

Landisville Car & Craft Show

I want to extend my thanks to all who supported the Landisville Car & Craft Show. We had a record number of 17 Miatas entered. The director of the event sent to us his congratulations for having such a great showing! Enjoy the pictures below of our Miatas, and one really sharp souped-up older Thunderbird I thought worth taking a picture of. Thanks again for your participation!



New Miata Owner Question

I had a Web Page reader question recently. He was buying his first Miata (2006) and he wanted to drive it over the winter. He asked what he needed to do to the car to get it ready. My answer is below.

Tires are the first and main consideration. I drive my Miata year around, except for heavy snow or lots of salt on the road. In case I get caught in a light snow at work, I have the Goodyear Eagle F1, Asymmetric, Ultra High Performance, "All Season Tires". The rubber compound in the tires will handle all normal temperature variations. The outside tread pattern has large blocks close together for summer dry road traction (They do REAL well), and the inside tread pattern has smaller blocks with more space between them for gripping in light snow. The middle area has large grooves around the circumference for driving in heavy rain. I have about 14,000 miles on mine and will sure buy them again. Another club member put them on his, and he loves them too.

The nice thing about these is they are not directional tires, so you can rotate them in a version of an "X" pattern for better wear. These tires are good all year around. I have the size 215-45R-17 tires on my 2006 Miata. This slightly taller tire corrects the actual speed on the speedometer better.

I told him that "IF" he wanted more security in snow, he needed to put FOUR (4) high performance snow tires on it. The car is balanced so well front to back that the car needs snows up front for steering traction and also on the rear for driving traction. Blizzak is a good line of performance snow tires. I had a set on mine the first year I had it. They did well. Snow tires are generally narrower so they bite into the snow instead of sitting on top. You can get a good deal on these already mounted on cheap black steel rims, or inexpensive "Sport Edition" line of aluminum wheels on the "Tire Rack" web page. They ship from DE and you have them in a day or 2. Your Miata manual will note you need to run 4-5 pounds more air pressure in these dedicated snow tires due to the softer side walls.

Other than tires, use the proper oil in the motor, a good WIX# 51348 oil filter for the NC Miata, and make sure the antifreeze is good for the normal outside temps. This is all I do.

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