



JULY MEETING - DIAMOND JACK'S @ 7031 S. ZURICH IN TULSA!!

JULY CLUB EVENTS

July 3, Saturday, July 4, Sunday, Happy Independence Day.

July 10, Saturday. (Open)

July 16, Friday. – “Friday night Dinner and Drive” – Bill and Sonja Curts Hosts

When: Friday, July 16

Where: Quick Trip at Hwy 51 and 81st street Broken Arrow

Time: Drivers Meeting 6:25 p.m., Depart 6:30 p.m.

Description: Drive Leader, Bill & Sonja Curts (261-3026). **Something different!** This is a more eating than driving event on a Friday night. We will meet on Friday evening at 6:15 p.m. with our drivers meeting at 6:25 p.m. and depart 6:30 p.m. for a dinner drive to Baker's Fish House **** (Fish, Shrimp and Steaks served) (North of Muskogee on Hwy 69) arriving about 7:15 p.m. We will depart about 8:30 p.m. driving back to Braum's in Broken Arrow on Hwy 51(across from the QT) for desert arriving about 9:15 p.m. Join us for a week night drive and dinner.

JULY 21, MEETING NIGHT

July 24, Saturday (Open)

July 24- 25 Saturday / Sunday – “Kansas City Weekend” – Sam and Gail Roop Hosts

When: Saturday July 24 and Sunday July 26

Where: McDonalds, I-44 and 129th East Avenue (Saturday a.m.)

Time: Drivers Meeting 7:45 a.m., Depart 8:00 a.m.

On July 24th, we will be leaving McDonalds at I-44 and 129th East Ave. at 8:00 a.m., drivers meeting at 7:45. Lunch will be at Koehn's Bakery in Butler, MO at 11:30 a.m.

We will be staying at The Savoy Hotel in Kansas City, MO Make your reservations ASAP because the hotel has only 22 total rooms available. Phone for reservations:1-800-728-6922. Two room options: \$109 or \$150. Breakfast is included in your room cost for Sunday, July 25th. Breakfast has over 32 items to choose from including lobster bisque, smoked salmon with caviar, medallions of beef, fresh fruit, eggs, a light continental breakfast, etc. Sunday the 25th, we will visit the WWI Museum (\$8). Further details will be made at the meeting on the 21st and hopefully by email before then. Thanks Gail and Sam

July 24-25 Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #5.

July 26, Monday - “A Full Moon Night” - Do you want a drive? How about leading this one?

July 31, Saturday (Open)

AUGUST CLUB EVENTS

August 7, Saturday (Open)

August 14, Saturday (Open)

August 18, Meeting Night

August 21, Saturday: "Owasso Drive, Chill and Grill" Kevin & Devinna Smith Hosts (272-2890)

When: Saturday, August 21st, 2010

Where: Kevin & Devinna's Smith home: 14708 E. 102nd St. N., Owasso, OK

Time: Drivers meeting at 3:15 p.m. and depart promptly at 3:30 p.m.

Special Attraction: After drive cookout and pool party

Description: Let's Drive, Chill and Grill - Let's meet at Kevin & Devinna's Smith house 14708 E. 102nd St. N., Owasso, OK to start this drive. (Go North on Hwy 169 past Owasso, turn right (East) on 106th Street N., then right (South) at the stop sign on 145th E. Ave., then left (East) on East 102nd Street N. to the Smith's). Drivers meeting at 3:15 p.m. and departing promptly at 3:30 p.m. The drive will last about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. After the drive we will have a cookout and pool party. **Everyone bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. Meat will be provided. Don't forget your swimsuit. Please let us know if you are able to come on this drive. 272-2890 or devinna@sbcglobal.net** This drive will be a combination of cruising and spirited driving.

August 21 - 22, Hallett COMMA Race Club week-end #6.

August 24, Tuesday - "A Full Moon Night" - Do you want a drive? How about leading this one?

August 28, Sunday

PAWNEE BILLS WILD WEST MUSEUM DRIVE: SHARON SMITH



In spite of a forecast of a high of 97 degrees, twelve shining Miatas arrived for the drive to Pawnee Bill's Ranch and Museum. Of the twelve cars, nine were driven by the ladies. Way to go gals! It has been some time since we labeled a drive a "ladies" drive and so I was so pleased to see you ladies join me. In addition, someone commented to Pierre that they felt "special" doing the ladies drive. Although it was not a difficult drive, we had our share of good twists and turns. Although I said we would not go more than five miles over the speed limit, I fudged a little, as it was just too much fun to try to run the roads a little bit faster. Only once did I have to slow down so we could close the gap. From the comments, most of you gals did not have any problem with the speed!

