



# The Open Road

The Official Newsletter of the

## Indy Miata Club

“The Fun Starts Here!”



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### The President's Corner by Aaron Workman



Hello Indy Miata Club!

Happy Labor Day!

Welcome to cooler evenings, football, and the traditional end of summer! This time of year is perfect for top down driving. Time to get out and enjoy!

The heat of August didn't keep us in the garage though, our club was well represented at the Automobilia. This annual event in downtown Carmel draws over 500 cars. Reported attendance was over 20,000! Miata count was at least seven cars represented! Shout out to Jeff Melin for organizing the event. 2022 will be an even bigger event!

We have several club events coming up in September. "A Day Ride through Brown County" on September 18<sup>th</sup> is in the final planning stages. This relaxed drive through some of the best Indiana roads is always a fun rally.

Our friends at Tom Roush Mazda are hosting a "Car-B-Q" on September 25<sup>th</sup>! This free community event will feature a casual Bar-B-Q lunch, antique car show and other family activities. Indy Miata Club is the featured club so let's get out and have a great representation of Miatas! Final details are still coming in so always check the website for updated info.

The next "Miatas on Main" at Big Woods Speedway is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. Our August meetup in Speedway was dodging the rain, but we still had a great time! Check out club member Alex Griffith's pictures in this newsletter or on the Indy Miata Club photo gallery. Alex is awesome with the camera!

**Get out there and "Zoom, zoom!"**

Aaron & Jill Workman

# This is the penultimate edition of **The Open Road!**

All editions of the **THE OPEN ROAD** will remain accessible on the club's website.



In **October's edition (the last edition)**, we'd like to offer an opportunity for members to record their thoughts for future members to see.

Please send in anything you would like included in this last edition (articles, pictures, URLs or anything Miata or Miata Club oriented).

To be included in the **October edition...please send your items to [editor@indymiata.org](mailto:editor@indymiata.org) no later than **Sept. 30th**.**



## Our revised website will be making its debut in the near future.

We will be adopting a cloud-based membership management system (called "Wild Apricot") that will support our technology needs as the club grows.

We will create both a public website and private pages for members and committees. The system will provide

event calendars, public and private membership directories and donation forms.

Prospective members can submit applications through the website while current members will receive automated dues renewal reminders. Member sign up activity can be tracked and payments can be processed. Club officers will be able to view member records to see membership status, event registrations, donations and more.

Events can be created and listed on the website along with a description, images and a custom online registration form. Reminders and messages can also be sent to members. There will also be both public and private forums for the exchange of ideas.

This system should greatly enhance your experience with the Club and streamline "Member Management" functions for Club officers.

**In October's issue, we will be including information on how to use specific features of the new system and what to expect as we transition from our current website.**

## The Club officers met on August 31st.

We discussed the legal and tax implications of our non-profit status, identified newly-joined members, reviewed upcoming events and shared information and a vendor-prepared video on the new technology package we are adopting.

**Officers will meet again on September 28th.** If you have any topic that you would like discussed at that meeting, contact any officer prior to the meeting to get your item on the agenda.

### 2021 Club OFFICERS.

**President**—Aaron Workman [president@indymiata.org](mailto:president@indymiata.org)

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**Events Coordinator**—**Currently filled by the V.P.**



Our total paid 2021 membership to date is **119**  
**5** new members joined us this month:

**Mike and Cheryl Patterson (2016 Soul Red GT)**  
**William & Brenda Hergel (2011 Copper Red PRHT)**  
**Jeff Giesting (2021 Polymetal Grey Metallic GT)**

Welcome



"A free community event for all ages...to say, "Thank You!"

**525 David Brown Drive, Westfield, IN 46074 - Saturday, Sept 25, - 12 Noon-4:00 p.m.**  
**Antique Car Show - Register for Prizes - Free Big Hoffa's BBQ - Free Kona Ice & Face Painting**

See the IMC Website for details on all [upcoming events](#).



September 18th - A Day Ride Through Brown County  
September 27 - Miatas on Main  
October 9th - Wilbur Wright & Model T Museum Tours  
November 6 - The 18th Annual Hidden Drives





Even with the rain, the August 30th Miatas on Main had about 19 people show up. Looks like they were having a good time!



