

NEO Miata "2010 Planning Calendar"

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Read "Rules of the Road" on the website (it helps promote safety and better drives)!

Be alert to the road and all Miatas around us at all times. **Don't** use your cell phone, ipod, CD players or any devices that may distract from focusing 100% on your driving. The club does not emphasize speed!! Don't allow anyone to influence your need to drive safely.

Each drive requires each of us to be willing to drive a certain way. If you are a laid back driver, don't go on "spirited" or "aggressive" drives. Patience may be needed on "laid back" cruising leisure site-seeing drives. If you aren't willing or confident enough or experienced enough to participate in a drive as it is presented and intended by the drive leader, don't go. In the near future a more appropriate drive for you will be offered. If a drive that fits your style isn't offered, please volunteer to have your own drive. There will be plenty of club members to go with you.

Wear your club name tag. Key words to start every drive are "full tank" and "empty bladder". Bring your Pike-Pass, if you have one. Always have a good pair of sunglasses. Be on time for the drivers meeting.

To eliminate unnecessary delays all cars should come "ready to drive"; check engine oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, brake fluid and brake pads, tire pressure and tread. Torque lug nuts and check wiper blades. We don't cancel Miata Drives because of fog or rain. We just drive a little slower.

JANUARY Club events

January 23, Saturday Sequoyah State Park Eagle Watch Tour

Completed – 14 cars 27 members. This drive was a guided tour through Sequoyah State Park and the Fort Gibson Dam area to watch eagles, loons, cormorants and other bird species in their native habitat. [Cyndie Short, Sequoyah State Park Naturalist (918)772-2108 / Carol @ Okie's Steakhouse Muskogee (918)683-1056.] Host: Pierre/Sharon Smith (495-3988)

January 20, Club Meeting

FEBRUARY Club events

February 20, Saturday "Hornet Spook Light" Drive

This drive is a winter evening excursion of about 230 miles through four states. We will touch Arkansas and Missouri then visit the Spooklight on the Missouri-Oklahoma state line. Next the Downstream Casino for a late supper. After eating, the drive will officially be over. The Spooklight, which the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers calls "a mysterious light of unknown origin" and has been seen in the same place for over 100 years. Hosts: Bill and Linda Rowland (355-1562). Drive postponed due to weather.

MARCH Club events

March 13, Saturday - "World Class Sooner Racing Team" - Tony and Neta Lutman Hosts (h 366-3924).

Completed: 10 cars, 16 participants. This drive to OU at Norman to visit the Sooner Racing Team, a team of students formed to compete in International Formula SAE competition was an incredible experience. It is the flagship program of OU's College of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. Over the past 3 years the Team has annually built a world class car for international competition. Student from over 450 universities compete internationally. Currently ranked 8th in the world and 1st in the US, the team has earned significant recognition for OU.

We traveled Old Hwy 66 to relive old memories, then south and west to Norman. The Sooner Racing Team participants joined us for lunch at Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Que. We arrived back in Tulsa at 4:30pm. The round trip was 280 miles. Check out the Sooner Racing Team website: <http://sae.ou.edu> for details on this little known program.

March 27, Saturday "Bug Tussle 246" - Tony and Neta Lutman Hosts (h 366-3924 – c 408-1723).

Completed: 16 cars, 26 participants. This drive visited Robber's Cave State Park then on to McAlester for lunch at Napoli's. After lunch we traveled through Bug Tussle the childhood home of Carl Albert. Round trip was about 250 miles. This was a popular destination with some physical activity at Robbers Cave State Park and some great roads. Tony's organization and leadership made the day extra special.

APRIL Club events

April 10, Saturday --- Wild Horse Mountain Bar-B-Que - Roy and Amy Kolis Hosts (640-9050).

Completed: 20 cars, 30 participants. This drive traveled around Fort Gibson Lake and on south to Salisaw and the hill country of South Eastern Oklahoma. After a great lunch at the Wild Horse Mountain Bar-B-Que we enjoyed a scenic drive through the hill country. This was a laid back drive with some moderate twisties. The weather was beautiful, the countryside was showing spring color everywhere and the tops were down. This drive was special for all in attendance.

