

# Baraboo Hills and Amish Country Drive

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There are some events that you know are going to be good. Bruce and Julie always host good events....they did not disappoint us.

Although tops were down, it was a chilly start at Petro Portage. But as the ride progressed through the hills and twisties around Baraboo, the day warmed...what a great day in Wisconsin! A morning highlight was crossing Lake Wisconsin on the Merrimac Ferry, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Fortunately, it was relatively calm, and all 25 cars were able to cross in two groups without losing any cars; although it was told that Ron Carlson suffered greatly from motion sickness. The morning ended at the north side of Portage which has a variety of eating places. We all grabbed a quick bite (except poor Ron) and were ready for more adventure.

Bruce and Julie led us into Amish Country. Each car was provided a map and suggestions: bakery, grocery store, woodshops, greenhouse, quilt shop, vegetable stands, etc. And off we went. Actually it was kind of fun to sit in the grocery store parking lot and watch Miatas zoom back and forth as well as Amish buggies. After 2 1/2 hours, we regrouped and headed for the Kingston House. But what's that coming down the road at us? It looks like a giant Thanksgiving Turkey pulled by horses. Amazing! This is something we have never seen nor will probably ever see again. I wonder how long it took to load that wagon?! Or even how they did it!



Our final destination was the Kingston House in Kingston, WI. Supper was a buffet with quite a variety to choose from. It was especially good for those of us who managed to have rice pudding rather than cottage cheese with our chocolate pudding for dessert. They were close together but a different taste for the unsuspecting.....! New members Steve S and MJJ from Waukesha were welcomed. We were happy to have Al Smith from Madison back to **Badgerland** after taking time off. Guests, Pete and Jan R from Rockford, IL were introduced. (she wears really cute shoes so I hope she joins us).

**Thanks Bruce and Julie for a great, well-planned adventure.**

*Submitted by Toni Thomas, who was promised 28 points for writing this article*

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