

MUD RUN 2018 - PART ONE

by Ginger Carney

Well, we weren't really sure if this was going to be a true *Mud Run* or a *Dust Bowl* or even a *Snowplow Shuffle*! In fact, we weren't even sure if this was going to **BE!** But it was – and it was a very good start to our driving season, as this event always is.

The Don Miller dealership was busy with customers as Badgerland Miata Club members trickled in for our first gathering of the 2018 driving season. Our Miatas/MX5's waited anxiously in the parking lot, raring to go, while their owners (us) enjoyed catching up after a very long winter. The conversation flowed easily as we greeted our Miata friends warmly. Laura and Hank held a brief meeting in which they highlighted the upcoming seasonal events; other pertinent announcements were made, and then we ate! Don Miller provided a very nice lunch of chicken (three choices: barbecued, fried, baked), potato salad, French fries, fried onion rings, mashed potatoes and gravy. Followed of course by brownies as well as chocolate cake. So, we ate and chatted, and then prepared to hit the road with Hank & Terry in the lead and Jim & Marcy Hotz as sweep. MaryLynn C.

The Mud/Snow Run 2018

By Betty Lucas

It started out to be cloudy with some snow on the ground and some mud where the snow was melting. Overall, the roads were in great shape, hit some gravel, but in all it was a beautiful dry day with dry roads. The Riecks and Netzingers did an excellent job for the 2018 Miata season. There were a total of 17 cars and as far as I know no one got lost.

The day began at Don Miller, which sponsors our website and provides space for our season-starting meeting every year, including a delicious buffet lunch. Laura Netzinger led a brief Club business meeting and introduced the officers that were present and the season's events were announced, which makes it easier to think of rides for the year 2019 (at the planning meeting). It was also announced that there are eight new members.

Henry and Terry led the pack with Jim and Marcy as sweep. We continued on the drive incident free till mid- afternoon then stopped at Culvers' for shakes and smoothies and used our discount coupons that Laura printed out for the group. We experienced some real curvy roads after our pit stop at Culvers that were fun (some of them reminded me of Deals Gap). After that some people had to leave early, the rest of us continued on the drive while the sun started to peek out and ended up at Green Acres in Sauk City for great food and fun!

Another new MX5 was Mary Lynn and Tom Cinealis' removable top blue Miata. I believe this was its first Miata event.

Many thanks to Terry, Henry and Laura for all their planning and hard work....We wish Kathy well after recuperating from a bad fall. It was great to see all our friends and new BMC friends after a long winter. The day ended warmer, the sun coming out and some people putting their tops down.

FYI: If you are contemplating any kind of BMC event, you can always check out the archives in the Members Section of the website to see some of the past BMC drives since the 1990's, many of them have the driving directions in detail. Drive the route and make any changes or adaptations that are needed or that you choose. You'll have fun - and so will we! Make it even more fun and invite another BMC member to co-host the event with you, even if its not a driving event.

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