



## NEO Miata Club 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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### JULY 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 laid back cruising drive by hosts John & Bobbie Lucas 835-4262.

**July 25 - 26, 2008, Kansas City Drive – Sleeping & Eating At The Savoy:** Gail & Sam Roop will be taking club members on the road to Kansas City. See article for details.

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

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### AUGUST "Tentative" events

**August 1** is open.

**August 6, Thursday "Full Moon" Drive #6:** Let's leave the Braum's on Gilcrease Road just north of Hwy 412 at 8:15pm. This night drive requiring your full attention will be north of the city over the "Cincinnati Circle 640". Host Tom 492-2834.

**August 8** is open.

**August 16, Sunday, "Krebs Lunch & Choc Brewery Tour" Drive:** Lunch at Pete's Place; 120 SW 8th St. 423-2042. Tour of the Choc Brewery & other perks. This drive will include some cruising driving and some spirited driving. Hosts Damon & Dak Daniel 627-2007. (or Roseanna's Italian Food\$, 215 E Washington @ 423-2055)

### **August 19, Meeting Night**

**August 22** is open.

**August 29 - 30, Hallett:** COMMA Race Club week-end #6.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOHN NEWMAN**

ust a few odds and ends.

First thanks to everyone for attending the monthly meetings at Mazzio's. It's a good time to visit with everyone and find out about the great drives coming up and hear about all the fun on the ones we've just completed. We are going to have some great drives coming up in July. If you were unable to come to the meeting be sure to check your emails and look at the upcoming events in the newsletter and check the calendar on the web site. You wouldn't want to miss a drive that sounds like it might be just the kind of drive that you want to go on.

I would to thank those of you that take pictures when you are on a drive and then share them with us on the web site. I really like to look at some of the great pictures. You guys do a nice job of illustrating the drives. I especially like to look at the pictures of the drives that I don't get to go on. Thanks so much for doing that. We all appreciate it.

Also, I know we have some great writers in our club. If you write up a short article about one of our drives that you were on or an article about our cars, send it in to Alan and he will put it in our newsletter so everyone can enjoy it.

You guys enjoy July, enjoy the July the 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday, shoot off some fireworks (safely) and I'll see you out on a drive. Keep the tops down and the revs up.

Okay.....Oklahoma towns.

The new printing press reproduced all the colors faithfully but didn't print the \_\_\_\_\_.

(Mac you ought to get this one.)

When we go fishing, we'll take along our line, our pole and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **JUNE 2009 MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP**

Welcome to our New Members:

Mike and Ella Johnson Tony and Neta Lutman Lisa and Dennis Sullivan

The meeting was called to order by club president, John Newman. The club members introduced themselves including the car year, color and tag, and anything new or interesting about the car. John welcomed old friends from the club that were visiting.

Vice President's Report: No Report. Mike Viseur was not present due to a death in the family.

Secretary's Report: As of this meeting, we have 84 paid memberships including 3 new members. Any new members that had not received their new member packet were asked to let me know.

Treasurer's Report: \$2092.18 in the bank and \$80 ready to deposit.

Tour/Events Report: Tom Jones was not present; James Smith covered in his absence. The group was reminded to let Alan know if they are not getting emails from the club, to review the rules of the road and to let Alan know if they are having problems with their emails.

There have been 6 drives since the last meeting. George Walker talked about the Miata World Weekend and said there was a great turnout for the event. Someone from Texas got the new Miata in a drawing. This event broke the previous world record for the most cars in a parade by having over 290 Miatas in their parade. The Guinness Book of Records will now reflect the Miata parade at Miata World Weekend as the new title holder. George, at the request of president, John Newman, brought the trophy he won for 1st Place in the Modified Race Category at Miata World Weekend. *Way to Go George!!* George mentioned that Moab will be May 14-16 in 2010. There were 14 cars from our club at Eureka and everyone had a great time on June 14th.

Roy Kolis let everyone know about the drive he and Amy will lead on June 20th to Miami to tour the Coleman Theater which has been restored, and then to Clanton's in Vinita for lunch.

Earl Larkin talked about the June 27th drive in honor of "The Girls". It is a girls day out surprise drive and lunch that will delight everyone; especially the females. The Girls are encouraged to drive if they want and it will be a laid back drive. Cost \$10 per couple or \$5 single---must have the exact amount available.

Devinna Smith mentioned the Charleston II event which will be April 29-May 2, 2010. Everyone interested was Encouraged to sign up now at [miatasdoingthecharleston.com](http://miatasdoingthecharleston.com)

Earl Larkin discussed an August trip that will take the club to a place that has previously only allowed bikers. He will work out the details for the next meeting. *(John Newman was interested, but refused to wear the biker leather!)*

Deals Gap in July was mentioned.

Gail Roop announced a trip to Kansas City for the weekend of July 25th and 26th. Plans are to stay at the Savoy Hotel again. An email will go out with the Savoy phone number to make reservations within a week or so along with trip details. The group was reminded that this hotel is unique and has only 22 rooms available.

The meeting was adjourned.

### **KANSAS CITY: GAIL & SAM ROOP**

Leaving early Saturday, July 25th and returning the evening of Sunday, July 26th

**Savoy Hotel 816-842-3575**

**Please call ASAP and book your room for July 25th.**

This hotel has only 20 rooms available this day.

Room Options/Cost (includes taxes):

- ❖ Standard (Queen Bed) - \$115.57
- ❖ Victorian Suite (Queen Bed) - \$127.10
- ❖ Victorian Room (King Bed) - \$127.10
- ❖ Deluxe Room (King Bed) - \$174.34

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BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING IS INCLUDED AND IS WONDERFUL.