The morning started out great for running with the tops down and although we had sunshine it very comfortable with the sun at our backs. We made such good time we were able to drive around Pawnee Lake before stopping for lunch at Click's. If you have never eaten there, it is worth the drive just for that. I highly recommend their grilled pork chop and only \$6.50 at lunchtime. What a deal! Remember though they are closed on Mondays. In addition, the last three weekends in June are the Pawnee Bill's Wild West days so the town will be busy. One member was so impressed she thought they would take their families there while they were in town visiting.

In addition, I think everyone was surprised if they had not been at the homestead of Pawnee Bill. We had a guided tour of the mansion that he and his wife had built for them and it is still a remarkable place. The lady who gave us the tour was very knowledgeable or had a good imagination or both, as she filled us in on many details of their lives. Then we got a look at the little dirt floor house that they lived in while the mansion was being built. What a contrast! Therefore, although they lived well once the house was finished, they were not used to lots of amenities in their day-to-day living at the ranch before that.



Although the museum itself is small, it was so interesting to read about Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show. Who knew it was so huge and that it was quite an undertaking to "get the show on the road". Did you know that his real name was Major Gordon W. Lillie? I thought it was especially interesting that his wife, May, was a star in the show with her marksmanship and riding acts. Not bad for a young woman who grew up as the privileged daughter of a doctor in the East. I also will want to take in Pawnee's Wild West days one of these years.

On the trip back to Tulsa, most of the group chose to leave our tops up as the sun was scorching by then. As we left the ranch, we did a slow drive through the pasture to see the buffalo herd, the longhorn cattle and the beautiful Clydesdale horses. Then it was hit the trail to Tulsa. It was a fun but uneventful (which is a good thing) drive. In addition, I was very thankful that I had decided to stay within the speed limits as we entered Prattville. For there to welcome us was a city patrol car! As we got out at Braum's many were ready for some ice cream and a bit more visiting. Thanks to all who made this a great experience for me. And thanks to all you guys for riding "shotgun", and to Pierre for his navigating skills.

GROVE OLD MAID CRAWL: PIERRE SMITH



On June 26th five NEO Miata club cars gathered at McDonalds, 129th East Ave and I-44, to embark on a new adventure for the club. Destination: The 1st Annual Old Maid Crawl in Grove, OK. It was a beautiful "top-down" day as President Mike Viseur called the drivers meeting to order. The caravan then headed east down Hwy 412 at 9:00 a.m. The weather forecast was for a very warm day but the morning was perfect for this "top down" adventure.

After a short break in Locust Grove we headed North on the Carl Belew Memorial Highway (Hwy 82) toward Salina. About halfway to Salina Mike turned right and led us across the Kenwood Indian Reservation. The roads were brand new asphalt, the scenery was spectacular and the twisties kept our attention. At highways 10/59 we turned north. After a short stop to enjoy the view and fantastic breeze coming off Lake Eucha we continued north through Jay on to Grove.

A delightful lunch was enjoyed at the Lazy Parrot on the shore of Grand Lake. Then it was on to participate in "The Old Maid Crawl"!! About 30 merchants each had a deck of Old Maid cards that they would distribute one to each participant. The challenge was to collect as many cards as possible and the best hand (the most matching cards) would be the winner. The Old Maid cards were wild. Bottom line – everyone had a ball as we traveled from store to store meeting new people and collecting cards. After a refreshing treat at Braum's in Grove we turned in our "hands" at the official event headquarters at 3:00 p. m. The best hand we had was seven Grandma Fern and two Old Maid cards for a total of nine matching cards. The NEO Miata Club didn't have the winning hand but everyone had a day of fun and laughter in addition to great driving roads.



About 3:15 p. m. the caravan headed back to Tulsa arriving about 5:00 p.m. The sun was hot so the return trip was "tops up". The total trip was around 220 miles of Zoom-Zoom fun and wonderful fellowship for those that attended. Mike did a super job of organizing a great drive along with an incredibly enjoyable day. Even though the number of participants was low the camaraderie and chemistry of the group was special! I think I speak for everyone – the "Old Maid Crawl" was an incredible experience. Thanks Mike and Paula!

Be sure and view the great pictures of the "Old Maid Crawl" on the web-site www.neomiata.com . Thanks to Tony Lutman and Jaunice Wright for the great pics!

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 Member:

Tim VanMeter, 11820 S. 121st E. Ave. Broken Arrow, OK 74011, 231-1669, ttvanmeter@aol.com, Sapphire Blue "AE" 1999

We had several previous club members pay dues and re-join----welcome back. We missed you!

