

# NEO Classic



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## MAY EVENTS

### Full Moon Drive

Contact: Tom Jones, 492-2834

Date: **Wednesday, May 2, 2007 - 8:15 PM - 9:45 PM**

Full Moon Drive. Full Moon Drive. Meet at Quiktrip, Pine & Mingo, Tulsa.

### Full Moon Daytime Drive

Contact: Tom Jones, 492-2834

Date: **Saturday, May 12, 2007 - 9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**

Meet at Quiktrip, 151st & S Memorial. This drive will combine 6 Full Moon Drives, as a daytime run, so you can see where you are. We will drive for two hours, lunch at Rib Crib, and then drive for another two hours.

## JUNE EVENTS

- 1st - Full Moon Drive
- 16th - SD&D
- 20th - Club Meeting
- 30th - Full Moon Drive

### Monthly Club Meeting

Location: **Johnnie's Charburger, I-44 & Skelly Dr, north side I-44 @ Harvard**

Date: **May 16, 2007 - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

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FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

### Miatas In Moab

Departing: **May 18, 2007**

## NEW MEMBERS

NANCY GRAYSON  
TIM & PAM LEWIS  
TOM & VICKY PARKER  
FRANKIE WALTERS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GEORGE WALKER

April has come to an end the weather favored us and we had great drives to put into our memories.

May, will bring additional opportunities to show off our sports cars and get some moon and stars or sun as the drives will provide.

Next up is are two of Tom Jones' Moon drives on May 2nd and May 12th. The first on May 2nd is a true moon drive and the second is a moon drive redo driven during the day so you can see what you didn't see on the evening drive. Cool idea, Tom.

Next up is the western tour drive to the Miatas at Moab event. Several Members including your president are fortunate enough to be able to make the trip. At last count there were 265 Miatas from 47 clubs from all over the US and Canada converging on that little Utah town. It should be a blast.

I want to thank Mr. Earl "It's about the roads" Larkin for two great drives the one to the Fin and Feather Resort and there almost buffet dinner. The roads were delicious, the weather perfect and Charlie's hit the spot.

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NEO Miata Club Supporter

## April 2007 Meeting Minutes: Barbara Newman

The meeting was called to order by our President, George Walker, at 7:00 p.m. All those present introduced themselves, told what year and color of Miata they own, and special tag.

Report from President: He reported that Nelson has a red '99 for sale that was taken in as trade-in. He also had an invitation from Trinity Restoration about their Grand Opening/Car Show/Open House scheduled for June 30th. Expected guests include Chip Foose, of TLC's Overhaulin', custom-car legend Darryl Starbird, and CMT's Trick My Truck. On June 23rd, Track Dog Motors will be sponsoring a track day at Motorsport Ranch in Cressent, Texas. May 18th, several members will be at the "Miatas at Moab". Currently there are 270 cars from 46 clubs in the U.S. and Canada registered to attend.

Ruth Will, our Vice President, had nothing to report. Devinna Smith, our Treasurer, was out of town. Secretary Barbara Newman reported a total of 77 members at this time as those who have not paid their dues have been dropped. Our webmaster/newsletter guru, Alan Doughty, reported those who have not paid their dues will no longer be receiving the newsletter. Tom Jones, Special Event Chair-

man, announced there is a drive this coming Saturday, April 21st which Bob Huckaby will discuss. There will be several SCCA events coming up. Check the link on the website for details. The next Full Moon drive will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd. Saturday, May 12th, Tom will combine the full moon drives into a day drive. Bob Huckaby, our Tour Leader, noted the following events will be coming up: Saturday, April 21st, SD&D, led by Earl Larkin (details will be given by Earl); April 28-29th, our Annual Spring Fling, Earl will give details; June 16th, SD&D, to be led by Devinna and Kevin Smith; July/August/September: open now for events to be scheduled; May 12th: Broken Arrow Rooster Days Parade from 8:30-12:00 noon; October 2nd: Dalton Gang Shootout in Coffeyville, KS (Sturdivants); November 3rd: Sadie Hawkins Day Drive (women drive); Kansas City overnighiter is being planned; Amish Dinner Drive being worked on with Steve Hester. Someone is still needed to step and host drives associated with the Oklahoma Centennial events. Eight cars attended the Muskogee Azalea Parade.

Earl Larkin then discussed the SD&D scheduled for this Saturday. He had originally planned to lead the drive to Fin and Feather for lunch and then to Musko-

gee to drive through Honor Heights Park and see the azaleas. But sometimes the best laid plans, even Earl's plans, go astray. Fin and Feather won't open until May 1st and the azaleas have been destroyed at Honor Heights Park. But, trooper that he is, Earl will still lead a drive on Saturday with lots of water and woods to look at. April 28th and 29th is the Annual Spring Fling drive, aptly titled "Salute to Scenic 7". The drive will take us to Hot Springs, AR where a total of 25 rooms have been reserved. Anyone else interested in attending were urged to call the hotel immediately to get a room. Bob Huckaby will be the judge for our picnic lunch on Saturday.

The Arkansas Miata Club has rented Hallett for next Tuesday and Wednesday (April 24th and 25th) if anyone is interested. Gene Bedingfield got his commercial license and will be taking further training in Springfield before he hits the road driving trucks. Our own Poppa Joe has requested a ride along in the near future.

The meeting then adjourned at 8:00 p.m. so cars could gather for the drive to buzz Nelson Mazda's parking lot.



