



MONTHLY MEETING – UNCLE BUCK'S @ BASS PRO, BA, OK!! 7:00 PM!!!

MARCH EVENTS

March 3 is an open weekend; contact Events Director to lead a Drive.

March 8, Thursday, "Full Moon" Drive. Let's leave the Braum's on 101st just east of Riverside at **6:40pm**. This night drive, requiring you to be a good follower and pay attention to the road and all cars around you 100% of the time, will be south of the city over the "Riverside 550". Drive Leader Tom 918 492-2834. If you would like to lead this drive call tom.

March 10 is an open weekend; contact Events Director to lead a Drive.

March 17, Saturday, "Owasso El Tequila" Lunch Drive. Let's meet at **12:30pm** at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, 274-0931, 12500 East 86th Street, Owasso for lunch. Take Hwy 169 north, then east on 86th Street in Owasso to the Restaurant. We'll have a good visit and leave for a top-down 90-mile drive at **1:30pm**. Home around **4pm**. This drive will require your full attention to the road and all cars around you 100% of the time and will require you to be a good follower. Drive Leader Tom 918 492-2834. If you would like to lead this drive call tom.

March 21, Wednesday Meeting Night

March 24 is an open weekend; contact Events Director to lead a Drive.

March 31-April 1, Saturday & Sunday, "Turn the Radio On" Cruise. This 400 mile round trip overnight weekend drive to Mena, AR is limited to 12 cars. We will stay at two or three different bed and breakfast homes, including Janssen Park and the Carriage House. These B&B's can accommodate 10 couples. There are also two or three other rooms available in another B&B in Mena. Make reservations for Saturday night, March 31, 2012 by Jan. 30, 2012 through B&B hosts John or Joylynn Vacca, Janssen Park Bed and Breakfast, Mena, AR at (479) 394-1880. Tell them you are a member of the "NEO Miata Car Club with Mike & Judy Wheat" for the flat rate, including Sunday breakfast is \$110.

Driver's meeting at the Chouteau exit's Love's Deli south of Hwy 412 about 100 yds on Hwy 69 at **9am**. We will leave at **9:20** sharp. Saturday, we will cruise familiar Oklahoma backroads across Talimena Drive. After room check-in, we'll dine at Spinelli's Café (great steaks, pasta, drinks and other stuff. Not cheap, but not a budget buster). Later, we'll gather for a (short) evening of special fun that will require some participation. After a great Sunday B&B breakfast, we'll meet up and cruise some twisty blue highways putting us home late Sunday afternoon.

This will be a casual drive with appropriate pit stops, but will require your full attention to the road and all cars around you 100% of the time and will require you to be a good follower. Bring your Pike Pass and two-way radios. Drive Leaders Mike & Judy Wheat 918 825-5428, Pryor, OK.

March 31-April 1, "Miatas at Mazda Raceway" Laguna Seca Track, Monterey, CA. Registration opens

Jan 9. Details at miatasatmazdaraceway.com/index.php. Rick & Becky Hardmeyer 918 810-9914 are going.

March 31-April 1, Hallett Race Club weekend #1.

SPRING FLING 2012: EARL LARKIN

Some of you may remember that the last time some of our club members were making some similar statements saying there was nothing worth seeing in Arkansas east of Scenic #7. My reaction and response was to plan Spring Fling 2011 in such a way that I could take the club to that very area so that our members could see for themselves the mountains, forests, rivers, lakes, caves, and incredible roads that

exist east of Scenic #7.

The restrictions of time and money will not allow us to respond the same way this time; instead, we will respond by giving you a list of what we would recommend you go see when you have some quality time. I am going to list them alphabetically, by county, in order to help me keep my thoughts organized. Please do not think this list is "all-inclusive;" it is not. I have not mentioned many things, all of the state parks for instance.

In the last eleven years, I have learned a lot about our Club members. For example, I know that the vast majority of our membership loves history and museums; so do we. However, we cannot even imagine how long it would take to visit and tour all of the museums that exist in the area of Oklahoma we call The Great Plains Country. Please do not let anyone tell you there is "nothing there, nothing worth seeing." There is a limitless supply of history and cultural heritage just waiting for you to come and "soak it all up."

BECKHAM COUNTY:

Elk City: The Old Town Museum Complex, The National Route 66 Museum

Erick: The Roger Miller Museum

CADDO COUNTY:

Anadarko: Anadarko Heritage Museum, Southern Plains Indians Museum

Carnegie: Kiowa Tribal Museum

Binger: Caddo Heritage Museum

Ft. Cobb: Ft. Cobb State Park

Hinton: Red Rock Canyon State Park

COMANCHE COUNTY:

Lawton: Comanche Nation National Museum and Cultural Center, Museum of the Great Plains, Holy City of the Wichitas, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Medicine Park, Red River Trading Post, U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum.

