

Miatas, Trees, Curves, and Silly Clues

Rain was falling at 5:30am and it certainly didn't look like a good day for a top down rally. The sun started to peek through about around 8:30 and it turned out to be a beautiful day for the "Can't See the Forest For the Trees" rally.

Over 20 cars arrived and by 9:20, the aggressive drivers were out on course. The route was designed with easy questions, easy directions, and good roads. Well, Shiloh Road was, as Jim Barrick said, the "suspension test" portion of the route. With many silly questions such as "What is high as an elephants eye?" (Corn!), What do you do if you eat to much fibre? (Chitwood!) and, as the cars passed by Clown Heaven, "Why don't cannibals eat clowns?" (They taste funny!), this certainly proved the rally wasn't a college entrance exam!

Gray Brothers once again held to their reputation by quickly serving delicious food. As the ralliers ate, the rally masters quickly graded the all of the answer sheets. The grading was lenient, and it came down to a tie for first place between Gary and Kathy Collings and Eric Drumwright and Ann Cole. The tie breaker question was to guess the average speed the rallymasters drove during their last run through. Eric and Ann came the closest and walked (drove?) away with the first place trophy. Third place was won by Sara and Ken Koehler, while the "Dead Last" award (a small dead pine tree!) was awarded to Steve Ansi, who valiantly drove the event solo.



Above: Chuck Wills reads a car at the start of the "Can't See the Forest for the Trees" rally.

Below: Indy Miatas members on the loose enjoying both the sunshine and the curves on Sample Road.



Ann and Eric with their hard won first place trophy.



With trees on their left and corn on their right, three Miatas come charging down Anderson Road, wondering where and what the answer to "Shivering Shrub" is. The next worry was that the rallymasters had warned them that there was no road sign at Bean Blossom Road. Navigator, look for a paved road and we'll turn left!

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