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## Calendar Has Open Dates

Now is the best time to step up and host a rally or mingle for the coming year as our calendar has a few open spots. You can contact our President to claim a date for your event.

There is one event on our schedule that needs a volunteer. A member is needed to represent the Indy Miata Club in the annual Post Tax Blues Rally which is held in April with the Lake Effect Miata Club. The event is always a fun event and has had up to 50 Miatas show up! This would be a good event to get your feet wet as a Rally Master. Let John Schaub know if you'd be interested in helping.

Along with the Post Tax Blues, other events that are scheduled this year include the Schaub's "Cabin Fever" event, our annual Indy 500, USGP, and Brickyard 400 Mingles, and an overnight to Madison, IN in the Fall.

Steve and Kathy Crouse are planning a Smoky Mountain "Miata Spring Break", May 12-20, 2007. This will be a multi-club "vacation" in the Smoky Mountains, which will include great Miata driving at Tail of the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, the Smoky Mountain National Park and other lesser known locations. This has been, and again will be, a very laid-back trip, allowing those who accompany us to choose what and where they go, and the length of time they care to stay. So, you are not committed to stay the whole week, nor spend the entire time with the group. At this time, they are only asking for a "show of hands" from those who are interested. When announced at the Holiday Party, several members expressed their interest in joining us. Invitations are also being extended to Miata-friends in Missouri, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, so they expect a sizable group. As plans begin to coalesce (location, lodging, etc.), further information will be provided to those who contact Steve and Kathy. Notify the Crouses ASAP if you would like to be kept informed as the "vacation" develops (e-mail: mlatagr1ng0@yahoo.com).

Remember, all of our events are organized by members. Don't expect the same members to run all the events and don't expect the calendar to "magically" fill up with events. It's up to all of us to make sure we don't miss out on great driving days this coming year. We have a Rally Master's handbook with tips and suggestions on organizing an event. Contact Sara J McBride if you would like a copy!

## Join Us For January 27 Dinner

Come join your Miata Club friends at the annual January dinner on the 27th at the Trader's Mill Grill located in the Traders Point Retail Center. Hosted by President John Schaub and Marsha Schaub, we'll be meeting Saturday for beverages at 6:00pm and dining at 7:00pm. Located two blocks east of I-465 at 5650 W. 86th (334-1226), Traders Mill is a casual eating/sports bar.

Miatas are optional for this event!

## Why Is There A Date On My Mailing Label?

If the date on your mailing label is 12/31/05, that means it's time to renew! Dues are \$20.00 for the calendar year. Membership entitles you to receive a mailed copy of the Open Road, access to the club forum on our website at indymiata.org, reduced member fees (if charged) to our rallies and more.

You will also see a reminder when you log in to the club web site: "Your membership expired on 12/31/2005. Please renew your membership so you won't miss out on anything." After renewing, that irritating nag will go away!

The easiest way to renew is use the form in this month's Open Road on page 5 or you can drop a \$20 check made out to the Indy Miata Club with your information (or the form on page 5) in an envelope and mail it to our membership director Ben Hermann at 1424 E Mills, Indianapolis, IN 46227.