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## NEO Miata Club Events

Have your 2-way radio at each drive. We use channel 5. Never use a voice-activated radio. 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). Written directions are available for any club drive we do.

Want to lead a club drive? Wherever you want!! Our club needs a drive August 23 & November 15. Remember that any "Day Cruise" or "Night Ride" by T Jones can be scheduled over to accommodate your drive. Last minute drive? Have a WEB Drive! Check your email on Friday or Saturday nights for a drive on any "open" Saturday or Sunday.

## JULY Club Events

**July 4, Friday** is Independence Day.

**July 12** is open.

**July 15, Tuesday "Full Moon Drive":** Let's leave the Braum's at 71<sup>st</sup> & Trenton at 7:30pm. This drive will be west of the city thru the "Pretty Water Marauder 420".

### July 16, Meeting Night

**July 19, 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 Smith's residence @ 2:30. They live at 14708 E. 102nd Street North. Go North on Hwy 169 past Owasso, turn right (East) on 106<sup>th</sup> St. N., then right (South) at the stop sign on 145<sup>th</sup> E. Ave., then left (East) on East 102<sup>nd</sup> St. N. to the Smith's. We'll leave our chow in Devinna's frig and go zoomin'. Driver's meeting at 2:15pm. What a great idea!!

**July 25, Friday "Night Ride":** Let's leave the Braum's at 121st and Memorial at 7:30pm. This drive will be south of the city around the "Bixby 'Figure 8' 360".

## AUGUST "Tentative" Events

**August 2 - 3, Hallett** COMMA Race Club week-end #5. Questions to Tom 492-2834.

**August 9, Saturday "Wild Horse Bar-B-Que" Drive:** Roy & Amy Kolis @ 438-7879 will be leading a day drive south of Sallisaw into southern Oklahoma 100 miles away for Bar-B-Que and a tour around southern Okla-

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homa returning to Tulsa mid afternoon. Let's leave the Quik-Trip at 145th<sup>st</sup> & Broken Arrow Expwy at 10am. Driver's meeting at 9:40.

**August 16, Saturday "Full Moon Drive":** Let's leave the Sand Springs Braum's at 3950 Hwy 97 just north of 41<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. This drive will be west of the city thru the "Coyote Shuffle 470".

### **August 20, Meeting Night**

**August 23** is open.

**August 30 - 31, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #6.** Questions to Tom 492-2834.  
Happy Labor Day.

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## **SEPTEMBER "Tentative" Events**

**September 5, Friday "Night Ride":** Let's leave the Braum's at 13th & Garnett at 7:30pm. This drive will be east of the city over the Tigerswitch 390.

**September 13, Saturday "Wool-A-Roc" Picnic & Drive:** Pierre & Sharon Smith @ 495-3988 will be leading an 80 miles drive north to Wool-A-Roc Ranch & Museum. We will dine, site see and return 50 miles to Tulsa early afternoon. Let's leave the Quik-Trip on Gilgrease Road just north of Hwy 412 at 10am. Driver's meeting at 9:40.

**September 15, Monday "Full Moon Drive":** Chandler Chase 260 from 33rd & I-44

### **September 17, Meeting Night**

**September 20** is open. [Miatas@Hallett2008](mailto:Miatas@Hallett2008) week-end, Visit the Arkansas Miata Club Website.

**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 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.

**September 27 - 28, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #7.** Questions to Tom 492-2834.

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### Other events to consider

#### **October 24 – 26 Texas Miata Roundup**

Lone Star Miata Club is the host in Fredericksburg, TX October 24-26th. To register, go to [ismiaata.com](http://ismiaata.com), then to the events section, then the October calendar, or the events list. Register! Once registered, you will receive a package with more Fredericksburg information. Host hotel is the Fredericksburg Inn. Call for Miata Roundup rate. Or visit the Fredericksburg Chamber web site at <http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com/> for a full list of hotels. This will be like the Miatas in Moab event in Utah. Questions?? Email [ismiaata.com](mailto:ismiaata.com) or call Bill Preston @ 1 800 336 1257

#### **May 22 – 25, 2009 Mazda MX-5 MiataWorld II**

Memorial Day, 2009. Oval, road course and autocross track events at Texas Motor Speedway. 30,000 sqft indoor vendor's alley. Sunday banquet dinner with entertainment. Chance to win a 2009 20th Anniversary Special Edition Miata MX-5. Registration is \$300. Gaylord Texan Hotel (817) 778-1000 with 500 rooms reserved is the host hotel at \$139 per +. Register at [www.miataworldII.com](http://www.miataworldII.com)

#### **June 12-14, 2009 Miatas at Eureka**

Visit [miatasateureka.com](http://miatasateureka.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 Pierre & Sharon Smith @ 1 918 495-3988.

