

What is a Regional Event?

Many of you have been on an afternoon, or an overnight/weekend Club Drive. But how many of you have been to a Miata Club Regional Event? Please let me explain what this is.

Below is a group picture from the event held by the Mass Miata Club, In Marlboro MA. Several of us attended this one and had a GREAT time! And note there is a Regional Event coming up this June.



Basically a Regional Event is when a Miata club opens their event for members of other clubs to join-in with them. Normally they run for several days, for example Thursday thru Sunday. You may have over 100 Miatas of all years and conditions, and their owners participating. Not all are pristine examples of a Miata for sure, so don't stay away thinking yours is not good enough. See the picture above.

The Events normally start with check-in on Thursday. During the event there are activities planned for people to join-in on, or you can explore the area on your own. In events like this I have seen a parking lot autocross just for fun, tours of local facilities, and guided drives over special twisty back roads. Again, you can participate in all of none of the activities. These events are structured, but kind of laid back. The emphasis is on meeting people, seeing other Miatas, and just having a good time with other Miata enthusiasts. We have always hated when the last day arrived too!

Some of us attended the 2010 Miata Mountain Mania event held by the West Penn Miata Club. One day we went on a tour to a very old massive 5 Star Resort Hotel and Grounds. It was unbelievable how the rich and famous lived in the day this was built. During the "Fall for New England" event in MA, we did a drive ending up at the "Lobster Barn" where we dined on 2 Lobsters & fixings for \$19.95! Ever hear of the Vermont Country Store that sends catalogs in the mail all of the time? We visited that one day too!

The **Tri-Cities Miata Club** is holding a Regional Event June 4 thru 7 this summer in Johnson City, (N-E) TN. The highlight will be an opportunity to get on the Bristol Speedway and go around the race track in your Miata. I read they let groups of 10 cars on the track at one time, and are led by a pace car. I read the speed is fast enough to enjoy being on the track. There is also a section of winding roads nearby called "The Snake" that I want to drive. I understand this is a lot like the Tail of the Dragon but on a smaller scale. Their club is working on planning other activities right now.

If interested in going, you can follow the links below to more info on Miata.net and the Tri-Cities web page. If you sign up (Hotel rooms are going fast!), check in with Bill Anderson and let him know.

Miata.net Link: <http://forum.miata.net/vb/showthread.php?t=557238>

More info will be available as we get closer here: <http://www.tri-citiesmiataclub.com/>

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