



## APRIL CLUB EVENTS

**April 4, Sunday, Happy Easter.**

**April 10, Saturday --- Wild Horse Mountain Bar-B-Que** - Meet at McDonalds, 145<sup>th</sup> East Ave and the BA Expressway (2525 North Aspen). Drivers meeting 9:40am and departure at 10:00am. Roy and Amy Kolis Hosts (640-9050). Description: Roy and Amy 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 some of the areas beautiful hill country. Plan to return to Tulsa mid afternoon. This will be a laid back drive with some moderate twisties.

**April 21, Meeting Night**

**April 24-25, Saturday & Sunday "Spring Fling" Drive:** See Earl's article!

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

**April 28, Wednesday - "A Full Moon Night"** - Do you want a drive? How about leading this one?

**April 29-May 2, 2010, Charleston II Event:** Info at [www.miatasdoingthecharleston.com](http://www.miatasdoingthecharleston.com). Some people have expressed interest in attending the Miata event in Charleston SC. It is not until April the 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## MAY CLUB EVENTS

**May 6, Thursday, OSU Okmulgee – Culinary Arts Experience!** Details to follow! Pierre and Sharon Smith 495-3988

**May 8, Saturday, May 9, Sunday, Happy Mother's Day.**

**May 14-16, "Miatas in Moab IV":** Info at Utah Club website [www.utahmiataclub.com](http://www.utahmiataclub.com) then click on "Miatas in Moab IV" or MX-5 Miata.Net Forum at <http://forum.miata.net/vb/showthread.php?t=328504>. For information contact Gene and Shirley Bedingfield (664-4691)

**May 19, Meeting Night**

**May 22, Saturday "PHOTO-RAMA Road Rally"** (A different kind of drive.) Meet at Quick Trip, Broken Arrow (East Parking Lot), NE Corner of 193<sup>rd</sup> E. Ave and 71<sup>st</sup> Street/Kenosha. (BA Expressway East, Exit at Kenosha then East ½ mile. Bill & Sonja Curts, Host 261-3026 (cell). Description: We will meet at the East parking lot of Quick Trip in Broken Arrow at 8:30 a.m. (Snacks, drinks, gas, air and restrooms at QT) Drivers meeting will be at 8:45 a.m. with departures starting at 9:00 a.m. Make sure you arrive with a full tank of fuel as we will be traveling about 190 miles. For the most part, this will be a cruising drive with some sharp turns and up and down hills which will be challenging and fun. We will have scheduled potty breaks along the way. Remember this is not a follow the leader type of drive or a race. Each car will travel on its own following PHOTO navigation instructions. Cars will depart one minute apart. It is suggested that you have a "Navigator" setting in the passenger seat as it will be difficult to drive and view the navigation instructions at the same time – but it can be done. Money or plastic will be needed for a fine lunch at "Phil's Country Fare" about 11:30-11:45. Phil serves steaks, BBQ, seafood, chicken with soup, salad, baked potato or French fries or rice included and hamburgers (even a 16oz

burger). The objective of this rally is to follow the photo navigation instructions and match the predetermined time for each leg and total time. Awards will be made for the three best times for each leg and total time. We should arrive back in Broken Arrow about 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bring your Pike-Pass as it may be needed on the way back. Our hand held radios may get out of range, so bring both your radio and cell phones to call our host Bill & Sonja Curts, 261-3026 (cell) for back-up help with directions and questions.

**May 22 - 23, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #3.**

**May 27, Thursday - "A Full Moon Night"** - Do you want a drive? How about leading this one?

**May 31, Monday, Happy Memorial Day.**

## **SPRING FLING 2010: WILD THANG & WILD CHILD**

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.

Remember this is a different kind of Spring Fling than ever before. We are striving to create some "free-time" at our destination for such things as hiking, exploring, canoeing, paddle-boats, seminars, shopping, etc. Each of you will select where you eat dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. Sunday morning we will depart later than ever before. Our speed will be slower than ever before; "Cool cruiser dude pace." We will depart from the McDonalds at I-44 and 129th. This is our schedule for the week-end:

Saturday, April;24th,2010

06:00---06:45 A.M. ----- Breakfast at McDonalds, visit with your Miata friends.

06:45---06:55 AM. ----- Drivers Meeting.

07:00 A.M. ----- Depart promptly.

11:00 A.M.---12:00 P.M. --- Lunch at the Lodge on Talimena Drive.

12:15 P.M. ----- Depart Lodge for Beavers Bend

3:00---4:00 P.M. ----- Check-in at Lakeview Lodge.

4:00 P.M.---Bedtime ----- Do your own thing but be absolutely certain you re-fill your Miata with fuel before going to bed Saturday night.

Sunday, April 25th, 2010

06:00---08:15 A.M. ----- Get up when you want, eat where you want, check-out of the lodge.

08:15 A.M. ----- Drivers Meeting in the parking lot, weather permitting.

08:30 A.M. ----- Depart for Tulsa; arrive in Tulsa no later than 4:00 P.M

Okay people its time to get serious about getting ready for Spring Fling. Get your Pike Pass up to date, get at least 8 batteries ready for your two-way radio. Get your Miata ready: oil change, check all fluids, check the tire pressure and tread wear, torque everything to specs, and get a good night of sleep and rest before we leave. Remember it is totally your responsibility to have your Miata ready for "touring." The clock is ticking; can you hear it ??? The excitement and anticipation is building; can you feel it ??? If you can't feel it by now, we want some of what you dudes have been smokin' !!!

