

# Rally A Great Present For All

by Rick Morris

On Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, club members met at AIM Tuning for the “Day Before Chuck’s Birthday” rally hosted by none other than Chuck Wills. In spite of a very bleak weather forecast for the day, many club members decided to take a chance that the forecast was wrong and show up for the event. It was one of those occasions when we were glad that the weatherman missed the mark entirely. It turned out to be an absolutely gorgeous day for a drive in west central Indiana.

Rally master Chuck’s task was made even more difficult by the fact that a couple of days before the event, a fairly serious thunderstorm had swept through the route area and blown down several trees, many of them directly on the roads that were going to be used for the event. Chuck had to make some significant changes to the route on the day before the rally. It all worked out in the end, though, as the route was a lot of fun to drive, especially the end point, which was Grey Brothers’ cafeteria in Mooresville, which is always a club favorite.

The rally questions were an enjoyable mix of things that you found while on the route and general trivia, which meant that you needed to be observant while driving the route and have a pretty good grasp of basic trivia (for example, I had no idea that IMC member Bruce Curtiss’s grandfather was the world famous aviator Glenn Curtiss.

Prizes were awarded based on a combination of correct answers to the questions, or humor when a wrong answer was given. The team of Steve Jacobsen and Ian Linn won the coveted first prize for most correct answers, Hazel and Dennis Moore won second place and Jim Jones received a special award (age and treachery overcomes youth and skill) for attempting to bribe the rally master.

All in all, it was a very nice drive on a beautiful Saturday morning.



The Marconi's are in line and ready to start.



Jim Jones laughs as he holds receives his award.



(Above) Hmmmm..... doughnuts! Members gather for doughnuts and coffee at AIM tuning before the rally starts.



(Above) Good food and good conversation at Gray Brothers.



(L) Gary, Linda, Nancy and Ben head past a line of Miatas to the driver's meeting.

(R) Teresa gives Chris and Carol Poglitsch some last minute advice.

