

DELAFIELD CAR SHOW AND DRIVE AUGUST 31, 2025

Jan and I would like to thank the 18 members with their 10 Miatas who joined us for this combination event on August 31st. This was a bit of a new kind of event for the club on a busy holiday weekend, so we didn't know what to expect. But we ended up with an almost perfect number of participants on a day when the weather could not have been better. The car show was well attended and very well organized. The Lions Club even reserved a special area for BMC cars and the few other Mazdas in attendance. We had plenty of time to enjoy Delafield, socialize with other members and answer questions from show attendees. We heard plenty of "my (fill in the blank) had one of these! It was a great car, really fun to drive." We even had three Mazdaspeed Miatas in our group. It was nice to see new members Todd & Kathy B, and Paul L. and his son Joshua in attendance. I thought Paul looked familiar. He was a vocalist and played lead guitar for The Hit Men at our recent 35th Anniversary Celebration!

About noon we departed for lunch at Panga on the shore of Upper Nehmabin Lake. The service could have been better, but we were sitting outside by a beautiful lake on a perfect day enjoying each other's company. So it really wasn't too bad.

The drive portion of the day began after lunch. After winding through the affluent neighborhoods of Lake Country we proceeded north through classic Wisconsin farmland along the Rock, Rubicon and Crawfish Rivers. At the one hour mark we stopped at The Stand in Iron Ridge for an ice cream/comfort break. We were such a prestigious group that they opened an hour early to accommodate us. Then it was back on the road through towns that seemed "unstuck in time" to quote a fellow Hoosier. Another hour passed and we pulled up the long driveway to Hubbleton Brewery, the only micro-brewery I know of that is located on a farm. After enjoying some of their products and more socializing we were back on the road to dinner at Crawfish Junction, a large country bar-restaurant that isn't on the way to anywhere. After a satisfying meal and more camaraderie, it was time to say our good-byes and head for home.

Jan and I had a great time and I hope all who joined us did as well. We tried to show the group areas and places that they had probably never heard of, let alone visited. We hope we succeeded. I know there is support from at least one participant that we do it again next year.

Bill Bright