

## Summer Picnic has Record Attendance

Perfect weather, great friends and delicious food topped off with a beautiful ride on some of Wisconsin's most scenic roads. That pretty much sums up our annual Badgerland picnic.

Nearly 60 Miata enthusiasts gathered to check out each other's shiny vehicles and enjoy one another's company on a perfect summer day at the Tendick Nature Preserve near Saukville. Folks came from all over the state and renewed acquaintances and made new friends over plates brimming with burgers, brats and salads. New plates were needed for the assortment of homemade desserts. Everyone also received a new Mazda pen, a Mazda football, a Mazda neckband and a Mazda air freshener, which came in handy when driving through Wisconsin's dairy air, or after a big helping of baked beans.

Following lunch everyone was rewarded with another door prize. The huge assortment of choices included water bottles, Miata enthusiasts' manuals, tote bags, reserved parking signs, T-shirts, hats, picnic baskets, and electronics. The big Mazda flags that were awarded are now hanging in a few lucky homes (bedrooms)? With a little contrived manipulation, The Rock ended up having a home in the Presidential Suite at the McCanns'.

Then, we were introduced to our new Queen of Cling—Toni Thomas. Ah the images that conjures up. To belong to her new Klingon club, just contact Toni and she will gladly induct you into the group. It does have special privileges.

Following all this activity, it was time to drive. We lined up our glistening little cars and followed Don and Linda McCann on a drive that took us through corn fields, bean fields, cow pastures and over streams and rivers. As we had promised our newer members, every Miata trip inevitably includes a U turn, and this one included two...at least for the front of the pack.

All that driving created a need for more food, and there were some left-overs waiting back at the park. So the club provided not only lunch, but supper as well for many of us.

Thanks to the McCanns for a wonderfully planned and executed picnic. We are looking forward to a repeat next summer.

View photos of the picnic and ride,  
courtesy of Toni T, Craig H, and the Duke

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