

Late Summer Mardi Gras

“Forget your problems and have fun!”

Saturday, August 23rd, was as perfect a summer day as any Miata owner could hope for. Sunny and 84 degrees, just right for top down driving fun.

The Late Summer Mardi Gras rally began from South Putnam High School after the traditional McDonald’s breakfast stop in Cloverdale of Putnam County. In the parking lot, many heads were under the hood and inside the new silver RX-8 of Mike Selvey’s daughter and son-in-law.

Twenty-six Miatas set out after the driver’s meeting on an “informational gathering” rally of 2.5 to 3 hours. Wonderful curvy roads were encountered around rural Greencastle, as well as a beautiful covered bridge. The route then went on to Lieber State Recreation Area, Cataract Falls, and Owen-Putnam State Forest. Great roads and great scenery.

All along the way you were to write down important information about places and things you saw on major signs, knowing that at the restaurant there would be a written quiz about what you passed. Someone even wrote down the names of the three mules some campers had ridden to the quaint general store in Cataract. That’s paying attention to details!

And speaking of restaurants..... WOW, what a neat place to end a rally! Zydeco’s Cajun eatery was a feast for both the eyes and tummy! Were we in New Orleans for Mardi Gras, or what? The authentic music, decor, and food delighted everyone. (If you missed it, it’s well worth the 20 minute drive west of the Indianapolis airport. Check out their site and menu on the internet at <http://www.zydecos.net>.)

After the quizzes were scored, the rally winners were: Third place: Don and Linda Buchanan; Second place: Jim and Martha Nutt; and First place: Jim Jones and Linda Jenks.

Thanks again to the Brummetts and Booes for a great rally, with lagniappe (look up this Creole word), in their part of beautiful Indiana.



Jim Jones and Linda Jenks show off their first prize envelope with great big smiles!



Ralliers get their beads and hand their entry slips to "krewe" members Jana Brummett and Susie Booe.



Jim and Martha Nutt showed up with traditional feathered masks!



Club members wait for the driver's meeting to start.

Ralliers lineup to wait for the start of the rally.



Ralliers love to wave at the camera!



Mardi Gras Rally photos by Jim Nutt, Ken Koehler, Jana and Wyatt Brummett and Rick Morris.