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Skid Marks....

by Rick Booe, President

Welcome to May troops! Another month has gone by and we are really into the Miata season now. We are experiencing warmth and sunshine on a regular basis. I like warm and sunshine and I think that the optimum temperature is 85 degrees. Personally, I like a little sweat in my hatband as I'm zooming through the curves. Also, the tires squeal a little more when the pavement is hot. I enjoy the sound of squealing tires and the smell of burning rubber. Doesn't everyone? Hot weather also seems to help my golf game. Or is it just that the beer tastes better when it's hot on the course?

We learned some new golf trivia on the Post Tax Blues Rally. For some of you who missed it, here it is. Golf originated in Scotland. The word golf (G.O.L.F.) was chosen for **Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden**. I'm surprised that someone hasn't pushed to change the name of the game. It might just be because everybody doesn't know about it.

Speaking of the Post Tax Blues Rally, I sure had a good time. I think most people did. Susie got a little stressed by the questions, but she did a great job navigating for me. (I missed the first turn, but she noticed it right away. It was my first time eating a Arnie's, and it was a good choice, too. Good food at a fair price. And of course, as usual, the company was great. I don't have all the facts for the rally, but I'll tell you what I know. There were approximately 27 cars that left Logansport and all of them made it to Lafayette. Mike Simmerman led about ten or twelve cars in a caravan from Indy to Logansport. Our Rally Masters, Conrad Serwatka and Mike, gave us our instructions and sent us off. It was a perfect day for a drive through the country and it is beautiful back and forth along the Wabash River. Doug Miller and his son Andrew won the event. Sorry I don't have the names for second and third, we will post that information later when we have a more complete report. A lot of people were taking pictures. I hope they will share as Susie's camera battery was dead!

Our winner Doug Miller told me an interesting story. He likes to zoom the gravel roads. I know most of us avoid gravel at all costs. But Doug said that when his car is already dirty he likes to get deep into the country on the gravel. He told me there is a lot of things to see that we are missing out on. Not really for me, but to each his own.

We need some help, guys and girls. We have too many open dates this summer. We have some good mingles scheduled and they are fun, but we have very few rallies scheduled. As soon as I get Susie and my schedule all firmed up, I promise I'll do one this summer. But we could sure use some more of you to help out. Now, they don't have to be big elaborate question and clue rallies that cover a hundred miles. It can be just a nice drive over some roads that you like to travel yourself. I know that we all have our favorite Sunday or Saturday drives that we take by ourselves. We just need to share them with the rest of the club. If you want, it can be a clue rally, a poker run or just a good cruise. You don't even have to print instructions if that holds you back. We can all meet and follow the leader for fifty miles or so. Then we'll stop and have some good food together. The important part is the camaraderie with other Miata lovers.

Remember, one Miata is fun, but a whole bunch of Miatas is a whole bunch of fun!