April 24-25, Saturday & Sunday "Spring Fling" Drive: Earl and Dorothy Larkin hosts. (342-6992)

Completed: 27 cars, 50 participants. This was an incredible two day adventure south and east to Beavers Bend State Park and Lodge. Outstanding scenery and great roads were abundant! Accommodations at Beavers Bend Lodge were far above expectations. Lunch (a big buffet) at the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge left most participants with the desire for a short nap. But a nap wasn't on Earl's schedule. Instead we drove the beautiful Talimena Drive. There was free time Saturday afternoon and evening for such things as hiking, exploring, canoeing, paddle-boats, seminars, shopping, etc. Tom Jones led a 90 mile "Full Moon in the Mountains" drive Saturday evening. Sunday morning after a group picture we departed the lodge at 8:30am. Earl had several "new road" that our club had not traveled before and they were fantastic. Round trip was close to 600 miles. On a scale of 1 to 10 this outing was a 12 - Wild Thang & Wild Child did it again!

April 29-May 2, 2010, Charleston II Event: Info at www.miatasdoingthecharleston.com. Bill and Sonja Curts represented the NEO Miata Club at the event. A total of 133 cars from (000) States participated.

MAY Club events

May 6, Thursday, OSU Okmulgee – Culinary Arts Experience! Pierre and Sharon Smith 495-3988

Completed: Twenty two cars made the trip to OSU Okmulgee. I was an incredible day of beautiful top down weather, wonderful food, three different campus program tours and a fun return drive around Okmulgee Lake. Most participants rated this "first week day" Club outing as a great success and the venue and program could be repeated annually

May 14-16, "Miatas in Moab IV": Info at Utah Club website www.utahmiataclub.com then click on "Miatas in Moab IV" or MX-5 Miata.Net Forum at <http://forum.miata.net/vb/showthread.php?t=328504>. For information contact Gene and Shirley Bedingfield (664-4691)

May 22, Saturday "PHOTO-RAMA Road Rally" (A different kind of drive.) Bill & Sonja Curts, Host

Completed: Seven cars participated in this Road Rally. Instructions for where to turn to get to each checkpoint were in the form of photos. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all who participated. Lunch was at Phil's in Westville, a NEO Miata Club favorite. Bill and Sonja were tremendous hosts and put a tremendous amount of work into the event.

May 28, Friday - "A Full Moon +1 Drive" - Pierre Smith

Completed: 7 cars participated. The 64 mile route took us through the rural Osage Reservation to the beautiful shores of Lake Skiatook. The return drive was around the East side of Skiatook Lake. We arrived back at Braum's about 9:30 pm and enjoyed desert and lively conversation.

JUNE Club events

June 5, Saturday, "Pawnee Bill's Wild West Museum" - Drive Leader/Hostess: Sharon Smith

Completed: Twelve cars participated in the drive. Ten cars were driven by the Gals and the Guys did an acceptable job of navigation. The drive included some great roads west of Tulsa and through Osage County on the way to Pawnee. After a short break in Cleveland it was on to Pawnee Lake for a scenic drive. About noon we arrived at Clicks steakhouse then on to the Pawnee Bills Ranch, Museum and Mansion. This is an amazing place. We arrived back at Braum's about 4:00pm. Everyone had a great time!

June 26, Saturday – "Old Maid Crawl" Grove, OK Mike and Paula Viseur Hosts

Completed: Five cars attended. President Mike Viseur led the small contingent of NEO Miata Club cars on a great drive to Grove with stops in Locust Grove and the beautiful shores of Lake Eucha. A highlight of the drive was the newly paved road across the Kenwood reservation. After lunch at the Lazy Pelican all participated in the "Old Maid Crawl" for about 2 hours, then turned in our cards and headed back to Tulsa. The group was small but the fun factor was at the high as club functions go.

JULY Club events

July 16, Friday. – "Friday night Dinner and Drive" – Bill and Sonja Curts Hosts

Completed: Fourteen Cars participated. Drive Leaders, Bill & Sonja Curts led a hungry group of Zoomers for a dinner drive to Baker's Fish House, North of Muskogee on Hwy 69 for an evening of fun and fellowship. After driving through an Oklahoma "gully washer" on the return trip desert was enjoyed by all at Braun's in Broken Arrow. A great time was had by all.