## JULY 2008 President's Message: George Walker

Well our rainy spring is over and for the most part we have had a host of great Miata drives and great weather to boot. Last month our drives lead us to two very different points of interest. The first was to the well decorated Submarine "Batfish". I have always intended to stop and see the sub, but it took a Miata drive to actually get it done. The same is true of the Tom Mix and Dewey Hotel Museums, we even got to see a 1932 Tom Mix movie. Boy have the movies

changed. It was really interesting to visit these places that if it weren't for this group of Miata friends I would probably still be going to go there one of these days. Thanks to everyone for putting these drives together and finding interesting spots to see and places to eat along the way.

Its still fun and makes me feel good when I see another Miata and he beats me to giving a friendly wave. Its one of the things that make me

proud to drive a little Miata sports car the friendly people that share the same interest. And now with \$4.00 gasoline we can add the great gas mileage even without trying to drive with an egg between my foot and the gas pedal. Did I mention great handling, reliability, performance and oh heck y'all know all that. So lets just get together and drive our great sports cars on the next club event.

## JUNE 2008 Meeting Minuets: Barbara Newman

The June meeting of the NEO Miata Club was called to order by George Walker, President. Everyone present introduced themselves, told what year and color of car/cars they have, and anything new that has been added to the car.

Mike Viseur discussed his latest addition to his Miata, a plug in scan gauge that reads all onboard diagnostics. He bought his for about \$160 and is useful in improving gas mileage.

Vice president, Ruth Will, was not present so no report was given.

Secretary/Membership: Barbara Newman, reported we have a total of 90 members (families).

Treasurer: Devinna Smith, said we currently have about \$2,000 in our treasury. Club members donated a total \$410 for Larry Schroeder's family and that check will be written shortly. It was noted an auction at Larry's former business will be held Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Webmaster/Newsletter: Alan Doughty apologized for the lateness of the last newsletter.

Tour/Events: Tom Jones gave a brief overview of up and coming

events. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.) He voiced his appreciation of those who have led drives. He reminded everyone to be friendly to everyone on our drives, particularly new members. He noted there have been 136 cars participate in our drives this year with 43 different members participating and an average of 12 cars per event. He mentioned that Pam Chronister is selling her 92 yellow for \$6,000 if anyone is interested. Bob Nichols has his Miata race car and trailer for sale for \$15,500. He urged everyone to wear their name tags to club events.

Pierre Smith gave a brief summary of the Miatas at Eureka event held by the Northwest Arkansas Miata Club. Four members from our club attended. It is held the second weekend in June each year so make plans to attend next year. There were 18 or 19 different clubs represented and it was a great event.

Tom gave a breakdown of the cars in the club by color. Red is the most popular with 42, 14 blue, 12 gray, 10 white, 9 black, 4 green, 3 mahogany, 2 orange, 2 BRG, 1 yellow, and 1 royal plum metallic pearl.

Carol Thavenet then read an enter-

taining poem she had written regarding her Miata.

Our liaison with Nelson Mazda then discussed the following:

Nelson now carries nitrogen for filling tires.

Inquired about interest in a car care clinic just for Miatas. There was definite interest in this item.

He will keep the club updated as he hears information about the 2009 Miatas which will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition.

Earl Larkin asked if there was any interest in a weekend trip to Texas sometime instead of going to Arkansas or Missouri. There was definite interest by club members. Earl will work on developing such a trip either to the Piney Woods area, Hill Country or Big Bend Country.

George reminded members to get their registration for Miatas at Hallett which will be held September 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be limited to only 80 cars. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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