



## NEO Miata Club June-July Planning Calendar

Tom @ 492-2834

Please read "Rules of the Road" on the website homepage before each drive (it will really help keep all of us safe and promote better drives).

If you're tired, do not go on any drive. We must be alert to the road and all cars around you 100% of the time. Don't use your cell phone, ipod, CD players or any devices that may distract from focusing on your driving 100% of the time. The club does not emphasize speed!! Don't allow anyone to influence your need to drive safely.

Know what type of a drive it is. Each drive requires each of us to be willing to drive a certain way. If you are a laid back driver, do not go on a spirited fast paced drive. If you can't be patient, do not go on a laid back cruising leisure site-seeing drive. If you aren't willing or confident enough or experienced enough to participate in a drive as it is presented by the drive leader and intended by the drive leader, don't go. The next week we will have a drive more suited to you. If we don't seem to have a drive that fits your style, please volunteer to have your own drive. There will be plenty of club members to go with you.

Wear your club name tag. Go to the restroom before the drive. Bring your Pike-Pass, if you have one. Always have a good pair of sunglasses. Be on time for a drive with a full gas tank. Check engine oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, brake fluid and brake pads. Check for sufficient tire tread and proper air pressure. Torque lug nuts to proper settings. Check wiper blades.

We do not cancel Miata Drives because of fog or rain. We may still go; we just drive a little slower.

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### JUNE Events

**June 6** is open.

**June 7, Sunday "Full Moon" Drive #1 Reversed.** Let's leave the Braum's on 101st just east of Riverside at 7:30pm. This night drive requiring your full attention will be southwest of the city over the "Pretty Water Marauder 520" reversed. Host Tom 492-2834.

**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. This drive will include some cruising driving and some spirited driving.

### June 17, Meeting Night

**June 20, Saturday "Coleman Theater" Drive:** Let's leave the McDonalds south of I-44 on 129<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Driver's meeting at 8:15. This will be a laid back cruising drive 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, Saturday "Surprise Drive": See article for details.**

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## JULY "Tentative" events

**July 4**, Saturday, Happy Independence Day.

**July 7, Tuesday "Full Moon" Drive #5:** Let's leave the Braum's on West 33rd just north of I-44 at 7:30pm. This night drive requiring your full attention will be northwest of the city over the Chandler Chase 470. Host Tom 492-2834.

**July 11** is open. (July 12, Sunday is a rocket launch day)

### July 15, Meeting Night

**July 18, Saturday Tahlequah "Napoli's" Drive:** Let's leave the McDonalds on south Memorial at 121<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am. Driver's meeting at 9:45. We will be going 97 miles on a leisure drive to Napoli's Italian restaurant (918) 207-0870 on bus.62 in Tahlequah for lunch. Back around 3:30. This will be a layed back cruising drive by hosts John & Bobbie Lucas 835-4262.

**July 25 - 26, 2008, Hallett** COMMA Race Club week-end #5.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOHN NEWMAN

Hi everyone. May is gone and here we are looking at June. Man June is going to be busy for us personally and for the club also. We've got vacations coming up and grandkids to visit and all sorts of summer things to do.

The NEO club has had great turn outs before on lots of our drives, 30 -40 cars. But, have you ever been to a really large multi club Miata event? Do you want to? We have some of our guys that just came back from the Miata World II gathering in Dallas and I'll bet that they had an exciting time. No telling how many cars were at that. Can't wait to hear some of those stories and look at all their pictures from the event.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> we have the Miata's at Eureka weekend put on by the NW Arkansas club. I am really looking forward to that. Looks like there are going to be over a hundred Miata's from several different states. It's really going to be fun to meet people from other clubs and take in all the color of all the different Miata's. Another large event, Miata's at the Gap, is July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> this year. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year for Miata's at Deal's Gap in Tennessee. This event is when a lot, repeat, a lot of Miata cars and club's make the annual trek to The Dragon's Tail at Deal's Gap to run the famous Highway 129. The road has 318 curves in 11 miles! Hence the name, "The Dragon's Tail". I've been to the Gap before but I've never been there on the Miata weekend. I would love to do that, maybe this year. Maybe one of these large events sounds like something you might want to go to. What a good way to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our great roadster.

This is going to be an exciting summer with some great activities to get out and enjoy. Our club visits over into Arkansas a lot because of the great scenic roads and some interesting towns there. Towns like Oark, Figure Five, Hogeye and Deer. We have some interesting places in Oklahoma too. See if you can guess these Oklahoma towns.

1. It's not hard to paint the walls but it's a real chore to paint the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The last five people who came in found the church so crowded that three of them had to sit on the floor because there was room for only two in \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He was able to play the cymbals OK but he was kicked out of the rhythm section because he couldn't beat the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Let's have a fish fry. I'll cook 'em if you'll \_\_\_\_\_.

Okay, that's enough. See you out on the roads. Keep the tops down and revs up.

## **MAY 2009 MEETING MINUTES: BARBARA NEWMAN**

The meeting was called to order by President, John Newman at 7:00 p.m. He noted that several of our members who had been sick, in the hospital, surgery, etc. were or had been present tonight – Pierre Smith, Nancy Grayson, and Gene Bedingfield (dropped by for a few minutes). It was great to see them all looking so well.

All present then introduced themselves and told about their cars.

Report from Vice President, Mike Viseur: He is currently looking at radios and asked if anyone had ever cracked the antenna on a two way radio. If so, see him after the meeting or e-mail him.

Report from Secretary, Gail Roop: Gail and Sam are currently on vacation and she was not available to report. Barbara Newman was filling in to take minutes tonight.

Report from Treasurer, Amy Kolis: She reported \$46.97 out, \$201.00 deposited for a total of \$2,133.67.

