

Rain And Sun For Madison Madness

A light, misty rain was falling as Indy Miata club members converged on the starting point in Greensburg for the Madison Madness tour on October 23rd. After some folks had a late breakfast, John and Marsha Schaub held the driver's meeting. The usual rules were established with the Number One rule being "Have fun!". (We all know the other rule.. repeat after me, "The Rally Master is always right!") This was a touring event with no clues, questions or as John put it, "No stupid human tricks!" and drivers and navigators were soon heading for their cars.

Most of the participants decided to brave the elements with their tops down (well, except for Mike and Mary Head who arrived with their hardtop firmly attached) and soon a line of Miatas headed out. The first section of the tour included a loop around the Greensburg courthouse square so everyone could see the famous tree growing from the courthouse tower.

A quick trip down 421 to Versailles, onto IN 129 and a left onto Olean Road, where the fun really began. Our route had us on the tops of ridges then we would snake down and follow creeks and rivers. We went through Friendship, Farmer's Retreat, Milton and Allensville. We travelled on curvy roads named Plum Creek, Bell's Ranch, Lake Geneva and Roberts. We were directed past the historic homes in the town of Vevay and then headed towards Madison along the Ohio River.

The rain that had been threatening all day, came down as we drove into Madison and tops were going up at stoplights and in the parking lot of the Wharf Restaurant. Sitting outside for lunch and watching the barges on the river was out of the question today! Meals were ordered and everyone discussed the roads, their cars and the weather.

After lunch, cars headed to the Hillside Inn where most people were staying. From this point on, you were on your own, so in the evening, some folks headed off to the Key West Shrimp House for dinner, while others investigated other Madison eateries.

Sunday morning brought heavy fog on the river, but the sun broke through and it turned into a bright, sunny day. No official activities were planned, it was a "on your own" day. Clifty Falls State Park, Hanover College and just walking around Madison were some of the destinations and activities. Cars then made their way north back to Indy, some taking the quick route and some running the tour route in reverse!

Thanks go to John and Marsha for their work in putting the tour together. As one club member told John, "This route goes in my keeper file!"



Marsha and John Schaub go over some rally details.



Gary Collings make a point to Sheryl Sackett as Norm Arbuckle looks on.

Steve and Cathy Randall arrive with umbrellas in hand!



Bill Best is top down and ready to roll, but he waits for Lynn at the beginning on the tour.



Phil Callahan is no slacker. He brought his wash bucket and cleaned up his car on Sunday morning.

