



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

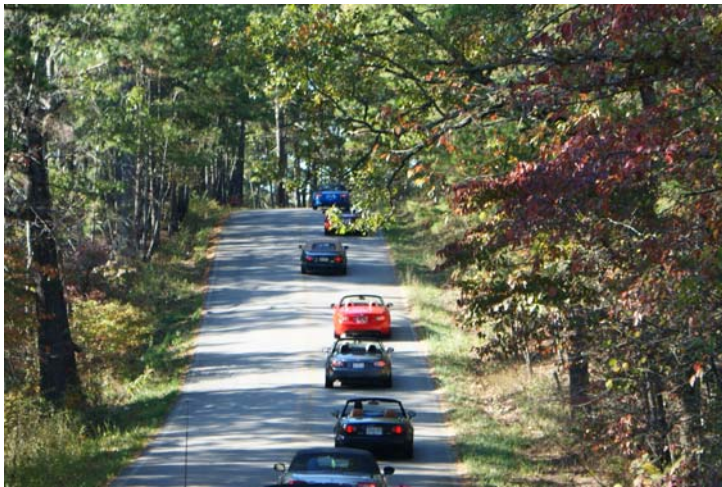
CALENDAR:

12/10/2011: NEO Miata Club Christmas Party
12/21/2011: NO CLUB MEETING!!

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: SUZANNE YOUNG

The club Christmas Party will be held on December 10, 2011 at Nelson Mazda, 9902 South Memorial Drive, Tulsa, OK, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. It is very important that those attending **RSVP**. There will be a **RSVP** sheet at the November meeting or call/email Suzanne Young 918-492-1820 / macyoung53@yahoo.com Dinner will be catered. "Dirty Santa" gift range \$20-25. One gift per person OR one gift per couple, your choice.

FALL FOLIAGE DRIVE: JAUNICE WRIGHT



At 7am, twenty-three cars lined up. Headlights breaking through the darkness, motors idling; drivers eagerly anticipating the signal to "Go-Go-Go", and begin Earl's Fall Foliage Drive. Many of the hardier drivers were already tops down as we zoomed past our sweep, Jim and Sandy Sturdivant, heading east on Hwy 412. Driving out 412, we watched the sun rise painting the sky with hues of red and blue in promise of a memorable day.

Exiting at Scenic 412 we drove through Locust Grove and went north to Salina on Hwy82. Turning east we took Kenwood Road and played on 22 twisting miles through the Cherokee Kenwood Indian Reservation. Thankfully not meeting any of the little people who are said to run up and down the roads causing crashes or problems. At Hwy 10/59 we went south to Cloud Creek where we picked up Hwy 116 heading through the 1890's

town of Colcord. After crossing the Arkansas line, we were welcomed to Arkansas by a flock of guineas, and our route changed to AR 12 through Bentonville, home of the first, and now the largest, Wal-Mart Distribution Center in the US. In Rogers we drove through downtown on the historic 1924 brick street with its basket weave pattern at the intersections.

Outside of Rogers we soon crossed Beaver Lake and drove through Hobbs State Park Conservation Area, Arkansas's largest state park land area, where we made a slight detour in our search for breakfast. Back-tracking, our hungry group found the road to War Eagle Mill. Located on the scenic War Eagle River, the Mill is a working mill where organically grown grains are stone ground. Our buffet breakfast was delicious. Featured were wheat germ biscuits and stone ground buckwheat pancakes. After breakfast we had time to visit the gift shop and wander around the grounds. Across the clear waters of War Eagle River, we saw the original white house constructed in 1832 by Sylvanus Blackburn who came from Tennessee to settle in the area and build a home for his family and a mill.

Leaving War Eagle we drove East on AR12, picking up Hwy127 east then north on Hwy23 toward Eureka Springs. Earl took us straight through the middle of Eureka Springs where we waved at the tourists crowding the sidewalks and continued north to Missouri. At the Missouri State Line, we entered Mark Twain National Forest via Route P. Mark Twain National Forest's 1.5 million acres span 29 southern and central Missouri counties. The area is well-known for its rivers and trails; and is home of Greer Springs which Earl mentioned on our Spring Fling Drive. At Emerald Beach we caught Hwy 86 north; crossed Table Rock Lake, on through Eagle Rock, and west on Hwy F to Roaring River State Park.



Nestled deep in an Ozark valley beside Roaring River Spring is Roaring River Hatchery, one of the oldest fish hatcheries in the state of Missouri. The hatchery was first constructed in 1910 and produces more than 250,000 rainbow trout each year. Roaring River Spring emerges in a valley wall of Roaring River Hollow at the base of a massive cliff of Cotter Limestone. It is the largest spring in the White River basin with an annual average daily water flow of 20.4 million gallons per day. The spring follows a fault line that is easily visible when standing in front of the bluff from which the spring emerges and it continues upward for about 90 feet. Adding to the beauty is another smaller spring perched at the top of this fault. Earl told the club he had to negotiate with several agencies to enable us to park 23 vehicles and tour the hatchery. It was a wonderful interlude. We fed the hungry trout, watched research assistants move trout from tank to tank, enjoyed the eddy at the base of the cliff, and some of our group even took Deer Leap trail to the bluff above the spring.

