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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Full Moon Drive

Contact: Tom Jones, 492-2834
Date: Friday, February 2, 2007 - 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM
Location: Braums at 1545 E 71st & Trenton, just east of Riverside.
Snack, then Drive.

MARCH EVENTS

- 3rd - Full Moon Drive
- 21st - Club Meeting
- 24th - SD&D

Monthly Club Meeting

Location: Johnnies Charburger, I-44 & Skelly Dr, north side I-44 @ Harvard
Date: February 21, 2007 - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE
FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

Secret Drive & Dinner

Location: McDonalds at I-44 and 129th E Ave
Contact: Bob Huckaby, 230-5109
Date: February 24, 2007 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

NEW MEMBERS

KATHY HIGGINS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:: GEORGE WALKER

January is coming to an end with no over 60 degree top down days to its credit. The weather has kept me in the house and my Miata covered in ice for too long. I hope everyone has been able to weather these storms safely with a minimum of discomfort. I for one am hoping we have seen the end of the freezing rain and sleet for this winter season.

Our first event of the year came off as scheduled and Tom Jones led a hearty group of club members on another of his patented Full Moon Drives to start 2007. Tom has done a great job in finding roads and lead-

ing these short evening drives. Tom's moon drives have been well received by the membership and praised by those who have participated. If you haven't been on one, and don't have trouble driving at night, this is another fun way to enjoy the fellowship of our club and joy of driving your Miata. When the weather cooperates and the moon rising is in full view, these are truly beautiful evening drives. The next Full Moon Drive is scheduled for February 2nd. Hope to see you there.

Unfortunately, Bob Huckaby's Secret

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We'll make a believer out of you !
NEO Miata Club Supporter

January 2006 Meeting Minutes: Barbara Newman

President George Walker called the meeting to order. Due to the recent ice storm, attendance was down but he welcomed those who had survived the weather and streets to attend. Those present introduced themselves, told about their cars and any new parts they had received for Christmas.

Secretary Barbara Newman reminded everyone that dues are now due. There was one new member from the mailbox which brings our membership to 125. Treasurer Devinna Smith is finalizing signing on the account and had nothing to report at this time.

Bob Huckaby, Tour Director, discussed future drives. The SD&D

drive scheduled for this Saturday (Jan. 20th) has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 24th. He gave a short explanation of what a SD&D is – Secret Drive and Dinner. Dinner can be dinner or lunch or breakfast and be anywhere from McDonald's to Red Lobster. He encouraged members to plan and lead a SD&D or any other kind of drive this year. He offered his assistance to anyone who is unsure about planning or scheduling a drive. Some future events will include a drive to Coffeyville, KS for the Dalton shoot out (led by Sandy Sturdevant), a Spring Fling (Earl Larkin depending on his shoulder healing), Fall Foliage (Earl Larkin), possibly a Funcana, Kansas City drive, Full Moon drives each month (Tom Jones), Hallett events, and possibly

some short drives after our club meetings once it warms up. Bob is going to try to coordinate some events with other Miata clubs. George has also asked Tom Jones to be Events Director and he will be coordinating our club events with other events, i.e., Oklahoma Centennial events throughout the state that may be a good fit for our club. George noted that 8 cars from our club will be going to "Miatas at Moab" scheduled for mid-May in Moab, Utah. The next Full Moon drive will be held on Friday, February 2nd. Anyone wanting to schedule a drive or event was encouraged to let Bob Huckaby, Tour Director, know so it can get scheduled on the calendar as soon as possible.



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Club Pins:

Club logo pins are available for \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00. Contact the club treasurer at any club meeting or event.

Magnetic Signs:

Full Color Magnetic Club Logos are available for your car. Two (2) for \$35. See George Walker.

Embroidered Patches:

Full Color Club Logo Patches are available for sewing onto whatever. See George Walker. George told me the pricing schedule once, but it was more than two price breaks, so I forgot it.



The Iceman Cometh: Photos by Larry Young



Barb & John
Cardinals 2007 World Series Trophy

Spring Fling 2007: Earl Larkin

What: Spring Fling 2007
When: Saturday, April 28th, 2007
Where: Hot Springs, Ark.

We will be staying at the Downtown Hotel and Spa, the same place we stayed in 2005. Instead of Wendy, this time our hotel contact person is Derrick Forrest. Provided we reserve at least twenty rooms within the next 30 days, our overnight price will be \$79.95; in 2005, we reserved 37 rooms. This is a "group rate," so you absolutely must identify yourself as a member of the NEO Miata Club when making your reservation.

Since we last stayed there in 2005, the hotel has been purchased by a group in Houston, Texas. They have spent a fortune re-furbishing the entire hotel. For example, every bed and mattress set in the entire hotel is brand new.

If you are a "people-watcher," and like

to watch the "action" on the main drag, some of the rooms have balconies right off your bedroom. If you want a room with a balcony, request one when you make your reservation. But if you are a "light sleeper," request a room across the hall away from the street.

There are a number of activities, rallies, and gatherings going in Hot Springs that week-end; other car clubs, motorcycle clubs, arts and crafts, etc. It is imperative that you reserve your room as soon as possible.

Dial 1-888-624-5521, identify yourself as an NEO Miata Club member, and request the special "group rate." That date again is Saturday, April 28th, 2007.

More trip information will be forthcoming in future club newsletters.

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Drive and Diner ran into weather trouble with remnants of the ice storm and the weather service prediction of 8 inches of snow on Saturday, January 20th. We want to thank Bob for the work he put in to get the drive route lined out, pre-checked and ready to go. Hopefully, all that effort won't go to waste and he will lead us on that drive on a better day. The next club drive is scheduled for February 24th weather permitting. Please check the web calendar for up-to-date info.

Well, stuck indoors I came across a January 11th news release from Mazda that as a car racing fan I found interesting and want to share with you. It appears that Mazda has been sponsoring a rotary engine powered P2 American LeMans Series racecar for several years. They finished the Championship in third place last year. Looking to improve on that finish, Mazda is developing a new MZR-R 2.0

liter in-line four cylinder engine. The engines performance goal is 500hp and 400 lb-ft of torque, with durability to succeed in the 12hours of Sebring and the 10hour Petit Le mans races. What I found most fascinating is that the NC Miata is powered by the same MZR engine that will be beefed up to these performance standards. As they say, racing improves the breed and this could led to some interesting upgrades for the MZR engine that power our NC MX5 Miata's.

The release goes on to state, "that on any given weekend, there are more Mazdas on the road-race tracks of America than any other brand of vehicle". At the track, you'll see MX5 Miata, RX8, Mazda3, Mazda6, RX7 and other vintage Mazda models competing, because as they say, "every Mazda has the Soul of a Sports Car". The fact is that the fastest growing road racing class in the U.S. is the SCCA's Spec Miata class with nearly 1,500 first and second-generation Miatas on the track making it the

most raced production car in the world. This statement confirms what I have been seeing here at Oklahoma's Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Our own, Tom Jones, enjoys driving his Spec Miata frequently at Hallett. I'm sure he would enjoy visiting with those who are interested about his experiences.

Let's hope that February is a better month for our sports cars and we see some more sunshine and days above 60 degrees so we can put the top down and have a fun in the sun drive. Don't forget to drive friendly and wave to our fellow Miata drivers.

