

2014 BMC Picnic

Picnics are meant to be a time of fun with friends or family. The 2014 Badgerland Miata Club Picnic was certainly that. Twenty-nine persons signed up

to partake in the event, located at the enclosed shelter at Kohler-Andrea State Park south of Sheboygan.



Those arriving before noon set their folding chairs up around the unlit campfire ring, to share greetings, converse, and relax with a refreshment. The shared dishes were set up on the long table inside the shelter, and the crockpots and Nescos were maintaining the hot dishes. At noon, the assembled BMC members assembled their food onto plates and picked their favorite refreshment from the coolers. Hot beef or hot turkey sandwiches were augmented with hot baked beans, salads, vegetable trays, dips, relishes and chips (oh, and don't forget the desserts!).

Inside seating was preferred, as the winds outside were quite blustery. The moderate temperatures had declined a bit, but still adequate for top-down fun.

Following the lunch, Don M introduced the driving event rules and explained the methodology for competing. Then, Don and Linda M hustled everyone to their cars for a TSD / Gimmick rally in the beautiful Kettle Moraine countryside. Eight Miatas and one OTM participated. The OTM, with five BMC members aboard (including the Prez), went out to have a fun time, even though their entry would not be counted (too many eyes to find the clues). No matter, as they had a great time! The rally had two check points to monitor the progress and record the elapsed times of the participants. Error (negative) points were assessed for each 0.01 minute the car arrived at the check points, early or late. The participants would also attempt to answer questions along the route, with positive points for correct answers and negative points for incorrect answers. At the end, the rankings were arranged by the total points earned.



BMC 2014 Picnic TSD/Gimmick Drive Results 7-6-2014

<u>Winners</u>	<u>BMC Members</u>	<u>Timing Points</u>	<u>Answer Points</u>	<u>Final Points</u>
1st	Audra & Danny	-62.2	3200	3137.8
2nd	Tim & Joanne	-347.8	3350	3002.2
3rd	Duane & Allison	-597.8	3500	2902.2
4th	Jim & Richard	-436.2	3200	2763.8
5th	Dennis & Jane	-708.2	3250	2541.8
6th	Ron & Paula	-342.2	2650	2307.8
7th	Tom & Mary Lynn	-767.8	2800	2032.2
8th	Tom & Bonnie	-3914.2	550	-3364.2
Honorable Mention	Toni, Ginger, Lynn, Mary, Betty	-1177.8	** too many eyes **	1177.8



Audra & Danny



Tim & Joanne



Duane & Allison

Following the rally, the other activities followed. The wind brought the waves up to the dunes, so the contest for who could get the most skips with their pet skipping rocks on Lake Michigan was abandoned. The temperature had continued to drop (along with a spell of rain) and nobody seemed in the mood to build sand castles on the beach. The wind was still quite brisk, so the kite flying contest was the order of the day. Many styles of kites were on display.



Kite Flying Results:

Highest Flying Kite

Craig 1

Allison and Duane tie for 2nd/3rd

Most awesome commercial kite

Jim

Most creative kite flying

Tom W

Most fun to watch

Terry L who had a smile ear to ear

Kite Judge: Paula B



Highest Flying Kite



Most Awesome Commercial Kite



Sorry, Terry.
No photo

Most Creative Kite Flying



Best Kite Flying Form



Runners-up Highest Flying Kites



Moss Miata supplied some merchandise for door prizes. These included Miata hood struts for the NB and NC series, plus some very fancy key fobs. These were awarded by drawing tickets.

It seemed everyone had an enjoyable day.