



Miata Trails

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Letters from the Prez

FALL 2017

Well folks, it might feel like it's getting to the end of another driving season, but in my mind this is the one of the best times to go find those blue highways. You old timers might remember the term. Back before GPS and smart phones, when road maps were folded sheets of paper you bought from the guy that pumped your gas, the main roads on the map were red and the back roads were blue. Blue highways, those squiggly lines that crisscross the states linking the little towns and unique sites the super slabs were leaving behind. As the sun sets noticeably earlier each day and the winds start to have a bit of a chill, it only means that the chlorophyll is giving way to the splendor that is fall in Wisconsin. And you guessed it – the best place to see them is on those back roads, as you glide through the falling leaves with the top down.

This is great, because we still have a couple of great driving events left on the calendar traveling those colorful back roads. Come join us for a trek along the Mississippi river or a roll around Sauk County. There are a couple of other events yet this season as well – a fast pace weekend track event to learn from seasoned racers and practice your skills on a road course. And what I consider the most important event of the fall the Badgerland Miata Club's planning session. Check the website for details on all these events.

If your calendar won't allow you to make them all, at least try to make the planning session. This is the most important event of 2018, yes 2018. It's the final event of this year, to plan the future events of the next year and go over any other business the club has. Of course there will be food, some prizes, a little laughter and probably some groaning as well, if you know my humor.

By the way, it's never too late to create an impromptu event in your area to go out for a drive. We've been lucky to have a couple of those around the state already. If your making plans to go for a ride let the club know. You never know who might join you.

So check your calendar, then your gas tank, grab a jacket and take a drive or two more before the season is over. See you on the back roads.

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Well, now that we've heard from Marvin, Maxine is now MIA—Maxine is absent. The November Planning Meeting is coming up. Maxine—Marvin, please attend so we can check you both out together. If you are both good, its time to start another year of riding around Wisconsin in a topless little car. So we can say, the Miata adventure continues...

Marvin and Maxine Miata Adventures

Marvin and Maxine were introduced at the Nov. 5th Badgerland Miata Planning meeting. These two are to share your miata adventures. They are to be passed between Badgerland Miata club members cars. Then write a small adventure details with pictures please and email it to sugabreezedairygoats@gmail.com. It doesn't have to be much. This is to be something fun and a regular feature in the Miata Trails Newsletter.

Marvin's Adventures

Hi it's Marvin Miata, Not Waldo, some have been asking where has Marvin been hiding. Back on April 22nd. At the Mud Run IX. I found out that the Schmidt's have just got their 3rd Miata a 2017 Reflex Blue Soft Top. My thinking at the time was, this would be a great time this Summer to go Home with them riding around Wisconsin in a new 2017 Blue MX5. Boy was I wrong, all that Dennis guy wanted to do is work. He loves his gardens, He would get home from work and say Marvin nice day out, care to go for a ride around the northern Kettles. Yes of course I would, then here it comes, we will go as soon as we get the grass cut, or garden work done, clean the car or fix something, don't get me wrong we would go at times.

On Friday nights we would always go to Elkhart Lake where they have a Mini Home. The ride up was always good, but then more grass cutting and gardening. Then if that wasn't bad enough they left me in Elkhart lake at Plymouth Rock Resort when they went to the Holiday Ride June 17. The Schmidt's did promise to start taking me for more rides. We went on the There Lakes Eastern ride July 8, The Badgerland Club Picnic July 15th and man I Loved Playing and learning all about the Goats, and some rides around the Holy Hill area, and up to the Holy Land area some of Wisconsin's best Supper Clubs..The best ride this summer was Door County, driving all over the Door "Wisconsin's Cape Cod of the Mid West". I can tell you that the Schmidt's are planning one of there rides for 2018, you will need to go to the November Planning Meeting to find out more about it. The next ride they are going on is the Mississippi Drive September 16th. And if any one would love to Take me--Marvin on some fall rides Please ask the Schmidts don't get me wrong I had a fun summer with them, but I need to see some new roads and some more "air" time.

