

***FRESH AIR, FRESH FACES, FRESH ROUTE***  
**August 19<sup>th</sup> Miata Adventure**

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A good mix of new, slightly seasoned, and well-seasoned BMC members gathered in the parking lot of the Aurora Summit Hospital parking lot at Highways I94 and 67. At 10:30am after a short drivers' meeting, Jay Zawerschnik led the group out of the lot and onto our "Southern Run Around Lake Geneva" adventure with co-chair Paul Friederichs sweeping. It was the beginning of a wonderful event on a perfect Miata day.

We **ZZ**oomed and **Z**oomed through Palmyra, zipping past a car show, beautiful historic homes and lovely gardens, through the southern Kettle Moraine, past *Tubby's Bar and Tower*, and a Green Bay Packer-painted silo to *Chuck's Lakehsore Inn* on Lake Geneva. The place was packed, and we were a little concerned because the municipal parking lot charged \$1.00/hour. Would we get back to our Miatas in time?? Some of us plugged another buck into the parking kiosk "just in case", but we were surprised and happy to find that the food came quickly and we were able to get back to our cars within that hour. Most of us even had time to enjoy the beautiful breeze under the trees while sitting on a park bench or picnic table, talkin' about cars and – well – just "shootin' the breeze".



Back on the road, our ribbon of Miatas enjoyed a field of sunflowers, views of Powers Lake and Lily Lake, colorful tractors in a corner lot, chickens running around in a farm yard, and only one (just one!) herd of cows. We had a break in Waterford at *Uncle Harry's*; scrumptious ice cream and custard dished out as quickly as she could by the lone server. *(She deserved any \$\$ put into her "college fund" tip jar!)*

Our final stretch continued through the State Forest and past the (closed) Alpine Valley concert venue and horses in fields, and along English Settlement Road back towards Palmyra and *Rushing Waters* restaurant. We arrived a bit early, but that gave us a chance to visit with each other while having adult beverages. The food was delicious and the service excellent. Lyn Bonfield got everyone's attention and thanked Paul, Jay and Deanne for a great event, their first! Henry Netzinger and Jim Loeffler reminded everyone of the remaining drives of the season, and Lyn reminded everyone about the annual meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Brookfield.

Was it a true "Miata Event"? Yes – because we did have one little "oops!" - and as we all know, it isn't a true event unless there is at least one U-turn! (Brian did note that there were no first editions of the Miata in the convoy, though.)

Brian and I have been members of the Badgerland Miata Club since the mid-1990s and have gone on and/or planned many, many drives around the State, and we've lived in southeastern Wisconsin all of our lives, yet this was the first time we discovered many of the roads Paul and Jay shared with the group on the 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a nicely paced ride; the directions were simple and clean and very easy to follow. CBs would have been helpful for those few times OTMs broke up the group and slowed down the back of the pack, or when we met a few unexpected things such as gravel on a turn or the child dressed in dark clothing riding her bike up a hill, but overall the group stayed together well and the ride was smooth.

Thanks to Paul Friederichs and Jay Zawerschnik, who traded being lead and sweep, for a delightful day and a great ride, and to Deanne for her help in organizing event!