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On The Fence...

by Ben Hermann, President

Hopefully you all enjoyed the Autumnal Equinox by standing eggs on their ends. Of course you can do that any day, but why ruin the dream? Just because the days are getting shorter and the temperature is dropping, there is still plenty of time to get out and enjoy our little roadsters.

We had a great week in September with "Highway to Hill," Ritter's in Avon, and the debut of the new MX-5 Miata at Hubler Mazda South. Naturally since we had a Ritter's event, we had rain, just like at all the other ones. So next year if there is a drought, we'll put the custard stops on the calendar every night.

I want to personally thank all of you who came down to Hubler to check out the new Miata. Such a strong showing really helps show appreciation for their generosity in sponsoring the club. I know it led to at least one sale, so we should have some to check out at upcoming events.

This month we have the Sweet Owen Rally on the 16th, Madison Madness on the weekend of the 22nd, and Mazda is hosting Zoom Zoom Live in Chicago on the 29th and 30th. Details on the first two are inside. Zoom Zoom Live is this year's version of Rev-it-up of years past. More info on it is available at <https://www.zoomzoomlive.com/>. I went to the one in St. Louis a couple years ago and really had a good time.

Congratulations to Barb Gentry for winning August's email give-away. She won a box of goodies from Mazda that she picked up at the Ritter's in Avon. Congrats are also in order for Steve Jacobson for winning September's prizes by putting himself on the Indy Miata map. He will be receiving prizes from Aerodramatics.

I am kind of sick of hearing people beg for money, but I also have to do it. Yes, Hurricane relief is an important and good cause, but there are other charities that are getting lost in the shuffle. I'd ask you to try to donate as much as you're comfortable with, but look around to some local charities and food pantries and at least split your donation with them. The United Way was just getting back to their normal intake after the hit they took following 9/11 and are now at risk of falling behind again after the hurricanes. There are several local food pantries that have barren shelves because of money that normally would have gone to them have gone to the Red Cross and other hurricane efforts. And if you're going to give, no matter what the cause, make sure you get involved with a reputable company. With places like the Red Cross, United Way, Gleaners Food Bank, etc., you know the money is going to be used right. Unfortunately, there are a lot of people who are looking to line their own pockets rather than helping the people who really need it.

And, as always, remember... *The Fun Starts Here!*