



# NE & NW REGIONS

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## HAPPENINGS

I feel like I am a bear coming out of hibernation. It has been a long winter! That is not to say the Northern Regions of the Badgerland Miata Club have been dormant all this time.

Personally, the 2018 season began on May 8, when I slapped the wheels on my '99 Miata and took it from its cocoon deep within the building that will become the FWD / Seagrave Fire Truck Museum. I was very happy to take it out for a drive with the sky clear and the temps in the low 80's. Glad that I did, because the next several days are rainy and cold.

Under the cover of Winter and Spring, plans have been stirring for the new season. Contact was initiated with Fred Mueller Mazda in Schofield (Wausau) in November, following the annual meeting. Like a crocus, this popped out of the snow a couple weeks ago and plans are being developed for a ride sponsored by Fred Mueller Mazda, possibly in September. Dan Dahl has taken on this task and says that initial discussions showing the dealership to be quite enthusiastic about working with the club.

Jack Mason has initiated contact with Cliff Wall Mazda in Green Bay about a venture with them. Still very early in discussions, but a Fall event may happen from this start.

The Bergstrom Mazda Ride now appears to be an annual event. Mike and Sandy Stratz are planning a new driving route that will go south and west from the dealership and return for end-of-drive dinner. This is on the club calendar for July 14. Again, Dan Dahl has been the point man dealing with the sales manager at Bergstrom.

Check the club website often for updates to the calendar. I am pleased that more is being offered in this region for the membership.



Your humble servant.

## Region Update

At the annual planning meeting in November, changes to the region structure were made official. The Northeast and Northwest regions have been combined under one VP. Wisconsin contains 72 county units. The combined regions are made up of the 52 northern-most counties. That is a large area! I just received my new name badge, and it is labeled as "VP Northeast-Northwest". So I guess that is the official name.

Personal health issues have limited my activity with the club events the past three years. The membership at the annual meeting voted to keep me in the saddle in kind of an Emeritus status, while naming Dan Dahl as the "assistant" to the VP. Truthfully, Dan had carried much of the load last year, and continues to be very involved in administering to the region. Do not hesitate to reach out to him at ddahl1@new.rr.com or 920-209-3133 (call or text).

## ***NE and NW Region Memberships***

This Winter has seen members Charles and Cheryl Dell'accio relocate to Florida. Also, long-time members Jim and Mary Ann Hellwig have not renewed.

New members John and Bonnie Sell, of Manitowoc, joined us in April. If you encounter them, please make them feel welcome by including them in the social times.

## ***Let Friends Tag Along***

Do you enjoy the scenic roads in your area? Do you cruise them alone? Would you be willing to have a few friends go with you? Don't want to get bogged down with minutae of planning a drive? Think IMPROMPTU events. Watch the weather forecast and send out an invitation a few days prior to your cuise. Let me know where the drive is to start, and the time, and perhaps a brief description, and I will broadcast the message to the NE & NW Region membership.

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