

NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB

NEO MIATA CLUB EVENTS - Tom @ 492-2834

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).

Want to lead a club drive? Wherever you want!! We need a drive from you. Robber's Cave, Tahlaquah, Ponca City, anywhere you want to go, help is available. Written directions are available for any club drive we do. The full year's tentative schedule is available upon request. We have some drives planned:

Feb 21 by the Bedingfield's & Sturdivant's.

March 21 by Ronnie & Shirley Lane.

April 18-19 by Earl & Dorothy Larkin.

May 2 by Pierre & Sharon Smith.

June 7 we need a full moon drive leader.

June 20 by Roy & Amy Kolis.

Jul 18 would be a good day for a drive.

Aug 15 would be a good day for a drive.

Sept 12 by Kevin & Devinna Smith.

Oct 11 by Mac & Leta Arnett.

Oct 31 by Earl & Dorothy Larkin.

Nov 7 or 21 would be a good day for a drive.

JANUARY Club events

January 21, Meeting Night

FEBRUARY "Tentative" events

February 7 is open.

February 9, Monday "Full Moon" Drive #1. Pretty Water Marauder 490 at 101st & Riverside

February 14, Saturday, Happy Valentine's Day

February 18, Meeting Night

February 21, Saturday "SWEETHEART DRIVE": Gene & Shirley Bedingfield & Jim & Sandy Sturdivant will lead us on a leisurely drive to Westville, OK 100 miles away for lunch at Phil's Country Fare (\$5 to \$35) and some sightseeing in Park Hill at the Cherokee Heritage Center (guided tour of Ancient Village, Adams Corner Rural Village and museum for \$7.50), then visit the Murrell House or the cemetery where Chief John Ross is buried, and return to Tulsa mid afternoon. Drivers meeting will be at 8:44am. Departing at 8:58am. Let's leave the McDonalds at 91st and Memorial. Questions to Gene Beddingfield @ 1 918 664-4691. (0 cars present)

February 28 is open.

MARCH "Tentative" events

March 7 is open.

March 11, Wednesday "Full Moon" Drive #2: Bixby Figure 8 360 from 101st & Riverside

March 14 is open.

March 18, Meeting Night

March 21, Saturday Drive: Ronnie & Shirley Lane (676-3365)

March 28 - 29, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #1.

SPRING FLING 2009 MIATAS ON A MISSION IN MISSOURI - EARL LARKIN

April 18-19, 2009, Saturday-Sunday:

What Miata mission? Let us explain. Deal's Gap; say those two words and people "in the know" picture 318 curves in 11 miles. Deal's Gap is the "gold standard" by which all really "good roads" are measured. Every state has its own "Deal's Gap" stretch of road.

Who picks and identifies the "Deal's Gap" stretches of road in each state? The motorcyclists of each state. But what if the "bikers" of a state couldn't agree on which section of road was the best in that state?

That leads us to the mission of the NEO Miata Club in Missouri. The MotoGuzzi riders have a favorite stretch of road. The Goldwing riders prefer a different stretch of road; the Harley riders insist that the best stretch of road is a third different stretch of road.

Here is the mission of the NEO Miata Club. We are going to Missouri where we are going to drive all three of the preferred roads. Then we will vote for which section of road we think is the best road in Missouri. Once again the NEO Miata Club will have solved a major American crisis and prevented another "civil war" in the border states.

If you are going to attend Spring Fling 2009 and help us settle this dispute, this is what you need to know and do now. We will be spending Saturday night, April 18, 2009, at the Days Inn in Harrison, Arkansas. Make your reservations now by calling 1 - 870 - 391 - 3297. Tell them you are with the NEO Miata Club and expect the club rate. The total cost will be \$62.15 including taxes. For that rate you get to choose either a room with a kingsize bed or a room with two queen size beds; your choice, same price.

Please reserve your room as soon as possible.

