



# Miata Trails

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## Letters from the Prez

**FALL 2017**

Tis the seasons of your Miata

**W**here did it go? It seemed like we just uncovered them, checking the tires, the fluids and whatever else you do to get ready for your first drive of the season. Then before you know it, your contemplating making the call to your storage guy to let him know you'll be back this fall and determining the proper day to say sleep tight for the year. How time does seem to fly when you have four seasons and you can't use all of them.

Yea, some of us are year rounders. Even I've done it, but it's just not the same on a cold February day.

**S**o anyways, the misses and I were on vacation last week in New Mexico, and of course as we like to do, we stopped at a local brewery to do a little quality control. I was pretty sure we were going to find at least one good beer for a couple of reasons. One because the place was recommended by another local brew master, and for another, because when we pulled up there was multiple Miatas in the parking lot. How could we go wrong with this place? And we didn't go wrong. We had a couple of very good beers. Got the a little more local insight on the local brewing industry, and scoped out who in the crowd the Miata group might be. You know too when you see them; A little older, generally almost always couples, a lot of hats in the crowd and they always look like their having a good time together. Well what do ya know, on my first introduction, (or maybe interruption), we met a small cadre from a much larger group of 19 cars traveling up from the Bluebonnet Miata Club of Texas. Oddly also abbreviated BMC as well, and a nice group of people by the way.

**W**e chatted about our respective trips to Albuquerque, events that our clubs put on, and their frequency or infrequency. I checked out their website and noted that they do events about 8 times a month with a group slightly larger than our size, compared to our two a month maybe. Which brought me back to why if we only have a 3 season driving club, we don't try to go out together more often?

**S**o, I know it's been a busy year for the misses and me personally and unfortunately our busy-ness is part of the reason I feel I haven't really been a very good shepherd of our club. Whenever a ride comes up we seem to have other plans already. But that can't be the reason, because most of our rides a well-attended. You're showing up on the rides we have so what gives?

**W**ell, if it's not the riders and it's not the rides, then it must be the planning. Too much planning, or not enough time to plan, or too scared to commit to a plan, I'm not sure. However, I have seen a glimmer of hope this year.

**F**or those of you in the North East region, you folks have been fortunate enough to get the semi-regular ride updates and offering from Craig Hodne the VP up there, you should consider yourselves lucky. Craig is been working hard to promote more rides in his region. And he has a kind of perpetual motion going on up in that region that really good to see. It seems the more rides they have, the more they get to know each other and the more they promote another quickie ride to get together again.

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Anyways I've come to the conclusion; maybe we don't need more seasons, but more reasons to ride. Like – theres a Saturday coming up and you don't want to waste it doing yard work. Or, have you been to the new burger joint, let all go, or even let's just meet up there for an ice cream.

Granted, I haven't been very good at taking the time to create an impromptu ride, and not everyone is going to put on a 9 day trip, but an announcement about a run to see the bald eagles, or a culver or even a brewery tour. Just one ride in your region would make a difference. And in reality, if one other car shows up - you just did an event.

So how about this; on November the 4<sup>th</sup> I'll hold a get together in Brookfield around noon. Let's make it someplace easy to find – like Hall Mazda on Brookfield road, and we can all get together and discuss some places we've been thing of going to. Or maybe, we've already been there and we want to show it off to some other members. I'll tell you what, if you show up I'll get us some lunch, and after a good talk maybe we can all go out for a beer and dinner. Now doesn't that sound like a simple plan?

Go the Badgerland Miata website, click on the planning session event, let us know you're coming and we'll make it a date. If you want you can let us know what you'd like for dinner and we can talk some more.

