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FOR CHANGES AND
UPDATES!**

NEW MEMBERS

Doris & Aaron Smith
Nancy & Paul F. Jr. McTighe

NEO Miata Club Events

Have your 2-way radio at each drive. We use channel 5. Bring your Pike-Pass, if you have one. 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 website homepage before each drive (they get updated). Did you know that written directions are available for any club drive we do?

Want to lead a club drive? How about Pops on 66, Wool-A-Roc, Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Tour the old SCCA race track east of Ponca City?? Wherever you want!! Our club needs a drive for the month of **September** (6th, 13th or 20th) or any other time you want to go zoomin'. Remember that any "Day Cruise" or "Night Ride" can be re-scheduled to make room for your drive. More possible drive dates include: July 26, August 23, or November 15.

Want to go for a drive at the last minute? Have a WEB Drive! Check your email on Friday or Saturday nights for a drive on any "open" Saturday or Sunday.

"MAY" Club Events

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.

Saturday, May 3, 2008. 344 mile drive to hotel.

06:00-06:45 A.M	Breakfast at McDonalds at 129th & I-44.
06:45	Drivers meeting. Depart promptly at 7:00am.
6:00 P.M	Gather for dinner HERITAGE ROOM, the Lodge.

Sunday, May 4th, 2008. 181 mile drive to Tulsa.

08:00-08:45 A.M.	Gather for breakfast HERITAGE ROOM, the Lodge.
08:45 A.M	Drivers meeting. Depart promptly at 9:00am.

May 1-4, Miata's "Doin' the Charleston" Drive: Those members interested in going to this Charleston, North Carolina event, contact our club organizer Kevin & Devinna Smith @ 1 918 272-2890.

May 10 is open.

May 17, Saturday "Ugly John's Car Collection" Drive: Mac & Suzanne Young @ 492-1820 and John & Barb Newman @ 245-3209 will be leading a drive to Vinita for a late lunch around 1pm. On the way, we will see the private 60 car and cycle collection of John Mullins, with a \$1,000,000 car. We will leave the Quik-Trip on 193rd E. Ave. just south of I-44 (the Casino exit) at 9:45am to go directly to the car collection. Then, we'll drive to Vinita for lunch. After lunch there will be an extended drive back home. Come and enjoy as much as you like.

April 2008 Meeting Minutes: Barbara Newman

The April meeting of the NEO Miata Club was called to order by the President, George Walker, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves, told year and color of their Miata, and told if they had done something new to their car.

Earl Larkin warned those present of a letter he recently received about Mazda service offer. The letter said it was time for a 30,000 mile maintenance check and a 10% discount would be given with the letter. Apparently the letter is not sent out by Nelson and the usual club 20% discount does not apply with the 10%. The check includes changing oil, filter, flush radiator, etc. for the price of \$515 with the 10% discount.

Reports:

Newsletter/Webpage: Alan asked for anything for the newsletter be sent to him by April 25th.

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

Secretary/Membership: Barbara Newman reported we currently have 81 members after the removal of 24 for non-payment of dues and including 2 new members tonight.

Treasurer: The club currently has \$1,675.00 in it's account according to our Treasurer, Devinna Smith.

Nelson Mazda: Our representative was not able to attend tonight. George reminded members to check out their website for modifications available through Nelson. There is a link through Miata.net to the Nelson website.

George reported 7 member participated at Hallett a couple of weeks ago and had a fun time.

Tom Jones, Tours/Events Director: Tom reported on future events (see elsewhere in newsletter for information). Last Sunday's impromptu drive resulted in 10 cars participating. If anyone wants to schedule a last minute drive, send a group e-mail out to members@neomiata.net giving time and meeting place. He reminded everyone to read the "Rules of the Road" from time to time as he makes modifications to them as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

April 2008 President's Message: George Walker

Last month I was having too much fun with my Miata's, and my new M7 and missed the newsletter deadline. I wanted to report on the club member participation in COMMA/HST at Hallett on Saturday March 29th and the SOLO/Autocross event at the Tulsa Fairgrounds on Sunday March 30th. Here we are a month late with the information. On Saturday we had seven members at Hallett most in High Speed Touring despite the cool damp weather and two on Sunday at the Fairground event despite the drizzle. There were substantially more Miatas at both events, but their drivers are not club members. Everyone I spoke with had fun learning to drive their Miata's more precisely on a technically challenging road course and/or through the traffic cones despite less than ideal weather conditions. Although these events are put on by other clubs and are for everyone not just Miata's it is fun to bring our Miatas out to play with the other guy's too. It would be fun to do these events for only our club members, but it is difficult and expensive for us secure facilities. If you have the time and want to do something a little different think

about these events too. If you are interested, you can contact Tom Jones or myself for additional information.

