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Skid Marks....

by Rick Booe, President

Welcome to 2006 Indy Miata drivers. I am your new president and this is my first front page article. We'll see later if you made a good choice. If you all help me, I think I can do it.....I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.....

For those who don't know me very well yet, I should give you a little background. Susie (my wife) and I joined the Indy Miata Club in March of 2000. We had bought our Miata the year before, in March of 1999, after I had wanted one for a long time. We drive a black '95 and don't want a new one! The new ones are great, but we both prefer the first generation Miatas. They are the only ones that you can do the Miata wink with. Susie and I have been married for 27 years and have two grown (ouch!) children. Lisa is 20 and a sophomore at the University of Southern Indiana. She is an art major and is unsure what she wants to do when she grows up. Our son Andy is 23 and a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. Andy is about half-way through Air Force pilot training and hopes to qualify for helicopter training. We all like cars and go to the Indianapolis Auto Show every year. Susie and I also have a PT Cruiser, Jeep Wrangler, and a Ford Van we call the Big Red Machine. I guess I should also mention my new Harley Sportster and a 1980 Yamaha XS650. Our garage is pretty crowded.

I hope everyone had a good time at the Holiday Party. I sure did, even if I had to leave early to go to work (yuck). I really wanted to get out on that track with the karters and see how I could do. The gift exchange was once again a lot of fun. I ended up with the Lava lamp! I was happy and Susie just rolled her eyes at me. She does that once in a while as she thinks I'm stuck in the 70's. I'm OK with that. I like 70's rock and roll and I met Susie in 1976, so how can she argue with that?

I got a little off the party there. I was happy to see people step up and volunteer for the open officer positions. Especially John Schaub. (I was starting to think none of you wanted to be my VP.) Chuck did a nice job of showing all our appreciation of Jim and Martha Nutt for their many years of work for our Club. They will both be missed. I truly hope that Jim and Martha keep in touch with us. I am probably going to need some of Jim's "presidential knowledge".

One thing I need to get to work on right away is our logo situation. Ben started the ball rolling so we need to make a decision. Do we want the new one? Do we keep the old one? We do need to come to a decision so we can order new T-shirts and name tags and other merchandise. (I like T-shirts and need a new one.) Please let me know your thoughts, write me or any other club officer so we can get this settled. Let me speak out right now. I like our original logo. This is just my opinion and Susie's, but we don't want a new logo. I guess the original was done in the baby years of our club, maybe Jim and Martha helped choose it, but I don't want to change it. I am willing to follow the majority, but I just want everyone to know up front where my vote is. So fire back at me and we'll get something in the works as soon as possible. We also have talked in the past about a club business card., one we could give to other Miata drivers that we come across or stick under windshield wipers of parked Miatas. It would have our logo (which ever one we decide on) our web address and maybe a phone number for people who don't surf the web. I would like to do this as soon as the logo decision is made. Look inside for a picture of the new logo (black and white) and check the club website for the full color version. We're working on how to put this to a vote, stay tuned for details.

So let's all jump in and be planning our rallies for the coming year. I know I will be planning another one this year and it will most likely west of Indy, since those are the roads I know best. For now, I'll have to just plan and dream of hot top-down days. My Miata is in the garage with her blankie on waiting for sunny skies, she doesn't come out in the snow.

I'll close my first letter to you all now. I look forward to a wonderful year as your president. Remember, one Miata is fun, but a whole bunch of Miatas is a whole bunch of fun!