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## More Additions To Club's Event Calendar

John and Marsha Schaub remind us that it's not too early to start thinking about the 2007 rally season! Once again, they're starting the driving season by hosting the Cabin Fever Rally. So, after looking out at the snow, circle March 24th on calendar for this event. The Schaub's are sure we will all be ready to get out of town and carve up some great country roads.

We'll meet at 10:00am on Saturday March 24th, at the Airport Adams Mark hotel back parking lot. The drivers meeting will begin around 10:30am and the first car will be set off on the route at 11:00am. The route will take us down into Brown County and we'll end up for lunch at the Ordinary restaurant in Nashville, IN. For those of you who ran this rally last year, we will be doing the same route with a pit stop in the middle.

The weather in March can be a little iffy, this will be a rain or shine event but should there be any snow or ice it will be postponed to the following Saturday of March 31st.

Further into the warmer days of summer, Steve and Kathy Crouse will be holding a Poker Run Scheduled for August 11th, Miatas will be zooming around Hendricks/Putnam/Morgan counties. More information will be available on the club website (<http://indymiata.org>) and in future Open Roads.

We are in need of a Rally Master for our annual joint Rally with the Lake Effect Club, the Tax Blues Rally. Scheduled for April 21, planning starts in February or March and is typically run up north. This is usually a well attended event and fun for all. Please contact John Schaub if you are interested in representing the Indy Miata Club for this event.

## No Cars To Be Salvaged From Cougar Ace

Mazda Motor Company has announced that it will scrap the 4,700 cars on a ship that severely listed on its side south of the Aleutian Islands last summer.

In September, Mazda said it didn't know how many of the vehicles were damaged, but said they would be sold as used cars with full new-car warranties. And the fact that they were aboard the listing ship was to be disclosed. Following testing by its engineers, Mazda changed its mind.

**Most of the cars aboard were Mazda 3 compact cars and CX-7 SUVs, but there were a small number of RX-8 and MX-5 Miata sports cars on the ship. The cars were strapped onto the ship's 14 decks using a special system in their bumpers.**

(Photo courtesy of USCG)

