

P-ing Across Wisconsin

On July 11, 2015 intrepid Miata-ers (Miatites?) went P-ing across Wisconsin.

No joke.

The trip began at the parking lot across from McDonalds in Baraboo. There was some indication that the weather would not cooperate (read: RAIN), but we were assured by the Riecks that their son (a meteorologist) said all would go well. That prediction was met with cheers from some and skepticism from others. Stay tuned.

We set off on schedule for what should have been a 68 mile jaunt to Westby. A significant portion of the trip included long stretches on County Road P and covered roads in Sauk, Vernon, LaCrosse and Richland Counties. This unusually beautiful and often challenging county road put smiles on our faces – and a need for a potty stop. No joke.

The segment was lengthened by the extra stop, but also by the occasional lapse. That's right, we had to backtrack twice when leader Tom Cinealis, mesmerized by the countryside, missed turns. Our sweep car also got lost when Mary Lynn also watched the scenery. Of course, these lapses gave us great opportunities to see ourselves coming and going. You'll find a couple of pictures of what that looks like on the Web site.

It was at lunch that the only real rain for the trip hit us. While we ate, a brief rain shower passed through, making those of us with tops up grin like Cheshire cats. Can't speak for the others.

The next leg of the trip was Westby to the Blue Goose, where it was ice cream or other goodies for all. If you haven't been there you've missed a great stop. If you have, you're two pounds heavier. This segment also had lots of P-ing. And though it took a while for the weather to come back to full Miata standards, most of us were tops down all the way.

The final segment took us from the Blue Goose to Marty's Steakhouse in Reedsburg. A little less P, a lot more V, brought us to our final destination and a well-earned dinner, with appropriate pre-prandial libations (you know, drinks).

P-ing Across Wisconsin is a Badgerland Miata Club mini-tradition. Three cheers to Tom and Mary Lynn Cinealis, along with Ron and Lin Carlson, for a great trip. The roads from Central to Western Wisconsin lived up to their reputation for scenic and challenging driving.