JOIN US IN BROOKFIELD FOR THE 2017 PLANNING SESSION NOVEMBER 4TH, BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN – at HALL MAZDA

If you're not sure where Brookfield, is, it's easy, it's part of Goerkes Corners just west of Milwaukee, (Waukesha County). It's where I-94 and Highway 18 (Bluemound Rd.) intersect.

So it's time once again to put together our plans for the upcoming season. To review this year's events, elect officers, and plan trips & outings for the upcoming 2018 driving year.

We know that you enjoy the events you went on, and were disappointed that you missed a few, but here is your chance to make the 2018 season even better.

We always seem to have a changing of some officers, someone stepping down or stepping up so it's even more important that you attend, participate, and get involved in the fun. Even if it's only to vote on the issues at hand your attendance is important. You are the club – make sure you attend this event.

We are looking for you to bring your ideas and your appetite. We'll supply some lunch and refreshments. And after we've exhausted ourselves putting together all the great events for 2018 we'll head down the street to Louise's restaurant.

THE PARTICULARS

11:30 Meet and greet at **Hall Mazda**

19809 W Blue Mound Rd, Brookfield, WI

12:00 Light Lunch supplied by BMC

12:45 Bring the planning session to order

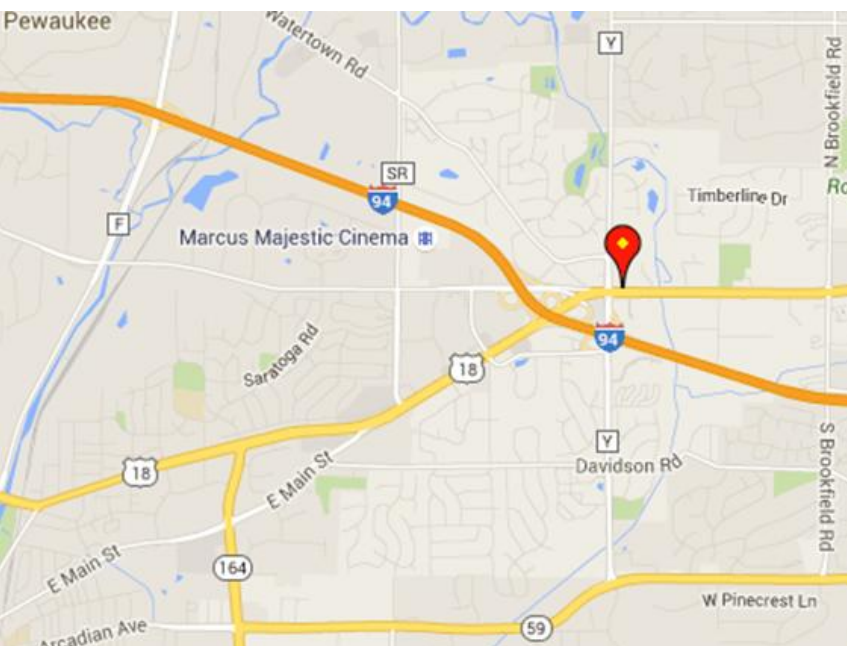
4:00 Adjourn and quickly clean up

4:30 Head down the street for some libation & a good meal at:

Louise's Restaurant

275 Regency Ct, Brookfield, WI

(Menu choices are on Page 4 of newsletter)



Pre-registering your entrée choice is not mandatory, but since Louise's makes everything fresh to order, certain items like the braised tips, (which take 12 hours to prepare for the evening meal) may not be available to you if you don't make certain that we know what you prefer.

Please join us to review and renew our organization.

Sign up today to be a part of the next season of the Badgerland Miata Club, and don't forget to pre-register for dinner to ensure your favorite dinner choice I'll be posting the dinner pricing on line soon.

