

# A Great Day For The Longest Day Rally

The Longest Day of Summer arrived without a cloud in the sky and twenty-seven Miatas showed up for Dennis and Hazel Moore's rally. Taking advantage of the longest day, John and Sue Reba travelled from Lowell and Walter and Pam Kienzynski drove from Chesterton to join us and drive some more! We had several new members join us for their first rally, they couldn't have picked a better day to join us.

The usual talking, looking, running over to McDonalds for food or a necessity stop took place while members registered and paid the rally fees. Dennis then called for the driver's meeting.

Creativity in our answers was stressed and this did come into play in the final outcome of the rally. Dennis advised that cell phone coverage in the area was spotty, but their phone number was on the rally sheet. One member asked if they were supposed to scream out the number if they were lost and their phone wasn't in service range! (There's always one...)

Everyone then got in their cars and lined up for the start. It was quite a sight to see all the cars in line in the mall parking lot! Navigators received their instruction sheet and all of the Miatas headed out on the rally route.

The Longest Day Rally started and ended in Bedford, but IMC members toured some of the best roads in Lawrence County. Highlights of the tour included Virgil "Gus" Grissom's boyhood home in Mitchell, a covered bridge, and great scenic views.

All the cars made it back to the starting point and everyone sat down to a barbecue lunch while the rally sheets were graded. Third place went to Jane Howard and Millard "Zendog" Johnson, with second place being awarded to Sara and Ken Koehler. There was a tie for first place, but the "creativity rule" came into play and Ann Cole and Eric Drumwright were rewarded with the first place prize. (Minor arguments ensued by some participants arguing for "creativity points" to the Rally Masters, but landed on deaf ears!)

A big thank you to first time Rally masters Dennis and Hazel Moore for a good route, good rally, and a good time!



Ann Cole and Eric Drumwright won the rally because they remembered that creativity counts!



Second place winners Ken and Sara Koehler.



Jane and Zendog finished the rally in third place.



Rally Master Dennis at the starting line for the rally. "Zero your odometer at the stoplight and good luck!" were his instructions at this point.



*There's more photos to see in full, blazing color at [indymiata.org](http://indymiata.org)!*