



NE & NW REGIONS

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Message from the VP

It is nearly the end of the month, and I am finally getting out this missive. I have been absent from the activities of the club this season, mostly due to health care treatments. My schedule precludes participating in any weekend activities until October. I won't bore you with the details, but it has been and is a slog. The Miata hasn't been out much at all.

Come this November's Planning Meeting, I will be relinquishing my role as VP and chief cheerleader for the NE & NW Regions of the club. Thank you for allowing me that opportunity to represent you. Should anyone in these regions desire to run for the office, please contact the club president, Don Gervais, and let him know.

Bergstrom Mazda Drive Report



Fifteen Miatas gathered at Bergstrom Mazda, Appleton, for the annual July driving event. Guests were treated to refreshments and a presentation of the gorgeous new Soul Red Crystal Mazda 6. After some Q & A with sales staff and a brief drivers meeting, we were off into the rural areas of the western Fox Valley.

Mike and Sandy Stratz penned a beautiful route through valleys and along rivers on the northern route ending in Ripon for a lunch stop at Culvers.

Then, the drive took us further south and west, stepping back in time to the Amish world.

While encountering only one horse and buggy, evidence on the road proved the roads were much busier in the morning! Passing Amish stores, bakeries and cabinet shops, the group was treated to windy roads and lush countryside.

An early dinner at Lakeside Family Restaurant ended our day. The weather was perfect, the drive included an ice cream stop in Princeton, and Terry Lucas provided the only u-turn of the day!!

All in all, it was another successful day behind the wheel of these great cars.

Analysis of the participant list reveals:

- 10 participants were NE/NW folk
- 15 were from other regions
- 5 were new contacts from Bergstrom

Hopefully, some of the new contacts will become active club members through this exposure.

Fred Mueller Mazda Drive - Sept 8

If you haven't been to the Northwoods recently, this is your opportunity to drive it with other members of Badgerland Miata Club!

On September 8, the club will meet at the dealership located at 320 Grand Avenue in Schofield for its first annual Fred Mueller Mazda drive. Sales Manager Justin Clairmore has taken an enthusiastic interest in hosting and planning the route that will zigzag north along the Wisconsin River, through Harrison Hills, and stopping for lunch in Rhinelander.

The drive resumes heading north and west through the lakes region, driving some interesting backroads. The return trip will take us through the Minocqua area, then south through Tomahawk, winding back to Brokaw for our dinner stop.

Having planned a few of these events, I know how much time and effort Justin has put into this and he promises an enjoyable day. Let's show our appreciation by joining him for this late Summer drive by contacting me at **ddahl1@new.rr.com** to sign up.

Cliff Wall Mazda Drive - Sept 22

Badgerland Miata Club has joined with Cliff Wall Mazda, Green Bay, for this first annual drive. Our goal is to provide more rides in the North Region while partnering with local Mazda dealerships.

I am working with Sara Wall to finalize the September 22 drive. Similar to other events, the day will begin with a meet and greet from 8:30-10:00 at the dealership, located at 1988 E Mason Street in Green Bay. Refreshments will be provided by the dealership. At 10:00, Sara will address the group about what is happening at Cliff Wall and present a product overview. A short drivers' meeting will follow. Cars roll off at 10:30 a.m.

The route was originally penned by Member Jack Mason and includes side roads along the Bay of Green Bay heading north to Sturgeon Bay. The lunch stop in Sturgeon Bay is to be determined until details are ironed out.

Following lunch, we will again drive the side roads north and into Peninsula State Park. We will then drive north and east across the Door peninsula to points along Lake Michigan toward Sturgeon Bay then wind back to Algoma for a final stop.

Please join us for this first annual Cliff Wall Mazda event by contacting me at **ddahl1@new.rr.com**. Your participation in these new events determines whether they will be added to the annual calendar in future years.

Hope to see you bright and early on September 22!
