



SPRING FLING 2010 - APRIL 24, 2010

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NEO Miata "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 Miatas 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 layed back driver, do not go on a spirited fast paced drive. If you can't be patient, do not go on a layed 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 and oil pressure, transmission fluid, antifreeze and engine temperature, 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.

SEPTEMBER events

September 4, Friday "Full Moon" Drive #4: Let's leave the Sand Springs Braum's at 3950 Hwy 97 just north of 41st at 8:00pm. This night drive requiring your full attention will be west over the "Coyote Shuffle 550".

September 5 is open.

September 7, Monday. Happy Labor Day!

September 12, Saturday "Owasso Cook-Out" Drive: Kevin & Devinna Smith 272-2890 will host a day drive 100 miles around Claremore returning to their home in Owasso for a cookout for supper. Everyone bring a dish to share and your drinks. Meat will be provided. Let's leave the Smith's residence @ 3:30. They live at 14708 E. 102nd Street North. Go North on Hwy 169 past Owasso, turn right (East) on 106th Str. N., then right (South) at the stop sign on 145th E. Ave., then left (East) on East 102nd Str. N. to the Smith's. We'll leave our chow in Devinna's frig and go zoomin'. Driver's meeting at 3:15pm. This drive will include some cruising driving and some spirited driving.

September 16, Meeting Night

September 18-19, Friday-Saturday, Miatas@Hallett2009 week-end, Visit the Arkansas Miata Club Website www.arkansasmiataclub.com for all details, Flyin' Miata will be there with a V-8 Miata and much more!.

September 26, Saturday "Basic Road Rally": We will meet in the SW parking lot of the Lowe's at 1900 E. Hillside Dr. (NW of 193rd E. Ave. & 71st Street/Kenosha) in Broken Arrow, at 8:30am. Drivers meeting will be at 8:45am with departures starting at 9am. Make sure you arrive with a full tank of fuel as we will be traveling about 170 miles.

For the most part, this will be a cruising drive with some sharp turns and up and down hills which will be challenging and fun. We will have scheduled potty breaks and scenic areas to check out along the way. Remember this is not a "follow the leader" type of drive. Each car will travel on its own; following written navigation instructions. Cars will depart one minute apart. Information sheets with the navigation instructions to locate each check point to stay on course and limit confusion will be distributed at the starting line. It is suggested that you have a "Navigator" setting in the passenger seat as it will be difficult to drive and read the navigation instructions at the same time.

Money will be needed for a fine buffet lunch at the Fin & Feather at 11 to 11:30. The objective of this rally is to follow the navigation instructions and match the pre-determined time for each leg and total time. We should arrive back in Broken Arrow at the Salvador's Mexican Restaurant, 71st and 257th E Ave, about 3:30 or 4pm for our final tally's and awards. No pike-pass needed. Our hand held radios may get out of range, so bring your cell phone to call our Host Bill & Sonja Curts at 261-3026 (cell) for back-up help with directions and questions.

September 26 - 27, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #7.

OCTOBER "Tentative" events

October 3 is open.

October 3, Saturday Special "Full Moon" Drive Let's meet at the QuikTrip at 8101 E Hwy 51 (east on the Broken Arrow Expressway, then south on Hwy 51 toward Coweta to the QuikTrip at 81st street.) in Broken Arrow at 3:30pm. Depart at 4pm for a scenic dinner drive to Cazadores Mexican Restaurant in Vian, OK. We'll depart Vian approx. 7-7:30pm to return to the QuikTrip, arriving home around 9-9:30pm. Cazadores has mild to very spicy choices and fair prices. The drive will be a mix of twisty turns on the way down, and cruiser dude on the way back, with one potty stop going to Vian, and one on the way back. Maps will be available if you like for future reference. Hosts Mike and Paula Viseur @ 663-7104.

October 10 is open. October 12, Monday, Happy Columbus Day.

October 18, "Sunday" Club Picnic, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ River City Park in Sand Springs located just west of the Wal-Mart on the Southwest corner at Hwy 412 & Hwy 97 in West Sand Springs. Take the outer road (Wekiwa Road) west to the park. Mac will start cooking about 11am with lunch about 1 pm. Everyone bring a salad, covered dish or dessert. Meat will be provided by the club. Hosts Mike & Brenda Meyer 243-7518 and Mac & Leta Arnett 592-2636.

