



SPRING FLING 2010 - APRIL 24, 2010

Telephone the Lakeview Lodge in Beavers Bend Resort Park by using this toll-free number,-1-800-435-5514, tell them you are a member of the NEO Miata Club, and wish to confirm your reservation.

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 (HWY 177) 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.

APRIL Club Events

April 3, Saturday, April 4, Sunday, Happy Easter.

April 10, Saturday --- Wild Horse Mountain Bar-B-Que

Roy and Amy Kolis (640-9050) will be leading a day drive south of Salisaw into the hill country of South Eastern Oklahoma. After a great lunch at the Wild Horse Mountain Bar-B-Que we will enjoy a scenic drive through the hill country of SE Oklahoma. Plan to return to Tulsa mid afternoon. Let's leave McDonalds at 145th and the BA Expressway (2525 North Aspen) at 10:00am, Drivers meeting at 9:40am.

April 17, Saturday

April 21, Meeting Night

April 24-25, Saturday & Sunday "Spring Fling" Drive: Call Lakeview Lodge in Beavers Bend Resort Park @ 1-800-435-5514 to confirm one of 20 rooms available until August 1, 2009 for NEO Miata Club members. Reserve room for Saturday, April 24, 2010 at a cost of \$87.60 which includes all fees and taxes and continental breakfast. Beavers Bend is 10 miles north of Broken Bow, OK.

April 29-May 2, 2010, Charleston II Event: Info at www.miatasdoingthecharleston.com. Some people have expressed interest in attending the Miata event in Charleston SC. It is not until April the 29th 2010 but it has been a real popular event and they limit the number of participants. Registrations for Miatas Doin' the Charleston II will be accepted through February 28th, 2010. The number of vehicles allowed to participate has been limited to 150, so be sure to register early. If you are interested, Bill and Sonja Curts (357-1370) are registered.

April 24 - 25, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #2.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MIKE VISEUR



LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

The meeting was called to order on 2-17-10 by club president Mike Viseur at 7:00pm. The club members introduced themselves including the car year, color, specialty tag and anything new or interesting about their car(s).

Welcome to Our New Club Members:

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2006 Red

Officer Reports:

President: We were given an update and explanation of the Toyota unintended acceleration issue.

VP: Not at Meeting

Treasurer: Not at Meeting (father in hospital)

Secretary: Current membership is 106 members, but 59 will be removed from the membership list if dues are not paid by March 1st. Also reporting for the treasurer, the club has a balance of \$930.64 as of today with expenditures of \$199.91 in January and \$34.15 for

February. If your check for dues has not cleared the bank it is because they were just deposited today.

Webmaster: Not at Meeting

Tour Director:

Hornet Spook Light Drive 2-20 Sooner Race Team Drive 3-13 Bug Tussle 246 Drive 3-27

Hallet High Speed Touring Race 3-27 and 28

Wild Horse Mountain BBQ Drive 4-10

Spring Fling 4-24 and 25

Miatas Do Charleston 4-29 thru 5-2

Classic Car Show in El Reno 5-1 from 10am-5pm

OSU Okmulgee Culinary Experience 5-6 (Thursday)

Miatas at Moab 5-14 thru 5-16

Miatas at Eureka Springs 6-11 thru 6-13

Pierre encouraged everyone to lead a drive and he has drive suggestions to pick from if you would like.

2010 Miata Club dues were due by February 1st---names will be removed from the club roster on March 1st if dues are not paid. To renew your membership, send \$20 for dues to:

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.



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Editor's Note: My apologies for the tardiness of this month's newsletter. I have been distracted by some things that required my attention. These distractions have been resolved and I promise to be back on schedule for April.