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## Spring Fling 2007 ( Salute to Scenic 7 ):

Imagine 26 finely tuned and highly polished Miatas lining up in three rows of "Fast", "Spirited" and "Cool Cruiser Dudes" anxiously waiting to be unleashed on the curvy highways of Oklahoma and Arkansas for what we know and love as

"Spring Fling". "And we're off" radios Earl Larkin accompanied by his terrific wife, Dorothy. Spring Fling '07 is officially underway and what a morning! Our 7:15 a.m. departure on Hwy 412 to Siloam Springs, cruising tops down and spirits

up, all Miatian passengers enjoying the surprise goody bags given by Barbara and John Newman and Martha and Rodney Jones. Wow, how thoughtful, maps, sunscreen, pens, bottled water, these bags are a veritable treasure chest for



the weekend cruiser. Thank you kindly Newman's and Jones's.

We're making good time in route to our picnic competition in Jasper Arkansas at the Bradley Park on Nancy Haller Drive. We've been told there will be prizes and being the fun loving lot that we are, we are ready to dazzle the judges, Bob Huckaby and his lady friend, Mona. "And our Winners are". First place goes to Suzanne and Mac Young with an elegant table for two serving wine in lovely stemware, crab salad and fresh fruit. Carol and Bill Law's lunch, equally elegant captured second place. Their dessert of a chocolate cappuccino cake for two with chocolate dipped strawberries looked delicious. Third place winners, Joe and Sara Bohannon invited Pistol Pete and all things OSU to dawn their picnic blanket, which was also OSU orange and black. Bar-B-Q ribs, corn on the cob, bottled sarsaparilla and a watermelon on ice won Martha and Rodney Jones fourth place. Winners received oil change coupons from Nelson Miata, a T-shirt or cap. The picnic was a big success beside the pretty steam and waterfall and all the members received a writing pen from Miata and Bob Huckaby. The Newman's and Jones's had more door prizes up their sleeves and members won, license plate frames declaring, "I'd rather be topless", visor sunglass holders, pens



and a folding camp chair from Miata that was just the right size to fit in the Miata trunk.

Right after lunch we hopped on Scenic 7 Hwy, which was a roller coaster ride of horizontal and vertical curves and beautiful scenery that took us into Russellville and on to Hot Springs arriving at 4:00 p.m. The Downtown Hotel in Hot Springs was a very welcoming and spacious hotel, which was sincerely appreciated after our great day of driving. The shopping allure of the quaint main street boutiques we had passed on our way in to town had several of us wasting no time from Miata to mercantile as these unexplored delights were only going to be open until 6:00. Tea sets to taffy shops, bathhouses and the Blues. Hot Springs has something for everyone and we enjoyed it all.

Dinner was together at 6:00 in the dining room of the Downtown Hotel and it was a delicious "All you can enjoy" Prime Rib Buffet. And enjoy we did. Our servers were all to delighted to make sure we had just what we needed and we were left to enjoy our meal and each others company. We are so fortunate to have so many new members joining our group. I'm always impressed with the limitless interests and kindnesses of our members. Your company is such a pleasure. Our conversations continued on the front porch of the hotel and migrated to the Arlington Hotel down the street to enjoy their great jazz band and many talented ballroom dancers. How charming to watch dancers of all ages and especially senior dancers who with various degrees of effort, made their way to the dance floor, held their partners, then returned to their graceful youth and glided across the floor. It made me smile. The band



played on as we left, knowing our 7:00 a.m. breakfast curtain call would be here soon so off to bed we went to get our 8 hours in six.

Ah Sunday, our day of rest. Ha! Not when there are roads to play on. Breakfast enjoyed and drivers meeting held we're off to race up Hot Springs Mountain at "full tilt boogey". What a trip, not to be outdone by the trip down the mountain. Back and forth, curving right and left, pulling "g's" as we accelerated through the curves and climb up the hill. Ha ha, awesome, that's what we came for. Bring on the curves! Did you know we set a club record this trip? We sure did and there is film to prove it. On top of Hot Springs Mountain we stopped long enough to photograph the record "9 Red Miatas on a single drive". How about that?

To Mena, to Mena for curves, lunch and you guessed it. More curves! Talimena Scenic Drive here we come. Traveling single file, 25 in our group following our fearless and zany leader "Wild Thang" off we go to enjoy the best curves and scenery of the trip. What a great drive. Talimena Drive is everything you expect and more, curves, mountains, breathtaking scenery everywhere you look, delicious food at the lodge and more delightful conversations with our friends. This weekend is truly what we think about when we think of a great drive.

Our weekend nears a close, traveling through Stigler, Muskogee and on to Tulsa. All Miatians express complete satisfaction and sincere appreciation and seem ready to tuck their sleek beauties into their garages until the next time "Wild Thang" gives us the nod.

Until we drive again.  
Your Spring Fling '07 Scribe,  
Clara Eulert



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Then Mr. Earl's (they often call me SPEEDO) Big Spring Fling drive and over night stay in Hot Springs. Earl has done it again. Earl found us great roads, gave us great leadership and made great arrangements for our dinner, breakfast and what can you say about the lunch at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge up on the Tali-mena Drive. I won't mention the DES-SERTS. The NEOMiata Club had a Fun trip thanks for all your work and time you put in to giving your friends and Club Members another memorable weekend. Thanks Earl and of course Dorothy.

Remember to let Tom Jones and Bob Huckaby know of any other car events you hear of so that interested NEOMiata Club members can be informed and have a chance to participate and represent the club.

Let's hope that the weather continues to favors us with sunshine and it will be a great time for our club drives and all other top down activities of the Miata's of Northeastern Oklahoma. Don't forget to use your 20% discount coupon at Nelson Mazda (great deal) and be sure to drive friendly and give a wave to our fellow Miata Drivers and invite them into our fellowship.