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THE EVENINGS ENTRÉES ARE BROUGHT TO YOU BY**LOUISE'S RESTURANT****CLASSIC CAESAR**

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RIGATONI WITH FRESH GRILLED VEGETABLES***Grilled Chicken added upon request***

Red, Yellow and Green Bell Peppers, Zucchini, Carrots and
Eggplant
Tossed in Extra Virgin Olive Oil

JUMBO GARLIC SHRIMP PASTA

Sautéed with Butter, Garlic, Chardonnay, Red Chilies, Green
Onions,

Roasted Red Bell Pepper and Fresh Herbs
Served with Tagliolini Pasta

RISOTTO WITH STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

Chicken Breast Stuffed With Ricotta, Parmesan, Spinach,
Asparagus

& Roasted Red Bell Peppers served Over Parmesan Risotto
Drizzled With a Pesto Cream

CHIANTI ^{BRAISED} SHORT RIBS

8oz of Tender, Marinated Beef Short Ribs, Braised In Chianti
Served With Green Beans & Homemade Gnocchi
in a Gorgonzola Cream Sauce

Dessert**Homemade Tiramisu**

Our final stretch continued through the State Forest and past the (closed) Alpine Valley concert venue and horses in fields, and along English Settlement Road back towards Palmyra and *Rushing Waters* restaurant. We arrived a bit early, but that gave us a chance to visit with each other while having adult beverages. The food was delicious and the service excellent. Lyn Bonfield got everyone's attention and thanked Paul, Jay and Deanne for a great event, their first! Henry Netzinger and Jim Loeffler reminded everyone of the remaining drives of the season, and Lyn reminded everyone about the annual meeting on November 4th in Brookfield.

Was it a true "Miata Event"? Yes – because we did have one little "oops!" - and as we all know, it isn't a true event unless there is at least one U-turn! (Brian did note that there were no first editions of the Miata in the convoy, though.)

Brian and I have been members of the Badgerland Miata Club since the mid-1990s and have gone on and/or planned many, many drives around the State, and we've lived in southeastern Wisconsin all of our lives, yet this was the first time we discovered many of the roads Paul and Jay shared with the group on the 19th. It was a nicely paced ride; the directions were simple and clean and very easy to follow. CBs would have been helpful for those few times OTMs broke up the group and slowed down the back of the pack, or when we met a few unexpected things such as gravel on a turn or the child dressed in dark clothing riding her bike up a hill, but overall the group stayed together well and the ride was smooth.

Thanks to Paul Friederichs and Jay Zawerschnik, who traded being lead and sweep, for a delightful day and a great ride, and to Deanne for her help in organizing event!

FRESH AIR, FRESH FACES, FRESH ROUTE**August 19th Miata Adventure**

By Ginger Carney

A good mix of new, slightly seasoned, and well-seasoned BMC members gathered in the parking lot of the Aurora Summit Hospital parking lot at Highways 194 and 67. At 10:30am after a short drivers' meeting, Jay Zawerschnik led the group out of the lot and onto our "Southern Run Around Lake Geneva" adventure with co-chair Paul Friederichs sweeping. It was the beginning of a wonderful event on a perfect Miata day.

We **ZZ**oomed and **Z**oomed through Palmyra, zipping past a car show, beautiful historic homes and lovely gardens, through the southern Kettle Moraine, past *Tubby's Bar and Tower*, and a Green Bay Packer-painted silo to *Chuck's Lakeshore Inn* on Lake Geneva. The place was packed, and we were a little concerned because the municipal parking lot charged \$1.00/hour. Would we get back to our Miatas in time?? Some of us plugged another buck into the parking kiosk "just in case", but we were surprised and happy to find that the food came quickly and we were able to get back to our cars within that hour. Most of us even had time to enjoy the beautiful breeze under the trees while sitting on a park bench or picnic table, talkin' about cars and – well – just "shootin' the breeze".

