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RX-8, MPV, and other cars. There were unsubstantiated rumors that the fire ended production of the current model Miata and they would retool the line for the next generation. On one hand, it made sense because production was scheduled to shut down soon anyway with next generation to start in May/June and there was an 180-day supply at the time of the fire; but on the other hand, the fire was in the paint line and fairly contained, it wouldn't make much sense, at least to me, to trash the parts they have for the current model. Some dealers were sending out information that shipments will be delayed with production coming back on line in March/April. Others were advising potential customers to buy now because production has stopped for good. Marketing hype or real info? Well, Mazda issued a press release on January 27 that MX-5 production would restart in February. (See page 5 for more information.) Between the conjecture of what the new Miata would look like and the guesses about how the fire affected production, the rumor mills have been busy! I'll pass on any information that I receive through the newsletter or the website. Or you can participate in the rumor mills yourself in the club forum area, or on the internet at the Miata.net forums!

See you soon and remember... ***The Fun Starts Here!***

Tour Set For Air Force Museum

Circle February 19th on your calendar and join us as we head east to Dayton, OH to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB). Wright-Patterson is one of the largest and most important bases in the US and is home to the Air Force Institute of Technology which trains thousands of students each year and the National Museum of the United States Air Force which receives more than 1.2 million visitors a year. The Air Force Museum, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, is our destination.

There are so many different galleries to see, so this will be a free form event once we arrive. You can choose what galleries interest you or if you're a previous visitor, the galleries you haven't seen. Aircraft on display include planes from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and there are Command Modules in the Space Gallery exhibits. There is also a gallery of Presidential planes and a special Research and Design Hanger which require reservations. These can be made at the desk located in the main museum complex as we enter the museum (reservations are on a first come first served basis.) Everyone will need a government issued ID, such as a state driver's license, to take the tour to the Presidential and R&D hangars as they are located on an active section of WPAFB.

There is a restaurant on the grounds, so we'll be able to have lunch without leaving the grounds. The museum also has an IMAX theater that is currently showing a movie about fighter combat training.

We will leave from the Hardees parking lot located south of the I-70 and Post Road exit at 7:00 am SHARP! (The Hardees is located on the northeast corner of 21st and Post.) Get there early if you need to have a caffeine hit and/or a bite to eat for the trip. Sign up on the website, or give Sara J a call at 317-513-3453 to let her know if you're attending. This is a No Fee event.

If you have never been to the museum, or even if you have, this is a very interesting trip. It's well worth the drive! More information about the museum may be found at the official website:<http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/index.htm> .

Why Is There A Date On My Mailing Label?

If the date on your mailing label is 12/31/04, that means it's time to renew!

The easiest way to renew is use the survey form in last month's Open Road or you can drop a \$20 check made out to the Indy Miata Club in an envelope and mail it to our membership director at 6837 Hillside Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220.