

NEO Miata Club 2016 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 20, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow

FEBRUARY

February 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow

27 - "It is what it is. It was what it was. And it could be fun.": Drive leaders: Bob and Linda Schwarz 918-691-0879. Times are estimated so you can plan the rest of the day. We'll meet at the McDonald's at I-44 and 129th E. Ave. Tulsa about 9:20 am and leave at 9:45 am. Have your Pike Pass and your radio. Our first stop will be the newly rebuilt Will Rogers Arch on I-44 from 10:30 to 11:00. Drive 45 min. Stop 30 min. You can make a pit stop and we will check out the traffic on I-44 as it passes underneath us from inside the arch and maybe get a beverage. "It is what it is." Drive 30 min. to our second stop.

Our second stop will be for a good lunch in the city of Welch at The Cow. This used to be called The Cow Creek Café and Pecan Company. Good food and the smell of fresh homemade bread will waft through the air from the kitchen. Eat from 11:30 to 12:45. Eat 1hr 15 min. My December "Cow" review at <https://www.facebook.com/bob.schwarz1/posts/10208011046853286:0>

From there we will drive 23 m/25 min.. east to "It was what it was". If you have never been to the towns that produced half the lead and zinc for WWI you will be fascinated. We will take a slow drive through the town of Cardin and then Picher where 14,252 people worked the lead and zinc mines in 1926. When the mines played out, water began to seep into wells from the mines and caused the area to become a superfund clean-up site in 1983. The clean-up continued till its finish in 2008 and then an F-4 tornado devastated the towns and killed 6 and injured 150 residents. If you want to read the full story go to <http://www.abandonedok.com/picher/> The mountains of tailings and sand will make you think of a moon scape. We will cruise through and likely not get out of our vehicles. There are still a very few residents and property owners there who would not leave their homes. A lot of the streets are blocked off and read "No Trespassing, Government Property" Arrive 1:10 pm leave 1:30. tour 20 min.

From there we will head south through Commerce and to Miami to arrive near 2 pm. drive 15 min. Where there are a few interesting antique stores at which "It could be fun". Stay as long as you want. Add your own time to the total :?? From there you may drive to the south end of Miami a mile and three quarters east on 3rd Ave SE also known as HWY 10 and hop on the Interstate to return to Tulsa (about 75 miles or one hour +) or wherever.

Drive to TUL 1 hr . Options: times approximate. If you eliminate the drive and tour to Cardin & Picher you can be back to TUL by 2:15 pm. If you don't stop in Miami for shopping, after Cardin & Picher you could be back to TUL by 3:25 pm. From McDonalds Tulsa to The Cow 73 mi or 1 hr 15 min. From The Cow, tour Picher & Cardin to Miami (34 mi.) about 1 hr 10 min.

MARCH

March 16, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

19 – ISLE OF CAPRI DRIVE: We will be going on an easy cruise to a restaurant that opened in 1950, and has been in the same location for 66 years. We will start from the Quick Trip across from the Blue Bell Ice-cream Plant in Broken Arrow. Show up at 10:00, drivers meeting at 10:15 and depart at 10:30. We'll go south through Coweta, Porter, around Muskogee, through Warner, Porum, Longtown, Eufaula, Canadian, Indianola and on to our final destination which is the Isle of Capri restaurant in Krebs, OK. We will arrive at approximately 1:00 for lunch. If we allow an hour for lunch, we can leave at 2:00 and you should be back in Tulsa by 4:30. I promise you some of the best roads in Oklahoma, and a nice easy trip. The Isle of Capri takes cash and plastic but they frown on out of town checks, so plan accordingly. The lunch will be \$15.00-\$18.00 per person, so plan accordingly. If you enjoy Italian food at its best, come and join us. The Isle of Capri normally does not open for lunch on Saturday but they will open for us provided we have between 15-20 people. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to me at rifornell@sbcglobal.net or my cell phone 918-618-3939 or the Eufaula Herb Shop 918-689-1822. Here is looking forward to a nice easy simple trip with good people, great cars and fabulous food. [Isle of Capri Website](#)

APRIL

02 – MEET & EAT & RT. 66 VILLAGE & TRAIN TOUR: We'll meet & eat at 5:00 pm at The High Tide Seafood House and Pub at 6161 S. 33rd West Ave. in Tulsa. Get off I-44 at 33rd West Ave. and go south one mile to 61st St. The restaurant is on the southeast corner in the small shopping mall. Enter the parking lot from either 61st or S 33rd West Ave. They have seafood AND Barbeque. I have eaten there three times along with about a dozen people and everyone was pleased. No loud music to contend with, ample seating and real silverware (no plastic forks). After dinner we will take a short drive (about 3 miles) to the Route 66 Village at 3700 Southwest Boulevard for a short tour of the Village where the Frisco #4500 locomotive and train resides. There is no fee or admission for our tour. The Village operates on donations and volunteers. Bob volunteered 5 years on the project. Event leaders are Bob & Linda Schwarz (918-691-0879) and they will conduct the tour. You can read Bob's restaurant review on Facebook on the left side of the page. Look for the March 14th visitor post. <https://www.facebook.com/hightideseafoodtulsa/timeline>

