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August Happenings And Indy Miata Club Events

Do you think we've had the worst part of summer in July and might have a comfortable August? Well, we were lucky last year with no 90 degree days and it's not called the "dog days of August" for nothing! As your editor heads back to Canada for cooler temperatures and a much lower humidity percentage, she found these things for you to do in your Miata in August and beyond.

Saturday August 6th, there will be a meeting at the Speedway Shopping Center in honor of the good old boys from NASCAR coming to town. Just look for the Miatas near the defunct Sonic Drive-In around 7:00pm.

One of the most anticipated rally events of the season is Bob Wiley's Rags To Riches event. If you've never experienced a Wiley rally, hold on to your hat. Not only can Bob find all the good roads, but he'll drive you crazy and then make you thank him for the insanity afterwards. Bring a dish and participate in the potluck supper on the shore of Lake Monroe. More information is on the flyer that is included this newsletter. Email Bob with any questions and don't forget to mail your registration form and check (made out to Indy Miata Club) to Bob. You can pre-register on the club site so Bob knows how many forms to print.

The Ritter's Custard Tour of Indy makes its way to the west side to the custard stand on West 10th Street. Cool off with one of their flavors of the day and talk about cars and life with everyone. This is a casual mingle, just show up between 7:00 and 8:00 at Ritters at 7715 W. 10th Street.

Looking ahead into September, Bob Wiley steps up on the 11th with his "Sundae" mingle. More than a social event, Bob will have a nice drive for us ending up at a some low calorie ice cream place, I'm sure! The Custard Tour goes to Avon on the 15th and then we head southwest for Don Owen's Owen County Tour/Rally. Check the club web site for more info on these events.

Peering w-a-y into the mysterious future, John and Marsha Schaub are organizing another Madison Madness Tour. It's not too early to sign up now, rooms are once again reserved down at the Hillside Inn in Madison. Fifteen rooms are being held for us until 9/22. After that they are open to anyone. If your plans should change, you can cancel your reservation within 24 hours at no charge. To reserve your room, call the Hillside Inn at 812-265-3221. Historic Madison is wonderful to see and southeastern Indiana has some fantastic roads, as those who participated in this rally last year already know. You can enjoy the roads for one day or two; it's up to you. Of course, more is always better.

Drop that top and come out and join in the fun!

R-r-racing! Autocross and More

The Indy and the Columbus Regions of The Sports Car Club of America have two autocross events scheduled for August. On Sunday, August 21st, Columbus is hosting an autocross event at the Walesboro Airport, just south of Columbus. The following Sunday, the 28th, has the Indy SCCA running an event at the 16th Street Speedway. More information can be found at the indy website (<http://indyscca.org>) and the Columbus website (<http://www.cscscca.org/>)

Putnam Park has all sorts of motorcycle, kart and car events going on in August and one of the more interesting could be the Viper Days on August 12th, 13th & 14th. Friday will be a test and tune day for "advanced drivers" only and then on Saturday and Sunday there will be qualifying and 30 minute races. Yep, cars worth \$50,000.00 and higher out racing. Wonder if any are daily drivers!