

Northside Dinner Set For 12th

Café Nora will be the location of our February Dinner on the 12th. Hosted by John Vernon and Beth Oakes, we'll meet there at 7 pm. This critically acclaimed restaurant is located at 1300 E. 86th street in the Nora Plaza.

Café Nora offers a wide ranging cuisine with a southern European flair. It was recently featured in the Indy Star in their "Eating Out" section. You can check out the menu at <http://www.cafenora.com> to get an idea of what culinary delights are served.

Please RSVP on the event page on the club website or call Ben at 317-727-1401 to let him know you'll be attending. This is a "Miata optional" event, though you could consider it an early Valentine's dinner with your Miata! Be sure to join us for an evening of fine food and conversation.

Sir Walter Meets the IMC

There were several Miatas in the parking lot of the Sir Walters restaurant where their owners and other club members who drove their MSV's (Miata Support Vehicles) met for the January Dinner. A small but lively group were soon chatting about life cars and other topics.

One conversation starter asked by Joe Lovrinic was "Why did you buy your Miata?". Now, who doesn't love to tell the tale of why they own their roadster?

The service was good and the portions of food were huge. Some folks had carry out boxes for their leftovers. Of course, after dinner and despite the cold, Miatas were inspected in the parking lot.

In attendance were President Ben and Nancy Hermann, Joe Lovrinic and Joanne, Beth and John Vernon Oaks, Martha and Doug Bartlow, Rick Morris, Jay Hofaker, Bruce Hedden, Membership Director Craig Johnson with daughter Skye, and Sara J McBride.



Martha Bartlow chats with Jay Hofaker as Ben Hermann sneaks a peek at the football game on TV. He was hoping for a Jets loss, but it was not to be.



Joe and Doug are having w-a-y too much fun!



Craig eyes Skye's burger and fires. Health food!

Meet New Officers Rick Booe And Craig Johnson

We have two new officers in the Indy Miata Club and we would like to introduce them to you.

Rick Booe (pictured right) is our Vice President for 2005. He automatically becomes President next year. Rick and his wife Susie, live in Greencastle and have been members since 2000. They drive a 1998 Black which they purchased in 1999 as Rick says "after lusting after Miatas for years". Rick and Susie have a daughter who is a freshman at and a son who is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. Rick recently retired from the Indiana Air National Guard and will now have more weekends free to spend in his car. As he says, "Let's put those tops down and have fun."



Craig Johnson, (pictured above) who takes over as our Membership Director, is on his second Miata. He was drawn into the Miata world by his brother-in-law John Schaub and purchased his first Miata, a Mariner blue, off of eBay. A SUV ended Craig's ownership of that car as he was forced into an off road excursion. He now is driving a Midnight Blue '99.

Both Rick and Craig welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions. They may both be contacted from the officers page on the website, or from their contact information in the officer listing on page 2 of every issue of the Open Road.