

A MARVELOUS WEEKEND WITH MIATA FRIENDS

By Ginger Carney

On a sunny but bitter cold Saturday, 18 Miata enthusiasts met at The Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Bill and Carol Johns were our hosts in the "party room" for lively conversation and laughs, as we all shared snacks and beverages. (Honestly, the men talked so loudly that the women could hardly hear each other! Really!) It was a lot of fun to catch-up on each other's news and talk about the exciting and interesting BMC events coming up.

At the designated departure time we bundled up for the 4° weather, warmed up our cars and headed to dinner and a show at the beautiful Palace Theatre performance venue. Parking was easy, too.

Each of us had our favorite cocktail while we waited for the dinner theatre's doors to open - and when they did, we were really impressed with the gorgeous interior. They really designed it well with an excellent seating arrangement. Every table had perfect views of the huge stage.

The chef greeted us and introduced the menu. It consisted of chicken dumpling (real dumplings!) soup followed by slices of slowly cooked and tender beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, and steamed vegetables, expertly delivered by a gracious wait staff. During intermission we were served a "de-lish" apple tart with whipped cream.

The Marvelous Wonderettes ... "is a smash off- Broadway hit [that in Act I took us] to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where we met four girls with voices as big as their bouffants and personalities as kooky as their crinoline skirts." At the 10-year reunion in Act II we learn whether their hopes and dreams have been fulfilled or dashed. Along the way we were treated to all those "girls songs" like "Lollipop", "It's My Party...", "Stupid Cupid" and "Leader of the Pack". Just plain fun. The performers were excellent with fantastic voices, and we really enjoyed the music and banter. The production values were "top drawer". There was audience participation that put everyone in stitches, too. And we even got to vote for the prom queen!

Afterwards we returned to the party room, and once again, the boys were on one side and the girls on the other. Just like a high school dance! At 11:00-ish, we realized that we were going to break our curfew, so we all headed to our rooms with plans to meet for breakfast the next morning, which we did before leaving for home.

It really was a delightful weekend event, and despite the bitter cold, we relished in the warmth of Miata friendship. (*Awww!*)

Thanks to Bill and Carol for taking us to the prom!