



SPRING FLING 2010 - APRIL 24, 2010
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NEO Miata Calendar

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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 (McDonalds at I29th and I-44) at 4:30pm on Saturday, February 20 (weather permitting), drivers meeting at 4:15pm. 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 Spooklight 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 Spooklight 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 Spooklight 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

MARCH Club Events

March 6, Saturday

March 13, Saturday

“World Class Sooner Racing Team”

Tony and Neta Lutman (366-3924 – c 408-1723) will lead a drive to OU at Norman to visit the Sooner Racing Team, a team of students formed to compete in International Formula SAE competition. It is the flagship program of OU's College of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. Over the past 3 years the Team has annually built a world class car for international competition. Student from over 450 universities compete internationally. Currently ranked 7th in the world and 1st in the US, the team has earned significant recognition for OU.

This will be a “laid back cruiser dude” drive. **We meet in the Glenpool IHOP at 121st St So and Hwy 75. Drivers meeting at 7:45 am, 8:00am departure.** We will travel west on Old Hwy 66 to relive old memories, then south and west to Norman. Total distance is 127 miles, with a driving time of 2.5 hours. We will meet the racing team at 11:00 am in the Lloyd Noble Center parking lot to see some practice runs and chat with the team. The team will likely join us for lunch at Rudy's BBQ and discuss the car and/or the program. The return trip will either be on back roads or on the Turner Turnpike depending on the time we leave Norman. Check out the Sooner Racing Team website: <http://sae.ou.edu> for details on this little known program.

March 17, Meeting Night

March 20, Saturday

March 27, Saturday “Big Tussle 246”

Tony and Neta Lutman (h 366-3924 – c 408-1723) will lead a drive named the “Bug Tussle 246” to visit Robber's Cave State Park, McAlester for lunch, and Bug Tussle for ... well, just to say we have been there. Robbers Cave State Park is located in the scenic, hilly woodlands of the San Bois Mountains of southeast Oklahoma. A favorite of rappellers, cave explorers, equestrians, hikers and outdoor lovers, Robbers Cave enjoys notoriety as a former hideout for outlaws. We will tour the cave portion of the park with a park naturalist, which will take about an hour. Wear sturdy shoes. Cost is \$3.00 per person. We will eat at Napoli's in McAlester. Why not Pete's Place? Not open for lunch. Why not Gia Como's? Lunch is \$25.00. After lunch, we will drive through Bug Tussle on the way home .

This will be a “laid back cruiser dude” drive. **We will meet at the Bixby McDonalds (12101 South Memorial Drive) for a driver's meeting at 8:15am, then depart at 8:30am.** We will travel south on Hwy 64, east on Hwy 266 to Warner, then south on Hwy 2 to Robber's Cave. We will meet at the park store, then begin the tour at 11:00 am. Then south to Wilburton, west on Hwy 270 to the intersection with Hwy 69 to enjoy lunch at Napoli's. Then north on Hwy 69, with a detour to Bug Tussle. We go further north on Hwy 69 to Hwy266, west to Grayson, then north on Hwy 52, admiring the large neat ranch homes. We should be back at the Bixby QT around 3:30pm.

March 27 - 28, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #1.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MIKE VISEUR



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LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

JANUARY 2010 MEETING

Welcome to our New Members:

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

Vice President Report: None

Secretary Report: As of the date of this meeting, we have 104 memberships. Several of those will be dropped on March 1 if 2010 dues are not paid. The names of our newest members were read.

Treasurer Report: Current balance \$784.70

Webmaster Report: The website was down for 24 hours, but is back up now.

Tour Director Report: A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a drive and made suggestions. The 2010 calendar is filling up.

Sequoyah State Park Eagle Watch Tour: Cancelled due to foggy weather last weekend was re-scheduled for 1-23.

February 6th and 13th are open for drives

February 20th: The Rowlands will lead a "**Hornet Spook Drive**". This drive will leave at 4:00pm from the McDonalds at 129th and I-44. This drive will cover 230 miles and take the group through four states. The main attraction will be the mysterious "spook light" which has been seen for over 100 years with no explanation of its origin. It will end at the Downstream Casino.

March 13th: The Lutmans will lead a drive to OU at Norman to visit the **Sooner Racing Team**. The group will meet in Glenpool at the IHOP at 121st Street South and Hwy 75. Drivers meeting at 7:45am with departure at 8:00am. Lunch with some of the racing team members will be at Rudy's BBQ.

March 27th: The Lutmans will lead the "**Bug Tussle 246 Drive**". This will take the group to Robber's Cave State Park, into McAlester for lunch at Napoli's, and to Bug Tussle. The cost is \$3.00 for the park tour and wear comfortable shoes. The group will meet in Bixby at the QT for a drivers meeting at 8:15am and leave at 8:30am. Plan to be back at 3:30.

April 3rd, 10th and 17th are open.

April 24 & 25th: The Larkin's **Spring Fling**. Lakeview Lodge in Beavers Bend Resort Park. Earl discussed how this would be a laid-back cruise speed on the curves and the speed limit off the curves. The group will be going to Beavers Bend by way of Talamina Drive (north to south). Rooms are \$87.60 per night and each has a private balcony. The club has reserved 30 rooms and there are only 10 rooms left. To reserve a room for Beavers Bend call 1-800-435-5514 and TELL THEM YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE NEO MIATA CLUB to get the special room rate.

May 14 - 16 will be Miatas at Moab. The Bedingfields are organizing this drive.

Medicine Park Oklahoma will be an over night 250 mile drive which the Curts will be planning.

There was some interest in OSU at Okmulgee's Culinary Arts Program on a Thursday or Friday for lunch. The food is great and cost is \$8 per plate. Pierre Smith will do the planning.

Doing the Charleston II has 135 cars signed up with only 38 spaces left. The cost went up in January and the deadline to register is February 28th. The dates for the event are April 29th thru May 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Sequoyah State Park Eagle Watch Tour – January 23, 2010: Pierre Smith

The forecast was for rain most of the day. However, twenty-seven dedicated Zoomers (14 cars) gathered at McDonalds early that morning in anticipation of a great day of eagle viewing and enjoying special fellowship with other club members. The group departed at 7:45am headed East on OK51 with lights and windshield wipers on.

The caravan arrived at Sequoyah State Park shortly before 9:00am. Mike and Judy Wheat joined us at the park. Cindie Short, Park Naturalist welcomed us with coffee, doughnuts, and a power point presentation about the birds. We spent time viewing the snakes and reptiles inside and an eagle, owls, other outdoor animals that live housed in the Nature Center habitat. Cindie then lead the caravan around the east side of Fort Gibson Lake to the Dam where the Audubon Society had telescopes set up for viewing. Along the route and at the Dam we saw eagles, loons, cormorants, blue heron and other birds in their natural habitat. We did not stay long at the Dam as the rain had picked up and most everyone was appreciating the umbrellas.

On a very sad, note a bobcat that had been at the Nature Center for over six years died overnight. The loss discovered by members of our group. This was a special "kitty" to Cindy and she felt the loss but continued to be a wonderful host for our group.

The hardy group arrived at Okie's Steakhouse in Muskogee for lunch about noon. A special section of the restaurant was set up for us. The ambience was unique, the food fantastic, the fellowship lively and the warm and dry appreciated.

After lunch, it was back to Tulsa. Although it was raining when we departed, most of the return trip was dry and there was clearing in the west sky as we approached the city. Arriving home a little after 2:00pm, we went our individual way. A great day was had by all. Thanks to Jaunice Wright and Tony Lutman for their excellent photography! See the photos on the Club web site



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