October 21, Meeting Night

October 24 is open.

October 31, Saturday "2009 Fall Foliage Tour" Drive: This drive will be a spirited drive requiring 100% of your attention 100% of the time. Hosts Earl & Dorothy Larkin 342-6992. Details to follow.

October 31 - November 1, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #8.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOHN NEWMAN

Hi everyone,

Summer is starting to wind down. Haven't we had some great summer drives? We got to go down some twisty roads, visit a lot of new places and eat at some great restaurants. Revisiting some of our favorite places was a blast. It has been a fun spring and summer. Thanks to everyone who organized one of those drives and to all who participated in the drives.

Fall is in the air. As much fun as the summer drives have been, I love those fall drives too. It won't be long until we will have those nice crisp mornings and the leaves will start falling. Don't you love this time of the year? I think it's great to have the top down on a cool fall

morning. Driving those twisting country roads with the sun just coming up and a light fog covering the ground. You can have a light jacket and gloves and maybe the heater on. Oh man, I'm ready. I'm also ready to start seeing all those brilliant yellows and reds as the leaves start to turn. Those beautiful fall foliage colors just accent our cars perfectly as a line of them string out around a sweeping turn. I know that we have some great fall drives planned. Maybe nice evenings drive to a hay ride or a wiener roast around a campfire at sunset? Wouldn't that be fun?

Don't forget to mark on your calendar for the two annual club events. In October we will have our NEO Miata Club Birthday Party which is always a lot of fun and in December our annual Christmas Party. You sure don't want to miss either one of those so keep an eye on the events calendar for the details and reserve time for those fun get-togethers.

AUGUST 2009 MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

Welcome to our New Members:

Bill and Linda Rowland- 1997 White w/ tag "Ragtime" Jim Peoples- 1999 Green Bill and Sonja Curts- 1999 Green Andy and Merry Anderson- 2008 Red Stan and Arlene Eschmann- 1995 Montego Blue

The meeting was called to order by club president, John Newman. The club members introduced themselves including the car year, color, specialty tag and anything new or interesting about their car.

For Warranty information on the Miatas, go to finishlineperformance.com. Jeff Lewis from Nelson Mazda brought a new 2009 Silver w/ retractable hard top for everyone to drool over, and we did!

<u>Vice President Report</u>: Motor Trend Magazine previewed the 2010 cars rating them with 1 to 5 stars. The top ten 5-star cars included the Miata which was #3 for best drive. (We knew it all along because Earl has been telling us for years!)

Secretary Report: 89 Memberships, not including those from tonight.

<u>Treasure Report</u>: None-Amy is recovering from rotator cuff surgery

Webmaster: None

Tour Events Report: There has been 5 events since the last meeting.

- Aug 22 will be a drive to Mullhal with the Bedingfields
- Aug 29-30 will be Hallett
- Sept 4 will be a Full Moon Drive
- Sept 12 will be the Smith's Cook Out and Drive. We will leave from their home at 3:30 for a 100 mile drive around Claremore. Bring a dish to share and your drinks.
- Sept 18-19 will be Miatas at Hallett. There will be different levels of participation and George Walker has details. Our website has a page for the Hallett event and forms.
- Sept 26 will be a Road Rally by the Curts with more information at the next meeting.
- Oct 4 will be a Full Moon Drive with the Viseurs

The drive to Krebs was postponed with details of the new date coming later.

A brief discussion occurred over combining our club leader positions. A survey was taken of past and present club secretaries and treasurers, and the general consensus was these two positions could be combined. At the October Meeting, we will nominate and vote on officers. If no one is nominated from the floor, then a committee will make recommendations.

Earl Larkin discussed the importance of selecting the right tires based on the kind of driving you do.

Suzanne Young has put together a club directory. If you do <u>not</u> want your name, address, phone, and email listed, then you need to email John Newman. This directory will be updated yearly, but will have blank pages for you to add new members. There will be no cost to members for a copy of the directory.

John Newman said he gets lots of emails from non-members, but did want to share one regarding the Cool Breeze Scoops. They are \$35, but if 5 are ordered at one time, each one will be discounted by \$5.

There was a brief discussion about changing the car's belt at 60,000 miles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Club Officers:

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