

Responde de Quaestion #1 – What the heck???

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On this weather-perfect day, we assembled at the Kwik Trip in Belgium, WI. This was to be a “Gimmick” ride, something this club rarely sees. The only thing close to it in recent years was the Schmidt’s Photo Challenge in Door County.

At the drivers’ meeting, we received instructions about driving safety and a detailed description of the Millhome Supper Club in Kiel, and other Wisconsin supper clubs. Don and Linda McCann, our hosts, are big fans. In fact, this route was created with the supper club in mind!

At the start, each numbered car was given a map and a sheet of 83 questions compiled by Don and Linda. Cars were sent off one minute apart in search of the answers. No internet allowed; you could not compare answers with other drivers. Anyone caught cheating, it was cautioned, would have their Miata auctioned off at dinner, and the money put into a special BMC fund for the 35th Anniversary Event.

For example, a few questions were “Cedar Valley ____ <Cheese>” “CITGO Live Bait & ____ <Tackle>” “Color of flag on left side of road? <Red>” “What building is 1858 on? <Brick House>” and the hardest one at the end, “How many Brian Hilbelink signs did you pass on this event? <10>”

I can’t speak for the other cars, but I will tell you Jim and I made more than 6 U-turns to go back to find answers to the questions we missed. I was afraid we would run out of time, which was limited to 3 hours.

The prize we were all aiming for was a beautiful Mazda Picnic Pack with plates, glasses, silver, a thermos, etc.

The group had sufficient time for one or two cocktails at the spacious bar at Millhome, while Don and Linda scored our answers in their Miata. Dinner included a bountiful soup and salad bar which alone would have been sufficient for dinner (we needed larger plates, though)! We gathered in a private room to consume our feast.

While waiting for our food to be served, BMC President Bill Bright introduced Gary & Jana Hale of Sheboygan Falls, who were enjoying their first club drive.

A 4-way tie with 82 points each necessitated a playing-card drawing; highest card would win the prize. The 4 couples were Gary & Jana Hale, Jim Loeffler & Karen Hart, Jim Grace & Loren (of Montreal), and Jim & Marcy Hotz. Loren was the finalist! Congratulations to her!

After all was said and done, Don asked the group if they would be interested in another “gimmick” drive. The answer was a resounding, simultaneous YES!!

Thanks to Don & Linda McCann for perfect planning and execution of a very fun day!

By the way, the name of the drive, “Responde de Quaestione #1,” if you haven’t guessed, is Latin for “Answer Question #1.”