

IMSA Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge and Mazda Fest

Saturday August 4 2018

Road America Elkhart Lake Wisconsin

We met a young man by the name of Adam at the Brisco County parking lot and headed off to the Mazda corral at Road America. I was first introduced to Adam through his uncle John (A member of the San Diego Miata club) who e-mailed me and told me about Adam. Seems Adam was in California visiting John who took him for a few rides in his Miata through the twisty canyons. The first thing Adam did on his return to Wisconsin was to buy a 1990 White Miata. I invited Adam to join us for the day and so after meeting him, off we went to the Mazda corral where we met three other members.



Mazda had a nice air-conditioned lounge area where after registering and receiving out wristbands we could go into at will. Inside there were free refreshments, a real cool coffee thermos and a key chain as a gift. Mazda also had a scavenger hunt going on with the prize, a set of Bose noise canceling headphones. There were numerous other prizes (I did not win). There was also a raised patio area with tables, chairs and umbrellas to keep you out of the sun and two coolers full of ice-cold water. The view was great.



You could see the race cars coming into turn 5 and heading up the hill to turn 6. We could also see cars coming out of turn 13, going through turn 14, and going half way up the long front straight.

Mazda also had part of the go-cart track reserved and by showing them your Mazda wristband you could drive any of the new cars you wanted to on the small cart track.

Later in the afternoon Mazda picked us up at the corral and took us to the Joust Mazda Prototype racing team paddock where we were given an in depth behind the scenes tour of the paddock and the prototype race cars with a Q&A session afterwards.

There was also a 2-lap tour of the track, followed by a charity action at the Mazda corral. OH, and the racing was also fantastic.