



## NEO Miata Club 2009 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? Do you want to eat, site-see, attend an event. Do you want to go for a 1 hour, 2 hour, 4 hours, Half Day or All Day Drive, Overnight drive, Two-caravan drive, Weekly drive, Annual drive? Do you want an easy visiting drive, a quick paced drive or a leisure paced drive? How about a Week-night dinner Drive, an after Meeting Drive, a Community service drive!! We need a drive from you. Robber's Cave, Ponca City, anywhere, help is available.

Written directions are available for any club drive we do. The full year's tentative schedule is available upon request.

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### MARCH Club events

**March 6, Friday, Annual "Kiwanis Club Chili Supper" Evening Drive:** Let's meet at 6pm at the Hicks Community Center, 3443 South Mingo Rd, Tulsa for a great chili supper, followed by an evening drive. Questions to our hosts, Jim & Jewel Naufel @ 355-1124.

**March 10, Tuesday "Full Moon" Drive #2:** Let's leave the Braum's on 101st just east of Riverside at 7pm. This drive will be south of the city around the "Bixby 'Figure 8' 480".

**March 14** is open.

#### March 18, Meeting Night

**March 21, Saturday Drive to Granby, MO:** Ronnie & Shirley Lane @ 1 918 676-3365, will lead a drive on back roads thru Grove, on Hwy 20 around Grand Lake & northeast OK, with a potty stop before Hwy 90 & Hwy 71 to Neosho, MO, then east on Hwy 60 to a car plant in Granby, Mo where they build a '66 Shelby Cobra among a few other specialty cars. At the plant we will have a tour and talk to the owners. Then we'll head to Joplin for some lunch and on to Afton for a tour of a Route 66 auto museum. After that we will take a drive home. We should be back by early afternoon. Let's meet at McDonalds south of I-44 on 129<sup>th</sup> for an 8:30 departure. It's about 130 miles to Granby, MO, then another 30 miles to Joplin and 130 miles back to Tulsa.

**March 21 - 22, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #1.**

**March 28** is open.

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### APRIL "Tentative" events

**April 4** is open.

**April 9, Thursday "Full Moon" Drive #3:** Let's leave the Braum's on Garnett just south of I-44 at 7pm. This drive will be east of the city thru the "Tigerswitch 380".

**April 11,** is open. April 12, Sunday, Happy Easter.

## April 15, Meeting Night

**April 18-19, Saturday & Sunday "Spring Fling" Drive:** A 2 day drive in Arkansas and Missouri, driving 321 miles on day 1, spending Saturday night, April 18 at the Days Inn in Harrison, AR, reservations at 1 870 391-3297. A club rate of \$62.15 including taxes has been arranged. This is a quick paced drive. There is a write-up of this trip in the January Newsletter. Let's leave the McDonalds south of I-44 on 129<sup>th</sup> at 7am. Driver's meeting at 6:45. Contact Earl & Dorothy Larkin 342-6992 for details.

**April 25 - 26, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #2.**

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## MAY "Tentative" events

**May 2, Saturday Drive:** Let's go to Van Buren, Arkansas, 120 miles away, lead by John & Barb Neuman @ 245-3209. Details to follow.

**May 9, Saturday "Strawberry Festival" Stilwell Drive:** Let's go to Stilwell, OK for the Strawberry Festival, 95 miles away, then lunch at Fish's Bar-be-Que, Tahlaquah, lead by Bill & Carol Laws @ 622-4791. Details to follow. May 10, Sunday, Happy Mother's Day.

**May 16** is open.

## May 20, Meeting Night

**May 22-25, Mazda MX-5 MiataWorld II:** Oval, road course, autocross track events at Texas Motor Speedway. 30,000 sqft indoor vendor's alley. Sunday banquet dinner with entertainment. 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).

**May 25** is Memorial Day.

**May 23 - 24, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #3.** May 25, Monday, Happy Memorial Day.

**May 29 - 30, Hallett HST Only.**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JOHN NEWMAN

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the monthly Wednesday evening club meetings. It's a good time to visit with each other and it's a real good way to hear more detail about the upcoming drives. Plus, you just never know who's going to show up dressed in red, full length fur, properly accessorized splendor, or what night the door prize you really need might be given away. Look forward to seeing you there this month.

I am so glad to see February in the rear view mirror and March coming into view. The temps will start coming up for some consistent top down time. Plus, we switch to daylight savings time on the 8<sup>th</sup>. That will give us more sunlight time for some evening drives. The first day of spring is just around the next curve. I can't wait. The weather is going to start improving and we have some great drives coming up. Always check the three month schedule that Tom sends out and the Calendar on the website to see what drives are planned so you don't miss one. By the way, isn't Tom doing a good job with the web drives? What a great idea, Tom.

