



MONTHLY MEETING - DIAMOND JACK'S @ 7031 S. ZURICH IN TULSA!! 6:45 PM!!!

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!!! Thank you in advance!!

Election of Officers for 2011 will be held at the NEO Miata Club meeting on November 18th. A nominating committee is being formed and Officer nominations are needed from the membership. Positions to consider nominations for include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Events Director, and Web Administrator.

Please forward your recommendations to Mike Viseur, NEO Miata Club President at mpvnok@cox.net.

NOVEMBER Club events

November 6, Saturday - "Fall Foliage Drive" - Earl and Dorothy Larkin 918-342-6992

Where: McDonalds at I-44 & 129th East Avenue

Time: Drivers meeting at 7:45 am, depart 8:00am.

The "pace" for the drive will be "Cool Cruiser Dude." The round-trip total distance to and from Tulsa will be between 280 and 300 miles. The entire drive will never leave northeastern Oklahoma and the route will be entirely different from the 2009 route.

Obviously we cannot promise you "great color" on this date in the future but if it exists you will see it on this route. We can promise you great scenery, hundreds of curves, and low-traffic "back-roads."

How about the costs? To prevent anyone from getting "nervous," we will have one gas stop at about the half-way point. Lunch will be a little "pricey," figure \$25.00 per couple if you eat modestly; this ain't McDonalds. You can buy a \$25.00 steak for one person at this place if you so desire. But the food is great, as is the atmosphere, and they actually enjoy serving large groups. I have brought very large groups of motorcyclists here in the past and the entire experience was enjoyed by all. **For the N.E.O. Miata Club I have reserved a dining room that seats 60 people so let's have a really good turnout** because it would be really embarrassing to reserve a room for 60 and only arrive with thirty people. This is not a buffet; we will all order off the menu. I doubt seriously if we can get in, order, eat, and get out in less than an hour and a half. That is the main reason that we say you might not be able to make it back to Tulsa before 5:00 P.M. so plan accordingly. **Make your plans now and let's have a huge turnout.**

Wild Thang & Wild Child

November 11, Thursday-"Remember the Forgotten" - Veteran's Day Parade - Pierre 495-3988

Where: (Downtown Tulsa)

Time: Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. The Parade is televised live.

This is an opportunity to help recognize the enormous contributions and sacrifices that our Veterans have made in securing the freedoms that we all enjoy. At the same time it should be excellent publicity for the NEO Miata Club. The Tulsa Veteran's Day Parade is the only parade in the country that is televised live!

Fifteen of our members have volunteered to drive and host a Veteran in the Parade. Our participation is limited to fifteen cars so additional spots aren't available.

We encourage every Club member to show their appreciation to the Veterans by showing up to watch the Parade. The next best alternative is to watch it on TV.

November 12, Friday - "Bracket Racing at TRP" Joe and Sara Bohannon 355-5187

Date / Time: Friday November 12th, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tulsa Raceway Park (TRP), 3101 North Garnett Road.

Bracket Racing – How it works! You will get two or three practice passes on the **one mile straight track**. The type of racing is called Bracket Racing. **Any car can win.** The name of the game is to estimate your speed for the quarter mile in seconds and hundredths of second, i.e. 20.35 means you estimate you will take 20 seconds and 35/100 of a second. This is called your "Dial In" Time. You will determine this time during the practice runs. If a car puts in 23.00 seconds and the other car puts in 24.00 seconds, the slower car will have the go light one second ahead of the faster car. The start is after positioning your car on the grid as directed by the starter. The race is started by Staging Lights. First several yellow and the last is green. If you go early before the green light, you get a red light and are disqualified unless the other car also does. If only one jumps the gun, the other car automatically wins unless the car goes under the estimated time, then the winner is the car closest to the estimated time. If no one jumps the gun, the car closest to the "Dial in" Time, with out going under the estimate, is the winner. If you go under, you are disqualified assuming the other one hits on the mark or is over. **This is why any one can win.** The best estimator on what the car can do in the 1/4 mile wins. The goal is to hit on the exact time you "Dial in" which does happen. There are grandstands to watch the races. We will race together as a class but there will also be other car by classes racing so plan to be there for several hours. **Come on out for a fun evening and bring your camera.** We will decide how to set up the brackets that night depending on our turnout. 14 cars have expressed some interest. Some **ladies plan to drive also.**

Requirements: You will be asked to sign a **wavier** to participate. All **car tops** will be up for racing and all drivers will have **helmets** on. No **passengers** during races. Our group will have some helmets and the track does not furnish them. Talk to some of the motorcycle people to borrow one also. There will need to be a **technical inspection** for the car if you plan to race. You will get a sticker for the car after passing. Our cars should not be a problem. You will also need to have an **ID number** on the car. Bring your own or they will put one on the window with a chalk pen along with your "Dial in" time.

