



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 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 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.

OCTOBER events

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. (00 Miatas present)

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

October 18, "Sunday" Club Picnic, 12:30pm to 2:30pm at Chandler Park. The Park is at West 21st Street & Avery Drive. It's on the south side of the Arkansas River near Sand Springs. 6000 West 21st Place, Tulsa, OK on your GPS will get you there or call tom 492-2834 for directions Mac will start cooking at the #3 shelter about 11am with lunch about 1 pm. Everyone bring a salad, covered dish or dessert. Meat will be provided by the club. Come early and visit all day. Hosts Mike & Brenda Meyer 243-7518 and Mac & Leta Arnett 592-2636. (00 Miatas present)

October 21, Meeting Night

October 24 is open.

October 31, "Fall Foliage Drive": Let's meet at the McDonalds just southeast of I-44 and 129th. We will follow this timetable:

07:00-07:44 AM.....Breakfast at McDonalds

07:45-07:55 AM.....Drivers meeting

08:00 AM.....Departure

Everyone has heard the "old saying," "Nobody can please everybody all of the time." This particular "old saying" is a part of all cultures and all peoples for thousands of years. Why, because, it is a "universal truth." Now keeping that in mind, how does that relate to NEO Miata Club drive leaders? When a drive leader hears of "complaints" he has three basic options:

- A. Ignore the complaints, pretend you believe that everybody loves the way you are conducting your drives.
- B. Acknowledge the complaints but tell those who are unhappy that you intend to continue doing the drives however you want and if they don't like it they should stay home.
- C. Recognize the complaints and make changes that will please those who are unhappy.

We have chosen the third option. Let's address some of the complaints from previous Fall Foliage Tours:

- A. Why do Fall Foliage Drives have to be so long? We leave Tulsa in the dark and get back to Tulsa after dark. (Our response) We will not depart Tulsa until 08:00 AM and will be back in Tulsa before 5:00 PM, Plenty of time to take the grandchildren trick or treating or to just sit out in the front yard and pass out "goodies" to all the little "spooks and goblins."
- B. Why do the Fall Foliage Drives have to be so long? When we get home we are just exhausted. (Our response) The drive will be much shorter and will never get out of north-eastern Oklahoma. The drive will be at least 150 miles shorter than previous fall drives.
- C. Colors? What colors? Wild Thang flies through the curves so fast everything around us just becomes a blur. (Our response) We will slow it way down this time. The pace this time will be Cool Cruiser Dudes speed.

We hope these changes will encourage others to join us on the 2009 Fall Foliage Drive, especially all of you guys who are new members of the NEO Miata Club.

Wild Thang & Wild Child

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

NOVEMBER "Tentative" events

November 7 is open.

November 14, Saturday "Big Brutus" Drive: Let's meet at the McDonalds on 129th E Ave just south of I-44 for a drivers meeting at 8:45am with a 9am departure. We will follow old route 66 to Vinita, then north on highways 2/59/160 to West Mineral, Kansas, to see Big Brutus. Big Brutus is a really big "shovel", weighing in at 10,500,000 pounds in working form. We will be able to drive our Miatas close for pictures. It is a self guided tour, so we can take our time. The cost is \$8.00 per person, \$7.50 for seniors. Lunch is 30 minutes away at the Café on the Route in Baxter Springs. Chef Richard Sanell's café was a part of a Route 66 segment on an August 2007 segment of Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. I had the nut-crusted catfish (supposedly 7oz but more like 17oz) lunch entree for \$7.00. Very reasonable and very good. We will take the "wiggly wiggly way" home, through Miami, Neosho, Ketchum, Langley, Spavinaw, Salina, Locust Grove, and back to the McDonald's. Total driving time to Big Brutus is about 2 hours, back about 3 hours. There will a list of "scenic" things for you to spot on the way. Hosts Tony & Neta Lutman 366-3924 (c) 408-1723. (00 Miatas present)

November 18, Meeting Night

November 21 is open. (Need a drive)

November 26, Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving.

November 28 is open.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOHN NEWMAN

October is going to be a busy month for the NEO club. We have some really nice drives coming up ending up with the Fall Foliage drive on OCT 31. Plus we will have the NEO Birthday Picnic Party on October the 18th which is always a lot of fun. I encourage everyone to try to make it to the Birthday Party. It's a really good time to visit with each other. Be sure to check the website and the schedule of events.