**"Miatas on Main" returns on Monday, September 27th, at 6:00 p.m.**  
at Big Woods, Speedway, 1002 **MAIN ST.** Speedway, IN (10th & Main)



**Rain or Shine!**





Thanks to **Jeff and Sandy Melin** for generating enthusiasm within the Indy Miata Club for this year's Artomobilia.



On August 28th, ARTOMOBILIA filled downtown Carmel with 500+ current sports, collectors treasures, and classics, grouped by type and brand.

Below are a few pictures from the event taken by **Tom Bowers**.

You can see more pictures and get further information about the event at <https://www.facebook.com/artoweekend>



# Miatas On The Web

This section highlights websites that might interest any Miata owner.



This is a 2015 British video series that might be of interest to those of you who find yourself pouring \$\$\$ down your Miata "mod-drains."

**Project MX-5—Season 1: [Episode 1](#)—Introduction and Build Plan [6:27]**

**Here's a quote from the first episode:**

**"...the aim of this series is to start with a completely stock MX-5 (as it is at the moment) and then end on an MX-5 to end all MX-5s! I want this car to be the best MX-5 in the country."**

**Here are links to other episodes so you can pick topics that interest you.**

- Project MX-5: [Episode 2](#)—Dyno Run and Drag Race [8:57]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 3](#)—How to Fit a Performance Exhaust [15:20]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 4](#)—How to Install a Cold Air Intake [10:53]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 5](#)—Saving My Rusted Miata from Certain Death [13:11]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 6](#)—Amazing Dyno Results and Mid-Build Update [7:11]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 7](#)—How to Fit Coilovers [15:10]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 8](#)—How to Track Prep Your Car [15:20]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 9](#)—Fitting My Epic Turbocharger [32:55]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 10](#)—Turbo Phil's ECU Tune and First Hoon [12:02]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 11](#)—Fitting a Performance Clutch and LSD [16:16]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 12](#)—The Nurburgring Killed My MX-5 [11:31]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 13](#)—Rescuing My Broken MX-5 from the Nurburgring [14:11]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 14](#)—How Much Boost can my MX-5 Turbo Take? [9:53]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 15](#)—This 3.0 V6 Build is my Perfect MX-5 [9:42]**
- Project MX-5: [Episode 16](#)—Phil is Alive! Engine Install & First Start Up [11:38]**

There is also a Season 2 in this series.

**[Here's the link to that season's first episode.](#) Enjoy!**

BTW, if you don't feel like watching all of the videos, **at least check out #15.**



## Member Classifieds

**Ads may be placed on the IMC website**  
by members for Miata-related items you wish to sell or buy.

**Note: Ads will no longer be featured in The Open Road.**

### If you want to place a classified ad:

Assemble all of the information you want in the ad. As a minimum:

- A complete description of the item.
- A picture (if appropriate)
- Asking price
- Contact information (email, phone, etc.)

•Email all of this to [webmaster@indymiata.org](mailto:webmaster@indymiata.org) in order to get your add posted on the website under the heading “**Classifieds & Dealers.**”

**Please email the webmaster when your ad is no longer needed.**



### To review Mazda Dealer promotions

see the IMC Website under [Classifieds and Dealers](#).

### To order IMC shirts

see the IMC Website under [IMC Clothing](#).



### To order IMC stickers, fender magnets and windshield logos,

see the IMC Website under [Classifieds and Dealers](#).







This section appears in every issue and includes communication from members and, if appropriate, responses from the Editor.

To be included in the current issue, letters must be received by the first of the month.

**No Letters to the Editor were received in August.**

## Club Members' Miatas

**Each month we've been featuring pictures of Miatas belonging to Club Members.**

If you have a picture of your Miata that you would like featured, send it to [editor@indymiata.org](mailto:editor@indymiata.org)

**Rob & Emily Blue**



**Dick & Denise Cady**



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

If you don't have a picture posted under "**Members**" on our website, please consider submitting one, along with a brief bio. **Thanks!**



All pictures intended for posting on the website should be sent to [president@indymiata.org](mailto:president@indymiata.org)

## End of the Road

