

Mingle a Sweet Success

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Despite the ominous forecast a few days in advance, it was a beautiful Sunday for the "Sundae Mingle". Rick and I were running late due to driving all over Morgan Monroe State Forest finalizing a rally route, but it was such a good day, we felt the need to drive some more. We managed to get hold of Mingle Master Wiley and he met us mid course, handed us a route sheet, and off we went, our goal being good roads and ice cream at the end.

Wow, and what great roads he sent us out on! "Hmm, this next section says 'Dippity-Doo'. I wonder what that means? Whoa! Wheeee! All Right!!!" The only problem? I wasn't driving! There were big grins from both seats on every road.

We meet the rest of the crowd at the DQ, ordered low-fat treats (yeah, right) and enjoyed a beautiful evening, meeting new members and chatting with all. A contest was held for Hot Wheel Miatas prizes and DQ treats to be paid for by the club. Dollar bills were used to determine winners and games of "Liars Poker" seemed to be imminent!

A big thanks to Bob Wiley for organizing this event. Don't miss the sequel that Bob is planning for September 9th, the "Run for the 'Cold'".



Miatas in Canada, 2002

Miata.net presents Northern Exposure 2002. From July 5-7, Ottawa and environs will be host to 400 Miata enthusiasts from all over the world. This will be one of the major international Miata events of the year. The event is a "European-style" event to celebrate the love of driving. Each day will have self-paced tours and lots of time to meet fellow Miata nuts followed by an evening of camaraderie. Attendees will be free to make their own schedules and travel at their own place. Registration is now open, and the event is limited to 400 people. More information and on-line registration may be found at the Northern Exposure web site at: http://ottawa2002.miata.net/index_2.htm



Let's see, there's two eights, two fives, and a peanut butter parfait!



These "Sundae" minglers won the car!

Huber Winery Tour: A New Year, A New Vintage

The Huber Winery Tour will be back this year, but as a "new and improved vintage", meeting midmorning in Nashville, IN, and a nice brunch at the start of the event. The route will be similar to last year's, down Highway 135 through the wonderful hills and curves of southern Indiana, no questions to answer or tricky route instructions, just a great drive to enjoy the scenery.

There will be reserved "Miata only" parking at the winery, where there will be a drawing for fabulous prizes. After that, you will be free to tour the winery, farmers market and cheese shop.

Preliminary plans call for meeting for brunch around 10am, cars off at 11am, and have the drawing at the winery around 1pm or so. Watch next month's Open Road for more details, times and locations! Hope to see you on October 6th!



Eventual third place winners, Ken and Sara Koehler (middle car), plot their strategy as they wait in line for the rally start.