

Mazda's "Rev It Up" Returns

Mazda is bringing its "Rev It Up" program to St. Louis and Chicago this spring. What is "Rev It Up?" It's a chance for you to test your driving skills against others in a Mazda provided Mazda 3 and Mazda 6. The performance driving school and national competition is just \$40. There are two competitor classes for drivers with on-track experience and there are two competitor classes for novices – those with no competition experience or skills. As a competitor, you'll be asked specific questions in your online registration regarding your past performance driving experience in order to place you in the appropriate competition group.



Don't want to compete? General admission is free (can't beat that) and Mazda is offering a lot for that price! The Mazda Drive Center offers a chance to experience a variety of Mazda vehicles on a separate, long and challenging track. Drive a sporty Miata, a hot new rotary-powered RX-8, an exhilarating MAZDA6 sports sedan, and others. (Passengers are welcome, of course, but you must be 18 with a valid U.S. driver's license to drive.)

At the center of this event is the Information Tower. It's the place to go to have questions answered, find directions, and win prizes. Daily drawings will be held for prizes including items from Falken Tire, Eibach, and other sponsors. MazdaSpeed will also have a display of aftermarket parts and accessories.

The Chicago date is 4/17-18 and St Louis is the next weekend, 4/24-25. For more information go to: <http://www.mazdarevitup.com>.

Classifieds

For Sale: Plastic door sill plates for 89-97 Miatas. These help prevent scuffs and scratches. \$15.00. Call Rick at 317-291-8993 or email rick@dustbunny.com

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Drifting Arrives In US, Go, Skid Racer, Go!

We've all done it, usually in the snow, oversteered our car into an intentional skid. Oversteering is a great way to crash and burn, as this means the car is cornering too fast to keep traction. The rear end slides out sideways and the front repoints toward the inside of the turn, forcing the driver to wheel the other way to avoid spinning out. Most single-car wrecks are oversteering accidents. It's also the key to the fishtailing ballet of burning rubber called "drifting". Drifting is the art of controlling a car while it's going sideways. In Japan, where the sport was born, drifting has evolved from a late-night teen scene to a multimillion-dollar, multimedia phenomenon. And now it's starting to become big time in America.

There is a NASA-sanctioned series, formed to legitimize this fledgling sport. It will host eight events during 2004, with competitions on both coasts and in the Midwest. A National Championship event, scheduled to be held at Las Vegas Motor Speedway the weekend following November's SEMA Show, will cap off the year. There is a "Drift 101" school, teaching basic skills and car set up.

Want to see it in action? On July 24-25 at the Tire Rack Test Facility in South Bend, IN, there will be a regional event. Go here for more information: <http://www.usdrift.com/>.

The downside of this sport? You'll rip through engines and tires like butter!

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