



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

DECEMBER EVENTS

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

Let's meet at the Braum's located just east of South Sheridan on 91st Street at 6:45pm. We will leave for our drive at 7pm. We'll have a fun "top-down" 8.8 mile drive ending at the Applebee's at 10461 South Memorial for dessert and socializing. As with all club drives, this drive will require 100% of your attention to the cars around you 100% of the time. You must be more than willing to follow direction. It will include some great Christmas light sights and some high speed driving reaching speeds of up to 15 mph. Host is tom 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 an RSVP sheet at the November Club meeting or call/e-mail Suzanne Young 492-1820 or macyoung@sbcglobal.net. The food will be catered again this year and we want to be accurate on what we purchase. Remember bring your "Dirty Santa" gift - \$20.00 limit!

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

FALL FOLIAGE DRIVE 2010: SHARON SMITH



In spite of the chilly morning air and in spite of Earl's warning that we wouldn't have as many brilliant colors this year, 26 Miatas arrived early for Earl and Dorothy Larkin's Fall Foliage Drive. After good fellowship, good eats and good instructions from Earl, we set off East down 412. And what a glorious sight it was as the brilliant sun gleamed off the early morning frost, causing steam to rise off the passing fields. Needless to say, we traveled with our tops up at the start!!

After our first turn onto hwy. 82, we saw a road sign that read "Warning--Dangerous Curves Ahead". And we knew we were off to the start of a fun-filled driving day. As we traveled down

this highway we began to see the start of the colors. Because we had not really had a hard frost yet, the trees were still fairly loaded with leaves. And although not quite as brilliant as in past years, they were still beautiful wearing their coverings of gold and green, orange and red. It brought to mind the words of poet Joyce Kilmer—"I think that I shall never see—a poem as lovely as a tree". I totally agree.



Along this now gently winding road, we passed many fields filled with grazing cattle. I love these drives which get us "city slickers" out into the beautiful Oklahoma countryside. And not only were we enjoying our drive, but we were giving enjoyment to some children on their porch who were waving to us as we went by. Can't you just hear them saying, "Sure hope I can drive a car like that some day!?" As we continued along this road, we drove through the trees in patches of dappled shade and then brilliant sunshine. And at times we would come upon huge canopies of trees and then lovely rivers near the Eagle Bluff State Park. The park is well named as the rock bluffs along the road were breathtaking, especially the one called "Hanging Rock". This whole area is truly one of Oklahoma's playgrounds.

As we made a turn on to hwy. 62 we saw a sign that said "Auto Tour Route" which was aptly named. This route took us on a bridge over

the Illinois River with curves and hills all around. At one point we got a glimpse of the Arkansas Mountains in the distance. By this time about half the tops were down so we could really enjoy all of nature's splendors as we drove through the Tenkiller Ferry Reservation with all its meandering roads.



Time passes quickly when you are having fun and in no time at all (or so it seemed) we arrived at our lunch spot in Cookson. The Smokehouse Restaurant proved to be a wonderful choice. The choices were many and everything that arrived at the tables looked great, especially the pies! It was also a most interesting place as it was made of logs and covered with all things antique, plus some stuffed animal heads. It was also filled with the sounds of talk and laughter as the group members just had time to visit with one another.

When we left the restaurant all the tops were down as the sun was still shining and the day had warmed. As we traveled down hwy. 100 we crossed over the dam at Tenkiller State Park. The waters reflected the bright blue of the sky and they were as sparkling as a sapphire. We took a quick break at the park for a picture of our Miatas—and then it was back on the road. Now we were back on 10A with lots of curves and surrounded by the beautiful fall colors of the hills all around us. As we drove through Greenleaf State Park we enjoyed the smell of firewood as campers were out in full force to enjoy the lovely weekend.



We enjoyed our slow drive through Ft. Gibson Park with its log cabins and other buildings of the original fort. Next we were on hwy. 80 which took us past the dam and up a short curve and then wound its way along Lake Fort Gibson. This was a fantastic road with lots of curves and a great way to wind down our drive. From here it was just a short drive to Braum's in Wagner, officially ending the drive. After goodies and goodbyes and many thanks to Earl and Dorothy, we parted ways with grateful hearts for a safe trip and for another fun-filled Fall Foliage drive.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: GAIL ROOP

The meeting was called to order by club president, Mike Viseur. Mike elected to not have club members introduce themselves to allow more time for the election of officers for the next year. Club Officer reports were given.

The Christmas party was discussed. It will be on December 11th (Saturday) from 6pm to 9pm at Nelson Mazda at 9902 S. Memorial Drive. Enter through the service area. The meal will be catered. There will be a Gift Exchange with a \$20 limit. Please no gag gifts. If you bring a gift, you get a gift.

Recent drives were discussed. The **Fall Foliage Drive** was great as usual; thanks to Earl and Dorothy Larkin. There were 20 Miatas in the **Veterans Day Parade**. Our club participation was a great success and it was hard to tell who had more fun, the vets or our drivers. It was decided to participate again next year. Thanks to all who participated, and thanks to all of our club veterans. An over night drive to **Branson**, on 11-20 was discussed by Gail Roop. There will be a Full Moon Drive on 11-21.

NO CLUB MEETING IN DECEMBER--THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 19, 2011 @ DIAMOND JACK'S

Nominating Committee for New Club Officers: Leta Arnett, Joe Bohanan, Mike Viseur, and Tom Jones

It was decided to not combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer at this time. It was decided to combine the offices of vice president and events director.

2011 Club Officers are:

President - Mike Viseur
VP/Events - Tom Jones
Secretary - Carol Laws
Treasurer - Amy Kolis
Web Master - Alan Doughty

Discussion occurred regarding whether we were going to require a member to own a Miata to be a club member. An email will go out to club members for everyone to offer their opinions.

Tom Jones announced plans for updating the club website data base and club bylaws which would be emailed to club members for suggestions and then presented to the club at a future meeting. Sam Roop suggested forming subcommittees for these two projects. Volunteers were sought for these two committees with the following outcomes:

Website Database Committee: Sam Roop, Alan Doughty, Tom Jones, Paula Viseur, and Tony Lutman (not present)

Bylaws Guidelines Committee: Tom Jones, Mac Arnett, George Walker, David Laughlin, David Phillips, Sam Roop, Gene Bedingfield (not present), and Joe Bohanan (not present)

George Walker discussed a car Rally. Sign up sheet for attending the Club Christmas Party was passed around to help determine the number of people attending. Mike Viseur mentioned an article he found that listed the most reliable automobiles per the insurance commission. No surprise to the club the Miata was in the top three, the Miata was # 3, with Honda as #1 and Subaru as #2.

REMEMBER---Club membership dues need to be paid for 2011 (\$20). Pay to the club secretary.

Note: As the current club secretary, I would like to thank the club for allowing me to serve in this position. This is a wonderful organization and I have enjoyed doing my part to help.

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