Wild Thang and Wild Child

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN NEWMAN

The NEO Christmas Party was great fun! Thanks to Suzanne Young and crew for getting it all set up and decorating and getting everything ready for us to enjoy. It was really nice and the food was great. I especially enjoyed some of the desserts or maybe I should say ALL of the desserts. Thanks to Leta Arnett for supervising the gift exchange again. It's always interesting to see what will be the "wanted" gift each year. Also a big thanks to Nelson's for letting us use their facilities and providing the tables and chairs and door prizes.

Last year was a great year for the NEO Miata Club. Thanks to all the people who made it happen. I would like to give a big thanks to all the people who led drives. That's really what it's all about. Driving these great roadsters out on the roads and going to all those fun places. We all really appreciate everyone who put in the time and effort to plan and lead a drive so the rest of us can have so much fun. Thanks. I would like to thank George Walker and all the club officers who gave their time and energy to help run the business part of the club. Thanks for a job well done.

This is going to be another great year. I am so looking forward to all the great drives that will be coming up. I'm sure some are being planned right now and that's exciting. I love them all, don't you? I like the short one day drives. I like the long one day drives. I like the overnights a lot, too. I like the tight twisties and I like the drives that have the long sweeping turns. I encourage all of you to think about putting a drive together. It doesn't have to be the drive of all drives. They are all fun. There are a number of people in the club who will help you choose the roads and places to go and help you put one together if that is something you might want to do. Last year we had a choice of drives each month that we could go on and that was nice. We can do that again this year. Just let Tom know and he will help you schedule it.

We may even look at doing some different types of things this year to help promote the club and increase involvement in our communities. We'll visit that later.

It's all about the roads and getting our cars out on those roads. Thanks again to all those that made 2008 such a fun year. Looking forward to a great 2009.

DECEMBER MINUTES - BARBARA NEWMAN

The December meeting of NEO Miata was called to order by George Walker, our outgoing President. He noted what a pleasure it had been to serve the club as President for the last two years.

Introductions were done in the customary method of introducing ourselves, year/color of Miata(s), and anything new to the Miata in the past month.

Vice President Report: None due to absence of Ruth Will.

Treasurer's Report: None due to absence of Devinna Smith.

Secretary/Membership Report: Barbara Newman noted it is once again time to pay our dues (\$20 per year). We currently have 104 members. The secretary/membership position is still open and anyone willing to volunteer for it, please contact either John or Barbara Newman at jnewman7060@sbcglobal.net.

Before George turned the meeting over to the new president, John Newman, he asked the club about giving Jeff Lewis, our Nelson Mazda representative, a gift card for \$25.00 to Quik Trip as appreciation for the great support he has shown our club. Alan also said he would make one of the NEO Miata clocks to present to Jeff as well. This recommendation of the gift card and clock was seconded and approved unanimously.

John Newman then called on Tom Jones, Tour Director, for a report on the Christmas Light Tour. A total of 14 cars participated and saw lots of great lights. Tom has written directions for the route taken if anyone would to follow the route. Tom also noted that at the Christmas Party, he presented a "Driver of the Year" plaque to Roy and Amy Kolis who attended the most drives this past year (16 out of 26). He reported that approximately half of the membership had gone on at least one drive this year. Of that number, 1/3 went on 1 drive only, 1/3 went on 2-6 drives, and 1/3 on 7-16 drives. He is looking at ways to get more of our membership to experience at least one drive the coming year. He has a tentative schedule for the coming year and will e-mail it out to the membership in early January. He then presented a plaque for "Drive Leader of the Year" to Earl and Dorothy Larkin, who were responsible for drives attended by 30% of members participating in drives this year.

Earl Larkin asked about the Z-Club asking for us to participate in a track day at Hallett with them this next year. A general discussion ensued. John Newman noted he was getting the facts together and would be discussing this with the new officers before bringing a recommendation to the club.

Mac Young noted the club's appreciation of Tom's hard work at organizing the drives this past year.

Mona and Bob Huckaby expressed their thanks to the club members for their many prayers, phone calls, notes, and visits during Bob's recent surgery.

The club currently has the magnetic NEO Miata signs for sale at \$35 a pair. See John Newman if interested in purchasing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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