

Not A Good Subject Line In An Email

"My Miata Is History"

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I opened up my email program, saw that subject line and cringed. Jan Young was letting me know that her Miata had a bad encounter with a semi trailer and would no longer be joining us for club events. The good news? Jack McGurk, who was driving the car, was unhurt except for a lot of bruises, bumps, small cuts, and a gash on his knee.

Jan wrote, "Jack hit a slick spot on I-465 as he was leaving the entrance ramp and fishtailed, going backwards and slid under the 18 wheeler, entering it from the side. The driver of the rig didn't know right away he had a car under him and dragged Jack and the Miata about half a mile. Jack is at home resting now, with lots of bruises, few cuts and five stitches in a deep cut on his knee. The rear end looks fine, trunk lid untouched.... He was driving my car this week (taken out of storage) since he loaned his car to his son at Indiana State. Hated to see my Miata go like this, but sure glad that Jack is OK, cars can be replaced, people cannot. Jack was quite complimentary and impressed at how well the Miata held up and the protection it provided him."

E-mails among club members were flying and Ben Hermann posted a link to the report of the accident on the club forum as folks wondered who was involved in the accident. (As of 1/30/06, this link is still active if you want to read the article and see more pictures. <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/6179112/detail.html>)

Jan later posted a message in the club forum and said that Jack was doing OK and the stitches from his knee were about to be removed. She also noted "A friend of mine, knowing how my Miata was my "pride and joy", suggested I have a funeral for it. (lol)

"Naturally, I'm very glad Jack is OK, most importantly, but there has been some sadness surfacing regarding the loss of my car. I've really enjoyed and appreciated the association of the Miata Club."

We were all glad to hear that Jack's injuries weren't life threatening, though sad to hear that a Miata was lost. We're also sure Jan will rejoin our ranks with another Miata to replace the one she lost.



Above: Jan Young's '90 "stuffed" under a semi trailer.

Below: A rescue worker looks in the cockpit of the car.



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Racing And Driving, Watching And Doing

It's still a bit early for schedules to be out for SCCA and other organizations, but here are a few items you might want to attend.

The Indy SCCA region will have three events out at IRP this year. On May 7-8, it will be a Club Racing Double Regional Weekend, July 8-9, the Club Racing Indy Grand Prix National Weekend and then on Sept. 30-Oct. 1, another Club Racing Double Regional Weekend. We'll post their autocross (Solo II) schedule when it is released by the Indy SCCA.

The Central Indiana Region Porsche Club of America (CIRPCA) will be holding their annual "Spring Brake" driving school at Putnam Park on the weekend

of April 21-23. Information should be posted soon at <http://www.cirpca.org>. This is a well run event and if you're interested in a Driver's Education school (DE), you might want to check this one out.

On May 20-21, NASA (National Auto Sport Association) will be holding a DE at Putnam Park. More information can be found at <http://racenasa.com/>.