Back on the road, our ribbon of Miatas enjoyed a field of sunflowers, views of Powers Lake and Lily Lake, colorful tractors in a corner lot, chickens running around in a farm yard, and only one (just one!) herd of cows. We had a break in Waterford at *Uncle Harry's*; scrumptious ice cream and custard dished out as quickly as she could by the lone server. (*She deserved any \$\$ put into her "college fund" tip jar!*)

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RETURN OF THE PUDDLING MIATAS

By Linda McCann

Saturday, August 26th

The second attempt of the rainy Puddle Dock III event of May 20th was deemed a success by those of us who enjoyed the laid back and picturesque ride through the pastoral hills and valleys of Green and Dane counties.

Lead by Henry & Laura N. along a route mapped out by Terry R., the group of seven cars included newcomers Kevin & Sheryl S., Paul & Jenny F., plus BMC veterans Ron & Paula B., Jim & Joanne T., Don & Linda M., and Terry - minus wife, Kathy, who unfortunately had to miss the fun. We were thinking of her, tho.

A small and friendly group, we were looking forward to the ride when we met in Fitchburg to begin the first leg of our trek, our destination being New Glarus. Culver's for lunch helped in fortifying us for legs two and three to come.

We then enjoyed a relaxing, and surprisingly low traffic adventure, except for some intermittent bicyclists in one small section. The scenery was beautiful and the roads were hilly and curvy. At one point Don M. even burst out with a "whoopie!" over his cb radio.

We drove along country byways bordered by swaying goldenrod, blue cornflowers, white queen Ann's lace and tall yellow daisies. .

Some of the roads had picturesque names also, such as Spring Rose, York Valley, Yankee Hollow, Vinegar Road, Skinner Hollow, Lee Valley, and of course, Puddle Dock. You get the picture. Holstein cows, sheep, horses and fields of tall corn were an added plus, too.

Although the temps were mild, the sky was cloudy, so tops down for quite a bit of the ride before it started sprinkling on our parade. It didn't dampen our zooming spirit too much, and by our next stop in Monroe it had quit for awhile.

We enjoyed a fine 1 1/2 hours in the unique and historical town square area of Monroe, walking around and perusing the interesting stores. Some headed to the Minhas Distillery and Brewery to partake of sample brews/free root beer, and to browse the well appointed store. They even had a winery across the street. What more could you ask for?

More sprinkles as we made our way for supper at the Sugar River Pizza Company in Verona. Food and service was good and camaraderie even better!

It was a great and delicious way to end a wonderful and fun day. Everyone agreed, a small group all eating at the same table, talking and getting to know each other better, was the perfect way to end our adventure.

WHAT'S IN THE TRUNK?

Jane Schwartz

Well, it's a farmer thing. Customer Appreciation meals from the seed dealers, feed mills, equipment dealers etc. Free meals and the farmers come. We are farmers and so we went. Of course, there are door prizes. And we had a winning ticket. Hummm...what did we win? We won a 5 gallon pail and a soft sided cooler. The weather was nice. Of course we took the Miata. 5 gallon pail? We had 2 options. Option one—will it fit in the trunk. Option two—sitting on my lap home. Thank goodness!

The 5 gallon pail fit in the trunk. I wasn't really looking forward to it sitting on my lap home—at least it wouldn't have been too long of a drive home.

Kites Over Lake Michigan – A Destination Drive

Kites Over Lake Michigan is an annual affair, occurring on Labor Day Weekend at Two Rivers. This was the twelfth running of the event, and brought thousands of visitors to the Lake Michigan shore to watch and to participate. We went to watch.

