



**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. 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. Please reserve your room as quickly as possible. It's gonna be great!

Wild Thang and Wild Child

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MIKE VISEUR

February's gone and spring is on the way! And this man's thoughts are turning towards driving. And not in my 4WD truck.

I've been thinking back on the general history of the Miata lately and have wondered at times "Why did they do that?" when Mazda designed the Miata. Not so much a specific item, but the general thought process of why Mazda does what they do. Originally, the much celebrated Lotus Elan seemed to be the target Mazda aimed for when penning the design for the first generation car, with a MUCH appreciated dose of Japanese reliability tossed in. Light weight, peppy rev happy engine with manageable power, a sense of one-ness between car and driver that reached near telepathic levels, and just enough comfort to let you enjoy the day. The next gen car seemed to carry this forward, while losing just a TOUCH of the telepathy in exchange for being a bit more car. Then the third, and current version hit the floor. Much the same as before. Just a smidge less touch, but much more livable day to day. (A model that just saw the 900,000th car roll off the assembly line!!) Now, the rumor mills are ginnin' towards what would be the ND, or 4th gen car. Mazda is not letting out much, naturally, but what seems to be coming our way for the 2012 model year is the re-birth of the NA. Mazda is saying that they believe it needs to get back to it's roots. In effect, lighter weight, smaller (potentially) engine with more revving potential, and that mind reading ability we remember. Now the engine, while being (maybe) smaller, will be by no means weak. Mazda has developed a new engine line to be the basis of most of their cars for the near future called the SKY. It'll be found in the revised Mazda3, making much more power than the 3's current motor, while increasing mpg highway from 33 to 40. Fair trade to me. And the sneak peeks at the potential new styling trend for Mazda are, in my eyes, absolute knockouts. (See links below). Are these certain? No. Are they possible? Oh yea. The future seems very bright for the Miata. So, is it time to start a "pool" on who in the club buys the first one? You know who you are...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwglIHEgYiQ> <http://www.newmazdainfo.com/2012-Mazda-MX5.html>

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

First of all let us brag on you. We met our deadline of Feb. 15th; we had to reserve 20 rooms by that date and bless your hearts we reserved 25 rooms! Thank you guys so much. The \$ 40.00 plus tax room rate will now be "fixed" right on into April in five-room "blocks."

Most asked question in February: What does Wild Thang mean when he says "Its all about the roads ?" Fair question, worthy of a reply. Sports cars are built to be driven fast, especially in the curves, where the "fun and excitement factor" goes off the charts for Miata owners.

Spring Fling 2011 will feature mountains, curves, forests, curves, beautiful scenery, curves, rivers, curves, low-traffic back roads, and miles and miles of fabulous curves. How many curves will there actually be you ask? Approximately 2,000 curves in two days but hey, who's really counting anyway? And if you don't think curves really do matter to Miata owners, ask Mac Arnett, George Walker, Mike Viseur, Tom Jones; they will be happy to explain it to you in greater detail.

Second most-asked question in February; what will be the "pace" of the drive? The pace will be "spirited". That asks the "Cool Cruiser Dudes" to speed up a little and the "Fast" drivers to slow down a little. This drive cannot be slowed down any slower because we would not be able to keep our scheduled appointments.

For those of you who still haven't made your reservations, telephone the Super 8 Motel in Mountain Home Arkansas at 1-870-424-5600, tell them you are a member of the N.E.O. Miata Club and are requesting the club rate of \$40.00 plus tax for the night of Saturday, April 30th, 2011.

We hope to see all of you at the March Club meeting.

## PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: CAROL LAWS

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS

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The meeting was called to order on 2-16-11 by club president Mike Viseur. No new members were present but everyone took turns as usual introducing themselves and what car they have.

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Mike mentioned that since there is only 1 drive on the years schedule so far, to be ready for a surprise phone call when "names start getting pulled from a hat"! Think of old or new drives of interest. Pierre Smith suggested checking old newsletters about past drive descriptions for ideas to get our imaginations going.

Secretary: Carol asked that unpaid dues be taken care of. \*\*\* From now on please wait for a receipt if paying by cash at the meeting. \*\*\*

Treasurer: Amy said she made a deposit for \$795; Balance currently is \$1804.

Web Master: Not in attendance (ed.: Yes I was.)

Tour Director / VP: Sam talked about several drive ideas such as "Battle of Honey Springs" reenactment. They all conflicted with the Spring Fling drive but maybe next year. He explained there are 2 calendars at the website. Go to the "Planning Calendar" tab at the website to get in touch with him for tentative drive ideas.

Earl talked a little about the Spring Fling. He described his cunning efforts to negotiate the price of the rooms from \$72.50 down to \$40! He thanked everyone for responding to the Feb. 15 deadline for reservations. There are presently still some smoking rooms available at the \$40 rate. He related that some of the Old Timer Miata club members think the newer members need a really exciting drive experience to see what their Miatas can really do. He promised that the route for Spring Fling will have even the Old Timers thinking "they died and went to heaven".

Mike talked about several drive possibilities from flyers received in the mail. One for March 26 "Wild Onion" dinner at the Creek church in Bixby. Also there is a car show in El Reno May 7.

Mike then asked if anyone having a February birthday was present. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to about 5 members! He then got a little crazy and talked about "Quality Car Lingerie" to be found @Miata.net.

On that high note the meeting was adjourned.



NEO CUSTOM AFGHANS: Want to keep your toes warm (copilots) during our upcoming spring drives? How about ordering a custom NEO Miata Afghan blanket. Sandy Sturdivant kindly put some research into this after there was so much "fighting" over one at the 2009 Christmas Dirty Santa gift exchange.

If we can get at least 12 people to order they will loom a custom 48" X 68" Afghan for us as they have in the past. The cost for each throw will be \$30.50 plus \$1.50 shipping. (\$33) \*\*\* Individual orders are not possible. There must be a least 12 orders.

Anyone interested please let secretary Carol Laws know by phone 622-4791 or at the March club meeting at the latest.

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