

2nd Annual KC Stewart's Point Run

Date: May 22, 2004 (Saturday)
Time: Meet: 8:00 a.m.; Driver's briefing: 8:15 a.m, Depart: 8:30 a.m. sharp!
Starting Location: McDonald's, off Mace Blvd, Davis
Secondary meets: Winters Chevron at 9 AM and Soda Springs Café on the Silverado Trail (Hwy 128 at Soda Canyon Rd) at about 10 AM
Nearby restrooms: McDonald's; Gas: Across the street
Ending Location: t.b.d., most likely I-80 at Marine World for easy run home
Ending Time: ~5:00 p.m.
Total Distance: 280 Miles
SAMOA Run Leader: Graeme Kinsey - graemek@astound.net
RSVP: May 12th, 2004
\$\$ (Lunch, cash/credit card, ~\$10 each)



Welcome to the 2nd annual event – we did this run last year to commemorate our service people on duty here and overseas. (Note: this is not a political affair.) This is a Miata driver's full day run across beautiful twisty roads (and some highways) from the Central Valley up over the Vaca Hills down into the wine country to the Coast, then down the Coast and over the hills, back around the north end of SF Bay and home again (pewh!). This run is a driver's delight, with the focus on covering territory and getting in tune with the humming of the tires and engines of our great little cars – you must start with a full gas tank.

We'll leave Davis at 8:30 SHARP, stopping in Winters Chevron station at I-505 at about 9:00 for those who would like to meet us there (consider topping off as a thank-you to the gas station folk), and expecting to be at the Soda Canyon Café at 10:00 for a second pickup spot.

Make no mistake; it's a full day of driving. It would be good to bring a snack along with the usual water to enjoy along the way, as our restaurant stop in Gualala on the Coast (our northernmost point) will not be until the early afternoon, around 1 PM.

I'm planning stops to relax, enjoy the lake and ocean views, and talk about our drive, our cars, and whatever else comes to mind in this beautiful coastal hill area. The route will be a constantly varying mix of smooth sweeping curves and small, sharp, occasionally bumpy forest roads (but all are paved!). After our Gualala lunch we'll head down Hwy One with its awesome vistas of the ocean – watch for whales along the way. Then across Hwy 37 to a I-80 and home.



I'll offer maps, odometer-based driving instructions and cell-phone numbers, and will have meeting spots to collect ourselves together again should we get split up. Plan on an exciting run that celebrates the outdoors by getting into it on small (but all paved!) fun roads. We'll be using CB radio channel 33. We're on, RAIN or SHINE, unless it's stormy in which case the narrow roads might not be safe to drive. If in doubt, contact me the morning of the run after 5:30 AM and before 6:30 AM (I'll be on the road after that and may not hear the phone, but you're welcome to try! I'll include my cell # in the RSVP reply). Remember, the weather often clears, even after gray morning starts.

.... Graeme
"Gina", Classic Red '01