*So please do come and we'll talk and plan and have some laughs.*

*Your Prez,*

**Tom C.**

## **Menu following Planning Meeting—**

**Nov. 4th**

### **THE EVENINGS ENTRÉES ARE BROUGHT TO YOU BY**

#### **LOUISE'S RESTURANT**

##### **CLASSIC CAESAR**

Romaine Lettuce, Romano-Crusted Croutons and Freshly  
Grated Parmigiano and  
Romano Cheeses tossed in our Homemade Caesar Dressing  
Add sun dried tomatoes, and your choice of warm Grilled  
Chicken, or Jumbo Citrus Shrimp

##### **RIGATONI WITH FRESH GRILLED VEGETABLES**

*Grilled Chicken added upon request*

Red, Yellow and Green Bell Peppers, Zucchini, Carrots and  
Eggplant

Tossed in Extra Virgin Olive Oil

##### **JUMBO GARLIC SHRIMP PASTA**

Sautéed with Butter, Garlic, Chardonnay, Red Chilies, Green  
Onions,

Roasted Red Bell Pepper and Fresh Herbs

Served with Tagliolini Pasta

##### **RISOTTO WITH STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST**

Chicken Breast Stuffed With Ricotta, Parmesan, Spinach,  
Asparagus

& Roasted Red Bell Peppers served Over Parmesan Risotto  
Drizzled With a Pesto Cream

##### **CHIANTI <sup>BRAISED</sup> SHORT RIBS**

8oz of Tender, Marinated Beef Short Ribs, Braised In Chianti  
Served With Green Beans & Homemade Gnocchi  
in a Gorgonzola Cream Sauce

##### **Dessert**

**Homemade Tiramisu**

## **Marvin and Maxine Miata Adventures**

Marvin and Maxine where introduced at the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Badgerland Miata Planning meeting. These two are to share your miata adventures . They are to be passed between Badgerland Miata club members cars. Then write a small adventure details with pictures please and email it to [sugabreezedairygoats@gmail.com](mailto:sugabreezedairygoats@gmail.com). It doesn't have to be much. This is to be something fun and a regular feature in the Miata Trails Newsletter.

Oh where oh where are Maxine and Marvin? Their whereabouts are unknown. I do hope they are coming to the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting.

It has been fun with Maxine and Marvin when their stories have been told. Is this something we'd like to continue as a club? Come to the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> planning meeting to voice your thoughts.

## JOIN US IN BROOKFIELD FOR THE 2017 PLANNING SESSION NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN – at HALL MAZDA

If you're not sure where Brookfield, is, it's easy, it's part of Goerkes Corners just west of Milwaukee, (Waukesha County). It's where I-94 and Highway 18 (Bluemound Rd.) intersect.

So it's time once again to put together our plans for the upcoming season. To review this year's events, elect officers, and plan trips & outings for the upcoming 2018 driving year.

We know that you enjoy the events you went on, and were disappointed that you missed a few, but here is your chance to make the 2018 season even better.

We always seem to have a changing of some officers, someone stepping down or stepping up so it's even more important that you attend, participate, and get involved in the fun. Even if it's only to vote on the issues at hand your attendance is important. You are the club – make sure you attend this event.

We are looking for you to bring your ideas and your appetite. We'll supply some lunch and refreshments. And after we've exhausted ourselves putting together all the great events for 2018 we'll head down the street to Louise's restaurant.

