

## **Tech Day / Ladies Day / Mud Run**

by Marcy Hotz

On a cloudless, pleasant Saturday morning, we arrived around 9:15 at Dave Weiskoff's large shop, DCAR (Dave's Certified Auto Repair) in Waunakee. Hank N says Dave knows all things Miata, having been one of the BMC's official Tech Advisers for years. All the men and a few women joined in a circle surrounding Dave and began asking questions about how to prepare cars for winter storage; should we buy turbo-chargers and what type; what are the best kind of tires for our cars; etc. The questions and answers kept coming, and the session could have happily lasted all day (but it didn't).

Meanwhile, in another section of the shop, the women sat at tables pre-set with craft supplies to create and decorate gift bags and boxes. Other embellishments were laid out on more tables from which we could choose colored flowers, die-cut pictures and forms, sparkly things and ribbons which would be glued onto said bags and boxes. This we agreed could have gone on happily all day too (but it didn't).

We wrapped up about 11:30 and drove to a nearby Culvers or McDonald's for lunch where we could renew our acquaintances and schmooze before the drive.

And what a ride it was! The first leg was 42 miles of twists and turns. A rainbow of 16 cars followed Hank and Laura up and down and around the picturesque countryside, enjoying the sudden greenery of the landscape after a cold, wet, grey April. Flowering trees – crabapple, redbuds, apple, cherry and lilacs – were profusely blooming. We drove through the towns of Waunakee and Mt. Horeb, as well as surrounding farmlands with their Norman Rockwell barns and silos. Of note was a splendid, large log cabin. We took a hairpin turn and found a roller-coaster highway. As we drove on, the sun began to beat down on bare skin; some of us had our windows up and A/C on.

We found welcome relief at Icki Sticki in Mt. Horeb, serving beverages, treats, and of course the requisite ice cream. It housed a gigantic gumball machine (50 cents!) and an Amazon Locker.

The second leg of the drive (58 miles) took us through more of downtown Mt. Horeb where we were watched by a myriad of trolls and one dragon. We twisted through, down and around a lovely park and later passed the entrance to Cave of the Mounds. We journeyed through some of south central Wisconsin's most scenic vistas, and spotted an old Ford Fairlane along the way.

We passed the Wollersheim Winery, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year, and ended up for a delightful dinner at the Eagle Inn in Prairie du Sac.

Kudos to Hank and Laura for masterfully planning and leading a wonderful ride, and thanks to Jan and Bill B in the "rocking chair" relay car and to Don and Linda who drove the sweep car for the event.