

Post Tax Blues Rally Not A Taxing Event

by Judy Serwatka



The annual Post Tax Blues Rally was held on April 20, traveling roads from Lafayette to Logansport. Our Rally Masters this year were Don and Amy Naglich from the Lake Effect Miata Club and Sara McBride from the Indy Miata Club. The Lake Effect contingent of five cars caravanned to Lafayette, sometimes driving through rain. There, they met with over 15 cars from the Indy club, most who caravanned from Indy by "Sonic Sara". After having a bite to eat at the McDonalds at US 43 and I-65, Don and Sara gathered everyone together for a drivers' meeting prior to taking off. The day was cloudy and cool, but many of us put the top down anyway, hoping the rain would hold off. This year's rally was a "poker run", so we knew we didn't have to worry about clues. Our first card was handed out by Jim and Georgia Barrick at the starting point.



Our drive in the country took us on a tour of the back roads south and east of Lafayette, heading to our destination in Logansport. We started out and headed toward Battleground, IN, drove past the Battleground Memorial park, traveled some side roads and circled back to actually enter the park to receive our second envelope containing cards. One little glitch in the instructions had many of the lead cars ending up on a dead-end road, and backtracking a short distance to get back on the correct road. Thanks to Gary and Kathy Collings for taking some time to stop and direct cars onto the correct road. North of Delphi, Sara handed out another envelope containing a card before the cars again crossed the Wabash River.



At this time of year in Lafayette, the Redbud and Flowering Crab trees are spectacular. For some reason, they bloom more vigorously just an hour south of the northern area and the Lake Effect members were commenting on how much greener things were. Seeing the pink blooms amid the early green tree growth in the woods is a delight of the Spring season and the Tax Blues Rally. We traveled some excellent Miata roads, twisting and winding along the Wabash river, which was high from the recent rains, but luckily had not flooded the area.



The rally ended at Jakes East restaurant in Logansport. Everyone made it to the restaurant so the minor confusions that occurred did not cause anyone to become hopelessly lost. This is always a positive way to end a rally! At the restaurant, Amy gave us our last card, and we all compared the poker hands we had drawn. We ate a buffet dinner that was wonderful with ham, chicken, fish, veggies, fruit, potatoes, salad and desserts. After dinner, Don and Sara handed out cash prizes for the winners. In first place were Conrad and Judy Serwatka (members of the Lake Effect and Indy Miata Clubs), second place were Gary and Kathy Collings (members of the Lake Effect and Indy Miata Clubs), and third place went to Keith Logan (2002 President of Lake Effect Miata Club). Al Jennings won the "Has-Beans" award for the worst poker hand of all cars.

Smiles were the order of the day when the PTBR poker players were on the road and later at Jakes East.

