

NEO Miata Club 2015 Events!

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We'll update this calendar frequently, so check back often to stay up to date. **The most recent additions and revisions will be highlighted in Yellow to make them easier to spot.** Please refer all questions & comments directly to the drive leader. If you would like help organizing and announcing a drive, contact bobschwarz3@gmail.com or text or call Bob at 918-691-0879

The "Drive Leader" is there as a guide and cannot be responsible for you or your car on any club drive. You are responsible for your actions on all drives. If you chose to go on a club drive, you must be a follower of "Rules of the Road" and give 100% of your attention to the cars around you 100% of the time. Read "Rules of the Road" on the website monthly. You must be more than willing to follow drive leader direction. All club drives require good followers for the safety of all participating drivers.

JANUARY

January 21, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow

FEBRUARY

February 18, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow

22 – "POSTPONED!!!!" Meet & Eat / Go find It: Rick Fornell - TO BE RESCHEDULED!!!

This will be a new twist on our traditional "Meet & Eat" club outing. I'm going to call this a "Go-Find-It contest. Much like a scavenger hunt but you won't need to get out of your car to participate. **On Sunday, yes it's on a Sunday**, we will meet at Charlie Mitchell's, 4848 South Yale at 3:00 p.m. I will give each car a Go-Find-It score sheet. Each score sheet will be divided into three sections.

Section #1 has a listing of letters from A to Z. Each letter represents a street name that you must drive on for a minimum of three blocks (100 yards) before you can claim it on your score pad and is worth **two points**. Example: D_____, this could be Denver, Detroit, or Delaware etc. When you have driven your three-block minimum you simply fill the street name in the blank and proceed to the next letter.

Section #2 has a listing of places or things you must find, and each is worth **three points**. Example: Bowling Alley_____, Dead End Street_____ etc. When you find these items or places simply make an X in the blank and proceed to the next item.

Section #3 is a bonus section of places and is worth **five points** each. Just make an "X" in the blank when you find each item.

We will meet again at Charlie Mitchell's at 5:00 where we will have diner. This will give you exactly two hours to complete your scorecard. At diner we will tally the scorecards and select a winner. You must keep in mind that this is just for FUN and you are on the "**HONOR SYSTEM**". Please call me or e-mail me so I can give Charlie Mitchell's a head count for diner. My business phone is 918-689-1822, cell phone is 918-618-3939 and my e-mail is rjornell@sbcglobal.net. Bring a pencil.

MARCH

March 18, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

21 - Cabin Fever Break-Out Drive: Wild Thang & Wild Child

This drive will be a little different than most of Wild Thang's drives. We will go to a place most of you have never been, probably never even heard of before. This place is very unique, very special, and there is a great story about its past history and questionable future. Now don't faint when you read this, but we are going to slow things way down so you have enough time to really appreciate this place and all it has to offer. The second place we are going to is also special and unique but in very different ways, starting with its historical importance and then coming to why it is so important to the here and now.

Now to be sure that we are prepared to enjoy both of these places, let's talk money. In addition to the money that you always bring for such things as snacks, drinks, fuel, etc., you will need \$40.00 in cash if you are a couple, \$20.00 if you are riding alone.. Why do we need cash? The two places we are going to visit, do not accept credit cards!!!! It's real simple; you pay cash or you don't get in. Trust me, you really want "inside" both of these places. They are so different! How different you say? I'll answer you this way; you people are going to kick your own butts if you don't bring your cameras.

And because it is being led by Wild Thang, there will of course be forests, lakes, rivers, and curves. Cold temperatures and rain will not cancel this drive. But as always, if you wake up to an ice storm, go back to bed and we will try again on another date. You guys are going to be so surprised!!!!

Meet At McDonald's I-44 & 129th E Ave

6:15-7:15 Breakfast

7:15-7:30 Driver's meeting

7:30 Get your motor runnin', Head out on the highway, Looking for adventure, In whatever comes our way

APRIL

7 – Meet & Eat: Tom Mattox

I have set up a Meet & Greet at Fish Daddy's Restaurant on 71st street off HWY 169 for April 7 at 6:30 pm and this is going to be a meet & greet and a Surprise Birthday Party for my wife, Jean Mattox, whos birthday is on the 6th of April. We will use the room just off the bar area where we have eaten before. Linda is bringing a small sheet cake for desert. Please RSVP because they only have room for 30 people. So mum is the word, she will not be expecting it.

