



## CLUB GUIDELINES

The Northeastern Oklahoma Miata Club is composed of Mazda Miata enthusiasts. A Regular Member is one who owns and drives a Mazda Miata and is current with his/her dues paid for the year. An Associate Member is one who has been an active regular member and for some reason does not own or drive a Mazda Miata. An Associate Member will pay dues, may participate in all activities, but is limited in that he/she may go on drives but will have to travel behind the "Sweep" and have the club logo displayed on his/her car or ride with someone else in a Miata.

The goal of the club is to have fun as a group. Individual "Drive Leaders" will host drives for the MAJOR purpose of driving a fun car on a fun road.

The "Drive Leader" is there as a guide and cannot be responsible for you or your car on the road. Hopefully, this experience will include some socializing with good people, some good food and, maybe, seeing a special sight. The ultimate drive will include all of these.

Every drive anyone in this club leads is an opportunity to experience something new. The Drive Leader is committing their time and resources to having a drive they want to share with other members. They will listen to suggestions and act on those that will enhance what that Drive Leader is trying to accomplish. That is all anyone should expect of a Drive Leader.

Not all drives are suitable for all members. This creates a difficult situation for Drive Leaders. Please take personal responsibility to go on drives that you can comfortably follow and enjoy. If you do not find any drives to your liking, have your own drive. We would love to have fun experiencing what you want to share.

Participation in any club event is voluntary. It is the individual members' responsibility to follow all club "Rules of the Road" for drive safety. We go on drives as a group. All members and guests are invited, however, all Miatas are asked to drive as a group with all others cars following the last Miata in the line.

The club is a volunteer organization. You must be willing to "step-up" and "pitch-in" all the time at the 'drop of a hat' without being asked to do so. Each job in the club is important. We welcome all kinds of club participation. The system is simple. If you are willing to do a job as best you can, volunteer to do it. Otherwise, ask if you can help or, at least, don't interfere. If you are not willing to do a job, do not ask someone else to do it. Please be willing to work.

The club is traditionally very patriotic. There is no age limitation. We all like to have fun.

The club is not a stage for anyone to brag. Club meetings are for talking about those things that relate to members in conjunction with their cars. All other topics are best discussed outside the meeting. Good places for these exchanges are before and after meetings, at meals or while sightseeing. That way the listener can get away from you without disrupting a club meeting. Of course, elaborating on husbands, wives, kids, grand-kids and your car is not considered bragging!

We have "Rules of the Road" that must be followed for safety. All people think they can safely drive in a group. They cannot. No one can! There are too many variables. The safest scenario is to do what you are

asked to do by the Drive Leader and follow "Rules of the Road" guidelines. No matter how long you have been driving or how experienced you are, please consider how much experience you do or do not have "driving in a group". This involves an additional skill set. Watch and listen to others with experience in the drive line. Be safe and be a good follower. Every mile of the drive may not be at the exact speed we want, but when we all give and take, the drive will be more fun and much safer.

The Drive Leader is always the most knowledgeable person on any drive. Trust your Drive Leader. If you think you do not have to follow instructions or do what you are asked, a club drive may not be your thing, as every drive requires you to be alert to the road and all cars around you 100% of the time. This is a major dilemma on a car club drive. Most members consider themselves successful, mature, experienced and sensible individuals and know how best to drive in a group. This attitude can make for a bad follower. Please consider that your actions directly reflect on cars around you. Your actions could very easily cause injury to others. The best solution to this situation is for all drivers to follow the same rules so everyone knows what to expect of each other. Your lack of being predictable could cause injury to someone 10 cars from you.

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