

# Having Mercy Drive While Shivering

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Having Mercy, while driving the scenic and rustic roads of Racine and Kenosha counties in southeastern Wisconsin on Saturday, May 14th was easy to do...if you were snuggled in your Miata, top up and heater on. It was a brisk spring day, hovering in the mid-40s, but that didn't deter 2 of the 20 Miatas to go zooming along with tops down. Ah, brave souls. Among various comments overheard included "invigorating."

The group met and started from the **Hill Country Market** in Salem, where some enjoyed lunch and browsing around the interesting, well appointed store. It featured a variety of merchandise and food items, and also samples of their quality deli selections. Adjacent to the Market was the Breezy Hill Nursery and Garden Shop, also a wonderful place to browse. This was definitely a place to come back to and spend more time, if so inclined.

The drive began at 12:30, and the pace was leisurely, better to enjoy the scenery and curves, and the first rest stop was at the Ye Olde Hotel in Lyons. It really was an old hotel, with interesting period decor in the dining room and the bar. Located not far away was the Tattered Leaf Designs, a quaint flower and gift shop which some managed to visit during the 35 minute stop.

The last stop before dinner was at **The Appel Treow Winery** for a private tour and tasting. The tasting included many of their products ranging from sparkling apple and pear products to several types of cider to brandy and whiskey.

Finally, our hardy group enjoyed drinks and dinner at Michael's restaurant overlooking Eagle Lake. After a festive and cozy time, our Miata friends left the dinner happy to have shared a memorable and fun day.



Ye Olde Hotel



The Appel Treow Winery

