JIM AND DICK'S FIRST BMC ADVENTURE

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Jim: Hey Dick, what did you think of the drive today?

Dick: There sure were a lot of those Toyota Miatas!

Jim: Um, hmmm; you know they're actually made by Mazda, right?

Dick: Just pulling your leg, Jim!

Jim: So, what did you think of our first drive with the club?

Dick: It was a lot of fun. When we all met up in Princeton, the lot was full. That dark green one with the checkered stripe down the side was my favorite. But they were all nice cars.

Jim: I liked the beginning of the drive; third from the front. Being taken – um - guided out of town by the Sheriff with his lights flashing was quite a start. Then as we got into the first winding roads, all those flox on the side of the road were beautiful. We never have them grow that dense along the Milwaukee River here in Port {Washington}.

Dick: I saw that, too. Greg set a drive so far inland I bet spring is two weeks further ahead than near Lake Michigan!

Jim: So I remember when we did that drive with the Porsche Car Club and everyone was so far above the speed limit, we were risking HUGE fines. I'm glad BMC speeds were, for the most part, pretty much on target.

Dick: I agree. I didn't like going 40 over the limit with PCC. This was pretty relaxing actually, except when you zipped around some curves on what seemed like two wheels!

Jim: Yeah, that was fun! Our Miatas really seem to hold the line in sweet tracking in the twisties. Tire Rack really set me up well with those Yokies.

Dick: Greg and Carol could not have picked a nicer day for a drive. Sun all day, a bit toasty warm, but a great day for top down. That first stop by the south side of Green Lake was a good point to stretch – especially after our long drive to Princeton.



Jim: True; but I noticed very few people said "Ooooh" while walking to the shore. Glad we're not the only rebels.

Dick: You got pretty close to the front on that second leg!

Jim: Wasn't my plan; just sorta worked out that way. Didn't it seem like we were traveling in circles though?

Dick: I was thinking that too, but we actually went to a different county: Marquette, so we couldn't have been doing too many circles. It was getting HOT on the second leg. I'm glad you turned on the AC, even with the top down; that sure helped. Your little window thermometer was reading 90!

Jim: All the better when we arrived at Rendezvous. It was clear everyone needed that cool down. Thanks for buying me an ice cream.



Dick: You're welcome. That was a good break from the heat. But it was good to get onto the final leg into Waushara County and Silvercryst Restaurant. I think that leg was the most fun. You moved way back in the 24 car lineup. I think you were #21 then.

Jim: That was planned. I remember from our motorcycle rides how taking trailing position gave us the most fun in the twisty roads. More of that whipsaw effect. It was a great ride – seemed to end way too fast.

Dick: I was ready for the break for dinner, though. I guess when we arrived 15 minutes early we really caught them by surprise. They did a great job keeping up with the sudden influx of thirsty people. And I wanted to jump in that lake!



Jim: Me too! That was the hottest part of the day. I think I heard someone say it was over 100. Sure felt it!.

Dick: The dinner was nice. Lin was great pushing our table together with four other members. Good to begin to get to know the people other than as faces behind a windshield.

Jim: I agree; I'm looking forward to the next time we can get together with the club. I need to tap into some of the tech guys to talk about what I might do to "Mikey Miata".

Dick: Oh man, here we go....