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August (and more) IMC Events

The NASCAR boys are coming back to Indy and we've once again scheduled our "Brickyard Mingle". Enjoy an evening of Miata talk, racing debate, and drive in "health" food. We'll mingle at the Sonic Drive In on Crawfordsville Road, beginning at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 7, the night before the Brickyard 400. The Sonic is located in the Speedway Shopping Center. Just look for all the Miatas!

On August 14th, Ben and Nancy Hermann are hosting the Late Summer Rally with a new route and a new date. We'll be touring some of the hilly roads in southeastern Indiana and answering questions along the way. This event should be an excellent drive on roads that aren't familiar to most club members. We'll meet in Batesville at the McDonalds right off I-74 at 10:00. We'll have a caravan starting at the McDonalds at the Post Rd. exit off I-74 at 8:30 if you are interested. First car will be sent off at 10:30. We'll end up around Brookville for lunch and prizes. Sign up early on the club's website and only pay \$7. Day of registration is \$10. (Registration form is on page 6 if you wish to mail your check.)

Looking ahead to September, the Wills will be hosting their annual Huber Winery tour on the 18th. We'll meet for breakfast in Nashville and then head down a new route to the winery. Once there, you can shop, do some wine tasting, or just hang out with your Miata friends. Over 40 cars made the trip last year, with members from all over the state participating. Look for more details in the September Open Road on this great tour.

On October 9th, there is a "leaf peepers" mingle on the 9th. Think "Mug and Bun". More information in next month's newsletter or on the club website.

John and Marsha Schaub have organized a two day overnight event for the weekend of October 23-24 and as they say, they're pulling out all the stops. They have a rally route to remember ending up at a floating restaurant on the Ohio River in beautiful historic Madison, Indiana. There are twelve rooms reserved for club members at the Hillside Inn (812-265-3221). For those of you not familiar with the Hillside Inn, it's perched on the side of the river valley. Each room has a balcony with a fantastic view of Madison and the Ohio River. Madison is a great town to stroll the streets and admire the early 1800's architecture, or explore the many antique shops. This is going to be "the don't miss Miata weekend" of the summer! See you there!

National And Regional Events

The "Meet Me In St. Louie" 2004 National Mazda Reunion is scheduled for September 30 through October 3 in St. Louis Missouri. Though billed as an "all Mazda" event, Miatas will most likely dominate the cars in attendance. At the end of July, this national event had 135 cars registered and Indiana leads the way with 24! If you have registered, be sure you've sent in your official registration form with your check. Never been to a national event? This would be a good one to attend as it's fairly close to home. More info at <http://www.meetmeinstlouie.org/>.

The Greater Cincinnati Miata Club is holding their annual Midwest Miata Gathering the weekend of September 10-12. A drive to a Drive-In movie is scheduled for Friday night with different activities scheduled for Saturday. Breakfast and registration will be at Winton Woods followed by presentations by Valentine Research and our own AIM Tuning, lunch and a "People's choice" car show, with a touring or sport drive in the afternoon. Other activities include a swap meet, prize drawing (with prizes donated by several major Miata vendors) and a "Luau Diner" sponsored by Mazda. Motorsports for Miatas will be present with their trailer and installers. (These guys sell and install air horns, grills, exhausts, shocks and more.) Sunday will include a scenic drive to Newport, KY. This event is a definitely a good excuse to get out of town for a fun weekend. The registration

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