Report from Webmaster/Newsletter Editor, Alan Doughty: He had nothing to report.

Report from Tour Director, Tom Jones: Tom reminded everyone to review the Rules of the Road. He then went over upcoming events (see elsewhere in newsletter for calendar). Tom said there are still some dates available this summer for drives. If you are interested in leading a drive, contact Tom. He noted there had been 5 events since our last meeting: Spring Fling with 29 cars, Hallett with one car, Van Buren Drive with 7 cars, Strawberry Festival drive with 8 cars, and the web drive with 10 cars last Sunday. He also mentioned that we currently have 22% 1<sup>st</sup> generation cars, 40% 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, and 38% 3<sup>rd</sup> generation. Our club has 25% of 2006 cars and 40% red cars. There are currently 14 cars planning to attend the Miatas at Eureka in June. Tom then discussed the "bungee cord effect" and how it works. Tom will be giving a quick look at rollbars / style bars after the meeting in the parking lot. He stressed the club does not recommend or condone any rollbar or style bar nor does it recommend or condone that members go with or without one. It is a matter of personal taste and need.

Earl Larkin then congratulated the club on the excellent job at the Spring Fling. Everyone stayed together and no one got lost. They did a great job of relaying information throughout the group.

John Newman noted that the club offers different types of drives throughout the year and each member needs to pick the one(s) that they feel comfortable driving.

Due to Nancy Grayson's recent accident on the Spring Fling, Steve Campbell (former Navy flight surgeon) discussed how to respond appropriately to mishaps on the road (whether with the club or just in general). Everyone needs to contribute appropriately, whether it be using their car with flashing lights to notify oncoming traffic of the problem or physically able to help initially with moving any person out of the way until emergency personnel arrive. He asked everyone to think about what they can offer to the emergency situation.

Nancy Grayson then thanked everyone for their support, phone calls, e-mails, prayers, etc. after her recent car accident.

A drawing was then held for door prizes, two shirts made by Sidney and Pat Benge. The winners were Rick Hardmeyer and Tom Jones.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to the parking lot.

### **COLEMAN DRIVE: AMY AND ROY KOLIS**

Saturday June, 20<sup>th</sup> we will be leading a drive to beautiful Miami Ok. We will be going to take a tour of the Coleman Theater. The Coleman Theater opened on April 18, 1929, to a full house (1,600 seats). The opening night was a vaudeville show and a movie called "The Dummy". The admission on opening night was \$1.00 per seat. The Coleman celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month. The theater was built by George L. Coleman, Sr who was a mining magnate in the Miami area. The historic structure was donated to the City of Miami by the Coleman family in 1989. The theater has been undergoing a renovation ever since. One of the big attractions to the Coleman is the fully restored "Mighty Wurlitzer" pipe organ. The restoration of the pipe organ is a story in itself. You can read the full story at the following link. <http://www.theatreorgans.com/miami.ok/>.

We will be Meeting at the McDonalds at 129<sup>th</sup> and I-44. We will have a drivers meeting at 8:15am and will leave at 8:30 am. We will be taking the turnpike to Miami, so don't forget your pike pass. We will be returning to Tulsa along historic route 66. This drive will not have a lot of twisty roads and is meant to be a destination drive.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via my cell phone (640-9050). We look forward to seeing you then.

### **GIRLS DAY OUT: A SALUTE TO OUR MAGNIFICENT MIATA MAMAS DRIVE: LARKIN**

The primary purpose of this drive is to give the male members of our club the opportunity to say "Thank You," for all the things our ladies do for this club, the patience and tolerance you extend us, your willingness to go anywhere, do anything, virtually without complaint. You girls are all "keepers," and we love you for it. We guys are lucky to have women like you and we all know it. That's why we dedicate Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, to all of you with our love and gratitude.

To be sure all of our ladies can truly enjoy this day, the speed of this drive will be "Cool Cruiser Dudes" pace; slow, casual, easy-going; no high-speed challengeing the curves on this day. We hope this relaxed pace will encourage more of you than usual to drive your Miata on this day. But you don't have to drive if you prefer to have your man drive so that you are free to "enjoy the scenery." Wild Child always prefers it that way; we understand.

When we decided to do this drive we started asking ourselves some questions because we really wanted this day to be special for our "special women," different and unique. Where could we take them that most of them had probably never been? Where could we take them that we could be certain they would all enjoy themselves and have a great time simply because they are all women? Then we remembered one of our "secret treasures" and we thought, "they will love that place."

Where we are going will remain a secret and a surprise. You will have to go with us to discover what it is and its location. What you will see there, most of you will only have seen in movies or television documentaries. You must wear your most comfortable pair of "walking shoes." There is a very small fee to see this place: ten dollars for a couple, five dollars for a single. Please be certain that you have on your person the exact amount of money required to enter as this place does not make change. Have exactly the amount required when you enter. I have already hired us a guide; believe me, we will need one.

We think this will be a Miata drive our ladies will never forget. And fellas, you are going to enjoy this place much more than you think but from a different viewpoint; you will be thinking "this is so cool; I wonder if I could build something like that for my wife?"

After we leave our first major stop we will be taking "our girls" to lunch at another "special place." Lunch for two will cost about twenty to thirty dollars, half that for an individual. After lunch we will continue our casually-paced scenic drive and slowly work our way back to Tulsa. We hope to have all of you back in Tulsa by 4:00 P.M. Please place this drive on your calendar and schedule your plans so that you don't miss this drive. We really want to show these ladies how special we think they are.

Lets meet at the McDonalds at 129th & I-44 for breakfast between 7:00-7:45 A.M., have a drivers meeting at 07:45 A.M. and depart promptly at 08:00 A.M.. Make your plans now and lets have a huge number of ladies present for their "special day."

Wild Thang & Wild Child

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