**April 20, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK**

22-24 – SPRING DRIVE & CRATER OF DIAMONDS: We are looking forward to the spring drive, which will be on April 22-24 2016. We will be leaving from the QT at 81st and Hwy 51 across from Blue Bell Ice cream plant at 9 a/m sharp so we need to meet at 8:30 Friday morning and have a short drive meeting at 8:50 and hit the road. We have several pit stops planned along the way, lunch at two possible locations, and should arrive at our evening stop by 4:00 pm. We will be staying at Queen of Diamonds Inn at Murfreesboro, Arkansas for both nights stay. Jean and I stayed there on the pre- drive and the rooms were clean and had mini ref and microwaves in the room. The rates are \$83.00 plus tax per night and you need to call 870-285-3105 when you make your reservation you need to tell them you are with the NEO Miata club to get special rate for the weekend. You need to call ASAP if you want a ground floor room they have King and 2 Queen beds available for those dates. We will go on Saturday to the Crater of Diamonds State Park area and spend as long as you wish looking for a diamond and other jewels. We will all go out to dinner about 5:30 pm across the street at Em's Cafe or there is The Rattler's Den just down the street. You can do the free breakfast at the Inn or go across the street to cafe we will leave at 10:30 am Sunday to start back toward Tulsa and should be back around 4:30 pm. Again, we will have several pit stop and have lunch on the way back. Any questions, you can call me 918-629-1540 or text me for questions. [Crater of Diamonds State Park](#)

MAY

07 – MEET AND BRUNCH: We will be having a Meet and Brunch on Saturday the 7th, at Burn Co Barbecue, 1738 S. Boston Ave, Tulsa OK. We need to get to restaurant by 10:15 am. They open at 10:30 am. To get a parking place, we need to be there by 10:15 am. They have some of the best by far BBQ I have ever had in this area. They have some items you never heard of that are great. So do not eat breakfast that morning, you will get plenty of good food to eat when we get there. You can check out their menu online if you want.

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

21 – ROCK CAFE IN STROUD, OK: We will have a short drive to The Rock Cafe in Stroud, OK for lunch and then a short drive back and and if the group wants to stop for Ice Cream when we get back to Tulsa we can. We will leave from the Jiffy Trip at the stop light across from the Sonic Restaurant in Mannford, OK at 10:00 am sharp so we need to meet at about 9:30 and have a short drives meeting at 9:50 then leave at 10:00. Be sure to have a full tank of gas, your radios and magnet signs on your cars to show who we are from Tulsa NEO club. If you have never been to Stroud at the Rock Cafe it is a neat little place and the food was very good. The weather should be ok for a top down drive so mark that date on your calendar or put it in your phone to remind you of that date. Hope to see as many can make this relaxing drive. <http://www.rockcafert66.com/>

JUNE

04 - MEET & GREET: We will be having a Meet & Greet on June 4th, which is the first Saturday of the month. We will meet at the QT on 71st street across from the mall off Hwy 75 at 10 am drive meeting at 10:20 leave at 10:30 to drive to the River Spirit casino for lunch. Which for most will be around \$6.99 plus tax. Some people have been there before and say the buffet has most anything you might want to eat. After we eat, we will have a short drive if the weather is nice. RSVP if you plan to attend. You can text me at 918-629-1540 or call me at the same 918-629-1540. Your drive leader is Tom Mattox.

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

18 – DRIVE: We are having a drive on June 18 to a good restaurant, followed by a short drive back to Tulsa by 2:00pm. We need to meet at the McDonalds off I-44 and 129th at 9:30 am. Drive meeting at 9:50 and leave by 10:00 am. Some members have been to this place to eat before and liked the food and the service. Those who have not been there before will not want to miss this drive for sure. You will want to order a piece of pie when you place your food order or you might miss getting that certain piece of pie you wanted, just saying. Hope to see all that can make this drive. Drive leader is Tom Mattox. If you have any questions, text me or catch me at the meeting this Wednesday night at Bass Pro. Zoom, Zoom

JULY

07 – MEET & EAT – TOM MATTOX: We will be having a meet & greet at Brothers Houligan 4848 S. Yale Ave meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday night July 7 2016. RSVP if you can to give me a head count so that they have enough place set up. You can text me at 919-629-1540 or call and leave a message or Email me at tandj@hit.net Hope to see all who can make it.

