

## Indy Miata Officers

### *President*

Jay Hofacker  
5149 Yorkbend Ct.  
Indpls., IN 46254  
317-328-4880  
jay@hofacker.us

### *Vice-President*

Ben Hermann  
317-727-1401  
ben@wmhermann.com

### *Treasurer*

Chuck Wills  
317-291-2232  
chuckwills@comcast.net

### *Membership Director*

Melissa Forbes  
PO Box 40561  
Indpls., IN 46240-0561  
DevilsSnowFlake5@aol.com

### *Tech Director*

Wayne "Doc" Reynolds  
317-299-8002  
MX5MD@yahoo.com

### *Club Founder / Tech*

Rich Hickie  
317-347-9660  
RTHickie123@aol.com

### *Web Master*

Jim Nutt  
317-255-1874  
IndyNutt@aol.com

### *Open Road Editor*

Sara J McBride  
4249 Springwood Ct.  
Indpls., IN 46228  
317-291-8993  
miata@2cat.com

# What To Do In July

We've got parades and other events on the schedule. You can show off your Miata in a patriotic way by being in a parade! Then on the 17th, drop the top, put on your thinking caps and let's get ready to rally.

Come celebrate Independence Day with a parade down Main Street in Beech Grove. The parade will be Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am, followed by games, food and entertainment in Sarah Bolton Park. The evening will then be capped off with the city of Beech Grove's traditional fireworks display. Polish up the Miata and join them for all of the fun. Contact Ben Hermann to see if any spaces are available by emailing him at ben@wmhermann.com, or calling him at 317-727-1401.

Our club participates each year in the Decatur Township Lions Club Parade to support the Decatur Township 4-H fair kickoff. On July 6th, we'll meet at 4:30 at the Firehouse and Government Building on High School Road, which crosses Kentucky Avenue one mile south of I-465 on the southwest side of Indy. The parade begins about 5:00 after we get all lined up and get our rider. Your passenger is usually a politician or other dignitary. Last year we carried some PaceMates! So, come on out on July 6 with an open right seat, and have some fun. Please RSVP to Jim Nutt via the events page or email.

Popping up on the schedule for July 17th is the "Day-Before-His-Birthday" Rally. If that's not a big hint, we don't know what is. Chuck Wills is the Rally Master and he mumbled something about a "unofficial" Fussin' and Cussin' rally with some of the trickiness of a F&C and other surprises! The ending point for the rally will be at Grey Brothers in Martinsville! We'll be meeting at 9:00 am at AIM Tuning, 298F Gasoline Alley, which is located between 10th street and Rockville Road on the west side. Chuck promised he'd bring the coffee and doughnuts. There's a registration form on page six. Please note that the date has been changed to the 17th, so adjust your calendars accordingly. If you have any questions, contact Chuck. (Inquiring minds would like to know, will you receive extra points if you bribe bring the rally master a birthday gift?)

## R-R-Racing Events and News

There are a couple of events on the Indy SCCA calendar for July. On Saturday, July 17, the autocrossers return to the 16th Street Speedway in Indy for a "Kangaroo Hunt" (an Australian Pursuit) event. Want to do a serious rally? On July 25, the time, speed, and distance (TSD) "Take it to the Limit" rally will be held. Club member Jeannie Spellman participates in these events!

The Indy Grand Prix National Races are coming to IRP on July 3-4. They anticipate over 200 cars, so head on out to Raceway Park to watch these races.

The Indy SCCA website (<http://www.indyscca.org>) has more details on all of these events, plus other information.

Shane Benson and Ian Linn were out at IRP participating in the Mother's Day sprints. Shane won both of races he entered, while Ian, in his first year racing, showed marked improvement in the second race as he gained more track time. Our autocrossing club members (Bruce Durrell, Jay Hofacker, Ian Linn, Jay Quinn, Chad Jaeckel) have all been participating in points events.

Though not a racing event, on June 18th, ProSports Drivers Group held a fund raising event for Riley Hospital at Putnam Park and received almost \$2000 towards the cause. They opened the track during the lunch hour of their driving event for touring laps for a \$15 donation. Mike Selvy, Chuck Wills, Rick Booe John Martin, and Sara McBride were all there, driving their cars through the curves. The last four drivers logged almost 70 miles over a two hour span. It was a great way to drive the course with Ferraris, BMW's, Porsches and others.

The Open Road is published monthly for the members of the Indy Miata Club. The Indy Miata Club assumes no liability for any information contained herein, or injury or damage resulting from use of this information. The ideas, opinions, maintenance or modification tips expressed are to be used at the reader's discretion. Individual contributors and/or the editors express no approval, authentication, or endorsement. Thank you.