Cost: Admission is \$10.00 per person, no fee for parking. If you want to enter the Miata races, there will an additional fee of \$10.00 per driver. Food and drinks are available and no outside food or drinks please.

Directions: Exit 169 at Pine and go east to the first stop light, turn north and enter TRP on your right in around 1 1/2 miles. Those not racing should park in the area outside the fence line to the pits. If you plan to race, enter the west main gate and proceed to the second fence with a toll booth. Tell them you plan to race and pay the \$10 driver fee. Then enter into the pit area and look for other Miata's so we can park together. I plan to be there early in my red 2006. If we have rain the race will be called off. Call me if you are concerned about the weather that evening. **If you have questions, call me. My home is 355-5187, office is 744-5696, and my cell is 605-0039. I will have my cell on Friday evening. Hopefully, this will become an annual event for bragging rights. Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas party. Joe M. Bohannon**

November 17, Meeting Night" -- 6:45pm Diamond Jacks, 7031 S Zurich, Tulsa, OK

November 20, Saturday - (Open)

November 21, Sunday - "A Full Moon Night" - Do you want a drive? How about leading this one?

November 25, Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving

November 27, Saturday

DECEMBER "Tentative" events

December 4, Saturday - "Christmas Lights Drive" - Tom Jones (492-2834)

December 11, Saturday – NEO Miata Club Christmas Party - Suzanne and Mac Young (492-1820)

Where: Nelson Mazda, 9902 South Memorial Drive, Tulsa

When: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

VERY IMPORTANT TO RSVP – There will be a RSVP sheet at the November meeting or call/email Suzanne Young 492-1820 / macyoung@sbcglobal.net. Our food will be catered again this year and we want to be accurate on what we purchase. Remember to bring your "Dirty Santa" gift - \$20.00 limit.

December 15, Meeting Night" -- 6:45pm Diamond Jacks, 7031 S Zurich, Tulsa, OK

December 18, Saturday (Open)

December 21, Tuesday - "A Full Moon Night" - Do you want a drive? How about leading this one?

December 25, Saturday, Merry Christmas

OCTOBER 2 - "WOODEN BOAT SHOW - ARROWHEAD MARINA": SHARON SMITH



It was another beautiful, but somewhat chilly October morning when 26 Miatas met for Suzanne and Mac Young's drive to the Old Wooden Boat Show at Arrowhead Marina on Grand Lake. There was great camaraderie as we gathered at McDonald's for coffee and eats. At the appointed time, Mac filled the driver's in on instructions and then we were on our way east down highway 412. Our first turn off took us through the Mid-America Industrial Park near Pryor. I was familiar with this area having seen it from the highways, but it was the first time to drive through it and it is quite an amazing complex. What a great area for Oklahoma to have. We can only hope that it fills up more, bringing jobs and people to our lovely state.

From there it was a short drive through some pretty scenery as we neared our destination. As we drove into the parking lot of the marina, there was a guy waiting to direct us to the reserved area for the Miatas. Thanks, Suzanne and Mac for such great planning. It didn't take long for us to get parked and then we all fanned out toward the docks to see those lovely old boats. And they did not disappoint!! Their owners had spit-shined them for this special event and it was evident that most of them were extremely well taken care of. My very favorite was a mahogany 53 ft long Chris Craft. I don't know if it came out the winner (there was voting on your favorite) but all I can say is that they were all winners. And they were a glorious reminder of earlier times at lakes across America.

As noon approached, we saw people begin to head up to the outside deck where Suzanne and Mac had arranged for us to eat. We had a choice of shady or sunny spots and I chose the sun as the wind coming off the lake was a bit cool. Being in the sun on the deck was a lovely way to spend a lunchtime and it was most comfortable and enjoyable. We were able to choose off the menu also which was nice. And all of the food that was served looked yummy.



It took awhile to get the group herded back together but then we were back on the road. Mac had said they would have a return drive but people could opt out if they needed to be back in Tulsa sooner. However, most of the group decided to follow Mac and what a great time this was. We went on some roads that many of us had not been on before. And they were every bit as much fun as some of our favorite roads in Arkansas. After passing over the Pensacola Dam we had a great time on the "roller coaster ride" road which is between Disney and Jay. It was wonderfully exciting and a little bit scary as when you came over the hill you couldn't see what was over

the top and then you were going down at a perilous drop, with sensations much like being on a roller coaster. We then went through the Kenwood Reservation on some very nicely paved roads that were also curvy with ups and downs and loads of fun. One of our members who has led and been on many drives said this was the best drive of the year and he was so glad to learn about these roads as he would definitely be coming back to them.



All in all in was just a beautiful trip -- beautiful morning, beautiful weather, beautiful boats, beautiful roads and all in the beauty of God's creation. Thanks Suzanne and Mac for a beautiful and very fun day.