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MIKE VISEUR**

**THIS SPACE AVAILABLE !!**

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

The meeting was called to order 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:

Fred and Phyllis Turner  
7315 E. 60th Tulsa, OK 74145  
home - 270-1070 cell - 574-1155  
[okcrev@gmail.com](mailto:okcrev@gmail.com)

New Address for:  
Bob and Vikki Nichols  
7311 S. 285th E. Pl. Broken Arrow, OK 74014

### Officer Reports:

**President:** He reviewed the previous club officers meeting minutes and there was a proposal that he was not sure had been voted on and implemented. It said, leaving a drive due to sickness is not an excuse. The club will no longer accept your doctor's statement as proof. The club believes that if you are able to drive to the doctor, you are able to go on a club drive. There was also a suggestion for a greeting card that said, "You are such a good friend that if we were on a sinking ship and there was only one life jacket...I'd miss you heaps and think of you often. (Mike had lots of funnies, he shared with the group.)

**VP:** None

**Treasurer:** \$927.14 balance

**Secretary:** 55 current memberships. Those who did not pay dues by March 1st will be deleted from the club roster and will not receive the club newsletter starting in April.

**Webmaster:** None

### **Tour Director:**

Saturday drive to the OU Sooner Racing Team was a great day. They are rated #8 in the world. Pictures are available on the club website.

The Spook Light Drive on 2-20 had to be canceled due to poor weather visibility. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

4-10 Wild Horse Mountain BBQ Drive

4-24/4-25 Spring Fling

4-29/5-2 Miatas Do Charleston

5-6 (Thursday) OSU Okmulgee Culinary Experience

5-14/5-16 Miatas at Moab

5-22 Road Rally

6-11/6-13 Miatas at Eureka springs

### Arkansas Miata Club invitation:

Saturday, Aug. 7th for a baseball game in Siloam Springs. The NW Arkansas Nationals vs Arkansas Travelers. The group will drive to Siloam Springs on Saturday night and will return home on Sunday.

Next month we may have a guest speaker!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

## SOONER RACING TEAM DRIVE MARCH 13, 2010: TONY LUTMAN

We met at the IHOP at 121st St So (alias Hwy 117) and Hwy 75. Boy, the Google Maps were confused as to where this IHOP is. Maybe it is because the mailing address is Sapulpa, but it is within the Glenpool City Limits. Anyway, there we were. I think there were eight cars in all, maybe nine ... did I count the lead car?

Pierre told his "thumb" story at least 13 times, since that is about the number of members present. Tony held the traditional driver's meeting and passed out his "sights to see" spreadsheet, and we were off.

On the trip going, we saw such sights as the "boat house", or are it a "house boat". The Shoe Tree Trading Post is

marked by ... you guessed it ... a "shoe tree". The Rock Cafe in Stroud is another "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives" cafe, where they serve schnitzel on the side.

After a rest break in Chandler, we continued down Hwy 66, finally turning south on Hwy 102 headed towards Hwy 9 and Norman. A SADDLED horse statue highlights the main Lake Thunderbird entrance. So, who is going to ride it?

Thomas Ingram, one of Toni's former students, and other members of the Sooner Racing Team, showed us around their new facility. We got to see three "cars", if you can call them that. Two of the cars were chassis only, while the third had its body in place. The SRT must design a completely new chassis each year, but can use the same engine/transmission from previous years. They are limited to 600cc, so they use an Aprilia 550cc V-twin engine and transmission. Yes, they race it in one or two events (California and Germany), but a great part of the contest is the design of the car.

We invited the SRT members present to eat with us at Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q. Good eatin', and Tony brought home the leftovers. YUM! We returned via Hwy 9 to Wetumka, north on Hwy 27 and Hwy 56 to Okmulgee, and then north on Hwy 75 to the IHOP. The high light of the return trip was either the "twisties" around Lake Okmulgee or the water running over the overflow dam. Thomas Ingram brought up the rear as "sweep", since he was returning to Tulsa for some engine parts for the car.

A great day was enjoyed by all!

### **ROBBER'S CAVE/NAPOLI'S/BUG TUSSLE DRIVE MARCH 27, 2010: TONY LUTMAN**

We met at the 121<sup>st</sup> S and Memorial McDonalds. Alan Doughty was the first to arrive, and wondered where all the other members were until Tony & Neta showed up. Alan presented Tony with a new LARGE nametag, since he now has a LARGE car. On the drive down to Robber's Cave, we passed such interesting sights as a bulldozer on stilts, the Boynton Historical Society building (it was actually open), the Boot Hill Saloon (burned down between my two pre-drives), the vault without a bank, and some twisties (yippee).

We met Park Naturalist Randy Ledford at the Park Office, then paraded to the Cave parking lot. Randy explained that the tour would take slightly more than an hour, but our very special group took an hour and a half. We had sunshine, and the views of the Sans Bois Mountains were spectacular. The cave ... well, it was a cave. There would have been plenty of game and berries and fresh water for the robbers hiding out there. There was even a much-protected place below the cave for the horses. As we toured the area, we came across a group of repellers, using the short cliffs to teach repelling to a group of kids. Everyone seemed to enjoy this outing, even though the trails were rather rugged.

We at lunch at Napoli's in McAlester, then began our return trip. We did make a brief detour off of Highway 69 north to visit Bug Tussle, home of former Speaker of the House Carl Albert. Bug Tussle is a typical small (population about 200) Lake Eufaula community, with not even a post office. But we all can say we have been to Bug Tussle. Proceeding north on Highway 69, we took in the many sights of Lake Eufaula shoreline. We did have an unfortunate incident in the Checotah Country Mart, where one of our new member Miatas was "front ended" by a car pulling out of a front parking space. Fortunately, their Miata was still drivable, but that was a dark spot in an otherwise great drive.

Be sure to see the photos posted on our website, taken by Alan Doughty, Tony Lutman, and Jaunice Wright.

Editor: Thanks Tony for not mentioning that I almost got stuck in the short cut "squeeze" at Robbers Cave.



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