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MARCH EVENTS

Full Moon Drive

Contact: Tom Jones, 492-2834
Date: **Saturday, March 3, 2007 - 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM**
Location: **Braum's at 1545 E 71st at Trenton, Tulsa. Snack, then Drive.**

Monthly Club Meeting

Location: **Johnnie's Charburger, I-44 & Skelly Dr, north side I-44 @ Harvard**
Date: **March 21, 2007 - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

APRIL EVENTS

- 2nd - Full Moon Drive
- 18th - Club Meeting
- 21st - Club Drive

Centennial Oklahoma Trip

Location: **McDonalds at Hwy 97 & Hwy 64, Sand Springs**
Contact: **Brad Coody, 481-0658**
Date: **March 24, 2007 - 7:00 AM - ? PM**
Details inside.....

**CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE
FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!**

NEW MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GEORGE WALKER

February is coming to an end and I only have had the top down once for my short drive home from the office. I was working out of town last week and missed the club meeting but I did get back in time for Bob's Short Drive on Saturday. With the weatherman predicting severe weather we still managed to have 11 cars out for the drive, the fellowship of our Miata Club friends and eating some great barbeque. Thanks Bob.

Well the Miata continues to set the record here is a news release from Japan. Total production of Mazda Motor Corporation's Roadster reached 800,000 units on January

30, 2007. This significant milestone was achieved 17 years and nine months after production commenced in April 1989. The Roadster was certified as the world's top selling lightweight, open-top, two-seat sports car by Guinness World Records of the U.K. when production reached 531,890 units in May 2000. Now that cumulative production has topped 800,000 units, Mazda is re-applying with the Guinness organization to have the record updated. The Roadster is known as the MX-5 in Europe and North America.

The current third generation Roadster

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

February 2007 Meeting Minutes: Barbara Newman

The NEO Miata club met on Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Johnnie's Hamburgers. As President George Walker and Vice President Ruth Will were both out of town, Secretary Barbara Newman chaired the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves, told about their car(s), and anything new on their car. One new member, Jon A. Keary, was present.

No president or vice president reports. George did ask that mentors be sure to contact their mentees.

Secretary Barbara Newman noted we now have 127 members BUT many of our members have not yet paid their 2007 dues and are in danger of being dropped. Those present were urged to check with Barbara after the meeting to be sure they are up to date.

Treasurer Devinna Smith reported we currently have \$833.00.

Our esteemed Webmaster/Newsletter Editor, Alan Doughty, was also not available to give a report.

Report from Tour Director, Bob Huckaby:

- SD&D Saturday February 24th, see page 4.
- Brad Coody's Drive, see page 3.
- Earl Larkin's Spring Fling, see page 3.
- Tom Jones then reminded everyone the next Full Moon Drive will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. Meet at the Braum's at 71st and Trenton at 7:00 p.m. The April Full Moon drive will be held on April 2nd.
- Beginning with the April meeting, Bob will be planning short drives after our meetings.

Special Events Chairman Tom Jones reported the following:

- SCCA events will be held on March 4th and 18th. See Tom for information.
- Hallett races will be March 24-25th.
- A rally to the Vintage cars racing at Hallett on March 31st.
- Other SCCA events can be found on the link from the NEO Miata webpage or you can contact Tom Jones or George Walker for information.

- Tom has three radios available for sale at \$10.00 each. These are battery radios not rechargeable.
- Tom is working on reviewing the Oklahoma Centennial events and parades and will work on scheduling some Miata drives in conjunction with the Centennial events/parades.

Brian Whitt, our representative from Nelson Mazda, announced he is now a Miata owner. He and his wife are the proud owners of a 2000 Twilight Blue. He thanked everyone for their support of the new retractable hardtop 2007 Miata. He drove a new Mazda CX-9 (SUV) to the meeting for everyone to look at.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the parking lot to look at our cars and the new CX-9.

Barbara



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NEO Miata Logo Items

Shirts / Jackets / Hats etc.:

Show your pride as a Miata owner and NEO Club Member by wearing our club logo on a shirt, jacket or hat. Our club logo is available at T-Shirt Express in Owasso. Exit Hwy 169 at 76th St. North, turn left at the light and go about 2 to 3 blocks. It's on the left side of the street next to the pawn shop. Take your own items to be embroidered or purchase items there at the store. Prices are reasonable, check for pricing.

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.



Spring Fling 2007 (Salute to Scenic 7) : Earl Larkin

WHEN: Saturday, April 28th, 2007

WHERE: Hot Springs, Arkansas

DEPART: From McDonalds at 129th and I-44 according to this schedule:

06:00-06:45: Breakfast

06:45: Drivers Meeting

07:00: Depart promptly

First order of business has to be making your reservation as soon as possible. We are staying at the Downtown Hotel and Spa, Saturday night, April 28th, 2007. Their toll-free number is 1-888-624-5521. Remember, you must identify yourself as a member of the NEO Miata Club and request our "group rate."

