

Fred Mueller Drive

By Dan Dahl

Abundant sunshine was the order of the day as eighteen Miatas gathered for the first annual Fred Mueller Mazda Drive. After socializing and refreshments provided by the dealership, Sales Manager, Justin Clairmore, led the group north through Wausau to the surprise of several waving onlookers. The city soon gave way to green fields and tall pines, leading us to Harrison by weaving our little roadsters on tight radius roads around lakes and over hills.

The group stretched its legs at St. Augustine church parking lot and many expressed how beautiful the weather and landscape was on this near 70° day. We then proceeded north, winding around more lakes ending in Rhinelander for lunch at Culver's.

More great roads were ahead in forested areas leading to the Willow Flowage and Reservoir where another break was taken to take a closer look at the lakeside scenery.

The return trip south took us along the Wisconsin River through Tomahawk, Merrill, and rural Brokaw where the drive ended at Brian's IDK restaurant and bar.



Overall, it couldn't have been a better day. A good variety of all 4 Miata generations were represented.

I personally want to thank those who drove long distances to the Wausau starting point and Justin for his time to draw up a perfect route. It was a fantastic showing for an event that will surely be on next year's event calendar.