We have had great turnouts for our club drives. Everyone involved has done a great job. We have had fun at the club meetings that have been well attended also. Since this is the beginning of a new season, we seem to have lost some members because they failed to pay the annual dues. At last count we have over seventy members who have not forgotten to send in the annual dues. It is never too late to continue your membership and we hope you continue to join in the fun and fellowship.

Well it's almost time for the Spring Fling drive that we all have been looking forward to since Earl "Wild Thing" Larkin announced it last fall. This is an overnight drive that will be great fun. We will start with breakfast at the McDonalds, 129th & I44 at 6:00AM, on May 3rd. See you there.

That reminds me about the rules of the road for club drives that are on the on

our club website. These are some suggestion that our members have worked up to help everyone enjoy the club drives. Please take a moment to review them. They will help everyone to have a good time and, after all, that's what we are all about. I was asked about how much distance to leave between cars on a drive. The answer is the distance that is comfortable to you. I took a AARP driving course a couple of years ago and they suggest that you leave 2 to 3 seconds between you and the car in front of you. Pick a point that the car in front passes say a tree or post and count one thousand one, one thousand two, etc until and you pass the same point and that works at any speed. A lot easier than figuring one car length for every 10 miles per hour.

Remember to give a friendly wave to other Miata drivers and if you find a car that doesn't had a NEOMIATA sticker on the window leave them a card and invite them to join us.

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.

June & July "Tentative" Events

June 7, Saturday "Run Silent – Run Deep" Drive: George & Kathy Thomas @ 543-4575 / 691-4575 will be leading a day drive 75 miles to the "Batfish" submarine near Muskogee for a tour, lunch and a drive, returning to Tulsa early afternoon. Let's leave the McDonalds on 129th just south of I-44 at 9:30am.

June 13-15, Miatas at Eureka: Visit miasateureka.com for info. Host hotel is Best Western Eureka Inn. Friday pm register, Saturday drives, Sunday check-out, \$20 event entry fee. Eureka Springs is 160 miles away. Local club organizer is Mike & Judy Wheat in Pryor @ 1 918 825-5428.

June 18, Meeting Night

June 21, Saturday "Dewey" Drive: 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 per person, returning to Tulsa mid afternoon. We need 25 people for a special deal. Your \$20 will be collected at the May meeting. Let's leave the McDonalds on 129th just south of I-44 at 8:30am with the driver's meeting at 8:15.

June 28 - 29, 2008, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #4. Questions to Tom 492-2834.

July 4 is Independence Day.

July 12, Saturday "Owasso Cook-Out" Drive: Kevin & Devinna Smith @ 272-2890 will be leading a day drive 100 miles around Claremore returning to their home in Owasso for a cookout for supper. Everyone bring a dish to share and your drinks. Meat will be provided. Let's leave the Braum's at Hwy 169 & 76th Str North at 2:30pm. Driver's meeting at 2:15pm.

July 16, Meeting Night

July 19, Saturday "Run from the Chicken" Drive: Jim & Jewel Naufel @ 355-1124 will be leading a day drive for lunch and a drive northwest of Tulsa to return early afternoon. Let's leave the McDonalds at I-44 & 129th at 11am. Driver's meeting at 10:40.

July 26 is open.

Other events to consider

September 20 Miatas@Hallett2008

Visit the Arkansas Miata Club Website for details.

September 25 – 28 Colorado Rocky Drive

Visit www.mountaingold.peaktopeakmiata.org/ for info. Join the Colorado Miata club for high altitude fun in the Rocky's. 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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