

What's Yellow and Goes Topless?



For Chuck and Teresa Wills, there's two answers to this question sitting in their garage. The first answer would be Teresa's '92 Sunburst Yellow that sits next to Chucks '97 Montego Blue. The second answer is the bright yellow kayak that Chuck purchased this past summer.

Since Chuck is not living on the banks of Eagle Creek or any other body of water, he uses his Miata to transport the kayak to his choice of kayaking area for the day. With a little padding for the windshield header and roll bar and some safety straps, he uses his favorite automobile to transport his kayak so he can enjoy adventures out on the water.

Chuck says he's gotten quite a few stares as he travels with his kayak, but just gives them a big grin.

Photo by Chuck Wills

It's Time To Start Thinking About Next Year

What's the biggest reason for being an Indy Miata Club member? The opportunity to join with others on rallies, mingles and tours.

2005 was a year of great events. We've had events all over the state and beyond with new and old Rally Masters. February had club members going to Dayton to visit the largest military museum in the world at Wright-Patterson AFB. In April, we had a behind the scenes tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and then the Schaub's got us out of the house and on the road with their Cabin Fever event. The annual Post Tax Blues Rally was next, then we took a Skyline Drive to the Muscatatuck Wildlife Refuge. The Arbuckles and Collings led us on a Tour De Boondocks and also had us Dancing In the Streets! Bob Wiley guided us from Rags to Riches and also on the Highway to Hill. As noted elsewhere in this issue, Don Jordan ran a great tour in Owen county and the Schaub's found a new route for us down to Madison on the Ohio river. We had various mingles throughout the year and will be finishing our driving season with the Hidden Drives Tour to Nashville on the 12th of this month.

Who organizes these events? Your fellow club members. And you can, too! Now's the time to start thinking about planning a rally. Find a starting point, use your favorite Miata road, find an ending point. What could be easier?

There is a bit more to it than that, but help is available for any first time Rally Master. The club has prepared a guide for Rally Masters which gives pointers and suggestions. (Contact our Open Road Editor for a copy. They'll also be available at the holiday party.) Ask someone who has been a Rally Master for help, most are happy to bring a new Rally Master into the fold. Remember, your event doesn't have to be an involved event with clues or gimmicks, some of our favorite events are just simple drives.

The 2006 calendar is pretty empty, so reserve your dates now. Let's not let a single month go by without at least two events scheduled next year. Think about a Sunday event or maybe a short drive or evening mingle during the week. Not everyone can get away on a Saturday.

And the best reason for becoming a Rally Master? It's the Number One rule that all event participants must adhere to:

The Rally Master is always right!



Club Classifieds

For Sale: 1990 Miata. 100k miles Silver, blk cloth 5spd. This car runs and drives fine, but isn't the best looking car. It's silver with a white trunk and finish panel. Car had been hit lightly in the middle of the license plate. Only scratched rear bumper, but bent trunk lid and finish panel. Asking \$2500 obo. Please call Waylon at 317-201-8670 or email him at miniguru7@yahoo.com.

Wanted: Red hardtop. I'm looking for a hard top for my Red 1995 Miata. With or without defroster OK. Greg Martin at 317-845-9720 or email him at the following: gc.martin@insightbb.com

Wanted: Rally Masters and tour leaders for the 2006 driving season! Sign up at the holiday party or email your request to Rick Booe at vicepresident@indymiaata.org.