

# NEO Classic



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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.

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## AUGUST Club 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 Oklahoma 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 6, Saturday "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.

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

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

**September 20** is open. 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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## **OCTOBER "Tentative" events**

**October 4, Saturday "Pops" Drive** to Arcadia Earl & Dorothy Larkin will be leading an 80 mile day drive to Pops in Arcadia for lunch and a tour around Western Oklahoma, returning to Tulsa mid afternoon. Let's leave the Quik-Trip south of I-44 on West 49<sup>th</sup> Str in West Tulsa at 10am. Driver's meeting at 9:40.

**October 11, Saturday Club Picnic @ Chandler Park** Hosted by Mike & Brenda Meyer @ 243-7518 and Mac & Leta Arnett @ 592-2636.

**October 14, Tuesday "Full Moon Drive"** Let's leave the Braum's at 71st & Trenton just east of Riverside at 7:30pm. This drive will be southwest of the city over the "Pretty Water Marauder 420".

### **October 15, Meeting Night**

**October 18, Saturday "Hound & Hare" Drive:** Lead by Sandy Sturdavant @ 299-8649 & Carol Walker @ 492-4965. Details to follow.

**October 24 – 26 Texas Miata Roundup:** Lone Star Miata Club is the host in Fredericksburg, TX October 24-26th. To register, go to [ismiota.com](http://ismiota.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 [ismiota.com](mailto:ismiota.com) or call Bill Preston @ 1 800 336 1257

**October 25 - 26, Hallett** COMMA Race Club week-end #8. Questions to Tom 492-2834.

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## **Other events to consider**

### **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 [miasateureka.com](http://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 Pierre & Sharon Smith @ 1 918 495-3988.

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## AUGUST 2008 President's Message: George Walker

The Youngs and the Restless, a small group of NEO Miata Club members have returned to Oklahoma from a sea cruise North to Alaska. It was quite an experience to see some of the country I only imaged when listening to Yukon King on the radio as a kid. I saw the Mendenhall and Hubbard glaciers in Alaska and checked on the whale population as we covered 2619 miles on our round trip voyage from Seattle to the Hubbard Glacier.

The weather and seas were great. I think we brought our Oklahoma sunshine with us. Everyone told us how they had been having a lot of rain and cold weather before we arrived. The weather for us was mild and the view was as good as it could be. The mountains were

spectacular and color of the glacier ice was much different that I had expected. I want to thank Mac and Susanne Young for their motivating and helping to get the rest of us landlubbers to hop aboard and take this fun sea cruise. Not a Miata trip but great fun getaway with Miata club friends.

Since we got back late we missed Kevin and Devinna's cookout and drive. Sounds like everyone that made it had a great time.

I did make it to Tom's drive. Pretty country drive south of town. Great fun as usual. Thanks Tom.

I'm looking forward to Roy Amy Kolis "Wild Horse BAR-B-Que" Drive on August 9th, Leaving from the

Quik-Trip @ 145th & Broken Arrow Expressway, drivers meeting at 9:40AM.

I know that its gotten a little hot and some of us have got the top up and the air on but a lot of times it fun to put the top down and put the air on. It's the best of both worlds.

Don't forget to give a friendly wave even if your top's up and the air is on high. See y'all on the curves.

## JULY 2008 Meeting Minuets: Barbara Newman

The July meeting of the NEO Miata Club was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Vice President, Ruth Will, who was filling in for our president who was out of town. Mike Wheat has a video of our drive to Queen Wilhemina Lodge and the

Everyone introduced themselves, told what color and year of Miata(s) they own and any recent additions or changes to their car. See elsewhere in the newsletter for new member information.

Barbara Newman, Secretary and Membership, noted we currently have 95 members.

Devinna Smith, Treasurer, reported approximately \$1,600 in our account.

Tom Jones, Tours/Events Chairman, then reported on drives coming up in the immediate future and several months out. See the sched-

ule elsewhere in this newsletter. He reminded everyone that in the newsletter the current month events are for certain. Other events are subject to change.

Tom then gave a breakdown of our club cars by years. The top five are: 2006, 27 cars; 1991, 8 cars; 2007, 7 cars; 1990, 6 cars; and 2003, 6 cars. From 1990 through 1997, there are 34 cars and 63 cars from 1999 through 2008.

Tom then noted he will be starting a "Tom's List" of items for our cars that members might have for sale, giveaway, items needed or wanted, etc. Tonight he has some treatment for those with windows that are squeaky or difficult to raise or lower. There is a webpage for parts for Miatas and RX-8's called parts-group.com.

Alan Doughty, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, noted that those

wanting to help save the environment should let him know and he will e-mail the newsletter and not mail it to our homes.

Question then was raised about gasoline stations selling non-ethanol gas. There are some Shell and Conoco stations at locations such as 41<sup>st</sup> and Yale, 31<sup>st</sup> and Harvard, 21<sup>st</sup> and Lewis and at least a couple of locations in Broken Arrow. Law now requires that stations post the ethanol content of their gasoline on their pumps.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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