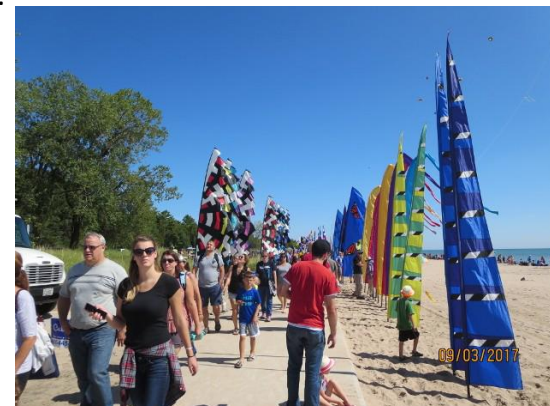
Mary and I began the day with meeting Toni and Jim Thomas, in Shawano, and caravanning our way through Green Bay and then southeasterly to the parking lot of the Two Rivers high school. This was as flawless as could possibly be, with nary a wrong lane nor a wrong turn. A shuttle bus transported us from there to the Neshota Park beach. I had emailed an invitation to the NE Region members to join us, but I did not have any takers.

This is a 2-day festival, but Saturday had been rained out and most of the activities canceled. The weather on Sunday was just as forecast (like that ever happens), with a clear sky, warm (hot) temperatures and a calm breeze. The latter proved to be a big problem for the kite fliers. Few of the large show kites made it into the air, instead lolling on the sand beach. The aerobatic kite shows went on, but only the ultra-lites were able to harness the weak breeze. One performance team made three attempts to perform before getting moderate success, and that team has been together for 34 years.

After a few hours taking in all that was there, we boarded the shuttle bus to return to our vehicles. I had declared I did not want to travel on the “super-slab” on the way home, so we ad-libbed. Not being totally familiar with this area, I took a sideways glance at the map and off we drove. As you would expect, turns were missed – and that is how we ended up at the Duck Creek Winery. The wine sampling went well, and resulted in the purchase of several bottles of excellent, fruity wines.



We also gave the map another sideways glance and headed out for more adventure. This resulted in two U-turns in quick succession, before settling down. We crossed the Fox River at DePere and followed secondary roads through Ashwaubenon and Green Bay. We drove Hwy 29/32 out of Green Bay. Toni and Jim stayed on Hwy 32 to take them back to Antigo, while we remained on Hwy 29 back to Shawano. Alas, we did not make an ice cream stop, so this cannot qualify as a complete ride. It was an enjoyable day for being with Miata friends.



Viking River Cruise



On July 7, eight members of the Badgerland Miata Club (two were given honorary member status even though they are T-Bird Enthusiasts) took off to explore three rivers of Europe. Ginger and Brian Carney, Toni and Jim Thomas, Ron and Cheri Staub, and Randy and Laura Staub joined with members of the Utah Miata Club and several other **groups** for the Grand European Tour. We explored Amsterdam for two days seeing sites like the Anne Frank House, **the Handbag Museum, the Van Gogh Museum**, Amsterdam's Red Light District and the famous canals. We also learned to watch out for bicyclists; this may be the only city that seems to have more bikes than cars. All streets include bike and pedestrian lanes, and they are well used. We embarked the Viking Skirnir Monday morning, explored our homes for the next 15 days, and still had time **to** wander around Amsterdam one last time.

We sailed Monday night on the Rhine River stopping at Kinderdijk (Netherlands), Cologne, Koblenz and Miltenberg. We took walking tours at every **stop and** then had some free time to explore on our own. **Most of the sites we visited are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.** Kinderdijk featured the famous Dutch Windmills, Cologne the largest Gothic Cathedral in Northern Europe, Koblenz the Marksburg Castle and in Miltenberg we saw the **charming** medieval town including Miltenberg Castle. **Oh, and a wonderful small candy shop that features excellent black licorice.** One of the highlights was viewing castles on hilltops and vineyards along the Rhine River as we cruised on a beautiful, sunny afternoon. Some of the castles were in ruins, but most had been updated to be hotels, hostels, schools or even private residences. This area has many vineyards and wineries but also breweries. Brian and Jim sampled many of these after their walking tours.

