

April 2021 Lake 2 Lake Miata Club Newsletter

ON THE ROAD AGAIN By *Nancy Ball*

“Neither rain nor hail, nor dead of night... shall keep the stalwart Miata owner from his/her appointed rounds...”

Well six Miatas' worth, that is - In spite of early rains, those Miatas gathered at Jenkins Mazda today in prep for this month's Lake2Lake Club field trip to Chris Mendoza's home for a little (a lot, actually) update on the care and feeding of the fine automobiles that bring us together.

First a drive through suburban Ocala's glorious countryside: towering canopies of trees, magnificent fences and ceremonial gates leading to wondrous estates in this glorious horse country that unfolded around us. Happily, by the time we reached our destination, the sun had broken through to brighten the day nicely.



Chris started us off with an automotive checklist quiz to crank up our thinking on tune-ups and maintenance. Next, he ushered us into a garage akin to handyman heaven for graduate tinkerers on down. The garage centerpiece is a lift with which Chris easily brought his own Miata overhead for our observation. Chris handed out a 6 page “Vehicle Repair for Novices” and explained Miata basics.

Since this was a “bring your own box lunch” kind of affaire, all were asked to pop their trunks and reveal their meals.

From Ron Fitch's protein bar to Bill Emerson's priceless antique Bento Box filled with Japanese accoutrements and colorful sushi... the contest for creativity was on.



It ended with a tie-breaker won by Jerry and Faye Rogers. The prize was a 1/64 scale Miata miniature that he actually had unsuccessfully sought in Europe!

Lunch ensued, departures loomed and we all headed off on a now-sunny day, a bit wiser and glad for having gathered.

As a parting thought, President Bill Emerson brought us up to date on the Club's “financials”. This included our bank account with debit card for club business, an accounting of moneys in/moneys out so far in 2021. Bill added his genuine hope that member attendance will increase quickly. “As to weather...” he concluded, “It is known that Miatas can be driven with their tops up too!”