



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



NEO SPRING FLING 2011

Spring Fling 2011 begins on Saturday, April 30th and ends on Sunday, May 1st. It is imperative we begin reserving our rooms now. We will be staying at the Super 8 Motel in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Telephone them at 1- 870- 424-5600 and tell them you are a member of the NEO Miata Club and want the special group rate of \$40 plus tax. The motel has agreed to block off 20 rooms at this special rate until February 15th , 2011. If we have not reserved at least 20 rooms by February 15th, the \$40 special rate ends. Please reserve your room as quickly as possible. It's gonna be great!

Wild Thang and Wild Child

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MIKE VISEUR

"One more year gone, and we're all still hangin' in. 2010 saw quite a few opportunities for the club to get out, thanks to the HUGE job Pierre (and Sharon!) did for us all. THANK YOU. Now, 2011 is shaping up to be another good year, with the promise of spring, summer, and fall to come around to us again. You know, the Okie version of seasons. The 5 days of Spring, 290 days of Summer, followed by 5 days of Fall. Then ice and snow. But however we get it, it means AT LEAST 300+ days we get to drive our Miata's! Now, for 2011, Sam Roop has stepped up to fill the big shoes of prior events directors, and he could use your help. So, I would like every one of you to think about hosting a drive. Too hard? Too much planning? Too much this, too much that, too much...fill in the blank. OK, how about looking at it this way... You love to drive, or you wouldn't have bought a Miata, and you love to hang out together and talk and joke around, 'cause I've seen you do it. And I can tell there are a FEW of us who enjoy eating (all I do is look in the mirror to see that!), so I know you know some good places to go! See there? 3 of the main things needed to lead a drive you already have. About the only thing left is choosing how to get there and when to go. Got a map? Stick a pin in it, write down the roads, give Sam a date and we'll follow! We've been to floating lake cafes, boat shows, car shows, grills that look like soda bottles, giant earth movers, concrete tepees, wineries, exotic animal farms, lakes, caves, kit car companies, rocket launches, Sadie Hawkins drives, space station overflights, etc. Racetracks to drive fast, parades to drive slow. Heck, we've even been NOWhere before. Just drove around in a big winding circle out in the country just to say we drove, and came back after a couple of hours to eat. And I'm looking forward to doing it all over again with every one of you. Whether 3 cars or 30, it's always fun! So, whatta ya saw? Wanna go for a drive?"

SPRING FLING 2011: APR 30 – MAY 1, 2011 : EARL & DORTHY LARKIN (Wild Thang & Wild Child)

The most frequently-asked question so far is "How much will the week-end cost?" Never have I been so ill-prepared to answer that question. Let me explain.

For starters, right now I have no idea what your motel room will cost you that night. If we reserve at least 20 rooms by February 15th, your room will cost just \$40.00 plus tax. But if we fail, as a club, to reserve at least 20 rooms by Feb. 15th, the \$40.00 per night price will be removed and I must go back over into Arkansas and re-negotiate the next best price that I can get them to accept and then we all start all over again reserving our rooms at the "new" rate.

"How much will we spend for fuel?" That question is a really scary one; why? In December and early January when I was driving around all over Arkansas and putting all of this together I was paying \$3.30 for premium (91) and regular (87) was costing \$3.07. Will it be more expensive in April? Probably. I know this; you will arrive at the departure point with a full tank of gas and you will re-fuel three more times before you make it back to Tulsa.

Let's talk about what I am sure about. Breakfast at McDonald's Saturday morning should cost two people less than \$10.00 Lunch will be

a buffet and will cost \$8.49 plus tax and tip per person, so a little more than \$20.00 per couple. Saturday night's dinner and Sunday morning breakfast is whatever and wherever you want. Lunch and dinner Sunday will "by necessity" be "fast food." One additional cost will be a guided tour which will cost \$10.00 per person and you will love it.

In the meantime, before Feb. 15th, lets all get our rooms reserved Telephone the Super Eight Motel in Mountain Home at 1-870-424-5600. Tell them you are a member of the NEO Miata Club and are requesting the club rate of \$40.00 plus tax for the night of Saturday, April 30th, 2011. These reservations need to be made now.

