

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING 2018
VP - NE / NW REGION

Region Membership: The membership numbered 29 at the start of the year. Seven members were lost, and six new members were added (as of the August census), leaving 28 members.

The region was active in pursuing partnerships with Mazda dealers, resulting in two dealerships added to the fold: Fred Mueller Mazda, Wausau; and Cliff Wall Mazda, Green Bay. They join Holiday Mazda, Fond du Lac, and Bergstrom Mazda, Appleton. Drives were conducted in cooperation with each of these dealers. Dan Dahl was instrumental and cultivating these new partnerships, and assumed the task of bringing them to fruition. In addition, Dan also hosted "impromptu" drives in the region. Mike and Sandy Stratz laid out the course for the Bergstrom drive, and Jack and Sandy Mason laid out the course for the Cliff Wall drive. The Fred Mueller drive was laid out by a Mueller employee and Miata enthusiast and led by him as well. Now that the groundwork has been done, it is hoped others in the region will pick up the venues and make them annual events. It is too much to expect one individual to do all this.

Last year's annual meeting allowed me to remain in office for this year, even though I was having difficulty in actively participating in events out of my region. The wheels fell off my wagon, this season, with daily medical treatments well into September keeping me from participating in any events. If it were not for the individuals mentioned above, no events would have occurred in the region. I am very grateful for their support. Because of health concerns, I am asking that someone else from the region take over as the VP for 2019. I offer to assist my successor in the transition.

Craig Hodne
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