

Thursday the Road Rally



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Even with good directions, there were many wrong turns. I believe Jake and Joyce managed to turn the wrong way out of the parking lot we started in. I have no idea how many turns I missed with John as my wonderful navigator. Some due to the fact that the directions told you the mileage for everything and the Midget returned to Fairfield with the same 6.4 miles it said when it left. Some due to the fact that John didn't believe in reading all of each step. For quite a while Jake and Joyce in their bug-eye, me driving John's midget, and Gayle and Cindy driving their 3000 stayed together changing lead as people made wrong turns. Much to my excitement, Gayle actually drives his car as it's meant to be.

As expected, there were some cars that needed some help along the way. John and I considered helping the first ones we saw and then remembered our little problem. His car at this time had just been converted to an alternator a couple of days ago after going through two generators within the previous week. This wouldn't have been an issue, except somebody may have hooked up the jumper cables backwards and let a bit of the smoke out of the new alternator. Every time we stopped, we needed a jump to get going. We figured with the large group of cars that would be following behind, it was probably a better idea to let one of them stop instead of having two of us stranded.

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The rally took us on some very scenic and fun roads. A couple of times we were on a road right next to the river, just following it along. We also went on a very neat road back in the woods that was very windy and hilly, eventually working its way up what almost counts as a mountain in this part of the country. We also went through some interesting neighborhoods and eventually ended up in the downtown area. We basically got a taste of everything the area has to offer. Overall a great drive.