COTTON COUNTY:

Walters: Cotton County Museum

CUSTER COUNTY:

Foss Lake: Foss Lake State Park

Clinton: Oklahoma Route 66 Museum, Mohawk Lodge Indian Trading Post

Weatherford: Heartland of America Museum, Stafford Air & Space Museum

GREER COUNTY:

Quartz Mountain Resort & Conference Center :

Mangum: Old Greer County Museum

HARMON COUNTY:

Hollis: **Harmon County Historical Museum**

JACKSON COUNTY:

Altus: Museum of the Western Prairie

JEFFERSON COUNTY:

Waurika: Waurika Rock Island Depot

KIOWA COUNTY:

General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute & Museum

Lone Wolf: Quartz Mountain Flyer

Mountain Park: Great Plain State Park

ROGER MILLS COUNTY:

Cheyenne: City Park with museums and historic buildings, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site

Durham: Metcalfe Museum

STEPHENS COUNTY:

Duncan: Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Stephens County Historical Museum

Marlow: Redbud Park, Marlow Brothers Monument

TILLMAN COUNTY:

Frederick: Hackberry Flat Wildlife Management Area, Tillman County Historical Museum

WASHITA COUNTY:

Cordell: Washita County Museum

If you have not already done it, IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR MIATA SERVICED. For all of you new members, IT IS TIME TO ACQUIRE YOUR OKLAHOMA PIKE PASS. PLEASE BE SURE AND HAVE IT BEFORE WE LEAVE ON SPRING FLING. Still have not made your room reservation? Telephone 1-580-369-3223, identify yourself as a Member of the NEO Miata Club, and reserve your room for Saturday night, April 21, 2012. Request the Negotiated rate of \$70.02, including taxes.

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

Wild Thang & Wild Child

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: CAROL LAWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Carolyn Carlile
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2011 Copper Red

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Our February 15 meeting was called to order by club president Rick Hardmeyer to another full house crowd like January. New members Dirk and Judith Willits were introduced. They actually had made it to a drive before their 1st meeting. The rest of the club members introduced themselves, there being about 60 members present.

After the introductions Rick noted the celebrity T.V. couple in our midst. The very night before Joe & Sara Bohannon had taken on "Wheel of Fortune" and been the big winners. It had looked like Sara had had all the puzzle answers but she very humbly said that Joe had whispered the 1st solve that had gotten "the wheel rolling".

OFFICER REPORTS:

V.PRES: Tom Jones said that his main concerns are still : 1) clarifying responsibilities of each member on a drive, 2) club and member liability, and 3) member safety. Please read and understand our "Rules of the Road". If you have a question or comment, please let him know.

Internet and email awareness is very important. Please stay on top of your personal communication needs. If you have a problem or concern, be direct with him and persistent in resolving it.

Address all picture questions and submissions to Alan Doughty. DO NOT SEND PICS TO ALL MEMBERS.
Please don't use the "all members" email for personal messages. Try to keep those emails for official club business.

*** An updated member application has a Liability Clause. Please download from the website print, fill it out and mail or give to club secretary.***

SECRETARY: Carol Laws talked about the directories again. A 1st copy is free but those wanting a 2nd copy should pay their cost of \$2. ****
REMINDER TO PAY 2012 DUES. About half of 2011 membership has done so. YOU WON'T RECEIVE THE APRIL NEWSLETTER AND THOSE FOLLOWING IF DUES HAVEN'T BEEN PAID. Pay dues by sending to P.O. Box 554, Tulsa, OK, 74101 or bring to March meeting.

TREASURER: Gail Roop said there is a balance of \$1124.88 not counting what was being received that night.

WEB MASTER: Alan Doughty said he had nothing new to report.

EVENT DIRECTOR: Tom Jones talked again. He asked that members look at the calendar and "Time Sensitive Info" on the calendar often. Please send any event needs, questions, information, anything about club functions to the Events Director only, no one else. If you have something to say about an event. Let him know and he'll get it in the calendar or take appropriate actions. Please remember that not all members want to hear about all Miata events across the country or even state unless of course there is a NEO member who is planning to participate in it.

Two Event Director Assistants are needed who can give a long term commitment and interest in becoming Event Director in the future.

Next Earl Larkin talked about the April "Spring Fling Drive" planned. He said that as of Feb. 15 there were still 12 rooms available at the

special \$70.02 rate.

Lastly, Rick Hardmeyer asked the group if the addition of a 4th menu item and more staff that night had made everyone happy. Everyone seemed pleased and voted to stay at "Uncle Buck's" through the November meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Reminder from secretary: Club dues need to be paid be paid for 2012 by March meeting. They can be paid at the Feb. or March meetings or by check and mailed to the club post office box: NEO Miata Club, PO. Box 554, Tulsa, OK, 74101.

The new picture Club Directories are done and will be given out at club meetings. They will NOT be mailed. So if you want one please pick up your copy at a club meeting. After several months extra copies may be obtained for \$2 each.

CLUB OFFICERS	
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