OCTOBER 16 - "21ST MIATA BIRTHDAY PARTY " : PIERRE SMITH

Miatas began gathering in the Stein Mart parking lot about 9:45 am, in anticipation of a great day at Okmulgee Lake. The purpose was to celebrate the 21st anniversary of our beloved little Zoomers. President Mike Viseur had organized an exciting day and was already at the Red Oak Shelter cooking burgers and dogs when the caravan departed Tulsa under the leadership of Sam and Gail Roop.



Immediately after departure, Sam led the 23 Miatas through the Nelson Mazda lot with horns blasting. This was our way of saying "Thank You" to Nelson Mazda for the great support of our club for the last 21 years!

The caravan arrived at the Red Oak Shelter on Okmulgee Lake to find Mike cooking, Paula setting the table, and Earl Larkin tending a fantastic fire in the fire pit of the shelter. This was a perfect location for the party. The setting was on a point overlooking the beautiful lake. The day was warm (about 80) with full sunshine - perfect for top down Zooming and a

party at the lake. Mike cooked burgers and dogs to perfection and the DISHES brought by the members were abundant and scrumptious. Many of us filled our plates and picked a spot along the shore to relax and enjoy the scenery, the fellowship and the food. A Birthday Cake from Merritt's Bakery was a work of art and completed the meal perfectly!

About 1:30 p.m. Fred Blythe's guitar and music came out and many sat in the shade and participated in a sing along (some were observed just mouthing the words or silently enjoying the great voices in the crowd). Songs varied from Gospel to Country. The one that drew most comments was Artist Joe Nichols "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off".



The party began to break up about 1:45 pm, by 2:30 pm the Red Oak Overlook was cleaned up, and everyone headed home. Some returned early to watch football, others traveled through Okmulgee to visit a car show, and some of us enjoyed the twisties of Highway 56 on the return trip.



On behalf of the approximately 50 NEO Miata Club members present, we extend "A GREAT BIG THANKS" to Mike and Paula for a fantastic day, the location, the food, the fellowship and the weather were perfect. We also thank Earl for the wonderful fire, Fred for the sing along, and Tony, Jaunice and Mike Wheat for the pictures. Everyone should be sure and go to "neomiata.com" and view the pictures!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

Welcome to our New Members:

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2010 Liquid Silver

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lsullivan2004@yahoo.com
2009 Competition Yellow

Luisa Madronero (membership from Nelson Mazda)

Fred and Leslye Calkins (membership from Nelson Mazda)

The meeting was called to order by club president, Mike Viseur at 6:45 our new starting time. New members in attendance were introduced and then the rest of the club members introduced themselves including their car year, color, specialty tag, and anything new or interesting about their car.

The Club Birthday Party was reviewed - great weather and good food.

Club Elections will be next month. The election committee has had some response to locating members who would be interested in holding office next year. Everyone was invited to participate and run for office if interested. Discussion occurred about making the vice president and tour director as one position and combining the secretary and treasure positions. Pierre Smith said he would like to see job descriptions for the club officers. No decisions were made.

It was proposed to waive the club dues for officers as a way of saying thank you for serving the club. It was voted on and the majority voted to waive dues for club officers starting in 2011. Secretary, Gail Roop voiced her concern that the purpose of the club is to join together as Miata loving individuals and have fun. I said I did not want to see the club bogged down in job descriptions, and parliamentary procedures and have every action of the club voted on because the club would soon cease to be fun. When it becomes a job rather than a volunteer position we all know it is no longer fun. I reminded the club that we have been in existence for many years as a club and have continued to grow. We have been doing something right and I hated to see that change. I advised the group that waived or not, the dues are to benefit the club as a whole and officer or not, next year, I will be paying the \$20 dues as I felt all officers should.

Leta Arnett discussed having the Club Christmas Party catered or pot luck. With the amount of money in our treasury, it was voted to have the party catered again.

Treasurer Report: The last bank balance was \$1925

Secretary: Last count 102 memberships

Tour Director: Thanks to all who have posted pictures on the website--please identify yourself as the person posting the pictures.

Upcoming drives were reviewed.

Earl Larkin discussed the Fall Foliage Drive. He said the trees may not be as pretty as in years past due to a lack of rainfall at the right time, but they will be pretty and the shrubs will be very colorful.

We have been invited to have 15 Miatas in the Veterans Day Parade and have 14 so far. Please locate a veteran to ride in your car and if you need help in locating a veteran, contact Pierre.

Joe Bohanan discussed Bracket Racing and encouraged everyone to come.

Sam and Gail Roop said they would lead an over night drive to Branson, Mo on Nov 20th with more information to be sent by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 15th, 6:45 PM @ Diamond Jack's

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