If you have any thoughts about a type of drive you would like to see us do be sure to contact Tom and let him know. Also, you should be receiving Google email reminders of upcoming events. If you are not, let Alan know.

If you lead a drive you can always ask someone that's on the drive to write up a short article for the newsletter about the drive. That way people that didn't get to go on it can read about all the fun we had and where we went. You can send articles and pictures to Alan at [newsletter@neomiata.com](mailto:newsletter@neomiata.com).

The new Club Store page that Alan has added to the NEOMiata.com web site is really nice. Be sure to check it out and order some of the articles offered to us by CafePress.com. That is really going to be convenient and it

looks like they have something for everyone. Thanks also to Alan for the door prizes at the February meeting. All of those items were from the CafePress shop.

It's going to be a busy and fun year. I hope everyone in the club gets to participate in several events. See you out there. Keep the rpm's up and the top down.

## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES GAIL ROOP

Welcome to our New Members:

Sidney and Pattie Bengé      Darrell and Debbie Heck      Chris and Jenny Thompson

The meeting was called to order by president, John Newman. He shared with the group that member, Rodney Jones was in St. Francis Hospital for testing. John requested that anyone wanting to visit Rodney please call first.

The club members introduced themselves including the year, color and tag for their Miata, as well as sharing any news about their car.

Vice President Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: \$1280 in the bank and \$525 ready to deposit

Secretary's Report: We currently, as of this meeting, have 57 paid memberships. Effective March 1st, those that have not paid the 2009 dues will be removed from the membership list and will no longer be receiving newsletters. The number of unpaid dues at this point is over 60.

Webmaster Report: The website has a new look. He said anyone wanting to receive the newsletter by mail rather than email will need to let him know. He said the next newsletter will be email only unless he hears other wise.

Tours/Events Report: Tom Jones said those that went on the drive to see the Bald Eagles were not disappointed; they saw one! Upcoming drives were reviewed. Tom asked the group if there was any interest in a getting together during the week at a local restaurant to eat and visit, and having a week day drive. There did not seem to be an interest in either by the group. Possible drive ideas were discussed including Krebs and Cowboy Junction. Members who have not led a drive were encouraged to volunteer for a drive. There was a discussion regarding the search to find radio's that could be used by the lead and sweep cars that would be strong enough for everyone to hear. There are plans to put a full year of drives on the website, but the group was reminded events could change.

Earl Larkin discussed the Spring Fling drive scheduled on April 18th and 19th. Our club members have reserved 26 rooms for this drive. Those attending this drive will be voting on which of the 3 roads are best.

Pierre Smith discussed a drive planned on May 16th which is Armed Forces Day. The drive will take everyone to Ft. Gibson's National Cemetery for a short program and then lunch at a BBQ place in Ft. Gibson.

Bob Huckaby asked the group if they would like to take a trip to Branson in December instead of November and there was a good response.

Alan Doughty gave awards to Mac Arnett for his delicious ribs, and Earl Larkin for his wonderful drives.

There was a drawing and 3 prizes were awarded including a coffee mug, tote bag, and baseball cap all with the club logo. The group was encouraged to check out the web site store for items with the club logo.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm



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### WAR BONNET TOM JONES

#### War Bonnet Park Raceway, Mannford, Oklahoma, 1966 – 1970

War Bonnet Raceway was completed in July 1966 by Sports Diversified, Inc, Robert M. Moore, Jr. President. At the time of its building, the race course was 1.1 miles long. It was then expanded to 2.6 miles, the longest permanent road course in the USA. The first major race was the 1967 Grand Prix held in June. War Bonnet was given its name to honor the Indian Heritage of the area.

During its short history, War Bonnet held the Grand Prix Series, sports clubs of America, Nationals, Sprints, motorcycle races, Trans-Am Championship, NASCAR, Formula I International and the first race of the Continental Championship.

Financial hardship plagued the race track and it sold at sheriff's sale in July of 1970 to Creek County Land Development Company. The track of land previously known as War Bonnet Raceway became Lake Country housing area.

Some of the renowned drivers to race at War Bonnet Raceway included:

Peter Revson  
Mark Donohue  
Roger Penske  
Dick Smothers  
Gus Hutchinson

George Follmer  
Jerry Titus  
Parnelli Jones  
John McComb  
Steve McQueen

Paul Newman  
Dick Roberts  
James Garner  
(Honorary Marshal 1968 Grand Prix)

You can see War Bonnet Raceway and drive the course at 25 MPH. Drive 1.5 miles north of the traffic light at Mannford, left at the Lake Country sign for 1/3 mile. War Bonnet Raceway is now named Keystone Loop.

#### Club Officers:

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