



## NEO Miata Calendar

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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.

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### NOVEMBER Events

November 7 is open.

**November 14, Saturday "Big Brutus" Drive:** Let's meet at the McDonald's 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 Cafe on the Route in Baxter Springs. Chef Richard Sanell's cafe 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 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.

### November 18, Meeting Night

November 21 is open.

November 26, Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving.

November 28 is open.

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## DECEMBER Events

December 5, Saturday Tulsa "Christmas Light" Drive. Details to follow.

December 12, Saturday - Club Christmas Party. Details to follow.

### December 16, Meeting Night

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOHN NEWMAN

The month of October was great. We had a bunch of fun drives and the Birthday Party with good participation at all the events. Thank you to the drive leaders and everyone who came out.

At last month's meeting we elected our new officers for the coming year. I want to thank everyone for coming to the meeting and especially thank those who volunteered to serve as an officer in 2010. Your 2010 officers are:

Mike Viseur	President
Leta Arnett	Vice President
Pierre Smith	Tours/Events
Gail Roop	Secretary/Membership
Amy Kolis	Treasurer
Alan Doughty	Web/Newsletter

Thanks again for volunteering to lead the club in these vital areas for the coming year. We all appreciate it and will help in every way we can. Thanks also go out to Jim and Sandy, and Mac and Leta for bringing all the great door prizes that we gave out at the meeting.

The Holiday season is upon us. The fall colors are beautiful and the cooler weather is here. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming soon. It's a great time of year to bundle up and go for a cool drive and a stop along the way for a cup of hot chocolate. We have some great drives coming up in November that you can get out and enjoy and a few open dates if you happen to think of a nice fall drive or a great place you would like to lead us to, to get that cup of hot chocolate.

Have a great fall and we'll see you at the next event.

#### OCTOBER 2009 MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

Welcome to our New Members:

Bob and Linda Schwarz  
23416 E 98th Street  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
Home: 455-7250  
Cell: 691-0879  
2006 Copper Red Mica Tag: 999GOE

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

Election of club officers occurred. The results were:

President - Mike Viseur  
Vice President - Leta Arnett  
Secretary - Gail Roop  
Treasurer - Amy Kolis  
Tour Director - Pierre Smith  
Webmaster - Alan Doughty

Congratulation to the new club officers and many thanks to those who served our club in the previous term.

#### Officers Report:

President: John Newman thanked everyone for their willingness to help during his term as president.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: 94 club memberships

Treasurer: September has \$58 in deposits and \$111.90 in withdrawals, October had \$165 in deposits and several withdrawals are anticipated to reimburse people for the birthday party items. The current account balance is \$2195.56.

Webmaster: No report

Tour Director: He reviewed the number of drives taken, the number of cars participating, and the number of different drive leaders involved. He thanked everyone for their willingness to participate in drives and reminded everyone that it is necessary to participate for the club to be successful.

October 31 will be the Fall Foliage Tour lead by Earl and Dorothy Larkin

November 7 is open

November 14 will be the Big Brutus Drive by Tony and Neta Lutman

November 21 is open

November 28 is open

December 5 is the Christmas Light Drive

December 12 is the Club Christmas Party at Nelson Mazda

John Newman advised the group that club member Bob Huckaby passed away on Saturday, October 17th and his funeral was in Bartlesville on Tuesday, the 20th. Several club members were able to attend the funeral. A memorial service will be held at the Masonic Lodge on October 31st at 10:00.

Prize drawings were held and 16 lucky people walked away with a gift.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

#### 2009 FALL FOLIAGE DRIVE: SANDY STURDIVANT

Earl said, "Nobody can please everybody all of the time." We beg to differ. Everybody was pleased with Earl and Dorothy's magnificent Fall Foliage 2009 drive. It started with our usual group pep talk before departure, and when Alan Doughty showed up with the Mighty M on his chest, sporting a leather flight helmet, goggles, and red tennis shoes, we thought Captain Marvel had arrived. "Not true," Alan protested. The M stood for Miata, and it's just coincidental that the rest of his garb fit in well with the Halloween theme many of us wore.



Leaving on time, 30 cars, 56 people, and 2 dogs headed into the hinterlands, and it really was the hinterlands. We went down so many twisty roads surrounded by forests on all sides and up into hollows and through towns not even on the map that our trusty GPS gave up. Daniel Boone would have been lost. This scribe spied names like Muskrat Hollow and Eucha City, and somewhere over near Spavinaw Dam, there was the Old Fisherman's Trail.

Last year on Earl and Dorothy's drive, someone yelled, "Bird!" and James Smith yelled "Where?" and the Sturdivants behind him got black feathers in their car. This year, it was chicken feathers, as Jim Basteri stopped suddenly to avoid 2 chickens that decided to cross the road in front of him. The Sturdivants wonder what kind of bird feathers they will get next year.



Somewhere, and only Earl knows where, we saw names like Kenwood Road and Wickliffe and even an Indian Springs Road. We went up over Spavinaw Mountain and down into the Spavinaw State Park for a photo opt before heading to Little Blue, where Earl had to pry us away with promises of "next stop is lunch." One of the dogs liked Little Blue so much that he took a swim.

Between Little Blue and Grove, where we stopped for lunch, this scribe was totally lost. We passed the Possum Man with his Possum Dogs on



his roof. How do we know he was the Possum Man? He stood out front with his trusty shotgun and no raccoon in its right mind would go anywhere near his yard with that gun and those dogs standing guard. The roads had pine needle carpets and leaves in the ditches, and they were so narrow that you hoped you would not meet somebody coming the other way. There were several low water crossings and one bridge without guide rails, and no matter where we looked, BLAZING COLOR! Color, color everywhere, from red and yellow to brown and gold. It burst off the mountains and covered the dells like wildfire. It was almost a shame to stop for lunch.

Although the Lighthouse Grill in Grove was expecting us, they did not expect so many of us to order the same thing. They ran out of food and had to send for their Pony Express to rush in more groceries, so they could fill all our lunch requests. While at the Lighthouse Grill, we were joined by Bill and Carol Laws, making a grand total of 31 cars and 58 people. Way to go, Earl and Dorothy. We can't wait for next year!

