

Door County by Land Sea and Air

By Patty Kobus

Wouldn't it be lovely to have a slice of heaven on Earth? Well, that's just what we Miata lovers got to enjoy starting on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Somerset Inn, Ephraim, Wisconsin. Beginning with a cookout on the spacious, outdoor kitchen patio, we grilled, drank, ate, laughed, ate more and had a wonderful reunion with members new and old. The lovely glass marbled fire pit surrounded by comfy Adirondack chairs added an element of coziness and ease for us to savor. We finally turned in with full tummies and happy hearts.

Friday dawned cool and overcast, but the mighty Miata groups were enthused to begin the dining service. Our group left at 9:15, a reasonable hour indeed, and discovered rolling hills with pretty homes just off Hwy 42 which absorbs most tourist traffic. Alone on our little roads we found greenery of all shades, sheered walls of arbor vitae protecting the privacy of a lovely manse, outcrops with caves, wheelbarrow planters overflowing with colorful, happy flowers, tree canopied lanes, alpacas lolling about and a beautiful Moonlight Bay, one of the longest on our route. Being on the snaky, multi-curved part of Hwy 42 leading to the Washington Island Car Ferry was our zoom, zoom time, much loved! Whee! The sun peeked out, the sky turned aqua blue; and all was right with the world as we pulled into the Shipwreck Restaurant in Egg Harbor for a delicious lunch with ample sitting room and acoustics that allowed for pleasant conversations. Perfect.

Although our pre-planned sunset boat tour was cancelled due to serious stormy weather that started minutes after our 5:30 scheduled boarding time, back at the Somerset, we gathered inside to huddle and chat, appreciating a truly perfect slice of heaven.

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