



Three Lakes Eastern WI Run – July 8, 2017

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The weather gods smiled down on Badgerland Miata Club members as they assembled at Bergstrom Mazda, Appleton for their annual run. Mid-70s and sun all day was just what we were all hoping for as 23 cars graced the dealership lot. It was great to see a variety of models and colors represented.



Bergstrom Mazda Parking Lot

The day began with the hospitality of the Bergstrom team as they greeted us with refreshments followed by a brief overview of the stunning 2017 CX-5 and the sharp 2017 MX-5 RF. After a short drivers' meeting, the cars rolled off at 10:15 am.

The first leg of the run took us north and east, traveling along the Fox River and across lush green countryside as well as through the cities of Kaukauna, Wrightstown, Maribel, Mishicot,



Lighthouse Inn on the shore of Lake Michigan

and finally, Two Rivers. The Lighthouse Inn was the perfect setting for lunch as members dined while overlooking a calm Lake Michigan.



Bergstrom Mazda Hospitality

After stretching our legs, the group headed south toward Manitowoc, taking in the great scenery along Lake Michigan. Once through the city, we made our way south and west seeing a very cool elk farm on the way to Elkhart Lake. The second leg ended at a very quaint and historic Gessert's Ice Cream parlor where the desserts were fantastically refreshing.

The third leg began by winding through the Elkhart Lake area with it's beautiful and bustling

resorts. Heading further southwest, we encountered a driver's delight in the twisting hilly roads of Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive while on our way to Long Lake. A nice elevated drive provided great visuals overlooking this resort area.

Further northwest, clubs members experienced the roller coaster effect of Seven Hills Road which is a unique blend of vistas with steep hills and low valleys.

The final stint took us east to Peebles at the southern tip of Lake Winnebago where the remaining drivers shook hands, bid farewell, and remarked about how lucky we were to have shared a perfect day enjoying our pride and joys.



Ice Cream Break at Gessert's in Elkhart Lake

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