### THE PARTICULARS

11:30 Meet and greet at **Hall Mazda**

**19809 W Blue Mound Rd, Brookfield, WI**

12:00 Light Lunch supplied by BMC

12:45 Bring the planning session to order

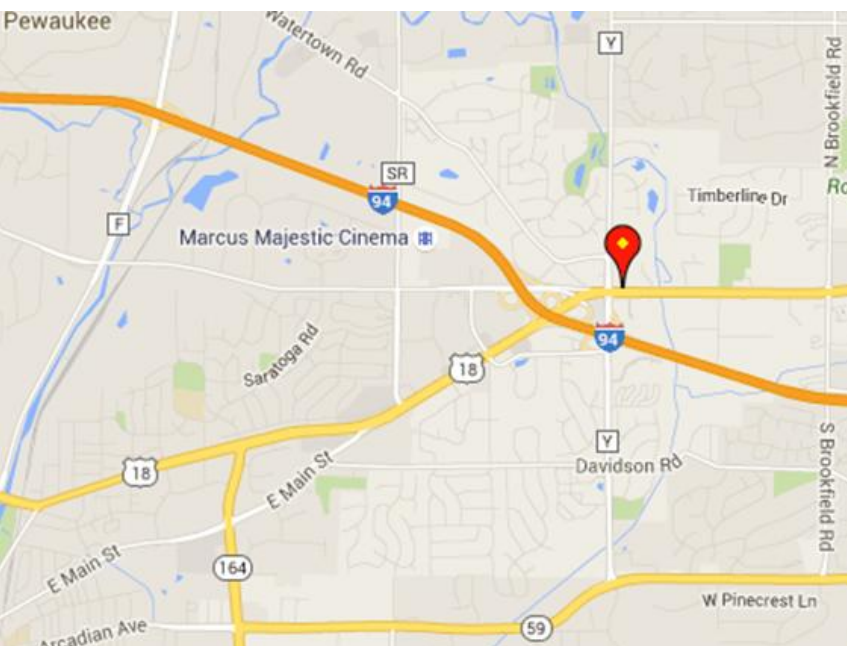
4:00 Adjourn and quickly clean up

4:30 Head down the street for some libation & a good meal at:

**Louise's Restaurant**

**275 Regency Ct, Brookfield, WI**

(Menu choices are on Page 2 of newsletter)



Pre-registering your entrée choice is not mandatory, but since Louise's makes everything fresh to order, certain items like the braised tips, (which take 12 hours to prepare for the evening meal) may not be available to you if you don't make certain that we know what you prefer.

**Please join us to review and renew our organization.**

Sign up today to be a part of the next season of the Badgerland Miata Club, and don't forget to pre-register for dinner to ensure your favorite dinner choice I'll be posting the dinner pricing on line soon.

**Contact - Tom & Mary Lynn C.**

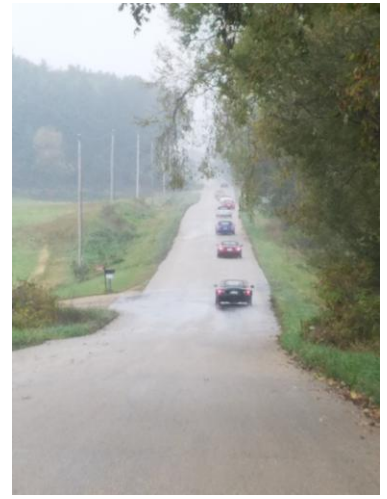
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## SAUK COUNTY DRIVE,

OCT. 14, 2017

On a cold, misty morning, our caravan of 16 cars and new and old long time members, set out to wander the twisting, curving roads of Columbia, Sauk, and Iowa Counties. We encountered roller coaster roads with twists and turns that could compete with any roller coaster ride. With Jim L. at the lead and Jim H. as sweep, all of us traversed the roads with ease; including a meander through Devil's Lake State Park where the fog created some interesting pictures throughout the day. Our first stopped along the route was at Ski Hi farm to inhale the aroma from the fresh apple turnovers and pies; as well as the lavender products, and local honey, jam, and other preserves. (Jim L. hinted that the apple turnovers here were cheaper than at the next place we would stop.) We then traveled the Sauk County arteries where our Miata's inspired the horses to prance and kick up their heels like little kids in the rain (at least that's according to one member's interpretation) to Rumbleseats in Spring Green where we enjoyed their homemade root beer and burgers (some of us had to go to Culver's as there was an unexpected young child's birthday party in attendance). We continued our journey winding around roads called Hazelnut, Horseshoe, Little Bear, Cummings, Brown Church, St. Killians, and then to Apple Ridge Road that led us directly to Oakwood Farms (as noted in their ads on TV, we found numerous varieties of apples, fruits, and bakery to tempt our taste buds once again. After having our fill (note this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we stopped for sustenance), we continued our trek where the cows looked on in wonder at our Miatas flying by through the many Sauk County's small towns in search of J's Pub and Grill in Reedsburg. We enjoyed great dining and conversation with an invite to attend the Annual BMC Meeting Saturday, Nov. 4 at Hall's in Brookfield to plan our next year of adventures!



When contributing to the newsletter, please send your articles in a WORD document or in the body of an email to [sugabreezedairygoats@gmail.com](mailto:sugabreezedairygoats@gmail.com)

## **Mississippi Drive – 2017 (AKA Tunnel of Trees)**

By Paula Beckman

(with input from Linda McCann & Ron Beckman)

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 19 Miatas (all models were represented) gathered in Boscobel to travel the driftless area of SW Wisconsin. Jim & Joanne T. took the lead, with Ron & Paula B. acting as sweep.

