



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

## APRIL EVENTS

**April 6, Friday, "Full Moon" Drive.** Let's leave the Braum's on Garnett just south of I-44 at **7pm**. 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 east of the city over the "Tigerswitch 580". Drive Leader Tom 918 492-2834. If you would like to lead this drive call tom.

**April 7** is an open weekend; contact Events Director to lead a Drive. April 8, Sunday, Happy Easter.

**April 14, Saturday, "Pawnee Steam Tractor Museum Lunch" Drive.** Let's leave the Braum's on Gilcrease Road just north of Hwy 412 at **10AM**. Drivers meeting at **9:30**. We'll make a cool cruiser dude drive on a scenic route to Pawnee.

The owner and operator of Grammy's Grill, Leesa Caldwell, will make us lunch. Next door is a unique early American eclectic shop "Where the Buffalo Roam". The owner, Anita Franks is one of those folks who never met a stranger. During many of our visits there, it would not be unusual for "Nita" to ask us to watch the shop while she ran home to feed her dogs.

After lunch we'll stop at the Steam Tractor Museum to see a collection of some of the most massive pieces of farming equipment I have ever seen. They all runs very quietly on steam. There are artifacts from Pawnee's history and some antique cars. Curator, Norma Kelly, and staff will be busy that day preparing the tractors for the annual show. We may get to see one of these things actually move.

After our tour we will head back to the Sand Springs Braum's to talk about the upcoming Spring Fling (Oh Yeah!) and say our goodbyes. Home around 3pm.

This will be a casual drive, 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. Drive Leaders John & Bobbie Lucas 918 835-4262.

### April 18, Wednesday Meeting Night

**April 21-22, Saturday & Sunday, "Spring Fling" Drive:** Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Dial 1-580-369-3223, the Inn at Treasure Valley, Davis, OK, tell them you are a member of the "NEO Car Club 2012" with Earl Larkin, ask for the negotiated rate of \$70.02, taxes included, for Saturday night, Apr 21. They will hold 20 rooms until Feb. 16. Any rooms not reserved by Feb 16 will be released to public. However, if we reserve all 20 rooms before Feb 16, they will block another five rooms and hold them until Feb 16. If we reserve that group, they will give us another five room "block" until Mar 16. After Mar 16, no more "blocks" of rooms will be reserved for the Club. After Mar 16, maybe you will get a room, maybe not. Remember, if we don't reserve at least 20 rooms by Feb. 16, we lose the special \$70.02 rate and no more "blocks" of rooms will be set aside for us. Wild Thang & Wild Child.

This is a 2 day drive spending Saturday night, April 21 at the Inn at Treasure Valley, Davis, OK., reservations at 1-580-369-3223. A club rate of \$70.02, taxes included, has been arranged. This quick-paced 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. We will drive 175 to 200 miles on Saturday and 350 miles on Sunday. Let's leave the McDonalds south of I-44 on 129<sup>th</sup> at **7am** sharp on Saturday, Apr 21. Driver's meeting at **6:45**. Come early for breakfast. Drive Leaders Earl & Dorothy Larkin 918 342-6992.

**April 21 & 22, SCCA Solo Program** at Fair Meadows Infield, Tulsa Fairgrounds. Details at [neoklascca.org](http://neoklascca.org) or [greencountrymotorsports.com](http://greencountrymotorsports.com). Contact George Walker for details 621-9223.

**April 28-29, Hallett Race Club weekend #2.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: RICK HARDMEYER

Well spring is finally here, although this winter felt mostly like spring. The month of March had a number of great drives. Coming up are a couple of grand looking drives and the first weekend of High-Speed Touring at Hallett. Top down weather is definitely here. Take advantage of the any of the upcoming activities or put the top down and go for a drive. Either way it will make you smile. Zoom-Zoom.

## SPRING FLING 2012: EARL LARKIN

Several of you have requested a time schedule for the week-end so here it is; remember we leave from the McDonalds at 129th and I-44.

Saturday, April 21st Schedule:

- A. 06:00----06:45 A.M.-----Breakfast at McDonalds.
- B. 06:45 A.M.-----Drivers Meeting.
- C. 07:00 A.M.-----Depart promptly.
- D. 11:30 A.M.-----12:30 P.M.-----Eating lunch.
- E. 12:30 P.M.-----3:30 P.M.-----Taking our first tour.
- F. 3:30 P.M.-----4:00 P.M.-----Driving to our second tour.
- G. 4:00 P.M.-----5:30 P.M.-----Taking our second tour.
- H.5:30 P.M.-----6:00P.M.-----Refueling all of our Miatas.
- 6:00 P.M.-----Checking in to our hotel.