**July 20, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK**

23 – DRIVE AND LUNCH WITH MARILYN & GIL STEIDLEY: We will meet at the Quick Trip across from the Blue Bell Ice Cream plant in Broken Arrow at 10:00 on Saturday July the 23rd. Drivers meeting at 10:15 and depart at 10:30. We will take a nice easy drive through Coweta, Haskell, Boynton, & Council Hill. We will have our only brake at the Flying J truck stop in Choteau. Then south from Choteau to Texanna Road just north of Lake Eufaula and proceed east on Hwy 150 for about 10 miles. Gil Steidley will meet us at the Lindsey Chapel Baptist Church in his van to take us to his house. There's about a mile of gravel road between the church and his home so he will run a shuttle service to keep our cars off of the gravel. Gil and Marilyn will serve lunch from their home that overlooks about 17 miles of Lake Eufaula. We should arrive there at about 12:15 and allowing an hour for lunch and socializing be ready to depart at 1:15 - 1:30. Gil and Marilyn have been members for about a year and drive a '97 Green M-Edition. They have been on some of our drives but because of their business its hard for them to attend our Wednesday meetings so they have invited us to their home so we can all get to know each other. Drive leader is Ric Fornell if you have any questions: 918-618-3939

AUGUST

04 – I DON'T CARE BAR AND GRILL – TOM MATTOX: We are going to have a "Meet and Eat" on Thursday August 4 at 6:00. When you ask people where they want to eat, they just say I don't care, so that's where we are going to eat. The I DON'T CARE BAR AND GRILL located at the intersection of Hwy 412 and 305th East Avenue. You will go east from Tulsa on Hwy 412. On your left, you will pass a large water tower and the restaurant is on your right in about a half mile. It is just before you get to the Verdigris River Bridge. Here is a link to their website: idontcarebarandgrill.com. The food is great and the atmosphere is very different. I hope to see you out there.

**August 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken**

20 – CHINA KING - RIC FORNELL: On Saturday August 20th we will all meet at the QT store at 81st and Hwy 51 across the from Braum's store next to the Blue Bell Ice Cream plant in Broken Arrow. Arrive at 10:00, have a short drivers meeting at 10:15 and depart at 10:30. We will take a nice easy drive down the Muskogee turnpike to the Coweta exit and then head east through Wagoner to our first

"pit stop" at Western Hill Lodge in the Sequoyah State Park. We will leave there and head to Hulbert where we will turn south and take Hwy 80 down along the east side of Fort Gibson Lake where we will wind up in the town of Fort Gibson. From there we will hop onto Hwy 62 and go west into Muskogee where we will stop for lunch at the China King Super Buffet. China King is some of the best Oriental food I have found in a long time. Because it is a buffet, you can see what you are going to eat. I do not like to order from a menu in an oriental restaurant because I do not know what I am ordering.

My brother and I drive from Eufaula once a week to eat dinner at the China King. That is a long way for dinner but it is just that good. I checked with Tripadvisor and found reviews for the China King Buffet. There were 14 "**Excellent**" and 15 "**Very Good**" out of the 33 posted comments. Total time for the drive will be about 2-1/2 hours to get to Muskogee, about 30-45 minutes for lunch and about 45 minutes to return to Tulsa. That should get you back home by about 2:30 - 3:00.

SEPTEMBER

24 – VINE-CELTIC-PIG TAIL – RIC FORNELL: On Saturday September 24, we will meet at our favorite Quick Trip at 81st and Hwy 51 in Broken Arrow, (across from the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant) at 8:30, have a short drivers meeting at 8:45 and depart at 9:00. Tom Mattox will lead the drive from the Quick Trip down the Muskogee Turn Pike to Webbers Falls where we will have our first "Rest Stop". I will meet all of you there and lead the group east on I-40 to Exit 42. We will head south into Altus, AR and stop at the **Post Family Vineyard (postfamilie.com)** for a guided tour of the winery and some serious wine tasting. We will go from there to a great little restaurant in Altus called the **Kelts Restaurant (keltspubinfo.com)**. It is a quaint, authentic Celtic Pub and Grill and the food is just great. Dan and Jan, the owners, will take real good care of us. After lunch Tom will take us on old Hwy 64 to Ozark and head north on Hwy 23 to drive the "**Pig Tail**". A winding road will eventually lead us to Fayetteville, AR where we will head for home on Hwy 412. If all goes well, we will leave Broken Arrow at 9:00 and be back in Tulsa by 5:30 or 6:00. Please bring your radios, Pike Pass, and a full tank of gas. This will be a great trip.

