

NEO Classic



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

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.

NOVEMBER Club 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, 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

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TULSA

**We'll make a
believer
out of you!**

**NEO
Miata Club
Supporter**

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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.

"Note from Bob"

The plan for the Branson trip is to meet at noon on Friday November 7th at the McDonald's on 129th and I44. We will stop in Joplin at the Visitor's Center for a potty-break. We will have a late lunch/early dinner at Lambert's. We should hit there about 3:00 or 3:30. From there it is only about 30 minutes to Branson. We'll check in at the Ramada Inn. Friday evening we will take a Christmas Lights Tour sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Saturday's breakfast will be included in the price of the room. The breakfast buffet includes eggs, pancakes, muffins, pastries, fresh fruit, cereal, etc. Saturday is a free day for shopping, sight seeing, or riding around. On Saturday evening we'll have bar-b-que at Shorty Small's before going to the White House for the Magnificent Seven show. (Seven decades of music highlights for the first half of the show and Christmas music for the second half.) Sunday morning's breakfast again will be provided by Ramada Inn. Going home we will take the scenic route with lots of curves. We should be home by mid afternoon on Sunday. If anyone has any questions, call Bob at 230-5109 or Mona at 918 331-7140.

November 15 is open.

November 19, Meeting Night

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

November 27, Happy Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER "Tentative" events

December 6, Saturday "Christmas Light" Drive: Let's leave the Braum's on 91st just east of Sheridan at 7:30.

December 13 - Club Christmas Party

December 17, Meeting Night

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

June 12-14, 2009 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 Pierre & Sharon Smith @ 1 918 495-3988.

MY CHANGE OF LIFE

Now, first of all
Let's get this straight
It is not that thing called menopause
Of which we women
Have grown to hate

No – nothing like that
Far more important, I'd say
Something to lift your spirits
As you drive away!

For there is nothing I can think of
That will go so far
As to give you a new life
Than a little Miata sports car

Ahh, a little two-seater
Built for no more than two
And sometimes you will enjoy
When it is just you

Now, I almost waited too long
For I was pushing seventy-one
Before I said to my other half
I'm getting myself a Miata, Hon

Oh yes, he threw a fit
I suppose like most
Saying, if I was ever in an accident
I'd be "toast"

And, yes it happened
Though it wasn't my fault
But I'll admit
I was quite over-wrought



Well, the collision folks
Fixed her up – like new
And she has taken me on several
long trips
To Nebraska and South Carolina
To name a few

But my little Miata
That has taken me near and far
May God forbid anyone referring to
her
As "just a car"!

By: Carol Sue Sorensen Thavenet

OKTOBER 2008 Meeting Minuets: Barbara Newman

NEO MIATA MINUTES October 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President George Walker. Everyone introduced themselves by names, year and color of car, and anything new to their Miata.

Secretary/Membership Report: We have a total of 99 member families. It is time to start paying 2009 dues.

Treasurer's Report: Currently have about \$1,400. Devinna has the little red Miatas for sale for \$5.00 each.

Webmaster/Newsletter Report: Go green – have the newsletter e-mailed to you. Just let Alan know.

Tour Director: Tom discussed future events. (See elsewhere in newsletter for details.) He noted we have had 22 drives with an average of 10 participants per drive. There has been no interest in purchasing

the orange cones he discussed at last meeting. They may be donated to a local church with the understanding we can borrow them when needed. Ronnie Lane noted he has shop where the cones could be stored, if desired.

Report from Nominating Committee: The following positions have been filled for next year:

President:

John Newman

Vice President:

Mike Viseur

Treasurer:

Amy Kolis

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor:

Alan Doughty

Tour Director:

Tom Jones

The Secretary/Membership Chairman position is still open. Any volunteers would be welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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NEW MEMBERS

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