## La Crosse Ride By Peggy Wurzbach

Early afternoon Jim and I start our trip to La Crosse from Oshkosh. It's hotter than blazes so I kept my eyes out for buckled highways. We arrived in fine shape at Quality Inn, other Miatas were already in the parking lot. Early evening we meet in the lobby and decided to try Ardies Flipside grill and Pub for dinner. The food was good and everyone was happy.

Saturday we meet at Woodmen's parking lot. The heat had broken but the sky was darker than I have ever seen! If I was at home I would have gone in the basement, but of course the zoom-zoom must go on! We saw some destruction along the way, trees and crops down, but we all got through the day safely. If there is ever a repeat of the black sky I will be back to the hotel room!

The roads were great with many twists and beautiful vistas. The forests were steaming or perhaps it was the wee people and fairies with a cooking fire! That goes with our stop at the Monarch Public House in Fountain City which has a Irish menu. Don M. And Terry L. also got to sit at the wee table!

The afternoon cleared a bit and we could see through the raindrops better, but the car tops stayed up. Our stop in the afternoon was a great winery named Elmaro Vineyard. They had two bars for tastings but no wine flavored ice cream. Their property was very picturesque with fields of grapevines as far as you could see.

Soon we were at our dinner stop at Fox Hollow Golf Course. The food was great with interesting toppings for hamburgers, a bit loud but fun. We were tired after the food and I longed to stretch out in the hotel room with my IPad. I dreamt of a cool rain free day for the travel home which came true.

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