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Indy Miata Future Events

Looking ahead into the club crystal ball, we see that there are several IMC events in your future! Top down season is finally here!

On April 16th, the Post Tax Blues Rally will be heading out of Logansport to tour the Wabash River Valley. This rally is a combined effort with the Lake Effect club and last year, this was one of the highest attended event for the clubs. We've had top down weather for the past few years, so let's hope our luck holds! Go to page six for more details and a sign up form for this event. (Don't forget, you can also sign up on the event page on the club website!

On May 14th, Bruce Hedden had volunteered to organize a rally, but as he is relocating due to work, we need someone to step up and help fill this event slot. Do you have a favorite drive? Share it with the club! Contact Ben if you want to help! Our racing mingles start at the end of May with the 500 Mingle. This is a "meet and eat and we are often joined by out of town Miata owners for this event. See the note below about this event.

For those club members who want more than a "three hour tour", the Collings and Arbuckles have organized the "Tour de Boondocks" weekend in southern Indiana. On June 4, the tour will officially start in Corydon and take you on some of Indiana's greatest Miata roads. Want a lot of driving? Go down to the Leavenworth Inn on Friday! Call 888-739-2120 and ask for the Indy Miata Club rate of \$92.65 plus tax. Those of you who can only stay one evening or prefer a lower rate can call the Baymont Inn in Corydon 812-738-1500. (The standard rate is \$66 plus tax.) More info, as usual, can be found on the events page at the club website.

Indianapolis becomes the destination in June for all the jet setters as the Formula 1 crowd descends for the sixth US Grand Prix. We'll have a Mingle and maybe some other surprises events. Stay tuned!

IMS Tour A Winner!

On Saturday, March 19, several members of the Cincinnati Miata Club joined us as we took a "behind the scenes" of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the museum. Some of the Cincy people had never even seen the track before, and it's always a treat to see a first-timer's reaction to the size of the complex. You really have no idea of how big the place is until you actually see it.

We met for lunch at Union Jack's in Speedway and then headed on down 16th street to the speedway. We spent about an hour touring the museum and then hopped on one of the tour buses for our guided tour of the grounds. Unfortunately, the track was still being resurfaced and testing was scheduled for the following week, so we didn't get on to the track surface, but we did have nice tour of the pagoda and scoring tower, as well as Gasoline Alley. It was the first time most of us had been in the new pagoda. Needless to say, the people that sit in the tower on race day have what's known as "Good Seats" the view of the main straightaway from the tower is nothing short of spectacular (Did you know that those angled glass windows are load-bearing? I certainly didn't). We also got a look inside the control room, where they monitor the track from several different cameras, all of which are recording all the time.

We also got to take a tour of one of the main stretch luxury suites, as well as the press center and the broadcast center. It really is an amazing place, even for those of us who have been going there for longer than we care to admit. It was a good trip, and I'd like to thank Ben Hermann for taking the time to set it all up for us.