April 15, Wednesday, Meeting Night

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

25-26 – Spring Fling: Magic On Mt. Magazine - Wild Thang & Wild Child.

For eight years I have struggled with the management of The Lodge at Magazine Mountain to rent us rooms for one Saturday night only and their response has always been NO! If Saturday night is involved you must rent each room for a minimum of two nights and the cost was always \$336.00 or more and I was not about to ask our members to pay over \$300.00 for a single night. Although I was angry, discouraged, and totally frustrated, I could not bring myself to give up. The Lodge is just beautiful and so is the view from the top of Magazine Mountain. I wanted all you guys to have the experience, to get to enjoy it all, at least one time. I kept telling myself there is always hope.

Then, last Friday, Jan 16, 2015, a miracle happened. Wild Child and I were just returning from a day of figuring out and planning drives for this year. As we opened the door to the house, the phone was ringing. The Lodge called and told me they had decided to "try us one time," and see how it turned out. There was much talking and negotiating but for the first time ever The Lodge agreed to allow us to rent rooms for one night only on a Saturday night. But there was a catch; it could only be a Saturday in April. Why? Because the Lodge had always said that their "in season" rates were in effect between April 1st and October 31st. For us, this time, April would be considered "off-season." Which Saturday did I want? After discussing this with our members at the January 2015 meeting, we chose **April 25, 2015**.

For those of you who have never been to or seen The Lodge at Magazine Mountain allow me to give you some general information about the place:

- A. Magazine Mountain is the tallest mountain in the Ozarks and it has the highest black-top road in the Ozarks.
- B. The Lodge has 60 rooms of various sizes and configurations.
- C. The Lodge has 43 rooms with balconies.
- D. The Lodge has 17 rooms with Jacuzzis.

The Lodge has a restaurant that serves delicious food. We will be eating our dinner and breakfast meals there Saturday night we will order off the menu. Sunday morning we will either order off the menus or eat off the Sunday breakfast buffet (the cost of the buffet is \$16.52 each; now before you start screaming; \$16.52 is our group price; Everybody else is paying \$19.95 per person.

While we are talking about money, let me tell you about the cost of lodging. The rooms I have reserved for our club members are the

most affordable. There are three different price ranges. If you choose to upgrade from our negotiated price, the upgrade will start from our agreed upon price.

- A. A room with two Queen-sized beds will cost \$135.78, including all taxes.
- B. A room with two Queen-sized beds and a balcony will cost \$153.30, including all taxes.
- C. A room with one King-sized bed, a balcony, and a Jacuzzi will cost \$162.06, including all taxes.

Remember, this event just became our official 2015 Spring Fling Drive. That means we are supposed to drive on curvy roads. Wild Child tells me not to worry about our route because she knows where there are a couple of curves along the way.

Be aware that at this time the Lodge is only holding 10 rooms for us. **If our club members haven't reserved 10 rooms by our next club meeting in February, the whole deal is busted, down the drain.** No lower group prices. No one will have a room reserved at that price. As a club we simply must reserve 10 rooms before the next club meeting in February. As quickly as you can, call **1-877-665-6343**, tell them you are a **NEO Miata Club** member and your group number is **1616948**. That's how you spell the NEO Miata club in their system. **Tell them you are requesting our negotiated rate for the night of Saturday, April 25, 2015. Please register as quickly as possible.**

MAY

16, Saturday - On May 16, we will have a Meet N Eat at White River Fish Market – 1708 North Sheridan. We will meet there at 4:00 on Saturday afternoon. So bring your Miata and your appetite. Please give me a return e-mail so I can give them a head count. Thanks and see you there. Ric Fornell rjornell@sbcglobal.net

May 20, Wednesday, Meeting Night

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken

30, Saturday - A leisurely drive and lunch at Sequoyah Lodge Restaurant. This is a second chance for those who could not make the 'short notice drive' a few weeks ago. The recent renovation of the lodge is quite pleasing and the kitchen does a good job. Let's plan a drivers meeting at the Broken Arrow QT at Houston (81st St) and Hwy 51 at 10:15 a.m. We'll depart at 10:30 and arrive about noon. This will allow for a stop in Wagoner, if needed. We should return to the QT in B.A. by 2:30 pm. Here is the menu.