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

OCTOBER

01 – CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY: Chandler Park

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

21-23 – FALL ROAD TRIP – TOM MATTOX: The Clarion in Hot Springs is located on the shores of beautiful Lake Hamilton. It has a wonderful view of the lake and surrounding mountains, complimentary hi-speed wireless Internet service and one of Hot Springs' favorites, Classics Bar & Grill. We currently have the dates of October 21-23, 2016 available. We are pleased to offer you a guest room rate of \$82.00 single/double occupancy. All rates are per room, per night plus subject to taxes (currently 14.50%).

We need to make our reservations as soon as possible we have a block of 15 rooms set aside. If we fill them, I can try to get a few more rooms. This will be a relaxing type of trip, where we will drive down on Friday. Leaving at 10am from the QT at 81st and Hwy 51, across from the Brawn's ice cream store. We will make pit stops about one per hour. We should arrive in Hot Springs late afternoon. I have some good places to eat picked out for supper. For lunch, you will be on your own for Saturday during the day. Saturday we can go as a group downtown or go on a drive around the area, which ever we choose.

You need to make your reservations on or before September 21, 2016 to get our rate for the club. Guests Call 800-432-5145 for Reservations and ask for Northeast Oklahoma Miata Club rate.

Any questions feel free to give me a call or text at 918-629-1540. Tom & Jean Mattox are your drive leaders.

NOVEMBER

11 – VETERAN'S DAY PARADE – DAVID

A number of you have asked me for the details on the upcoming 2016 Veterans Day Parade. Here is the latest information I have from attending the parade meeting as of this morning. I will make one comment about the overall organization for the parade. There has been a complete change in the leadership for this year's parade. This has led to numerous organizational and informational challenges to say the least. Everyone is doing their best to overcome these problems and have a smooth parade.

So with that said here is what I can tell you at this point:

1. Date: Friday November 11, 2015
2. Arrival time: between 8:30-9:00 am.
3. Gathering place: the parking lot just south of the Fassler Hall Tavern. It is between E. 3rd and 4th Street on S. Elgin Avenue in downtown Tulsa. Tentatively, we are in Division III of the parade, same as last year.
4. Car Estimate: I am currently estimating 20 Miata's to participate in the parade.
5. Your participation. I need to confirm your participation in the parade with the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Best Phone Number Contact
 - c. Email Address
 - d. Do you have a veteran you are bringing or do you have an open seat to carry a veteran. We will get the details on their service at a later date unless you already have it.
 - e. Please have the above information back to me by Saturday October 29th.
 - f. Our participation with the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) may not work since they have had some budget cuts. Once I know where I stand on the car count and passenger lists. I will discuss that with the manager of the VTC
6. The parade committee is having two other meetings prior to the actual parade. One on 11/02 and the other on 11/09. Hopefully, all the rest of the organizational issues will be resolved.

Please send me a return email with the items in number 5 listed and completed. If you have other questions you can call me or the other people listed on the cc for this email. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the parade.

David Laughrey

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November 16, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK
Program: Election of Club Officers

19 – WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS DRIVE – BOB SCHWARZ: We'll meet Saturday morning the 19th at the QT in Broken Arrow, at 81st St. and HWY 51 at 09:30. We'll have a drivers meeting at 09:45 and start our engines at 10:00. Bring your radio, Club badges, water, snack crackers, etc.

This is a drive that we are sure you will enjoy, to a unique place that includes twisty turny roads and if you think you have been in the country, wait. The building we will eat in was featured in both film versions of "Where The Red Fern Grows", is an old general store and a lot of original fixtures are still there. We will have lunch, and it is quite good, but I hesitate to call it a restaurant. It is more like going to granny's house and having her prepare your meal. It is all from scratch and it in no way resembles a chain and they only take cash. The menu is written on a medium size white board on a portable pedestal and there is only one in the whole place. There are four long tables and seating is family style. You can drink water or iced tea. Simple. Menu items include Chicken Fried Steak, Catfish, Chicken fried steak sandwich, Chili w crackers, Chicken fried chicken, pan fried chicken (30 minutes to fry), Hamburger, Cheesburger, Indian Tacos, Chicken strip salad, sides and pies.

It will only take an hour and a half to get there, and we can be back to Tulsa by 2:30 to 3 p.m. Drive leaders, Linda and Bob Schwarz.

DECEMBER

03 – CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: We will have our Christmas party at Nelson Mazda, 9902 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa, OK 74133, starting at 6:00 pm until about 9:00 pm. **Please contact Tom Mattox to rsvp 918-629-1540 or tandj@hit.net.** Anyone who would like to help with the setting up of tables and chairs should be there by 4:30 pm if possible. This is a catered meal so we need a good head count if 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 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.

**December 21, Wednesday, NO MEETING
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK**