



NEO Miata Club 2009 Tentative Planning Calendar

Tom @ 492-2834

Read "Rules of the Road" on the website homepage before each drive (they do get updated).

Please consider having a club drive. Let's go eat or site-see or attend an event. Decide how long and how far and what driving pace you want and let's go. We need a drive from you. Robber's Cave, Ponca City, Oklahoma Natural Falls State Park, anywhere you want. Lunch will be at Bad Brad's Bar-B-Que, Pawhuska. Hammett House, Claremore, Knotty Pine Bar-B-Que, Tulsa, Savannah's Café @ Forest Ridge, B A., Cowboy Junction, Vinita, Fish's Bar-b-Que, Tahlequah. Help is available.

MAY Club events

May 2, Saturday Drive: Let's visit Historic Main Street in Van Buren, AR which has about 2 blocks of shops. The shops are mostly antique, collector type stuff. There are a couple of coffee shops and unique little stores. We'll browse and shop for an hour. We'll lunch at Big Jake's with steak to salad, pasta or fish priced from \$8. Let's meet at 7:30am at the McDonalds 129th and I-44, Driver's meeting at 7:45, with an 8am departure. We should be back around 5pm with many places where you can "cut off" to come home earlier, if you need to get back. This will be a cruiser drive not a spirited drive. Hosts are John & Barb Neuman, 245-3209. (0 cars present)

May 9 is open. Sunday, Happy Mother's Day.

May 16 is open. Possible web drive. Details to follow

May 20, Meeting Night (0 cars present)

May 22-25, Mazda MX-5 Miata World II: Oval, road course, autocross track events at Texas Motor Speedway. 30,000 sq ft 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. (0 cars present)

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

May 29 - 30, Hallett HST Only.

JUNE "Tentative" events

June 6 is open.

June 7, Saturday "Full Moon" Drive #1 Reversed. Let's leave the Braum's on 101st just east of Riverside at 7:30pm. This drive will be southwest of the city over the "Pretty Water Marauder 520" reversed. Host Tom 492-2834. (Leaving for vacation Jun 8)

June 12-14, "Miatas at Eureka" Week-End: Miatasateureka.com for info & sign-up. Friday pm register & mixer, Saturday drives, rodeo & banquet, Sunday check-out, \$50 per car event entry fee & \$25 banquet option. Excess proceeds are given to charity. Get "Miatas at Eureka Springs" Rate at Best Western Eureka Inn 1 877-505-9900 and Best Western Inn of the Ozarks 1-800-552-3785. Eureka Springs is 160 miles away. Host Pierre & Sharon Smith 495-3988.

June 17, Meeting Night

June 20, Saturday "Coleman Theater" Drive: Let's leave the McDonalds south of I-44 on 129th at 8:30am. Driver's meeting at 8:15. Hosts Roy & Amy Kolis 438-7879.

June 20 - 21, 2008, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #4.

June 21, Sunday, Happy Father's Day

June 27 is open.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JOHN NEWMAN

Time is just flying by. I can't believe that a month has gone by so quick. We were at the NEO officers meeting last night and Webmaster Alan informed me that I hadn't sent him the article for the May newsletter. You're kidding me, it's that time already? So here you go. A quick off the top note.

I am so happy that May is here. Warmer weather is on it's way. I'm so glad about that. It's going to be top down time and I'm ready to feel that sun. I enjoy driving my Miata in about all conditions but I truly enjoy it when I can put the top down and feel like I'm outside. The sun in my face and the wind in my hair.....hey a guy can dream.

Thanks to Earl and Dorothy for yet another great Spring Fling. I won't elaborate on it since I believe there is a write up in the newsletter. The "Spring Fling" is usually our first big drive of the season and kind of ushers in the start of the summer drives. Thanks Earl and Dorothy.

A thanks also to Jeff from Nelson's for bringing out the beautiful 2009 Yellow for us to look over at the last meeting. Don't forget that if you do go to Nelson's for something that you have a 20% off coupon in the newsletter.

We have a lot of new members, young and older, and new members always add so much to the club. Be sure to wear your name tags and get to know each other at the meetings and on the drives. The social times are so much fun.

We have had several members go through some health issues this last month and at this writing all are doing well. We're thankful for that and are anxious to see them all out in their cars on a drive with us soon.

Like I said earlier here's just a short note (because I forgot). Looking forward to a great May and some fun drives in the sun. I'll see you out there.

APRIL 2009 MEETING MINUTES GAIL ROOP

The meeting was called to order by Club President John Newman at 7:00pm.

A new member, Boone Williams was introduced, and Jeff Lewis from Mazda was introduced as our liaison from the car dealership. He brought a 2009 "yellow" for every one to look at. Club members introduced themselves and their cars. The Forever MX5 magazine (totally Miata magazine) was discussed. Miata World II will be in Dallas. Our club is to put together

an event. We have 9 cars going from Tulsa. Jim Sturdivant will contact them to discuss an event. Everyone was reminded to check the NEO Garage Site for updates on car repair. We were reminded of the discount from Surfside.

Secretary Report: 78 memberships currently. The club was reminded that renewals are \$20 and are not pro-rated; only new memberships are pro-rated. The group was asked if anyone had not received their new member packet when they joined.

Treasurer Report: \$59.06 out, \$550.09 deposited, and the club balance is \$1779.64.

Tom Jones: He said there have been 66 active members on drives this year. He said Tulsa Mazda needs drivers to deliver cars. Contact Tom Jones if interested. There was some confusion as to whether Nelson Mazda would give a club discount if a battery was purchased from them. We do get a discount.

The web site will have changes made. Those that contributed photos to NEO Photos were thanked. The group was reminded that the web sites Rules of the Road does change and everyone was encouraged to review it occasionally. The 2009 tentative planning calendar is available. On the web site, Miata Resources has everything to do with your car.

Since the last meeting, there have been 3 drives. The Larkin Spring Fling scheduled on April 18th and 19th was discussed. The Newmans will lead a drive on May 2nd. The Laws discussed their planned drive to the Strawberry Festival on May 9th.

A Drawing occurred and the winners were: The Wills and The Walkers. The items came from the web site store. Some of our members experiencing health issues right now are: Brenda Meyer, Gene Bedingfield, Rodney Jones and Pierre Smith, keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

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SPRING FLING 2009: MIATAS ON A MISSION Ruth Will



Oh, how we love a Spring Fling that really gets the blood going! It starts with you filling her with only the very best liquid, then bringing her home and giving her a warm sudsy bath. It ends with caressing every curve with a ShamWow. When you open her up and slide inside, you know that it is going to be the ride of your life. Stop! That's enough from Duane

It was a little overcast with a few sprinkles when we left the McDonalds with 28 cars, excited and ready to get on the road as we headed out for Missouri. It started to clear a little as we went through curved roads with beautiful scenery of blooming Dogwoods. We traveled through Spavinaw and Jay going to our first stop at Honey Creek, Missouri. We had a little trouble with the restrooms at Honey Creek but I did bring my "Fer Rent Bucket" just in case we needed it. We picked up another Miata making it 29 cars.



We were going to travel three great roads that were made for our Miatas. These roads would cover the needs of all our Miata drivers: the ones who like to go fast, the spirited drivers, and the laid back, cool cruiser dudes. Earl wanted us to vote that evening on which one of the roads we thought was the best to be called "Deals Gap of Missouri".



The first road was on Hwy. 90 out of Noel, MO heading to Cassville. Great scenery and wonderful curves waited. The second road was on Hwy. 76 which is a favorite road of Harley Davidson motorcycle riders. On this road, we did have a accident with one of our Miatas that Nancy Grayson was driving. It was a little scary until we knew that Nancy was going to be ok. After the second road we had lunch in Sparta, MO at the Bull Creek Café that stayed open just for us. Great food and the best homemade pie you have ever eaten. The third and last road of the day was a 53

mile road on South Hwy 125 where we ended up in Arkansas to take those cute little Miatas on a ferry across the lake (very cool). After our ferry ride we headed to Harrison Arkansas where we ate, fueled up, and rested for the night.



Sunday morning we had a wonderful buffet breakfast at Shoney's and was told that the road that received the most votes was (drum roll please)... the last road South Hwy 125! It was voted as the winner to be called "Deals Gap of Missouri". We headed out with tops down in sunshine to Clarksville. Just when you think that the scenery can't get any better, we turned on South Hwy 123 to Buffalo Creek. This must be what they mean by a natural high. It felt like you could touch those soft white clouds in the valleys. This area is also known as elk country along the Buffalo River. Then we headed to Mt. Judea. Again the Dogwoods were in bloom with gorgeous scenery. Clarksville was our first stop of the day and we had a few sprinkles, so we put our tops up. We headed on

our last scenic road of the day on North Hwy 21. We did have rain, but it only made everything the brightest green that you have ever seen.

We want to thank all of our sweeps Bob & Mona, Joe & Sarah, Jim & Sandy, and Tom for the great job they did in keeping us from getting lost and keeping everyone together.

Many, many thanks go to Earl and Dorothy for such a great weekend. There is a lot of work that is put into these drives by Earl, considering you have 29 cars and close to 60 people to make sure that they have potty breaks, good food, hotels, plus all the wonderful curvy roads, and beautiful scenery. We know it is a lot of hard work and want you to know how much we appreciate you... YOU ARE THE BEST !!!!!

Red Ryder and Little Beaver