<http://edgecast.data.travelok.com/okdataengine/appmedia/documents/3/3588/Menu%20Sequoyah%20Lodge.pdf>

Drive leaders, Bob & Linda Schwarz 918-691-0879

JUNE

June 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken

20 – Drive Grill & Chill: Lets go for a short drive and return to Kevin & Devinna Smith house for a grill & chill, we will grill and we ask you to bring a side dish and what you want to drink. We will meet at 14708 East 102nd St N in Owasso drivers meeting at 3:00 p/m leave at 3:15 p/m for the drive. Any Questions call 918-272-2890 if no answer leave a message we will return your call.

JULY

11 - Road Rally: We will meet at 9:00am at the HIRE CALL parking lot, which is located on RIVERSIDE just south of the 71st and RIVERSIDE intersection. There will be an Entrants Meeting at 9:20am to go over the instructions. We will go over the instructions to make sure the entrants understand them. We don't want folks out wandering around totally lost. The first car will leave shortly after the meeting. This should be no later than 10:00am.

You should bring the following to the event:

1. A watch that you can read the hour, minute and second.
2. A clipboard to hold the instructions.
3. A few pencils to check off the instructions with.

There are those of you that may wish to eat or fuel near the start. There are several choices as you head west on 71st, approaching from Lewis. On your right are Braum's, Taco Bell and Wendy's. There is a QT for fuel on your right. On your left are McDonald's, Subway and Burger King. There is also a Starbuck's on your left next to the Subway.

The route is all paved and is less than 100 miles in length. The route is mostly in Tulsa County, but we do visit Creek and Osage Counties. Remember that this route was devised for a winter run, so the route stays close to Tulsa and mostly runs on city streets, county roads and a few residential areas. I stated at the May Miata Meeting that you would see residences that were worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and those that were worth literally hundreds of dollars. You will be on divided highways and roads slightly wider than your car. You will cross multi-lane wide bridges over the Arkansas and one-lane wide "plank" bridges. There will be a "half-way" rest break in the Sand Springs area. We will finish near a place to eat in the Jenks area.

There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per car. The entry fee will be used to cover the cost of printing and awards. George and I discussed the awards and came to the conclusion that the awards should be something that all the entrants can use. We agreed on gas cards. Three cards will be given to Miata entrants. One card will be given to the first half winner and one card to the second half winner. One card will be given to the overall winner.

This rally will also be open to other entrants, however, Miata entrants will be competing against only other Miata entrants and only Miata entrants are guaranteed the three gas cards. Other entrants will be competing against other "non-Miata" entrants for separate awards. If you have any questions or comments I (Garry) can be reached at [\(918\) 492-3602](tel:9184923602) (home). Hope to see you there!!!

July 15, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken

18 - "The Backwards Drive": We will meet at the McDonalds just south of I-44 & 129th. The schedule will be as follows:

- A. 06:00---06:40 A.M. Breakfast.
- B. 06:45----- Drivers meeting.
- C. 07:00 A.M.----- Depart on the drive.

The scenery on this drive will encompass everything: forests, mountains, rivers, lakes' And curves, curves, and hundreds of more curves. Your cars will be "tested" on this drive so be sure they are in excellent mechanical condition.

Speaking of excellent condition, this drive calls for each of you drivers to be physically, Mentally, rested and ready to accept the challenges you will encounter on this route. Please Do not "party-down" the Friday night preceding our drive. You will need to be alert, rested, and at your best.

Wild Child and I are really looking forward to this drive. We hope all of our members Come and join us for this drive that has the kind of roads and terrain that our Miatas were built to conquer. Wild Thang & Wild Child

P.S. Remember, it really is "all about the roads."

AUGUST

August 19, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken

22 - "The Going Fishing" Drive: We will meet at the McDonalds just south of I-44 & 129th. The schedule will be as follows:

- ❖ 06:00 – 06:40 A. M. Breakfast
- ❖ 06:45 A.M. Drivers Meeting
- ❖ 07:00 A.M. Depart on the drive

This drive will be what you have come to expect on a drive led by "Wild Thang" – forests, mountains, rivers, lakes, and hundreds of curves. Be sure your car is mechanically ready to challenge these curves and that you are well-rested.