Reluctantly leaving Roaring River, we drove south and west on Hwy 112. to Seligman; picking up Hwy 37 north west to Washburn. East Hwy 90 was a fun twisty road from Washburn all the way through Noel. Each year during the holiday season, the Post Office at Noel receives tens of thousands of Christmas cards and letters to be stamped with a Noel postmark. As we entered the town of Noel we saw clouds of black smoke; and coming closer could see the town was fighting a fire that had burned a building almost to the ground. Driving by the site we could feel the blast of heat emanating from the ruins and see the soot blacked faces of the exhausted fire fighters.

Leaving Missouri we crossed the Okla state line at Southwest City where we were welcomed back to Oklahoma by a pack of dogs, and the road changed names to Hwy 43/20. Hwy 20 took us west through Jay to our goodbyes at Spavinaw State Park. From there, most of the cars split off until there were only six cars continuing on through Salina where we received a hometown welcome from the Local "Barney".

Despite Earl's claim of potentially "no color", the drive was another Earl Larkin spectacular. What a wonderful day. Driving 312 miles of scenic roads winding through the pines and deep forests of Arkansas and Missouri; our cars hugging curves snugged against bluffs splashed with the reds and golds of autumn. Thank you Earl and Dorothy..

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES: CAROL LAWS

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2012 Copper Red

Marking his last meeting as club president Mike Viseur called the November 16 meeting to order. There was a large crowd at this meeting. Many members had not been seen in awhile. (This was the final photo op for the new picture club directory to be published soon.) Mike asked for a quick pace to reports as there was a lot to cover. He reminded everyone that an R.S.V.P. is needed soon for the catered Christmas Party December 10 at Nelsons. He and David Laughrey talked briefly about the excellent participation by club members at the Veterans' Day Parade. There were 23 cars.escorting a vet in each.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer: Amy Kolis reported that with expenses of \$454. for the club Birthday Party and the Vets Day Parade and a deposit , the present balance is \$2156.

Secretary: Carol Laws reported that the new directories are about to go to the printer. The club is paying for these at \$2.25 a copy. There will only be few extra copies ordered for new members anticipated. One copy will be given per membership.

Tour Director: Sam Roop thanked Mike Viseur for putting together an excellent club birthday party. He also thanked David Laughrey for all the work he did as coordinator for the Vets Day Parade. He asked that someone consider putting together a Christmas light tour drive for mid December.

Web Master: Alan Doughty said he didn't have anything to report but had certainly enjoyed his recent trip to the Phillippines !

Following some racing news by Brian Laughlin and George Walker Mike gave the names of the new club officers for 2012. Motions were made to formally put these offices in place. The office of Treasurer had not been filled until the meeting. Gail Roop graciously volunteered for the position.

Slate of 2012 Officers:

President:: Rick Hardmeyer
V.P. / Tour Director: Tom Jones
Secretary: Carol Laws
Treasurer: Gail Roop
Web Master: Alan Doughty

Present at the meeting was Brian Laughlin who had not attended for some time. He recently returned from a race in Atlanta and filled everyone in on his success. His recent race winnings are: 1. Winner Midwest Region STU of SCCA 2. Winner of American Roadrace of Champions 3. Set a New Track Record at Road Atlanta and 4. Winner of 3 hour Endurance Race.at American Roadrace of Champions.

George Walker is our other big race winner of the year. He was asked to list his accomplishments and submitted the following report:

“ This year has been a fun year for this NEOMiata club member. It all started when I took my Miata for my first ever lap on Hallett Racing Circuit at “Miatas at Hallett” in September 2003. This year on March 29, 2011 I received my Sports Car Club of America Novice Driver Permit that allowed me to drive SCCA Regional Races. I entered Green Country Grand Prix regional race at Hallett April 2 and took 2nd place in my GTL class Miata.

Next SCCA event I entered was the Firecracker XXIV at Hallett on Saturday July 2. In this regional race, I finished 1st place in my GTL class Miata. After winning the GTL regional race my GTL class competitors asked the SCCA race officials to wave the additional regional race requirements and give me a national drivers license and the opportunity to race in the national event the next day. Due to my performance in that race and my history of 26 Hallett's COMMA races, the officials waved my need to race in four more regional races before I could apply for a National license and granted me a national license. A national license allows me the opportunity to race any where there is an SCCA event. As it turned out, I needed to change from GTL class and to GT3 class for this event and on Sunday, July 3 I won my first national race. What a weekend, novice to national licensed driver and winning my second ever regional race and my first national race !!!

July, I went to race in Topeka, Kansas and had mechanical problems and missed the race. Next up in August was the “ Come Hell or High Water” Double National at Hastings, Nebraska where I came home with a 2nd and a 3rd in my GT3 Miata, ending the SCCA Club Racing season in 3rd place Mid-West Division.

In the COMMA series at Hallett, I competed in seven races. I was tied in 1st place going into the last 3 races and ending the season in 2nd place in GT3.

I also competed in SCCA Solo events in NEOKLA region ending the season 1st in DM and Masters classes.

I hope that reporting my season results, considering I began my 7th decade in September, will encourage other NEO Miata Club members to join in and not let the young guys have all the fun competing in motorsports with our great Miata sports Cars. ”

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