July 24- 25 Saturday / Sunday – "Kansas City Weekend" – Sam and Gail Roop Hosts

Completed: 7 Cars participated.

July 26, Monday - "A Full Moon Drive" - Let's go Zooming!!! Tom Jones 492-2834

Completed: Six cars participated. Tom led this 62 mile spited drive on a perfect "full moon" night. With threats of thunder storms, lighting lit up the night sky for the first half of the drive. Then the moon was radiant for the remainder of the trip. The evening closed with some social time at Braum's.

AUGUST Club events

August 7, Saturday – "Cheeseburger Paradise" - Andy and Merry Anderson

Completed: Sixteen cars participated: With Merry behind the wheel, she and Andy led this group of Zoomers on a nice drive to the Pier 1 Marina on Keystone Lake for their special Angus burgers. Although this was mid August the morning was overcast and very comfortable for the top down day. After feeding the fish and ducks and enjoying a good meal and great fellowship the group arrived back at Braum's in Pratville about 2:00pm. Thanks for a great outing Andy and Merry!

August 24, Tuesday - "A Full Moon Drive" - Tom Jones

Completed: Four cars. Tom led this 58 mile drive NE of the City. The evening was perfect for spirited Zooming and observing the FULL moon which was beautiful. In addition the group was treated to a fantastic viewing of the Space station as it moved across the Tulsa sky for about 4 minutes. Another great evening of driving, socializing, and realizing how huge and miraculous our universe is! Thanks Tom!

SEPTEMBER Club events

September 11, Saturday: "Santa Fe 95", Web Drive - Tom Jones

Completed : Six cars participated. Perfect weather, great drive south and west of Tulsa. Another outstanding Tom Jones day!

September 23, Thursday - "Full Moon Drive" - Roy and Amy Kolis

Completed: 12 cars participated. Roy and Amy led a great drive to Lake Okmulgee where the "full moon" showed his brilliant face for about 10 minutes. The 90 mile drive took us over some new roads and through the city of Okmulgee. About half way home the rains came, tops went up and speeds moderated. This was a fantastic drive – thanks Roy and Amy!

September 25, Sat. – "High Frontier 7 Rocket Launch" – Jaunice Wright and Tony and Neta Lutman

Completed: 13 Cars participated. Tony led the caravan over some new roads to Pawhuska. The day provided perfect weather for top down Zooming. A fantastic program entitled "High Frontier 7 Rocket Launch" was exciting for all attendees. Three hundred fifty seven rockets were launched over the two day event. Some reached an altitude of nearly 1 mile. The return trip included many twistys. The afternoon was closed with an ice cream cone at Braum's in Prattville. Thanks Tony, Neta and Jaunice for a very special day!

OCTOBER Club events

October 2, Saturday – "Wooden Boat Show - Arrowhead Marina" – Mac and Suzanne Young

Completed: Twenty two cars participated: Mac and Suzanne had a great drive to Arrow Head Marina, Grand Lake to attend the 17th annual Mahogany and Chrome Boat Show. Lunch was on the Arrowhead Marina deck overlooking Grand Lake. The boat show, the food, and the setting for lunch got rave reviews from the attendees. The return drive was one that Miatas are made for; lots of hills and curves. We arrived back in Tulsa around 3:30 p.m. Thanks Mac and Suzanne for a fantastic venue and great drive!

October 16, Saturday, Miata Club Birthday Party - Mike and Paula Viseur

Completed: Forty Five members attended. The party was held at the Red Oak Shelter on Okmulgee Lake. The format was "Old Fashioned Back Yard Picnic". Mike cooked the "burgers" and "dogs" and the dishes brought by the members were abundant and delicious. A birthday cake from Merritts Bakery was a work of art and scrumptious. Twenty two cars gathered in the SteinMart lot so as to travel in a group. Sam Roop led the caravan. After a drive through of Nelson Mazda it was on to Okmulgee Lake, arriving about 11:45 a.m. Great job Mike and Paula!