There might be one thing different on this drive. There is one place we would like to stop and let you look around and take your pictures. I am negotiating with the government and if they agree with my request, it will be a rest stop all of our members will enjoy. Wild Thang and Wild Child

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29 - CRUISE TO THE CANEBRAKE: On **Saturday, August the 29th** we will take a leisurely cruise to the Canebrake Restaurant (just east of Wagoner). The route will involve a easy drive from Coweta to Muskogee where we will head east through Okay. We will go across the dam at Fort Gibson lake and follow Hwy 80 along the eastern shore of the lake to Hwy 51. Taylors Ferry is where we cross the lake and then we'll stop for lunch at the Canebrake. The entire drive will involve about 125 miles and will take about three and a half hours total.

The plan is to leave from Hwy 51 and 81st street in Broken Arrow (across from the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant) . Meet at 9:30, have a drivers meeting at 9:45 and depart at 10:00. We should reach the Canebrake by 11:30. After about 45 minutes for lunch and a 45 minute drive back to Coweta we will end the drive with some ice-cream at Braum's.

This will **not** be a "Spirited Drive" it will be a "**Relaxed Cruise**". Any new members, or members who haven't been on many drives may want to attend this one so you can see how we travel as a group. So come and join us on the 29th. Good company, great cars, good food and ice-cream at the end. **IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER.**

SEPTEMBER

12 - BURGERS & ROOT BEER: Join me for the other half of Rick's leisurely cruise of 8/29. We will again meet at the Quick Trip at Hwy 51 and 81st street in Broken Arrow (across the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant). But this time we will meet at 9:00 a.m. with a drivers meeting at 9:15 a.m. and depart at 9:30 a.m. We will take a round-about route of toll roads, back roads, curves, hills, water-ways, and interesting sights to arrive about 11:30 a.m. at Paradise Hill, OK for our lunch at "Soda-Steve's". After lunch we will take another round-about route back to Braum's for ice-cream about 3:00 p.m. Please arrive with full gas, pike pass, radio, and magnetic logo. Your drive leader will be Bill & Sonja Curts – 918-261-3026 (cell).

September 16, Wednesday, Meeting Night

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

19 – EUREKA SPRINGS DRIVE: Drive for lunch at Carol & Tim Smith open house, we will leave from the McDonald's at I-44 and 129th at 8:00 am, so you need to be there by 7:30 am. We will have short drive meeting at 7:45 and leave by 8. This will be a nice drive along some roads we may not have been on lately. We will stop for pit stops at two locations before we get to Eureka Springs. Carol & Tim will have lunch for us all. We can visit for a while and then hit the road back home. Should be back in Tulsa by 4:00 pm or so. Hope to see as many that can make this drive. Any questions call drive leader Tom Mattox 918-629-1540. Any one that lives out of town that would like to attend, call and we can set up where to meet along the way.

OCTOBER

10 – CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY: We will have our 25 year club birthday party on October 10 2015 at Chandler Park which is off Avery Drive south of Sand Springs at shelter # 3 starting at 1 p/m till 4 p/m. Club will provide the meat and we ask those who attend to bring a side dish, club will provide the desert. Bring what you would also like to drink with your meal we will have ice and cups provided. We will start eating at about 1 p/m might want to bring folding chairs with you just in case.

17 – War Bonnet Drive: Visit the old War Bonnet Raceway near Mannford. War Bonnet was a road race track that existed for a few years in the late 60s. The pinnacle of its existence was when it hosted a TransAm race, won by Mark Donohue in the Penske Camaro. There is a housing addition located there now, but you can still 'make a lap' around the old track (at 25 mph) if you know where to go.

21 - NELSON MAZDA 2016 MX5 LAUNCH PARTY: All club membership are ask to attend to show our support for all Nelson Mazda does for the club. They will have food and drinks as well as activities and door prizes given away going on at the dealership on that day. The party starts at 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm so you can come and enjoy the party for most of the afternoon if you wish. This goes out to all of the club membership even if you have sold your car but paid your dues for the current year you are social member now so we hope you show up for this party.

DECEMBER

12 – NEO MIATA CHRISTMAS PARTY: We will have our Christmas party at Nelson Mazda dealership starting at 6 p/m til about 9 p/m. Anyone who would like to help with the setting up of tables and chairs should be there by 5;30 p/m if possible. This is a catered meal so we need a good head count it you plan to attend. After we have dinner we will have a door prize drawing and then move inside show room to begin Dirty Santa gift exchange. Please limit your gifts to around \$20.00 if possible and bring one gift per couple or you can bring one gift per person who attends. We will put our gifts around the Christmas tree they have in Show room area. This is the last event of the year and past years we all have had so much fun at this one event. We want to thank Nelson Mazda for letting us use their place of business for this event.