

# Frantic FunKanna Very Full Of Fun!

by Jim Nutt

The day of the Frantic FunKanna found us greeted by sunny, warm, and humid weather. Eleven owners showed up, with seven participating, in an event that none had ever before witnessed. And we did ourselves proud, setting two new world's records! After a brief driver's meeting, we walked the course to familiarize ourselves with where we should (!) drive our vehicles during the events.

First we did the "Gear Change" which was the switching of the Hoosier Hick bib overalls from the driver to the passenger, while seated in the Miata. Talk about contortions! The previous world record of 41.30 seconds was absolutely shattered by Mike and Patty Kaschak with an amazing time of 27.27 seconds! Many wondered how much experience they had in undressing and dressing in a hurry in previously owned cars!

Then on to the "Blindfold Run with Frisbee Toss". We negotiated a curved, coned, gated course with the blindfolded driver receiving only verbal instructions from their navigator. We heard lots of phrases like, "...left, left, MORE left, MORE, MORE!"; "...not THAT left, the OTHER left"; ..."give it some gas, you're barely moving"; and ..."stop, STOP, oh my, we're going to hit a cone". This was won by Jim and Carol Short who came from way up in Valparaiso. Do you think they practiced all the way down on I-65?

Then on to the "Blindfolded Paralled Park" challenge. All you had to do was let your navigator talk you into a standard parallel parking place. Yes, there were some crumpled cones, and one navigator just gave up and exited the car! But an absolutely amazing world record time of just 21 seconds allowed Rick and Edna Sprowl to run away from the field in this event. Their Miata behaved as if it "was on rails". Finally with the benefit of NO blindfold, we "zoom zoomed" through a gated slalom course while the passenger placed beanbags on the tops of cones. But, at the end you had to shift into reverse and go backwards through the course in a fashion that let the beanbags get retrieved. Yes, Virginia, it does make a difference if the "turning wheels" are in the front or the rear of the car's direction of travel; it has something to do with turning radius. Some tire chirping was heard, as Al Jennings and Susan Koerner won this event.

We then retired to Logan's Roadhouse to enjoy their air conditioning, drinks, great food, and the awarding of prizes, consisting of Mequiar's reconditioning kits and Mr. Clean "no spot" washing systems. Thanks go to Jim and Martha Nutt for resurrecting some FunKanna events from Indy Miata's National Event of 1994.

## Want To Help The Club?

We have two positions in the club's officer ranks that need to be filled. They're easy jobs, honest!

Due to work commitments, Chuck Wills needs to relinquish the Treasurer's post. Also, we're losing our Website editor as Jim and Martha Nutt have traded in their Miata (GASP!) Contact President Ben Hermann to inquire what is involved of these positions and to step up and help your club to keep running smoothly!

## Hot Time For Custard Cravers

Despite hot temperatures and an approaching storm, fifteen cars showed up for the July edition of the Ritter's Custard Tour of Indianapolis.

The ice cream was devoured quickly as the melting temperature was high. As usual cars were looked over and commented upon. Don Owen inspected every car that had driving lights! Jim Schliebner was consulted for car care tips and new member Steve Crouse was introduced to all.

Steve and Kathy Randall were presented with their winnings from President Ben Hermann's email contest, two VIP passes to the Car & Driver Anniversary event at IRP. (A good reason to enable that option! He's going to be giving away more goodies soon!)

Club members watched the approaching rain storm with a few predicting that it would pass to the east. A light sprinkle started and soon all members were dashing to their cars to get those tops up as the rain came down!

The next Custard Mingle is at the West 10th Street location (7715 W. 10th) on August 25th, and then we head to Avon in September. See you there.



We're VIP's!  
Cathy and Steve Randall show off the VIP passes they won for the Car & Driver event at IRP.