October 23, Saturday – "Full Moon" Dinner & Drive – Tom Jones

Completed: Five cars participated. The weather was questionable at the outset. However, this turned out to be another great Tom Jones "Full Moon" drive. Thanks Tom!!

NOVEMBER Club events

November 6, Saturday - "Fall Foliage Drive" - Earl and Dorothy Larkin

Completed: 26 cars, 50 participants! After departing promptly at 8:00 a.m. Earl and Dorothy led 26 Miata's on an incredible 260 mile Fall Foliage Drive. We spent the day on many new roads in Mayes, Cherokee, Sequoyah and Muskogee Counties. The scenery, the twisty's, and the dinner stop at the Smokehouse 457-4134 (Lee – Janet) in Cookson far exceeded Earl's description of what we should expect. The colors may not have been quite as brilliant as in some past years but the beautiful countryside and canopied roads did not disappoint! The day ended at about 4:30 p.m. at Braum's in Wagner. The weather, beauty, fellowship, and twisty's were truly what the Miata was designed for. Thanks again to Earl and Dorothy.

November 11, Thursday—"Remember the Forgotten" – Veteran's Day Parade – Pierre 495-3988

Completed: 19 Miata's, 31 Veterans aboard! This was an opportunity to help recognize the contributions and sacrifices that our Veterans have made in securing the freedoms that we all enjoy. At the same time it was excellent publicity for the NEO Miata Club. The Tulsa Veteran's Day Parade is the only parade in the country that is televised live! Highlights included professional signs on each car identifying the Veteran(s) aboard and American Flags prominently displayed and attached to windshield wipers and waving during the parade.

November 12, Friday – "Bracket Racing at TRP" Joe and Sara Bohannon 355-5187

Cancelled: Rain

November 20 - 21, Saturday/Sunday – “Overnight Trip to Branson” Sam and Gail Roop 665-1869

Where: McDonald’s at I-44 & 129th East Avenue

Date / Time: Saturday, Nov 20th - Depart 7:00am.

We will be staying at Stone Castle Hotel (417-335-4700). Cost of a room is \$89 to \$129 and includes breakfast. **CALL FOR RESERVATIONS!**

We will see:

The Titanic Museum--permanent exhibit and contains over 400 items from the Titanic

The Auto Museum--really great cars on display and there are different cars are on display every few months,

The Veterans Museum-- and

We will attend the **Jim Stafford Show** (comedy and music).

We will have dinner at Shorty Small's--great barbeque!

The group should arrive back in Tulsa before 4:00 on Sunday, Nov 21st.

Please join us for a fun time---Branson should have the Christmas Lights on display while we are there.

Call Gail Roop at 665-1869 if you have any questions.

November 21, Sunday - “A Full Moon Drive” – Tom Jones 492-2834

Where: Santa Fe Restaurant, Hwy 75 and 121st Street South.

Time: Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Depart for Drive at 6:00 p.m.

We'll have a fun top-down 45 mile drive returning to Santa Fe's. As with all club drives, this drive will require 100% of your attention to the cars around you 100% of the time. You must be more than willing to follow direction. It will include some great fun curves and some road driving. Host is tom 492-2834.

November 25, Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving

November 27, Saturday

DECEMBER “Tentative” events

December 4, Saturday - “Christmas Lights Drive” - Tom Jones (492-2834)

Details to Follow!

December 11, Saturday – NEO Miata Club Christmas Party - Suzanne and Mac Young (492-1820)

Where: Nelson Mazda, 9902 South Memorial Drive, Tulsa

When: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

VERY IMPORTANT TO RSVP!!!! There will be an RSVP sheet at the November Club meeting or call/e-mail Suzanne Young 492-1820 or macyoung@sbcglobal.net. The food will be catered again this year and we want to be accurate on what we purchase. Remember bring your “Dirty Santa” gift - \$20.00 limit!

December 15, Meeting Night” -- 6:45pm Diamond Jacks, 7031 S Zurich, Tulsa, OK

December 18, Saturday (Open)

December 21, Tuesday - “A Full Moon Night” - Do you want a drive? How about leading this one?

December 25, Saturday, Merry Christmas