

We started gathering at Alma's Caffe 7:00 A.M. It was time to catch up with what going on with our fellow Miata friends. A lot of talk about the events they were on in the past and the good times that they had. Then it was time to place our orders for breakfast from a menu that just had too many choices. The wait staff efficiently took our order. They keep the coffee cups full and water pitcher full. We had some more time to visit and some talk about possible events for next year which was good to hear, we always are looking for new events. Then the breakfast plate came out and we knew we ordered too much to eat. It was a quiet time for a while as we ate. The food was excellent and the service could not have been better.

Returning to our Miatas with brisk temperature of 53 degree, someone started putting their top down and that started a movement and everyone followed. Tops down 53 degrees temps with heaters and seat warmers on 15 cars caravanned to Road America. Oh yes, Don did find some twists in the roads leading us to the gate of Road America. A short stop at the front office for some who wanted to purchase tickets for the noon for guided track tour, but to our surprise they had already sold all the available tickets. Down to curve six and set up camp for the cook out. and watch time trials. More Miata members that didn't have breakfast started to drift in and we now had a total of eighteen cars.

The temperature was now near a comfortable 70 degrees and the time trial were in progress for the different classes of vintage racing cars, noisy but interesting to watch. Then it was time for the guided tour to start. We watched the lucky ones who got tickets to get on the track drive by us. There was all sorts of cars going by from a what looked like a vehicle used in WW II to a VW bus. Many different convertibles, SUVs and Corvettes of different vintages. But then wait, a Miata, and it's a member of the BMC who drove up to Road America the night before and got a ticket at 7:30 AM when the rest of us were eating breakfast. Must say it was one of the nicest cars on the track.

While most of us were watching the parade of cars Don, Fred and a couple of Mazda RX owners were busy getting the grill going and made up the brats and burgers. The cook out was enjoyed by all. Don is hired to make brats and burgers at all event as they were great. Good job Don.

As the day went on the temperature went up what a nice day for us spectators. The first race of the day started shortly after noon and it was the Miata's "Heritage Race" that features 1990 through 1993 Mazda Miatas. What a site to see these cars take on the track with the poise that many of the racing cars couldn't do. It seemed to make a difference on the track as this first race in the afternoon temperatures warmer as three cars at turn five side off into the grass in front of us. Watching the these older Miatas perform with the skilled drivers one can be pleased to own a Miata.

Thanks to Don for grilling and organizing the event. If never been to a Road America event think about it as you will has time to visit with Miata friends, eat and watch some interesting racing.

