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Folding Hardtop Miata?

A rumor popped up late last year and is once again making the rounds that a folding metal hardtop will be incorporated into the Miata. Reasoning for having the folding top is that it would attract buyers who would not have otherwise considered the MX-5, concerned about security, rigidity and refinement at high speeds.

The roof would probably add from \$2,000-3,000 to the price of the roadster in the US, where the hardtop version will be offered alongside the soft-top. It would definitely cut into trunk space to keep the design of the car the same.

Autocross and Driving Events

Whether you want to be behind the wheel or if you just want to watch, here's some area events you may want to check out!

The Indy chapter of SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) swing into action with a couple of events this month. On April 2, it's time for all autocrossers to shake off those cobwebs with their annual "Test and Tune" at 16th/Bush Stadium. On Sunday, April 30th, they're holding their first points event for the year, also at the 16th street location. Go and see what autocross is all about!

The Central Indiana Region Porsche Club of America has opened registration for their "Spring Brake" Driver Education event at Putnam Park. One of our members, Chuck Wills, is once again an instructor for this well run event. More information can be found at the CIR-PCA site: <http://cirpca.org/Events/SpringBrake/>.

The Western Ohio Region SCCA club is hosting a Performance Driving Experience (PDX) on May 8th at Indianapolis Raceway Park. PDX events are non-competitive track events where a driver has an opportunity to drive his or her street car on a racetrack in controlled environment with an instructor. These events concentrate entirely on the teaching of safe car handling and performance driving techniques giving drivers the opportunity to improve their driving skills and increase their enjoyment of driving their street vehicle. More information can be found here: <http://worscca.org/pdx/index.html>.

Tidbits From the Wide World Web

There's so many things "out there on the internets" that are Miata related. If it's a rainy April day, here's a few sites that you may want to visit until the sun returns. No rain tires needed!

The granddaddy of all internet sites, <http://miata.net>. The first Miata related web site and the best, it's always a good visit. A recent addition is the high mileage page. Think you've put a few miles on your car? <http://miata.net/himi/index.html>

Here are two advertisements you won't see in the US anytime soon: <http://www.mx5.co.nz/attitude> (Windows Media Player required).

IMC Member Shane Benson has a video of his car "The Fish" playing and passing a lot of cars out at Putnam Park last fall. Titled "Gone Fishin", you can watch it here: <http://aimtuning.com/IndyMiataTurbo/tabid/139/Default.aspx>. . Flyin' Miata also has a lot of videos of cars from their fast stable on their "FM TV page: <http://www.flyinmiata.com/video/index.php>.