

Badgerland Miata Club September 13, 1997
Gays Mills Trip or The BILL 1

In the fall of 1997, Bill & Marinette Wanezek planned a BMC drive called the Gay Mills Trip. It later was renamed the BILL 1, which started a tradition of spectacular drives in and around SW Wisconsin. They continued the drives for 10 years. The route below is the "original." In the ensuing years, roads may have changed due to construction, or bad weather wash-outs, or what-not. We advise you to bring along a map or gazetteer, in case things have changed so much that you get lost. The drive began at O'Malleys Restaurant – which is now a Walgreen's – in downtown Waunakee (corner of Hwys 113 and Q). 1st stop was at the Cheese Grove Cheese Factory/Dairy. Lunch was at the Kickapoo Orchard outside of Gay Mills. 2nd stop was at the Russian Orthodox Monastery on Spring Valley Road (Just a word of advice: if you plan to stop at the monastery, be advised there is a dress code – women should wear skirts & men should wear long pants.) Dinner was at Fitzgerald's in Middleton.

And now – THE BILL 1

Turn right out of O'Malley's parking lot onto Hwy 113

0.7 miles, turn left on Kopp

2.3 miles on Kopp, then turn right on Hysop for 3.5 miles to Dane

At Dane, turn left on Main St. (Hwy 113) for 5.0 miles into Lodi

Take the first left turn after entering Lodi. Short block to stop sign. Turn left and you will be on Hwy 60W

Follow 60W for 11 miles to Prairie Du Sac. Left at the stop sign (still 60W)

Follow 60W through Prairie Du Sac and Sauk City for 1.7 miles to stop light. Turn right at light. (still 60W, but now also Hwy 12)

1.7 miles after the light, just outside Sauk City 60W turns left. Stay with 60W towards Spring Green

5.1 miles later, jog right on B

1 mile on B, then turn right on Troy

0.3 miles on Troy, then left on O

1.1 miles on O, then left on School

2.1 miles on School, then right on C

0.4 miles on C, then left on Mill

5.4 miles on Mill, then right on Valley View--Cheese factory on corner

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After leaving Cheese factory, continue on Valley View for 2.4 miles (through a stop sign) to a “Y” intersection

Bear left at the “Y” for 3.3 miles, then turn right on 23

0.5 miles on 23, then left on GG

2 miles on GG, then left on G

2 miles on G, then right on N

8.9 miles on N, then left on 58 (Detour N)

5.4 miles on 58, then left on 14

.4 miles on 14, then take first right which is Sawmill

3.9 miles on Sawmill, then right on TB

0.8 miles on TB, then Right on OO

3.6 miles on OO, then left on 14

1 mile into Richland Center on 14, then left on Q

7.9 miles on Q, then right on E

2.3 miles on E, then left on 171

19.8 miles on 171 to the Kickapoo Orchard--tour and lunch

2.1 miles on 171, then left on 131

9.4 miles on 131, then left on Maple Ridge (gravel--sorry)

3.5 miles on Maple Ridge, then left on Haney Ridge

Immediate right on Spring Valley

0.4 miles on Spring Valley, then left on Wood Dale to Monastery

Leave Monastery by same route, then left on 131

10 miles on 131 (some great zigs and zags), then left on 60E

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33.7 miles on 60E to Gotham. Straight through stop sign onto JJ

9.2 miles on JJ, then left on G

0.5 miles to next right, which is Horseshoe Road

1.9 miles on Horseshoe, then right on 23

0.2 miles on 23, then left on WC

4.5 miles on WC, then right on C

0.3 miles on C, then left on 60E

Follow 60 E for 17.5 miles through Sauk City. Before we get to Sauk City, we turn right on Hwy 12.

If we are short on time, we will follow Hwy 12 south into Middleton. Shortly after the stoplight at the edge of Middleton, our dinner stop, will be on the right.

If time allows, we will follow the following route:

Just after leaving Sauk City, turn right on Hwy 78

6.5 miles on 78, then turn left on Hwy 19

4.4 miles on 19, then right on KP

4.4 miles on KP, then left on Otto Kiel Road

1.3 miles on Otto Kiel, then right on Enchanted Valley

4.9 miles on Enchanted Valley (through several stop signs), then left on Airport

4.5 miles on Airport, then shortly after entering Middleton, right on Laura

Next left on Lisa

Our dinner stop, Fitzgeralds, is on the right at the end of the block

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