## SPRING FLING 2010 - ALERT & WARNING: EARL LARKIN

For years Miata Club members have been asking me "Why do we never have a Spring Fling where we spend the night in an Oklahoma State Park & Lodge?" Simple answer; it's almost impossible. Let me explain.

If we were going to stay in an Oklahoma State Lodge it would have to be Beavers Bend because the lodge, the park, the lake, the mountains are just beautiful and there are some great roads that can be driven getting to and from that location. But there is one very big problem: Beavers Bend and all the motels in that area are "owned" by Texas motorcyclists; they have controlled the entire area for years and years and years.

Briefly, here's how it works: Every year Texas motorcyclists rent everything in the area from April thru October. They reserve these rooms many months in advance, year after year. They start arriving each spring in April. In August of each year they start making their reservations for the following April. The process repeats itself year after year. So when someone like the NEO Miata Club comes around in December or January trying to reserve rooms for April we are always told the same thing, "Sorry we are booked solid thru October, no vacancies." Year after year, after year, it goes.

So on Friday, June 19, 2009, Wild Child and I showed up at Beavers Bend in person, determined to "break the Texas monopoly" on Beavers Bend. In a word, we got lucky. Sure enough, the Texas motorcyclists had not started making their reservations for April 2010. They are still waiting until August. And did I mention that the Texas motorcyclists always reserve their rooms for a minimum of two nights? We on the other hand reserve our rooms for one night only. Trust me, that don't help our side in the negotiations for room rates, etc.

But we caught them at just the right time and they finally agreed to give us the chance to reserve the rooms for just one night. They agreed to block off twenty rooms for the NEO Miata Club and will hold those twenty rooms until August 1, 2009. After that date, any of the twenty rooms not reserved by an NEO Miata club member will be made available to the state of Texas motorcycle clubs as usual.

Telephone the Lakeview Lodge in Beavers Bend Resort Park by using this toll-free number, 1-800-435-5514 and tell them you are a member of the NEO Miata Club and wish to confirm your reservation. You will be staying the night of Saturday, April 24, 2010. The total cost for the night will be \$87.60 and that price includes all fees and taxes. For that amount your room will over-look the lake, have an outside balcony, and you will receive a complete continental breakfast.

Please do not hesitate to reserve your room for Spring Fling 2010. After August 2009, there might not be any rooms left to rent. This is our chance to put some "Okies" in Beavers Bend for a change. **REMEMBER, THAT'S SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010.**

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"Road Master" Earl and Dorothy had decided to make this drive a "secret drive". A drive to show our "special women" someplace different, unique, someplace where we have probably never been to before, it is to be.



You could feel the excitement and anticipation as 11 cars headed out from the McDonalds. Where are we going? Earl said that we are taking 412 to Locust Grove. Okay that doesn't tell us much. It was really a nice morning. Most of us had our tops down and Scenic 412 was a pleasant drive. Will he go north or south out of Locust Grove? North on 82, it was. What a beautiful morning drive 82 was. It was great being on the road with the tops down. The first potty stop was at always scenic Spavinaw State Park. We are all milling around guessing where we might be headed. Earl gives us some info. We're heading to Grove. Any ideas, anyone? Some place we probably haven't been to before? Unique, it is?

We stay on 82 through Langley then 85 to Ketchum and then 85A to Bernice. Okay we must be getting close. Earl said we would be there by 10:00 and Earl is always on time. What is around here that we haven't visited before? We took 125 in across Sail Boat Bridge and into Grove. As we slowed down we're all looking.....and turn into a shaded parking lot. "Lendonwood Gardens" it is.

The guide that Earl had arranged for us, Jim, then told us that Lendonwood Gardens is an Oklahoma Botanical Garden with more than 1200 types of plants. They have 500 varieties of daylilies, 75 varieties of Japanese maples and over 125 varieties of hostas. The maintained area is a fenced 3 acres shaded by tall oaks. Our guide then took us through a walking tour of the gardens. Just beautiful, it was. Flowers of every color, walk bridges, and ponds, there were. Even though it was a hot day the Gardens were well shaded. Half way through at a Japanese Pavilion overlooking a scenic Koi pond, our guide provided iced down water for everyone. It would be difficult to adequately describe all the beauty and all the variety of the Lendonwood Gardens. I suggest you look at Jaunice's great pictures on the website. You can also visit their website at [www.lendonwood.org](http://www.lendonwood.org). Earl you were right. It was unique and special and beautiful.



After the Gardens it was time to eat. Again a surprise and someplace we probably haven't been to before. Just a short drive from there on 10 and we arrived at The Lighthouse Grill. Oh man what a nice place. Sitting right on a cove overlooking some boat slips. Earl had reserved all the window tables-all with great views. The food was marvelous and the service was great. Way to go again Earl and Dorothy. It was very enjoyable.

After lunch we headed home. Earl took us down scenic highway 10 along the river to Tahlequah. Always a great drive. At Tahlequah we got to stop and have some ice cream at Braum's. Yummy, it is. What a nice way to finish a drive. Leaving Braum's we took 51 out of Tahlequah and worked our way back to T-Town.



It was a really nice day and the Lendonwood Gardens were just magnificent and lunch was a 10. I think everyone on the drive would highly recommend both.

Thanks Earl and Dorothy for an extremely enjoyable day. Also thanks to Sandy for running sweep all day. Thanks to Jaunice for posting her beautiful pictures.