



**SPRING FLING 2010 - APRIL 24, 2010**  
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## NEO Miata Calendar

Pierre Smith @ 495-3988

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 are tired, do not go on any drive. We must be alert to the road and all Miatas around you 100% of the time. Do not 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!! Do not 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 cannot be patient, do not go on a laid back cruising leisure site-seeing drive. If you are not willing or confident enough or experienced enough to participate in a drive as planned by the drive leader and intended by the drive leader, do not go. The next week we will have a drive more suited to you. If we do not 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 nametag. 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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### JANUARY CLUB EVENTS

#### January 16, Saturday Sequoyah State Park Eagle Watch Tour

We will join a guided tour through Sequoyah State Park and the Ft. Gibson Dam area to watch eagles, loons, cormorants and other bird species in their native habitat. We will begin our tour at the Nature Center, where you can view the eagle residing in the park. We will then caravan to the Ft. Gibson Dam, stopping along the way to view winter birds. Our guide will be Cyndie Short Park Naturalist. She will narrate the caravan portion of the tour over our radios (Channel 5) so be sure to have your radio along. **Dress for the weather and bring thermos, snacks and binoculars.** It should be a fun way to pass a cold winter day and see some awesome sites.

We will depart the McDonalds, 2525 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow (145<sup>th</sup> East Ave and the BA Expressway) at 7:45am. Drivers meeting will be at 7:30am. We will arrive at Sequoia St. Park by 9:00am. Hot Chocolate/coffee will be available at the Nature Center. After the tour (around 12:30), we will travel to the Amish Country Store in Muskogee for lunch (around 1:00pm). After lunch, the return trip to Tulsa should have us home by 3:00pm. Dress warm!! This will be a "laid-back" drive.

**In the event of bad weather on January 16<sup>th</sup> the drive will be rescheduled to January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch the club web site and your e-mail.** Hosts: Pierre and Sharon Smith (495-3988)

January 20, Meeting Night)

January 30, Saturday

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## FEBRUARY CLUB EVENTS

February 6, Saturday

February 13, Saturday

February 14, Sunday, Happy Valentine's Day

February 17, Meeting Night

February 20, Saturday "Hornet Spook Light" Drive

This drive is a laid-back winter evening excursion of about 230 miles through four states. We will leave Tulsa at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 20 (weather permitting), drivers meeting at 3:45pm. A potty and coffee break will be at Jay, Oklahoma. From there we will head east, touching Arkansas and up into Missouri, where we will get a second break for hot chocolate on Highway 43 before visiting the Spook light on the Missouri-Oklahoma state line. We will then proceed north about five miles to the Downstream Casino for a late supper. After eating, the drive will officially be over. You can either stay and play some games at the Casino, drive back down to the Spook light if you care to, or get on the Will Rogers Turnpike (be sure to have your Pikepass) for the 100 mile drive back to Tulsa. You should be home by midnight. There will be a couple of interesting sites on the trip as well, but the main attraction is the Spook light itself, which the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers calls "a mysterious light of unknown origin" and has been seen in the same place for well over 100 years. To learn more about it, you can do an Internet search on "Hornet Spook Light" and get lots more information.

"Four States?" Yes, when you approach the Downstream Casino, the highway is in Missouri, but when you enter the drive to the casino, you are in Kansas. By the time you get into the casino itself you are in Oklahoma again! Hosts: Bill and Linda Rowland (355-1562)

February 27, Saturday

### EI PRESIDENTE'S MESSAGE: Mike Viseur

Wow, its 2010! It almost seems like the title of a futuristic sci-fi movie. (Rolling eyes attach here) We all seem to notice time passing more quickly as we age, (I said age, not mature. You know who you are), but come on! The past year has seen a few changes in our club, with the continuing growth in drive participation as noted in Tom Jones e-mail, to the painful and sorrowful loss of more than a few good friends, as well as the faces of members we welcome back from their temporary absence.

Talking with Pierre Smith, 2010 is shaping up to be a unique drive year, with some out of the ordinary drives mixed in with our traditional fare. As we continue to say at the meetings regarding drives, we will have a drive or outing available that suits you. That does not mean every drive will fit your style, but some certainly will. In addition, on those, we look forward to seeing you. If you are not there on those that do not, you will be missed, but we will understand. However, always remember this; our club membership is made of PEOPLE, not car registration numbers. The car is merely an excuse to go out and not act our age. (You know who you are, and quit buttin' in line or I'm tellin'.)

So, on we go to 2010. I'm not much of a wordsmith, but I'll do the best I can and hopefully improve as the year goes on. Always look forward to the sunrise even as we drive on into the sunset. Keep the soft side down and the shiny side up.

See you at the meeting,

Mike



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