



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

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

Saturday Schedule:

- 06:00-06:45 A.M. ----Breakfast at the McDonalds just south of I-44 & 129th E. Ave.
- 06:45 A.M. ----- Drivers meeting.
- 07:00 A.M. ----- Departing promptly; no waiting for anyone. If you are late you will have to join us at the Welcome Center in Siloam Springs.
- 1:00 P.M. ----- Lunch, if we get there on time? If we are late, well lets just say we will then have a better appetite for supper.
- 3:45 P.M. ----- Tour, \$10.50 per person (must have exact amount of money) if we get there on time?
- 7:00 P.M. ----- Dinner, where all the club members sit down together, discuss the day with one another, have a great meal in one of Mountain Homes finest restaurants, probably the finest; if we get there on time

Sunday Schedule:

- 06:00-07:15 A.M. ----- Breakfast at wherever.
- 07:15 a.m. ----- Driver's meeting in the Super 8 Motel parking lot; inside the lobby area if its raining outside.
- 07:30 A.M. ----- Depart promptly, no waiting on anyone, we just can't do it time-wise
- Lunch ----- Unknown, maybe, maybe not?
- Back home ----- Unknown, impossible to predict, maybe, maybe not.

Lets have a quick review of the March club meeting. There are some things you need to do and some things you need to be sure you have with you. A two-way radio with fresh new batteries and back-up batteries in reserve. Be sure your Pike Pass is not left behind in the van. Bring a good pair of quality sunglasses; you will be looking directly into the sun going over Saturday morning and going home Sunday evening. Is your Miata serviced and "ready" for this kind of "week-end?" Plenty of tread on the tires, adequate brake fluid, good brake pads, correct air pressure in your tires, wheels torqued to the proper specs? Trust me, this is not the club drive where you discover that your tires really are "bald" that your air pressure is seven pounds too low, and you have two "loose-wheels." Do you have a copy of the club phone directory in your Miata? Did you remember to wear your "most comfortable" walking shoes? Did you remember to bring a warm sweater or a wind-breaker? Have you packed your camera and plenty of film? There will be numerous photo "ops."

Most-asked question since the March club meeting; "If it is raining or foggy do we still go? " Absolutely!!! We cancel drives for ice on the roads or flood waters covering the roads. Period. We go, we just go a little slower. If roaring forest fires had reached the pavement on both sides of the roads, would we stop, turn around, cancel the drive then? What if the smoke from the fires was so thick it had reached and indeed created "Zero-visibility;" would we cancel then?" Get Real; this is Oklahoma and we have "wild fires" almost every day. Big Deal. The male membership of the N.E.O. Miata Club are "manly-men" we take our Spring Fling Drives very seriously, look forward to it and plan for it for a year, every year. Manly Men do not cancel Spring Fling Drives over such "petty crap" as a forest fire. Besides, Tom Jones has guaranteed the membership that a line of Miatas hurtling through a roaring forest fire at frightening high speeds are moving much too fast to suffer any damage to the cars or their passengers and will probably extinguish all of the fires by blowing them, out as they roar past. Tom says we will be performing an important public service while having loads of fun. If there are any doubters reading this article who are still "unbelievers" you should know that none other than Mike Viseur assures me that he knows for a fact that Tom Jones has never told a lie in his entire life. Well by golly, that's good enough for me.

We don't know about you guys but we are getting "antsy;" we are ready to go right now. We need a proper "Miata fix." Boy are we ready to slam some curves and take over some small towns where we will outnumber the locals. One thing is for dead certain: Miata people really know how to have a great week-end. Remember our club motto: Whatever happens in the Ozark Mountains, stays in the Ozark Mountains.

Now with that thought in mind, those of you who want to go but still have not booked a room, you can still book a room at the Super Eight Motel where most of us are staying, if you will accept a room where some people have smoked prior to your arrival. The motel is not out of rooms, just out of "smoke-free" rooms. Just call 1-870-424-5600, tell them you are a member of the N.E.O. Miata Club and request our special group rate of \$40.00 plus tax.

We hope to see all of you at the April club meeting.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: CAROL LAWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS

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Our president Mike Viseur called the meeting on March 16 to order. Introductions rounded the room with a new member present, Mike Baker.

Officer Reports:

President: Brought up the afghan order status. Sandy talked about how wonderful they were even for picnics. Carol reported the price and that 12 orders were needed.

Treasurer: Not at meeting had to work.

Secretary: Some members still need to pay 2011 dues. For those not at meeting please send dues to our downtown P.O. Box address. From now on please wait for a receipt when paying by cash especially.

Webmaster: No report

Tour Director / VP: Talked a little about possible drives.

Mike said that he would plan to lead a "Show N Shine" drive on Saturday April 2 to leave from McDonald's at I44 / 129thE Ave. (**See details on calendar.) Ronnie Lane talked about a tentative drive he will lead on May 7. He will figure out a schedule ahead of a dance that night in Grove. Clint Walker live band will play from 7 to 10 p.m. for \$2 / \$3 couple. He also talked about the possibility of a future drive to visit 2 car manufacturing places in Missouri. That drive would include the popular "Tomato Hill" drop in the drive.

Pierre Smith asked if anyone would be interested in a repeat drive to O.S.U. Culinary School in Okmulgee for a buffet lunch. (** He will post an email or post on calendar for April 6 or 13th).

Bill Curts wanted opinions about joining an Admiral Twin reopening celebration on July 4th. There will be a prize for anyone who can hide inside their car trunk and sneak inside. Free Admission!

Earl Larkin got us revved up for the upcoming "Spring Fling" drive. He congratulated us again for breaking club records for attendance on this drive. There will be at least 34 cars (and still counting!) Since we were at the 6 week ahead mark, all necessary car repairs should be taken care of to avoid last minute scheduling problems. Tires, Timing Belts, Oil Changes ??? Also please get a turnpike pass if you don't already have one. **** Need working 2 way radio. **** Have battery replacements for Saturday and again for Sunday.

He discussed the "Bungee" effect. Please use the straight drive opportunities to close gap to car in front of you. We MUST talk on the radio often and let him know right away if we need to stop to assist someone.

My personal advice for getting ready for the drive is this. It helps for both the Pilot and Copilot to weigh within 20 pounds of each other. That way your car probably won't flip over on one of Earl's drives. For me cookies and ice cream have worked a little too well!

Mike closed the meeting again with another stand up comedian routine. He proposed a line of greeting cards be made available at our web store. They could have such greetings as:

"Congratulations on your Retirement. Before you go, would you like to take this knife out of my back?"

"Congratulations on your new Bundle of Joy! Did you find out who the Father is?"

"Congratulations on your new Bundle of Joy! How could 2 such good looking people have such an ugly baby?"

"Happy Birthday! We're doing something special for you—Having you Put to Sleep!"

And finally for a relatives in Arkansas: "Happy Birthday Uncle, Dad!"

Meeting 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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