

## “The Colorful”, Fall Color Run, October 20, 2018

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On a very cold, brisk morning, we got into our MX5s and drove about 2 hours to our parking lot destination in Delafield. The wind gusts were increasing as we began to gather for driving instructions. Brave drivers and passengers got into the 17 MX5s. We had about a 10 minutes delay as our sweep was having trouble with reception on their CB radio. Another person volunteered then, so we began the first leg, about 30 miles long. We meandered along as Jim and Marcy H led the way through the curvy roads (YES, there are curvy roads in SE Wisconsin). Soon we were meeting many debranched trees as we had to start dodging them along the roads.

Then came the rain, sleet, hail, and winds of about 55mph (according to the radio news). We dodged branches left, then right, then left, then right, hold on to your seat tight, dodging branches along the roller coaster roads; well you get the picture. As we passed ponds, we saw the cattails starting to sway sideways in the wind.

And as if that were not enough excitement, about 10 miles into the ride, the lead car announced there was a big tree across the road! So about 10 guys got out of their cars and removed the tree to the side of the road – it took that many to move it as it was heavy. As we continued our adventure we dodged more Paul Bunyan sized toothpicks, well it seemed that way in our little 2-seaters. We began to wonder what kind of Halloween movie we were in – think the Disney Ichabod Crane and the headless horseman.)



It began to settle down after a few more miles and we enjoyed the rolling hills and curves. As we approached Hwy NN (Naughty Nancy), we observed 2 skeletons tied to a mailbox. (see what I mean about the Halloween movie?) We continued to see many more branches along the roads and the lead reminded us

of the saying, “Where there’s a branch in the road, take it.” So, we did, continuing to run over them and dodge the bigger ones – glad we had our CB radios to help us navigate through them. At the end of leg one, we stopped at the Elegant Farmer, where many treated themselves to the elegant pies and treats. A well deserved treat after that first leg of the run.

Leg 2, about 58 miles long, of the Fall Color Run began peacefully, though there was still a brisk wind. We met a few dips (in the road, not people) about 5



miles into this leg, continuing to see many debranched trees, but no trees across the road. As we got about 30 miles into this stretch, we again encountered rain, sleet, hail, and blizzard like snow (when snow blows sideways, I believe it’s blizzard like). Again, we began to think about Halloween

movies. Thank goodness it only lasted for about 10 minutes. The rest of the leg went smoothly, and we had an enjoyable buffet lunch at Brewhouse 841.

Thankfully leg 3, about 54 miles long, was when we were able to see more colors in the trees, rather than experience “the colors” as we had in the previous 2 legs. Ron S took over as lead it was a more peaceful journey, even though we did experience the rain, sleet, hail, and wind (but not as bad as the previous 2). We had someone take an early pit stop before we got to Culver’s which was the pit stop for the rest of us, and we enjoyed our ice cream for the day.



Leg 4, about 48 miles long, was again a peaceful part of the color run. We did have a few cars try to follow one car as it traversed its way to their house, but they were rounded up and brought back into the caravan. We saw cranes and turkeys along this leg and ended up at Senor

Tomas in Hartland for a spicy Mexican dinner and drinks.

All in all, a very “colorful” Color Run. I don’t think we can repeat this one again. Thanks Jim and Marcy and Ron and Cheri for a great Color Run and Halloween adventure.