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SOS! Rally Masters Needed!

by John Schaub

I'm sorry to report that our rally calendar is woefully empty. We really need some people to step up and volunteer to run some rallies this summer. Running a rally is great fun and you get to meet some really nice people. There are two main excuses that we hear why people say that they can't run a rally. "I don't know how" and "I just don't have time to put one together".

No problem, the club has put together a complete manual on how to run a successful rally. This manual covers every aspect on how to a good rally is run, all the do's and don't are covered. This manual is available from our club president Rick Booe or myself VP John Schaub, we can be contacted thru the club website.

The other excuse of no time is a valid problem for most people between work and family obligations. Most of us don't have the time we would like to just go out and enjoy our cars. No worries, we have you covered there as well. The club has a whole file of fantastic rallies that you can pick from. Now for me, running country roads and finding a great Miata route is the fun part of putting together a rally, but if you don't have the time we understand. Go to the website and look at what rallies have been run in the past (<http://www.indymiata.org>).

Spring is right around the corner, so put down that remote, get of the sofa and go out and runs some of your favorite roads. Write down the mileage between intersections and before you know it, you'll have your own great rally to share with the club. Contact me at vicepresident@indymiata.org and I'll put your rally date on our calendar!

Cabin Fever Cure Set For 3/25

What's the old saying? "He can talk the talk, but can he walk the walk?" John Schaub put out the call for rallies and then show us he can "walk the walk" by presenting the "Cabin Fever Rally" on March 25th.

Famous for his "no clue" events, this will be a tour to Nashville, taking the roads less travelled through Marion, Morgan and Brown counties. We'll meet John and Marsha in the back parking lot of the Adam's Mark hotel (2544 Executive Drive, off the Airport Expressway) at 10:30 and head south at 11:00.

After arriving in Nashville, the Schaub's plan to have lunch at The Ordinary restaurant. You can then stroll through town, do some more driving, or head back home. Lunch with the group is optional, but if you are going to join us, please contact John so he can give The Ordinary a head count or register on the club web site.

As you know, the weather in late March can be anywhere from sunny and 65 degrees to a horrible late winter storm, so this is definitely a weather permitting event. Wet and damp is OK, if it's snowing, we're staying home!

Don't forget to RSVP and we'll see you on the 25nd!

Last Membership Reminder

No more reminders. None, Nada, Nenhuns, Niets, Nyet. Look at the date on your mailing label and if it says 12/31/2005, you need to renew.

If you haven't renewed, there will be a huge void in your life, you won't know where the fun rallies are being held and you'll think that it's just not worth going out to the mailbox the first week of the month. You can use the form in last month's issue or go online for the form (<http://indymiata.dustbunny.com/join/>). We'll miss you.

Note: If you have recently renewed, the database may not have been updated before the mailing labels were printed.