



Crossovers

Welcome to the second issue of *Crossovers*, the Renegade Miata Club e-newsletter. Special thanks go out to all those who helped make this a great year for our club, in particular to Rob and Sheryl MacAlpine and Ernie Grasso who are the heart and soul of our successful autocross series. Kudos also go to Sal and Kathy Briguglio for overseeing financial and membership activities – if they were on Wall Street, we wouldn't be in the economic mess we're in today – and to Matt Neiman, the Club's veep and utility infielder. Mostly, I thank all our members and participants who came out and made this a fun, safe season for all.

We started the year with some questions about the future of the Club. Would we have a location for autocrosses next year? Could we attract enough members and sponsors to keep the club in the black? Would anyone ever take Sheryl up on her suggestion to drive "butt naked, as long as you have a helmet and closed-toe shoes?" Happily, the answer to each of these questions is yes.

Let's keep the fun going! Good food, good company, videos and door prizes... Join your fellow Renegaders at our Annual Banquet and Awards ceremony on Sunday, November 2nd. Remember, you have to let Rob and Sheryl know by October 27th if you are attending. *-Denis*

Annual Banquet and Awards

Sponsored by Mazda

Sunday, November 2

4:00 – 8:00 pm

Hopkinton Country Club

\$30 per person

R.S.V.P. by October 27 to

Rob and Sheryl MacAlpine

at grocafe@aol.com or phone 508-485-1605

See website for more details and directions



Mark Your Calendar!

Dates for the 2009 autocross series are as follow:

Sunday, April 19

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, July 5

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, August 16

Sunday, September 6

Saturday, October 3

Saturday, October 17

All autocrosses will be held at the Devens airfield in Ayer. Directions are available at the RMC website.

We are always looking for other locations to hold additional autocross events. If you know of a location, such as a large parking lot that is not used weekends, or an abandoned airfield no one has heard of, contact Rob at autocross@renegademiata.net.





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In Good Company

The editors of Sports Car International compiled a list of the top 10 sports cars of all time. While Renegade Miata Club members may not be surprised to see the economical and fun Miata on the list, it's interesting to see the other cars that made the top 10.

1. Ferrari 250 GTO
2. McLaren F1
3. Jaguar E-Type
4. Lamborghini Miura SV
5. Mercedes-Benz 300SL
6. Porsche 911 Carrera RS
7. Porsche 356
8. Porsche Carrera GT
9. Shelby 289 Cobra
10. Mazda Miata

Of note, the Miata was also named the #1 sports car of the 1990s.

Welcome Sponsors

Part of the appeal of the Renegade Miata Club is that it attracts a broad array of participants of all ages and walks of life. The one thing we have in common is our love of cars and driving.

The costs of running a club like Renegade keep rising, particularly for insurance. This year, we had to raise the cost to participate in autocrosses by \$5. Even with this increase, our members still enjoy among the lowest costs of any car club in the region.

In order to keep the costs reasonable for all and preserve the "democratic" environment that is the hallmark of our not-for-profit Club, we rely on the help of sponsors.

This year, two new sponsors joined Mazda as Club sponsors. Shell V-Power generously provided \$50 gas cards that were raffled at autocross events. If you haven't heard of



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If you have a business that you'd like to promote, or do business with a potential sponsor, we'd love to hear from you. A Sponsorship of \$200 provides the following benefits:

- We will display your name/logo on our web site with a link to your site.
- A banner (supplied by the sponsor) displayed at and the all autocross events.
- Literature (supplied by sponsor) made available at the events, and recognition of sponsors during drivers' meetings.
- Complimentary passes for two individuals to participate in two autocross events (\$140 value). Come find out what all the excitement is about or offer these to employees/clients. Instructors are provided.

If you have any questions, suggestions or want more information, please contact Denis Bustin at denis@renegademiata.net or 617-696-0828.