**The Bill 3 Drive 25 Years Later**

By Linda McCann

Weather-wise, the morning looked to be iffy and hot. Once on the road, though, the day couldn’t have been better for the 19 Miatas driving along the laid-back route.

Bill and Marinette Wanezek laid out and led the original drive 25 years ago. For the re-run, Jim and Marcy Hotz needed to change only a few things due to bridges being out and other changes over the years.

Our starting point was Kwik Trip in DeForest, and our ride went smoothly except for one turn-around and only one pot-holed, bumpy road.

The combination of the large, white billowing clouds against a clear blue sky, the varied green of rural landscapes, and the route of curvy and hilly roads was a delight. Many of the roads rimmed small valley farms while others skirted higher elevations where you could see for miles and miles.

Culver’s in Cross Plains was our lunch stop, and across the street was the Shoebox, (a well-known shoe warehouse store). Shoes or Butter Burgers? Not enough time for both in an hour! But our next afternoon stop was beckoning. Botham Vineyards! Great wine and live music on a large patio for another chance to relax.

Heading to Mt. Horeb for dinner, again to one of our favorite places, Buck and Honeys, was a great way to end our ride! Delicious food and club camaraderie.

Bill and Marinette were there in spirit. Thank you to them and to Jim & Marcy for a wonderful and great Miata ride through the picturesque hills and valleys of driftless Wisconsin!

Also thanks to Hank & Laura for Sweeping and Cindy & Gregg for Rocking!