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FOR CHANGES AND
UPDATES!

NEW MEMBERS

Marian & Jim Chittenden
Kaye & Steve Sanders
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In Memory Of Larry Parker



Warm days & clear skies ahead.....

Meeting Night / Drive Schedule

This section of the newsletter is devoted to drive information. Read carefully each month for final drive updates. Questions to Tom Jones @ 492-2834. It is imperative to bring your 2-way radio to each drive. Always wear your club name tag. Be ready to depart **ON TIME**, with a **FULL TANK** and an **EMPTY BLADDER**. Don't be late.

FEBRUARY

February 9, Saturday "Day Cruiser's" Drive #2: Let's leave the Braum's at Gilgrease Road just north of Hwy 412 at 2pm. This drive will be north of the city thru the "Mohawk Enduro 450".

February 16, Saturday "SWEETHEART DRIVE": Jim Sturdivant will lead us on a leisurely drive to Westville, OK 100 miles away for lunch at Phil's Country Fare (\$5 to \$35) and some sightseeing in Park Hill at the Cherokee Heritage Center (guided tour of Ancient Village, Adams Corner Rural Village and museum for \$7.50), then visit the Murrell House or the cemetery where Chief John Ross is buried, and return to Tulsa mid afternoon. We will briefly be on the Muskogee Turnpike so you will need your Pikepass or \$.50. Drivers meeting will be at 8:44am. Departing at 8:58am. Let's leave the McDonalds at 91st and Memorial. Questions to Gene Bedingfield @ 1 918 664-4691.

February 20, Meeting Night

MARCH

March 1, Saturday "Day Cruiser's" Drive #3: Let's leave the Braum's on 101st just east of Riverside at 2pm. This drive will be southwest of the city over the "Pretty Water Marauder 490".

March 15, Saturday "Okmulgee Hack 190" Day Drive: Tom Jones will be leading a drive 90 miles away to Kirby's Café @ 918 756-8480 in Okmulgee for lunch and a tour around Dripping Springs and return to Tulsa mid afternoon. Let's leave the McDonalds at 121st & Memorial at 10am. Details to follow.

March 19, Meeting Night

March 29 - 30, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #1. Questions to Tom Jones 492-2834.

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

January 2008 Meeting Minutes: Barbara Newman

The January meeting of the NEO Miata Club was called to order by President, George Walker at 7:00 p.m. All present introduced themselves and told about anything they had new on their car.

Secretary/Membership Report: Barbara Newman reported we have 101 members at this time but it is time for dues to be paid for the year.

Vice President Report: Ruth Will had nothing to report at this time

Treasurer's Report: Devinna Smith reported we currently have about \$750.00 plus the checks she has received tonight.

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor Report: Alan Doughty noted the website has been revamped and now has more storage capacity and greater potential.

Tour/Event Director: Tom Jones will be providing information for the newsletter 90 days out. The following events are coming up:

- ◆ January 25th: Night Riders Drive
- ◆ February 9th: Day Cruisers Drive

- ◆ February 16th: Bedingfields will lead drive
- ◆ March 15th: Drive to Okmulgee to Kirby's Café for lunch

A general discussion then followed with suggestions of using two leaders and two sets of cars on drives when we have such large groups, having a slower group on drives, more casual drives for new members who might not want to drive their cars so fast, using cell phones when the radios are out of range, even providing maps to the destination when someone gets lost. Gene Bedingfield noted their drive on February 16th will be a leisurely drive. George Walker stated discussions have been ongoing about having more casual drives for new members and those who don't want feel comfortable driving their cars fast.

George then introduced Jeff and Justin, from Nelson Mazda. Justin drove a Miata to the meeting with special body kit add-ons that are now available through Nelson. Everyone was invited to view them after the meeting. It was also reported there will be a MX-5

magazine coming out within the next month. A few will be available at Nelson's. An accessories webpage will be available at www.mazdapartzone.com.

Spring Fling: Earl Larkin reminded those who have not reserved rooms at Queen Wilhemina Lodge to do so immediately. There are now only two rooms available at the Lodge for the May 3rd event. Unfortunately, the prices increased after December 31st. He also complimented those who were present at the December meeting for getting the word out to those who were not there and letting them know about the drive and Lodge reservation information.

The officers elected at the December meeting are:

President: George Walker
Vice President: Ruth Will
Scribe/Membership: Barbara Newman
Treasurer: Devinna Smith
Tour/Event Director: Tom Jones
Webmaster/Newsletter: Alan Doughty

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President's Message: George Walker

I hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends during the holidays. Carole and I enjoyed spending time with friends, our kids and their fiancés. With two weddings planned for this year it looks like we'll need more room at our holiday table to keep up as our family grows.

My wife, Carole, had shoulder surgery the January 9th, , so we now dealing with all the accompanying challenge that that kind of surgery provides. We now see, at least the early part, the year far differently than we did when the holidays began. As we continue to recover from an icy December we are looking forward to warmer weather

and an early spring, at least in north-eastern Oklahoma.

Since, the New Year is off and running and the weather continues to warm we will soon have many opportunities to drive our Miatas in top down comfort. Thanks to Tom Jones for providing information on upcoming club drives in January's newsletter and for starting the club drive planning for the year. Tom Jones has already secured ideas and help from several members to put together some of this year's many fun drives.

The club still needs our ideas and help to plan and carry out the driving events that are the bases of the fun and fel-

lowship that brings us together around these fantastic sports cars. If you have any places you would like to see, drive or an event that you think would be interesting for you to attend, please share that with the rest of us. I'm sure others would share your interest. So please call or e-mail Tom Jones and give him your drive ideas and help.

Remember, when you're out driving around in your Miata MX5 give a friendly wave to greet your fellow Miata drivers. Its great way to show your friendship and your shared understanding of how much fun it is driving the Miata.

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APRIL

April 5, Saturday "Day Cruiser's" Drive #4: Let's leave the Braum's on 101st just east of Riverside at 2pm. This drive will be south of the city around the "Bixby 'Figure 8' 360".

April 12, Saturday "Run from the Chicken" Day-Drive: Jim & Jewel Naufel will be leading a day drive for lunch and a tour northwest of Tulsa and return early afternoon. Let's leave the McDonalds at I-44 & 129th at 11am. Details to follow.

April 16, Meeting Night

April 26 - 27, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #2. Questions to Tom Jones 492-2834.

Sept. 25 – 28, Colorado Rocky Drive

Want to join the Colorado Miata club for high altitude fun in the Rocky's. Fantastic driving on twisting, curving roads. Fall colors and some snow will make this a memorable trip. Casual atmosphere and exceptional room rates at the event headquarters Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center. Details available soon at club website www.peaktopeakmiata.org or you can call (970)897-3046 or (303) 422-9227. Trip organizer is Gene Bedingfield @ 1 918 664-4691.

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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.

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