

# NEO Classic



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Northeastern Oklahoma Miata Club  
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CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE  
FOR CHANGES AND  
UPDATES!

## NEW MEMBERS

DAVEY BLANSETT  
BARBARA & JAMES VILOTT



## Club Meeting Nights & Drive Schedules

This section of the newsletter is devoted to updating drive information each month. It's imperative to bring your 2-way radio to each drive. Always bring your Pike-Pass. Wear your club name tag. Be ready to depart ON TIME, with a FULL TANK and an EMPTY BLADDER. Read "Rules of the Road" on the NEOMiata.com, often. Drive questions to Tom @ 492-2834.

Want to lead a drive to Wool-A-Roc, Fort Gibson National Cemetery @ 918 478-2334, Tour the Northwest toward Ponca???. April 5 & 19, May 10,17 & 31, June 14, July 19 & 26, August 16 & 23, September 6,13 & 20, October 4,11 & 18, November 15 & 22 are all open dates. Remember that any "Day Cruiser" or "Night Rider" drive date is available to accommodate a member wanting to do a drive.

**March 8, Saturday "Okmulgee Hack 190 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 121<sup>st</sup> & Memorial at 10am. Driver's meeting at 9:40.

March 15 is open.

**March 19, Meeting Night**

March 22 is open. Happy Easter.

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

April 5 is available.

**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" Drive:** Jim & Jewel Naufel @ 355-1124 will be leading a day drive for lunch and a tour northwest of Tulsa to return early afternoon. Let's leave the McDonalds at I-44 & 129th at 11am. Driver's meeting at 10:40.

**April 16, Meeting Night**

April 19 is open.

**May 3-4, Saturday & Sunday "Spring Fling" Drive:** Earl & Dorothy Larkin will be leading a week-end drive to southern Oklahoma's Queen Wilhelmina Lodge @ 1 800 264-2477 on the Talimena Drive and return to Tulsa Sunday evening. Let's leave the Burger King in Broken Arrow on Elm

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## February 2008 Meeting Minutes: Barbara Newman

The meeting was called to order by President George Walker at 7:00 p.m. Due to a mix-up, our club was meeting in an area of the main dining room rather than in the meeting room. Therefore, George decided to skip the introductions this meeting.

**Secretary/Membership Report:** Barbara Newman reported we have a total of 101 members at this time, however, it is time to get your dues paid for 2008. An e-mail will be sent out to all members reminding them to pay if they have not yet done so.

Due to an oversight, Nelson has not been paying dues for those buying a Miata from Nelson. This has been corrected and George asked if anyone knew of someone whose dues were supposed to be paid by Nelson but weren't, please let him know.

### Drives/Tour Report:

Tom Jones reported on events coming up in the next 90 days. Please check elsewhere in the newsletter for details. He also has a "Rules of the Road" document that will be included in the newsletter occasionally. His goal is to have at least two events a month. Other events can always be scheduled as well – just let Tom know. He also noted that any time there is a day cruise scheduled (Tom Jones leading), these can be filled over by another event. If you are not sure an event is to take place, just show up and the leader will be there to let you know if the event will take place or not.

Bob Huckaby inquired if there was interest in going to Branson during their Christmas season instead of in September. He is considering the dates of November 7-9<sup>th</sup>. More de-

tails will be forthcoming.

Earl's Fall Foliage drive will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone was asked to start thinking of a possible location for the Birthday Party. It is anticipated that something different may be done this year.

If someone needs a room for the Spring Fling (May 3-4) at Queen Wilhemina Lodge, Pierre and Sharon Smith have a reservation they will not be able to use. Otherwise, the lodge is completely booked.

George noted that we lost one of our members in January. Larry Parker, 51, had been fighting cancer since 1991. He will be greatly missed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## President's Message: George Walker

Well, despite February's fickle weather we have had good turnouts on both our club drives during the month. Tom was able to schedule his drive so well that we found enough sunshine and warmth to get an ice cream cone and put the tops down for his afternoon drive. Our next outing was in rain shine, for the Sturdivant/Bedingfield drive but there was a good group of "mudders", as Sandy likes to those of us who are willing to drive their Miata's in inclement weather, turned out anyway. However, since the weather was bad our drive leaders came up with a plan B and we all went to the Air and Space museum and planetarium then had lunch at a Tex-Mex restaurant. So don't let the weather stop you from coming out to a club drive you could miss out on doing something fun with your Miata friends and

sharing our fellowship.

I'm glad that the weather kept attendance down for the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Your president assumed and, you know what that does, that we were set for our monthly meetings at Johnnies Charbroiler Restaurant. But in January I forgot that I needed to confirm that our Club would need the meeting room on the third Wednesday of each month throughout 2008 and that that information was updated in their computer. As a consequence of my failure the manager scheduled a little girl's birthday party into the meeting room. Boy was I surprised and it embarrassed both the assistant manager and your club president. We got it straightened out and I look forward to getting together in our normal space in March.

March should provide more good weather for our drives but I still remember Tulsa having a 10 inch snow storm in March. That's a bad thought. We all need to think spring-time temperatures and more sunshine.

Tom Jones has been working hard to get our club drives setup for us so please check the newsletter and website for the latest information on drives from Tom and come join in the fun.

We will need y'all to send in your membership renewals so you can continue getting the NEO Miata newsletter and the discounts from Nelson Mazda our sponsoring dealerships. If you have recently purchased a Miata from Nelson and are not already a club member Nelson

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Mazda will pay for your first year membership to NEO Miata club, just ask your salesman.

Winter is particularly gloomy time of year so a friendly wave to your fellow Miata driver as you pass them will make you both feel better for the effort.

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(161<sup>st</sup>) just south of the Broken Arrow Expressway at 8am Saturday morning. Driver's meeting at 7:40. If you don't have a hotel reservation, contact Pierre & Sharon Smith @ 495-3988.

May 10 is **open**.

May 17 is **available**.

**May 16, Friday "Night Rider's" Drive #5:** Let's leave the Braum's at 1308 S Garnett Rd just south of I-44 at 7:30pm. This drive will be east and north of the city around the "Tigerswitch 390".

**May 21, Meeting Night**

**May 24 - 25, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #3.** Questions to Tom 492-2834. Happy Memorial Day.

May 31 is **open**.


**Special Attention**

On **Saturday, June 21** Bob & Mona Huckaby @ 230-5109 will be leading a day drive 60 miles to Dewey, OK and the Tom Mix Museum, Historic Dewey Hotel & antique shops with lunch plus a 2 hour tour at Prairie Song all for \$20, returning to Tulsa mid afternoon. We need 25 people for a special deal at Prairie Song. Please contact Bob & Mona immediately, if you will be attending this drive.

**Other Miata Club Events**

**June 13 - 15 Miatas at Eureka:** Visit [www.miatasateureka.com](http://www.miatasateureka.com) for info. Host hotel is Best Western Eureka Inn. Friday pm register, Saturday drives, Sunday check-out, \$20 event entry fee. There is no local club organizer, yet.

**September 25 - 28 Colorado Rocky Drive:** Visit [www.mountaingold.peaktopeakmiata.org](http://www.mountaingold.peaktopeakmiata.org) for info. Join the Colorado Miata club for high altitude fun in the Rockies'. Host hotel is Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center. You can call (970) 897-3046 or (303) 422-9227. Local club organizer is Gene & Shirley Bedingfield @ 1 918 664-4691. This is, also, a Hallett Race week-end.



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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.