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It's Time to Get Out Of The House!

We're full swing into summer, so drop those tops and join us for one or more club events that are on the calendar for this month!

First up is the "Frantic FunKanna" on July 9th. Jim and Martha Nutt have promised us fun times for this event and good eating afterwards. What is a Frantic FunKanna? It's a test of skill and cooperation for a driver and their passenger. It is NOT a race; speed is not encouraged; in fact it will mess you up! It's fun to participate or even just watch and laugh! Laugh at everybody else trying to excel at Stupid Human Tricks. Your skills earn points, and prizes go to the most skilled teams. The event will be held on the parking lot at Union Chapel United Methodist Church, 2720 E. 86th St., just 200 yards west of Keystone Avenue, beginning at 9:30 AM. In case it rains, come anyway. The Nutts have a nice in-town rally route laid out that will test your slow speed instruction following and high speed clue finding ability, and it leads you to a nice casual restaurant for lunch.

On July 21st, we're meeting up for frozen snacks just north of the Pyramids. The Ritters at 10575 N Michigan Road will host the third installment of Custard Cravers Anonymous. Once again we'll shoot for 7:00pm, but show up whenever you want. Just take the Michigan Road exit off I-465 and head north until you see Ritters and a gathering of Miata friends.

The Arbuckles and Collings are hosting the "Hot Summer Nights & Dancing in the Streets" Tour in Lafayette starting the 29th. If you can't make the whole weekend, they are leading a nice tour through Indiana's Tippecanoe County Saturday morning July 30th. They'll be leaving the Hilton Garden Inn in West Lafayette at 10:00am sharp! Information about the whole weekend is on the events page of the club website or contact Norm Arbuckle (765-447-5240 email normarby@aol.com) about this event.

R-R-R-Racing! With More Than 6 Cars!

The Indy SCCA is hosting the Indy Gran Prix at Indianapolis Raceway Park (IRP) the weekend of July 2-3. IMC member Shane Benson is campaigning his Spec Miata and is usually standing in one of the spots on the winner's podium. Go out and see what SCCA road racing is all about. Autocrossers will be heading to Walesboro (Columbus, IN) on July 17th. (Shane also runs his #34 car in the CSP division, 2nd place in the Grissom event!) Then on July 30th, they'll be at 16th Street for an "Australian Pursuit" event. Registration and tech starts at 8:00am and first cars off at 10:30 for both of these events.

You may want to head out to Putnam Park on July 12/13 as the BMW Formula Racing Series is holding a Test and Tune event. BMW supports this series in finding and developing young driving talent. The most famous graduate has to be Ralf Schumacher, who is one of the leading drivers in Formula 1. The regulations require all participants to race with identical equipment, and teams are not allowed to enhance the car's performance by making construction changes such as adding or removing parts. The only way in which they can alter the car's performance is by making limited alterations to the set-up. It's all about driver skills.

For something completely different, on July 20th the S.H.O. Group (Super High Output - Owners/Enthusiasts of the 1989 to 1999 Yamaha-Powered Ford Taurus SHO Performance Sedans) will be at Putnam Park for the day and then on the 21st, will be drag racing their machines at IRP.

Looking way far into the mysterious future, On October 1-2, the Wheel Source, is holding a HPDE (High Performance Driver Education) school at Putnam. For details, visit <http://www.wheel1.com/hikari/driverschool.asp>. The following weekend, NASA is holding their HPDE event at Putnam on October 8-9. Go to <http://www.racenas.com/> for more information.