After checking in, go eat where you want, visit what you want, play what you want. You are free and on your own until you are ready to go to bed. Good luck and have a blast.

Sunday, April 22nd Schedule:

- A. 06:00----06:45 A.M.-----Continental breakfast in the hotel lobby.
- B. 06:45 A.M.-----Drivers meeting in the lobby.
- C. 07:00 A.M.----- Depart for Meers.
- D. 10:00 A.M.-----Arrive at Meers ( earlier would be better if we could some how make it happen).
- E. 10:30 A.M.-----12:30 P.M.--Lunch at Meers (if we are lucky).
- F. 12:30-----1:00 P.M.--Visit and take photos on top of Mt. Scott ( if we are lucky).
- G. 1:00-----1:30 P.M.--Drive to and thru Medicine Creek.
- H. 1:30-----6:00 P.M.--Return to Tulsa; back in Tulsa long before dark.

Now I am going to make a strange request of all of you. When you arrive, ready to leave, at McDonald's Saturday morning the 21st, please have the following with you, one per car. Have a regular envelope, just like you would use to mail a letter to a friend. In each envelope place the following types of money: two \$20.00 bills, one \$10.00 bill, one \$5.00 bill, four \$1.00 bills, three quarters, two dimes, one nickel, and four pennies. Trust me, you will be very glad you did this. I will explain all of this at the April 18th Club meeting. Write Meers in big letters on the envelope so you don't forget and leave it behind when you leave. This will prevent a great deal of confusion wasted time, and most of all, embarrassment to any club members. Please make plans to attend the April Club meeting so all of this can be explained to you and you will all understand what is going on.

Wild Thang& Wild Child

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: CAROL LAWS

Everyone has cabin fever or really likes the food at "Uncle Bucks's" !! Another near capacity crowd attended the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. President Rick Hardmeyer gave opening remarks. As there were no "New" members in attendance, regular introductions of old members and their cars went round the room.

OFFICER REPORTS:

V.PRES: No report

SECRETARY: Carol Laws reported that about 70 of last year's 95 memberships had been paid so far for the year. Directories are still available; free 1<sup>st</sup> copy--\$2 each for extras.

\*\*\*\* Unpaid memberships as of April 1<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from email and mailing lists. Members may still pay late their \$20 by check to: NEO MIATA CLUB, P.O. BOX 554, TULSA, OK, 74101.\*\*\*\*

TREASURER: Gail Roop reported a \$1447.88 balance before receipts of that night.

WEB MASTER: Alan Doughty told Earl Larkin he was sorry for accidentally deleting Earl's Spring Fling comments thus causing the need for a "2<sup>nd</sup> edition" of the monthly newsletter !!

EVENT DIRECTOR: Tom Jones reminded everyone of some of the highlights of driving tours & also a few non NEO club events coming up soon. Mentioned were:

- 1) SCCA Autocross competition at the fairgrounds
- 2) " Turn the Radio On" drive
- 3) Miatas at Laguna, CA ( Rick & Becky Hardmeyer are attending)
- 4) March 31<sup>st</sup> / April 1<sup>st</sup>; 1<sup>st</sup> of 8 weekends available to race @ Hallett
- 5) April full moon drive
- 6) Drive lead by John & Bobbie Lucas
- 7) " Spring Fling " weekend

Earl then talked briefly about the much anticipated " Spring Fling " coming up. 25 cars are signed up.

\*\*\*\*\* EARL WANTS ALL GOING ON THE SPRING FLING DRIVE TO ATTEND THE APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> MTG.  
FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

Tom Jones asked if there were any comments on drives and reminded members to sign the liability release forms and return them to him or Carol Laws.

Pierre Smith spoke briefly about his drive June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> to Eureka Springs and George Walker mentioned that the SCCA Grand Prix will be Sat. April 15<sup>th</sup> @ Hallett.

Lastly, Rick Hardmeyer proposed that the club invest in a wireless microphone for club meetings.. The proposal was seconded and passed with an amount of \$400 or less to be spent or less approved.

Incredibly, this was the shortest meeting in memory coming in at under 20 minutes. But most members had come early to eat dinner and stayed over awhile visiting with their tablemates.

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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.

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