The morning started out cloudy as we drove along the Wisconsin River, then up into the rolling hills on curvy roads meandering through the farm fields. The views from the hilltops were beautiful, overlooking the sculptured farm fields of golden topped beans and the green and gold of corn. (That reminds me, GO PACK!) Some of the roads were like a roller coaster resulting in belly flips!

We made our way to the Great River Road along the mighty Mississippi. (Did you know there is a town in Wisconsin called Poy Sippi, which was named for it's founder? Well, the river was named after Poy Sippi's wife. That's right, it was called Mrs. Sippi! Hee hee.) Then back into the hills, but this time through the trees. At times through a tunnel of trees and a few "where'd the road go" moments.

Appropriately, there was one scheduled U-turn at County UU, which led to a spectacular view of the river, many twisties and an impressive drop back down to the river. Then we stopped at the lock and dam at Genoa for a chance to stretch our legs and enjoy the view. The sun came out and the cool breeze scoop was installed. After a short drive overlooking lovely valleys, we arrived at the Hideaway Brew Pub & Restaurant in Chaseburg for lunch. This is an historic bar with legendary food. I know this, because the sign on the building said so. We had an enjoyable, leisurely lunch with good food, friendly conversation and tasty refreshments.

The afternoon turned up the heat, so we turned on the air. Gray clouds gathered to the west as we traversed the twisties for a short drive to the NOAA weather station in La Crosse. Todd, son of Terry & Kathy R., gave us a tour of the facility and explained how they go about forecasting the weather. They operate 24/7/365, with the staff rotating shifts. They use a variety of models, including American and European models to help them develop their forecasts. Special thanks to Todd and the rest of the staff for the informative presentation and their patience.

After the NOAA tour, we hopped over to Grand Dad Park to overlook La Crosse from Grand Dad Bluff. What a view!

We left La Crosse driving south on Hwy 35, then drove back into the hills, headed toward Viroqua and the end of the day. We traveled more curvy roads through the trees, colored by red sumac, accented by yellows and some orange from trees that were beginning to turn. Driving the hills through Amish country, we only saw one horse drawn buggy, which thankfully was going in the opposite direction. We had to round up a couple of stray cars that took a wrong turn, but it didn't take long to get everyone back on course.

Some other observations during the day included:

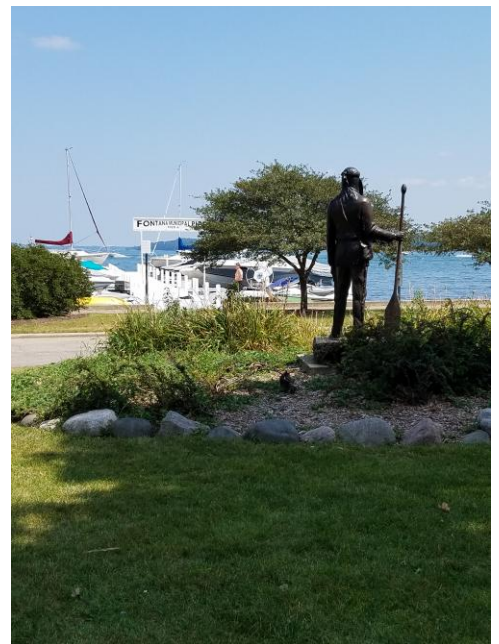
- Not many bikers, but one brave rollerblader dude in an orange vest, whizzing along with ponytail flying.
- A billboard advertising that Vernon County Crime Stoppers pay cash for tips. Hmmmmmm, I wonder how much they would pay for the apprehension of spirited drivers.
- A giant and well rounded aluminum turkey that graced a lawn, shining in the late afternoon sun. Quite a surprise, since Turkey Day is still 2 ½ months away.

Soon we arrived at Gassers Bar & Grill in Viroqua for a nice dinner, libations and good conversation. Thanks to all who had a part in making for a great day of driving the fantastic roads of SW Wisconsin.





**BMC SE Lake Geneva Ride Pictures  
Aug 2017**



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