After Miltenberg we left the Rhine River and entered the Main River (**pronounced "mine"**), stopping at Wurzburg and Bamberg. We did walking tours of both cities with the highlights being Bishop's Palace in Wurzburg and the 11th century cathedral in Bamberg. **There was an arts festival in Bamberg with many street performers and musicians. Very fun but very crowded.** Bamberg is also famous for its smoked flavored **beer. Unique** and only made in this area. Rumor has it that it was started by accident when the brew master burned the hops and was too cheap to discard them.

After Bamberg we entered the canal that connects the Main and Danube Rivers, stopping at Nuremburg, Regensburg and Passau. Again we took walking tours of all three cities. Nuremburg was mostly destroyed in the war and has been completely rebuilt. The old town is surrounded by a fort which was never captured until World War II. Regensburg was mostly spared during the war because there was little industry and many of the building were from the 13th and 14th centuries. **We sampled the beer and sausage at the oldest sausage house in Germany, too. It was a treat after a long visit on a hot day.** Passau is the home of 17th century St. Stephen's Cathedral where we marveled at the organ concert music from its 17,000 pipes. **We also discovered a wonderful little stationary shop owned by an older woman and her family, who designed many of the papers.**

After entering the Danube we stopped at Melk, Vienna and Budapest. In Melk we toured the city, and then the Melk Abbey which is still in use today as an abbey and local school. Some of us visited a winery in **the Wachau Valley** that afternoon. It was very entertaining to hear the banter back and forth as the Austrian vintner explained in German and the guide then translated for us! The **vintner** was a very generous pourer and proud of his award winning wines. We spent two days in Vienna visiting the city and the palaces. Some of us took **Vienneses Waltz** lessons (ask Toni and Ginger about their dance partners) and some of us attended an evening Mozart and Strauss Concert. The final city was Budapest, and this may have been the most beautiful city of all. We undocked the boat the last night of our cruise and motored between Buda and Pest to view in awe the lit up Chain Bridge and Parliament.



Beside the tours there was also entertainment on the boat. We had lectures on the various areas through which we cruised, a German language mini-lesson, glass blowing and cooking demonstrations. and medieval costumed opera singers. We also had two trivia contests. The Badgerland Miata Club won the music trivia contest (like we needed three more bottles of wine). The food was good and there was plenty of it. Many dishes were local but standard cuisine was always available as well.



Most of the group headed home on July 24, but Cheri and I planned to visit Dubrovnik in Croatia. In case you don't know, this is a walled city built in the 14th century and it is the site used for filming Kings Landing in the HBO series *Game of Thrones*. So we took a *Game of Thrones* Tour to find where the scenes were shot. We also found out parts of *Star Wars 8* were shot in Dubrovnik (that explained why all the stores were selling Star Wars merchandise). We were told they filmed for a month and it will probably be about three minutes in the film. It will be the gambling planet if you see the film. They also filmed a new Robin Hood film in Dubrovnik which will be out in March or April. If you are interested in a detailed description of each stop go to the Badgerland web page where more pictures are available.

All in all it was an amazing trip enjoyed by all! Anyone want to plan an international Miata trip for Badgerland Miata?

Sauk Co. Drive

Oct. 14

Please join us in a fall color tour in the ridges and valleys of Sauk County. The drive will begin at W10620 Hwy. 33. This is less than 2 miles west of I90/94. It's the BP gas station with the "Big O's Trailers" business. We want to start the drive at 9:30am.

The ride will offer views of the Wisconsin River, go thru Devil's Lake's south drive and continue to Spring Green for lunch. It is expected to end in Reedsburg area for dinner.

Email contact: Loefflerjames@yahoo.com

Please put DRIVE in heading.

Phone # 414-339-8643 Text or voicemail

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 7 : To the Point

Oct 14 : Sauk County Drive

Oct 28 : Chili Run

Nov 4 : Annual Planning Meeting

Membership Dues

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