

Mud Run XII

The Miata ride started as a nice day but a little cool to have the tops down. But when we got there, it turned really nice. We had 23 cars so to try to keep any one from getting lost we split up into 2 groups. As we started the run, we all had our tops down and went cruising! Ron and I just took in the sunshine and Zoomed! Later we stopped at Culver's and had a little lunch and then got on our way to the 2nd half of the ride. It was so nice to see a lot of friendly faces again, it's been too long. We had a few new members that came along and when you asked them how they liked the ride, they smiled and said wonderful ride! So, Henry and Laura it was a wonderful success! Nice job you two.

Thank you again to all that ran it and those who came along for the enjoyment of it all!

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OFF AND RUNNING - SPRINGTIME '21
(another Mud Run XII Missive by Linda McCann)

Reminiscent of normal times, old and new friends mingled together on a beautiful
sunny Saturday
morning at the Kwik Trip in Middleton...and the lapse of 18 months seemed to be
erased.

That was the kick off point for our 20 car cavalcade, and after our driver's meeting at 11:00, we buckled up and headed for Culver's in Sauk City, a half hour away. *We are a hungry bunch and can't drive for long on empty stomachs.*

In only 0.4 miles we made a right turn onto Enchanted Valley Road, a good omen to the start of a great springtime ride! What awaited us on this windy adventure were winding and hilly roads with open vistas of newly plowed fields, all under a sky of blue.

New members Kat McIntyre of Antioch, IL, and Dan Granberg of Baraboo had a good introduction to our club, and we are happy to have Jeff and Lori Weishoff, of Rio, WI, back in our fold after a few years absence.

We were alerted by Laura in the lead car that we would soon be seeing some newer 'minimalist' houses. To the left and below the winding valley road we were following was farm acreage, and to our right, nestled here and there among the steep wooded hillside were several medium sized modern structures. It really seemed, surprisingly, the perfect location for these modern retreats.

Our last stop was a visit to the Big Cat Rescue in Rock Springs, where several cars took a drive-thru tour of the large wild cats in cages. Others of our group walked in and some decided just to visit in the shade. It was reported that the sunny day's temp at that point was 90 degrees.

We arrived at the River's Edge Pub and Grill, one of our club's favorite restaurants, in the Wisconsin Dells at 4:30, thirsty and hungry. Their special Miata placemats were on the tables waiting for us! It was the perfect ending to a really enjoyable day! The food, as usual, was delicious, and the company at our tables was friendly and fun, just as we remembered it being eighteen months ago!

Many thanks to Henry and Laura N. for their time and energy in setting up this great first drive of the season!