

Holiday Party Was A Festive Affair!

Indy Miata Club members gathered in record numbers on December 7th at the Old Spaghetti Factory for the club's annual Holiday Party.

Early arrivals gathered in the bar area to watch the Colts win their game and then headed downstairs where the 65 plus members sat down to eat, drink and be merry by talking with old friends and meeting new ones.

Elections were held and Ben Hermann was elected the new Vice President. Rick Morris stepped aside for new President Jay Hofaker (elevated from VP). Bob Wiley was thanked for his year as treasurer and Chuck Wills was selected to take over that position. All other officers remained in their posts for the coming year.

In his final speech as President, Rick asked that all Rally Masters and event hosts stand and be recognized for their efforts in the past year. He also thanked those who participated in events and everyone who helped make the club remain strong.

Chances were offered for a drawing for a Indianapolis Motor Speedway decanter and glass set from 2000 listing the three race winners for the year and for T-shirts, a key chain and a zoom-zoom sticker from the Northern Exposure event held in Ottawa, Canada in 2002. Eric Drumwright won the decanter set. The Northern Exposure articles were donated by club members Gary and Kathy Collings, while the decanter set was donated by Mike Slinger, a Miata owner from Tennessee. A big thanks to them for their donations. proceeds for the drawing went into the club treasury.

The annual gift exchange was presided over by Gary Collings. Once again, the "open a gift or steal one from someone" procedure was used. There were several gifts that were stolen, with gifts including wine bottles seeming to be the most popular. Barney Lafollette seemed to be up all evening as gift after gift was "stolen" from him! Other gifts included jumper cables, Delorme Gazetteers of Indiana, a Hendrick County Sheriff's hat, a Miata front mask, a steering wheel cover, Starbucks coffee with a Miata mug, and Eric Drumwright offered one of his racing photos.

Club members were offered the opportunity to sign up for 2004 events and many dates were filled in for coming year.

A big thank you to past President Rick Morris for organizing the last event of the year, the 2003 Holiday Party.



Barney Lafollette shows off one of the many gifts he opened. Did he get to keep this one?



Hazel Moore knows they probably won't be keeping that gift as Dennis returns to the table.



Everyone watches as gifts are opened, seeing what they want to steal when it's their turn!



Jeanne Spellman is excited about the books on touring Indiana.



Rick Morris makes his final speech as club President.