

# Post Tax Blues Rally A Sunny Success

What a great day for a Indy Miata Club rally! Twenty-four cars from Indy Miata showed up at the meeting point to caravan to Logansport for the start of the 2005 Post Tax Blues Rally. After arriving at our meeting point, our Rally Master, Sara McBride did some rally paperwork, Long's donuts were passed around, coffee procured, bathroom stops made and then we divided into two groups for our journey north.

At the Logansport meeting place, the Lake Effect Rally Master, Bill Florent, and two more Miatas from Huntington were waiting for us, and we were soon joined by more members of the Indy Miata Club. The thirteen cars from the Lake Effect club rolled into the parking area, making a total of 44 cars. Our Rally Masters had provided enough time for cars to zoom down to the local McDonald's (their lot was nowhere big enough for us to all meet there!) and for others to see friends and look at cars.

Bill and Sara held their driver's meeting and by 11:33, all the Miatas were eastbound and down! All cars received envelopes at the start, more along the route at various points, and their fifth and final card in Huntington.

Once again, Sara and Bill had a section of the route where Miatas were coming and going at each other. Oh yeah, not once, but twice! And they threw a bit of a surprise with a section of gravel without warning us! (The Rally Master's apologized afterwards. That short section was the only part they didn't drive when they proofed the route! They claimed it was good earlier!) The route followed the Wabash River valley and with the trees just starting to leaf out, it was a beautiful drive.

Our ending spot was at Nick's Country Cafe and once at Nick's, participants checked in, got their last card and opened their envelopes to see how their poker luck was going to be for the day. Sara wrote down the information and everyone headed inside for lunch. Nancy and her staff at Nick's were bustling as they tried to serve everyone in a timely manner. Soon wonderful Hoosier tenderloins were flying out of the kitchen!

Winners were announced and they were:

1st Place: Jim and Leann Johnson from Lake Effect with 3 of a kind.

2nd Place: George and Jane Bali from Lake Effect with 2 pair.

3rd Place: Mike and Ann Selvy from Indy Miata with 2 pair.

Ben and Nancy Hermann won the "Joker Award" (they found a joker in one of their envelopes) and won two t-shirts from last years PTBR.

After lunch, cars headed back home, some taking the shortest route, some taking the scenic route, and some taking the long way home to stop by an ice cream shop!

Once again, the weather was great for this rally, everyone ran top down and Miata grins were the order of the day. Thanks go out to our Rally Masters, Sara McBride and Bill Florent, and everyone who participated and made this a fun rally.

Thanks to Phil Callahan, Bill Florent, and Conrad and Judy Serwatka for providing photos! More photos can be found at <http://indymiata.org>.



Rally Master Sara with winners Jim and Leann, who show off their first place envelope!



Rally Master Sara shares grins with George and Jane over their 2nd place finish.



Sara J celebrates 3rd place with Mike and Ann Selvy

