures of famous (and not so famous) landmarks in the city. After you find the landmark, either by hook or by crook, you have to also find the answer to the landmark question.

Look for more details in next month's Open Road or on the club web site in the events section at <http://www.indymiata.org>.

Don't forget to register on the website to make your Rally Master's job easier!

And Now For Something Completely Different!

Do you like the IMC rallies, but want something a bit more challenging? You might want to attend an Indy SCCA Road Rally.

What is their version of a rally? It's a time, speed and distance event with two or more people, in ordinary cars, on regular roads, driving within the legal speed limit. Each team needs a watch which can be set to match rally time; something to write on and write with. This is a contest of precision, driving a specific distance in a predetermined amount of time. Timing controls, or checkpoints, will be found at various locations along the route. Regardless of whether you get great scores, or just scores, rallying is a lot of fun if you like to spend time in your car, see some scenery and spend time with congenial people.

Check out <http://www.scca.org/amateur/roadrally/index.html>, the SCCA's page on rallying for a detailed explanation and check the local SCCA website for the next rally that they have scheduled.

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