

# NEO Classic



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Northeastern Oklahoma Miata Club  
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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 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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## OCTOBER Club events

**October 4, Saturday Lunch at "Pops on 66" Drive** From the McDonalds at I-44 & 129th. Breakfast from 08:00 A.M. - 08:45 A.M. Drivers' meeting at 08:45 A.M. Departure at 09:00 A.M. sharp.

### "Note from Earl"

When "Pops on 66" first opened it was hailed as Route 66's next icon. But according to Oklahoma Today magazine and the Route 66 Touring Association, it already has become a Route 66 icon. Having been there this summer with Wild Child and talked to the manager, it is

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easy to believe.

If you stop there during the summer, no matter what day of the week it is, the odds are at least 50-50 that you will stand in line, outside of the building, while you wait to enter and be seated. People come here by the bus-loads, car clubs and motorcycle clubs come here in huge numbers. WHY? Its just so different!

First, they claim to have over 500 different kinds of soda pop from all over America and 32 foreign countries. If you walk around inside and look at, and try to count, all the different kinds of pop they have there, you start to believe their claims. Wall after wall, shelf after shelf, there is pop everywhere.

What about the food? Their food is very good but it is not cheap; this is not McDonalds. Expect to pay \$7:00-\$8:00 for a sandwich or a burger. They have other selections, other kinds of food, and it will cost more but it will taste very good.

We chose early October to do this drive for two reasons: (1) Hopefully, to see a reduction in the size of the Saturday crowds and (2) For the temperatures to have cooled enough to be comfortable to sit outside. Pops has an outside courtyard that will seat over 40 people easily. If there is a large number of people waiting outside in line when we get there, our willingness as a group to accept the outside seating would send us to the head of the line.

This is a drive for everyone; the pace will be leisurely. There will be no challenging, winding roads and we will obey all speed limits. This drive is strictly about just cruising to a really unique place for a good meal with your Miata friends. We will return to Tulsa by a slightly different route and should be back in Tulsa between 2:30-3:00 P.M.

The route that we will take there is 106 miles long. If by the time we get there you think you need more gas for the return trip home, this place also sells gas and their set-up looks like the refueling ports for the Starship Enterprise. Bring your cameras.

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**October 11, "Saturday" Club Picnic, 11am to 4pm** @ River City Park in Sand Springs located just west of the Wal-Mart on the Southwest corner at Hwy 412 & Hwy 97 in West Sand Springs. Take the outer road (Wekiwa Road) west to the park. Mac will start cooking about 10am with lunch about 1 pm. Everyone bring a salad or covered dish or dessert. Meat will be provided. 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 19, Sunday "Car Show" Drive:** This DRIVE is still TENTATIVE!! Miata club members, Ronnie & Shirley Lane, are showing their kit car (built by Bandbroadster.com in Granby, MO) at the Twin Bridges Car Show located between Fairland & Wynondotte, OK. We will incorporate a fun drive with lunch ON OUR WAY TO THIS EVENT. We are trying to work out the details of this drive. More info will follow.

**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

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

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## NOVEMBER "Tentative" events

**November 1, Saturday "2008 Fall Foliage Tour" Drive:** From the McDonalds at I-44 & 129th. Breakfast from 06:00 A.M. - 06:45 A.M. Drivers' meeting at 06:45 A.M. Departure at 07:00 A.M. sharp

### "Note from Earl"

As I am typing this it is Sunday, Sept. 14th, 2008, and we don't have a clue if Nov 1st, 2008, will be a good date for Fall foliage colors or not. The date was chosen so as not to conflict with other Miata activities, the Texas Miata Round-up in Fredericksburg, Texas in particular. As it has always been before, "color" will be determined by the rains or lack there-of and when the first couple of "hard freezes" occur. But this information had to be present in the Oct. 08 newsletter because even if you actually received your newsletter sometime during the day on Saturday, Nov. 1st, we would already be "long-gone" at 07:00 A.M.

So while we cannot guarantee "color" six weeks from now, we can guarantee a few other things. There will be curves, hundreds of them. There will be scenery, miles and miles of it. There will be scenic vistas, many. There will be "challenging roads," miles of it; and we will challenge them with "GUSTO."

Figure on spending the entire day; we will try to be back to Tulsa, or at least out of the "twisties" before dark, but we cannot guarantee this. The roads that we will be driving on with so much joy and excitement can also "trap us" if we come up behind Ma and Pa Kettle in their 50 foot Winnebago driving the curves at 10MPH, mile after mile after mile. We cannot control who will be on the roads with us that day, hence no "guarantees" about what time we will be back in Tulsa. I will guarantee you that I will keep our group moving along as swiftly as possible without hurting anyone's feelings or leaving anyone behind.

Get your Miata ready for this drive. Place special emphasis on your tires and brakes. Are your tires up to the challenge? Got plenty of tread and properly inflated? Trust me; you don't want to try to "run" these curves and roads with tires that are not "just right." Is there still plenty of life left in your brake pads? Did you sleep well and get a good night of rest Friday night? We are so ready to do this,

Wild Thang & Wild Child

**November 7-9, Friday, Saturday & Sunday "Branson" Drive:** Bob & Mona Huckaby will be leading a 3-day week-end drive to Branson, Missouri's Ramada Inn, returning to Tulsa Sunday evening. There is a drive-thru Christmas light tour on Friday evening. On Saturday evening we will be going to a show. Bob has asked the Ramada Inn for a block of 20 rooms. The group rate charge is \$50 per night. Normally the rooms would be \$119. Make room reservations at 1 800 641-4106. Let's leave the McDonalds at I-44 & 129th at Noon on Friday the 7th.

November 15 is open.

November 19, Meeting Night

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**November 22, Saturday "Day Cruise":** Let's leave the Sand Springs Braum's at 3950 Hwy 97 just north of 41<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. This drive will be west of the city around the "Coyote Shuffle 360".

November 27, Happy Thanksgiving.

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## DECEMBER "Tentative" events

**December 6, Friday "Christmas Light" Drive:** Let's leave the Braum's on 91<sup>st</sup> just east of Sheridan at 7:30.

December 13 - Club Christmas Party

December 17, Meeting Night

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## 2009 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.

## SEPTEMBER 2008 Meeting Minuets: Barbara Newman

The September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order by George Walker, President. All present introduced themselves, year and color of their Miata(s), and anything new done to the car.

Vice President Report – none due to absence of Ruth Will.

Secretary/Membership Report – Barbara Newman reported we have 98 members.

Treasurer's Report – We currently have a total of \$1,646.53.

Report from Tour Director – Tom Jones reported on drives. See elsewhere in newsletter for details.

Information Sheet – Tom will be putting together a list of businesses who would possibly supply services, repair work, products, etc. for Miatas. Recommendations from members will be gladly accepted. This will be e-mailed to the membership on a monthly basis.

Garage Sale List – Tom is also working on a list of items/parts members have for sale or give away or need. This will be updated regularly. The club currently has 50 small and 5 large orange cones for sale to anyone interested. The small ones will be \$5 and the large ones \$10.

Report from Nominating Committee – John Newman reported that of the current officers, only our Webmaster/Newsletter Editor has agreed to stay on in his position. Tom Jones has volunteered to assist anyone who might want to be Tour director. So all other positions (President, Vice President, Secretary/Membership, Treasurer, and Tour Director) are open for volunteers, nominations, etc. Secret ballot nomination forms were distributed and collected at the meeting. Any member nominated for an office will be contacted and asked if they are willing to serve. If more than one is willing to serve for a particular office, then a secret ballot election will be held next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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