Another very important event this month is at the monthly meeting on the 21st. October is when we nominate and elect officers for the club. These are important volunteer positions that are essential in keeping the club organized and running. If that sounds like something you might be willing to do, that's great. All the members will certainly appreciate your service. If that's not something you see yourself doing that's okay too. There are a lot of other different ways that you can serve and help the club. The main thing is that we just all chip in some way to help make the club active and fun.

Don't let the elections keep you from coming to the meeting. We need everyone's input and vote.

SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

Welcome to our New Members:

Gary & Jan Miller 1229 Terrace Drive, Sapulpa, OK 74066, Cell: 381-4002, 2005 Light Blue

Mark & Peggy Clemons 9941 S. 67th E. Place, Tulsa, OK 74133, Home: 960-7520, 2002 Crystal Blue, Mark Cell: 277-9864, Peggy Cell: 697-9864

Martin & Ineta Bebb 1517 Boston Street, Muskogee, OK 74401, Home: 918-683-2350, 1997 Montego Blue, Cell: 918-869-7200

Benedict & Tracy Tusia 405 N. Jackson, Ft. Gibson, OK 74434, Home: 918-478-3991, 1997 Green, Cell: 918-351-5009

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 the car.

Bob and Mona Huckaby dropped by for a few minutes. It was good to see both of them. Mona said they are looking for a buyer for her Miata which has a custom purple paint color. Give them a call if you or someone you know is interested (home: 918-250-5109 or Mona's cell: 918-331-7142). Keep them both in your prayers.

Vice-President Report: None

Secretary Report: With today's new members, we have 91 memberships.

Treasure Report: Expenses have been \$47.50, no deposits in August due to her surgery, and the club balance is \$2141.78.

Tour Director Report: He reviewed the number of members who have not taken a drive and reviewed the years of the cars in our club. Miata Resources has the past 53 drives on the computer should someone want to repeat a past drive. The Smith's Cookout and Drive on 9-19 was discussed. The Curt's Basic Road Rally was discussed. October 3rd will be a Full Moon Drive. October 18th (Sunday) will be the Club Birthday Party at Chandler Park from 12:30 to 2:30. It is not at the previous shelter, but is the one past it (#3 which is bigger and covered). October 31st is the Fall Foliage Drive. A few drives in 2010 were reviewed.

President Report: New officers will be elected at the next club meeting in October. He thanked Suzanne Young for her work on the membership directory which was passed out at today's meeting. The club was told that Lucille's burned down the week after the club went there on a drive.

George Walker discussed the race happening this weekend, and said Nancy Grayson has 2002 parts for sale. Door Prizes were drawn with the winners getting a mug and shirt. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

"BIG BRUTUS": TONY LUTMAN



On the "Big Brutus" drive, we will travel to West Mineral, Kansas, to see Big Brutus. We will be able to drive our Miatas close for pictures. The cost is \$8.00 per person, \$7.50 for seniors. We will eat lunch at the Café on the Route in Baxter Springs. Chef Richard Sanell's café was a part of a Route 66 segment on an August 2007 segment of Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives.

Big Brutus is a really big "shovel". It was designed and fabricated by the Bucyrus Erie Company in 1962 at a cost of \$6.5 million. The parts were shipped to Kansas in 150 rail cars, and required 52 workers 11 months to assemble. Some of the individual pieces weighed up to 120 tons. The entire shovel weighed 5500 tons. At the time this was the second largest moving land based machine, the largest being "The Captain" at 14000 tons. Big Brutus used two electric main drive motors of 3500 horsepower each and eight bucket lift motors of 500 horsepower each. The bucket volume is 90 cubic yards, or about 11 Miatas. That translates to 135 to 150 tons of dirt. Under full power in top gear, he could move 0.22 miles per hour. Each cleat on the treads weighs one ton and is five feet wide. Big Brutus began operation in May, 1963 and was shut down in April 1974, when it was decided it was uneconomical to continue. It only removed the "overburden" of dirt above thin coal seams. Other equipment removed the actual coal. It ran 24/7 and required a crew of three. During its life, it removed overburden from 10 to 11 square miles of Kansas prairie.



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