Hope to see all of you at the February club meeting.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: CAROL LAWS

The meeting was called to order on 1-19-11 by club president Mike Viseur. Mike welcomed back old member Stewart Field & three new members have joined.

Stewart and Lorrie Field
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1993 Classic Red Tag: RE PEAT

New Members:

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Box 171
Canadian, OK 74425
(h) 918-339-6359 (c) 470-9272
1999 Emerald Green

Richard & Sharon Berumen
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Tulsa, OK 74145
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Berumen8r@cox.net
1992 Classic Red

Sherry Breaker
808 E Moses St
Cushing, OK 74023
918-361-5413
Sherry.breaker@Gmail.com
2002 SE Blazing Yellow

Club members took turns introducing themselves and their car(s) year, color etc.

Officer Reports:

President: Mike announced that Tom Jones won't be able to do the VP / Tour Director job as previously planned because of scheduling conflicts. Sam Roop who had also offered to do the job will now take over the position.

Mike said that Earl Larkin was not in attendance because he is fighting his 3rd bout of pneumonia. Please remember both Earl and Dorothy. Mike relayed a message from Earl that it is IMPERATIVE to get our SPRING FLING hotel room reservations in by mid February. Earl negotiated a great price of \$40 per room. IF THERE AREN'T 20 CLUB RESERVATIONS MADE BY MID FEB., THE RATE OF \$40 WILL BE LOST. Any reservations after that time will be \$70. Also, if the quota of 20 rooms isn't met, the rate will be \$70.

***** For SPRING FLING HOTEL RESERVATIONS Please Call 1-870-424-5600*****

VP: No report.

Secretary: Carol L. thanked Gail for having served previously and keeping such wonderful records. A reminder was given that annual dues are due be Feb. 1st. They must be paid by March 1st to keep getting the newsletter and be kept in the membership roster. Treasurer: Expenditures for 2010 were \$1631.11; Deposits for 2010 \$2360.69 making a current balance of \$1086.42. Around \$500- \$600 in dues renewals to be deposited soon.

Webmaster: No report

Tour Director: Sam Roop talked about some ideas that came from an officers' meeting a few days previous. First it is hoped that more members will feel at ease and get involved in the planning and / or leading of drives this year. Please remind Sam of past drive favorites or other destination desires. He also mentioned a suggestion that for drives with 20 or more cars involved that there be a Designated Mid-Relay Person. (*Instead of all drivers wondering if a relay they had gotten came from in front or behind them.)

During some chat of our usual Meal / Drive / Meal / Drive / Snack itinerary, Gail Sinclair said a good name for our club is MEALS ON WHEELS. Mike reminded us that if we each would take a turn for drives, it would be 3 yrs before our next turn. George Walker and Bob Schwarz each talked about the "Adrenaline Rush " of seeing what these cars can really do "opened up". They encouraged members to ask for a hi-speed passenger ride with Mike V., George, or Tom J or take their own car out to Halett. Joe Bohannon talked briefly about getting the club on the dragstrip schedule for this coming September.

Jack Lewis from Nelsons joined us late and discussed some definite and other proposed new changes to Mazda lineup. Of particular interest is SKY (?sp) High Fuel Efficiency technology (Miata won't get for awhile) and a diesel Mazda model probably for next fall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45. Old Man Winter was expected to finally appear with ice and snow this evening. We were all very grateful that our collective HOT senior bodies kept him away until well after the meeting!

**** Reminder**** 2011 Miata Club Dues are due by February 1st.

To renew your membership send \$20 to:

NEO Miata Club
 PO Box 554
 Tulsa, OK 74101

- Note: Some of the recently paid dues / checks were late clearing the bank because there was no Dec. meeting.



The NEO Miata Throws are once again available for order. We need to have a group order of at least 12. They don't set up the custom weaving for singular orders. The cost will be \$31.50 each plus \$1.50 each for postage. (\$33.00).

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