Some of you are asking how far we will be driving that week-end? From Tulsa to our hotel in Hot Springs our Saturday route will cover 337 miles. Our Sunday route from Hot Springs back to Tulsa will cover a little over 272 miles, depending on where you live. All together, a little over 600 miles for the week-end.

Some of you are asking about the total cost of our week-end,(how much?). That's a hard one to answer but I'll do my best. Here goes:

(A) One night at the hotel :

\$79.95+ taxes and fees

(B) Dinner meal at the hotel, each:

\$14.76+drinks,taxes,tip

(C) Breakfast meal at the hotel each:

\$6.68+drinks, taxes, tip

(D) Lunch, Queen Wilhemena Lodge:

\$11.75 inclusive for each person

(E) Fuel: We will top off our tanks at Huntsville, Russellville, and Mena; three times.

(F) Miscellaneous: I have no way of even guessing at what each of you might spend at "potty-stops " or "refueling stops" on things. Drinks, snacks, film, batteries, souvenirs, etc. Once we get there, some of you might decide you simply must have a steam bath and "full-body massage." Some of us always go dancing and have a few drinks Saturday night. Most of our ladies always do a little

"shopping" on the main drag. There are just too many unknown "possibilities" for me to be able to say, absolutely, "This is what the week-end will cost you." We are taking \$300 and hope to return with \$100 of it, if that gives you any idea or help about what you should take. P.S. The above does not include how much you might spend on your picnic lunch for Saturday. In 2005, Wild Child and myself had a bologna sandwich, a peanut butter sandwich, and split a banana. Rodney and Martha Jones had a seven course dinner, five deserts, three kinds of wine, served on white linen cloth, with lit candleabras, all served by their 6'6" butler whom they brought with them from home. To this day I still can't figure out how they got that big sucker in the trunk of their Miata.

Make those reservations,
Wild Thang

Centennial Oklahoma Trip: Brad Coody

In keeping with Oklahoma's centennial celebration, we have chosen a great location for the club to visit. We will be touring Alabaster Caverns in western Oklahoma. The cave is just outside Woodward near the little town of Mooreland. We will leave at 7am Saturday March 24th from McDonalds in Sand Springs located on highway 97. We will cross the bridge at Sand Springs and head down highway 51 to US 270 and on up to Mooreland. We will have lunch at the Mooreland Café and then its time to head for the cavern. The tour of the cavern takes approximately 45 minutes. The cave has been professionally lighted which adds to the overall beauty of this wonderful Oklahoma prize. After our tour of the cave

we will proceed to "Little Sahara", Oklahoma's contribution to the western deserts.

We will return via Highway 412 where you will see some mesas that rival those in Utah. So plan on joining us on March 24th, weather permitting, for a fabulous experience at two Oklahoma landmarks.

Brad





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was launched in August 2005. As a lightweight, open-top sports car, it features enhanced driving performance through carefully scrutinized savings in body weight, optimal weight distribution and the latest features to meet safety and environmental requirements. In August 2006, Mazda added the Power Retractable Hard Top model to the Roadster lineup. It features a groundbreaking electric roof system that doesn't reduce trunk space at all. To date, the Roadster has won more than 40 awards, including 2005-2006 Japan Car of The Year, and enjoys worldwide acclaim.

Mazda will continue to evolve the Roadster and carry forward the "Jinba Ittai" (rider and horse as one) concept of the original, so that even more people will have the chance to experience the fun of a car that responds pre-

cisely as the driver intents.

It looks like our weather is starting to break, and this spring looks like it will be another great time for club drives and other top down activities for the Miata's of Northeastern Oklahoma. Don't forget to use your discount coupon at Nelson Mazda and be sure to drive friendly and give a wave to our fellow Miata Drivers.

SD&D 02/24/2007

Bob Huckaby

We started out with 11 cars and lost one and gained one. We started out at 10 AM sharp and drove up through Red Bud Valley and then went north to Claremore where we turned south down highway 88 to Inola. It was decided that a few ladies and a couple of the guys needed a pit stop, so we made an unscheduled pit stop at the

Phillips 66 station on highway 412, during the transition from 88 to 412 traffic was a little heavy and Brad C was unable to make the left turn and we lost him at this point, kept hoping he would turn around and rejoin us, but apparently he decided to continue on home. After a short rest stop, we continued down 412 over the navigation channel and then went south again on Oak Grove road to the Coweta area, where we were joined by Mac & Suzanne Young for a great lunch at the Split Rail Bar-B-Que restaurant. That was where we ended the drive and dinner, but a few souls continued on with Tom Jones for a return thru Coweta, Haskell and Leonard to get to the South Bixby/Tulsa area. A good time was had by all. Hope you enjoyed the trip Brad, sorry that we lost you however.

Bob