

JUNE 2012

# NEO CLASSIC



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

## JUNE EVENTS

**June 2** is an open weekend; contact Events Director to lead a Drive.

**June 4, Monday, "Full Moon" Drive.** Let's leave the Braum's on Gilcrease Road just north of Hwy 412 at **7:40pm**. Sunset at 7:38pm. Moonrise at 8:09. 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 north of the city over the "Mohawk 700". Drive Leader Tom 918 492-2834. If you would like to lead this drive call tom.

**June 8-10, Friday-Sunday, Annual "Miatas at Eureka Springs" Weekend.** Info and the registration form are at "miasateureka.homestead.com/info". Friday afternoon is event registration and drivers meetings, Saturday; event group drives and self-guided drives plus miscellaneous. Saturday evening, event BBQ bonanza, Sunday check-out. Per car event registration \$25 (includes a shirt). Dinner party cost is \$10 per person. Rooms are at Best Western Eureka Inn (877-505-9900). Event registration formally closed on May 5th but rooms are still available at the \$89 rate – 2 night minimum (be sure to mention "Miatas @ Eureka Springs). Pierre & Sharon Smith will be leading NEO Miata Club drives to and from the Eureka Springs event. To Eureka Springs on Friday June 8: Depart McDonalds at I-44 and 129th East Ave at **10:00am** (drivers meeting **9:45**). Lunch at the "Catfish Hole" in Fayetteville around 1:00pm. Some great driving roads are planned both before and after lunch. Estimated arrival in Eureka Springs should be 3:30 or 4:00pm. Return to Tulsa on Sunday June 10 after breakfast at your leisure in Eureka Springs. Depart for Tulsa at 9:00am. Return drive will combine fun Arkansas & Oklahoma roads. Arrive in Tulsa about 12:30 or 1:00pm. Drive leaders are Pierre & Sharon Smith 918-893-1967 or pierresmith1@cox.net.

**June 16** is an open weekend; contact Events Director to lead a Drive.  
Jun 17, Sunday, Happy Father's Day

### June 20, Wednesday Meeting Night

**June 23, Saturday, "Pensacola Dam" Lunch Drive.** This will be an easy visiting drive of about 160 miles through Locust Grove, up 82 past Salina, Spavinaw, Langley and Disney. We will take a walking tour of the inside of Pensacola Dam on Grand Lake along the "Turbine Floor" and through the "Power House" (control room). We will tour in groups of 10 or so. Lunch at Pensacola Pizza & Pasta. Let's leave the McDonalds south of I-44 on 129th at **8:30am**. Driver's meeting at **8:15**. Each person going on the tour must have a photo ID. We will fill-out some paperwork at the Driver's meeting. We'll return on old 66 to Claremore for good-byes and home. As always, 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. Home around 3pm. Drive Leaders Ric & Margie Fornell in their '97 M-Edition from Eufaula.

**June 30-July 1, Hallett Race Club weekend #4.**

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: CAROL LAWS

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Our May meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> was called to order as usual by club president Rick Hardmeyer. Going really hi-tech now, 2 mikes were used at the meeting. One was passed around the tables as each member introduced themselves and their car. No new members were present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

V.P. : Tom Jones reminded members to check the website for "garage sale" items for sale. Also read the guidelines on the website if you haven't done so recently. He said to be thinking about being an officer for the club next year; already thinking ahead for those replacements.

He said his own survey of the club membership reveals that of the cars driven: 41% are Red, 17% Black, 15% Silver, 15% Blue. Also 32% are 1<sup>st</sup> generation, 34% each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen.

SECRETARY : No report.

TREASURER: Gail Roop reported a \$1279.12 balance.

WEBMASTER: No report.

Next Ric Fornell and Pierre Smith took brief turns discussing their respective drives coming up; Ric's "Damned Drive" a GRDA tour of the damn at Grand Lake. Pierre Smith is leading our club's participation in "Miatas at Eureka Springs" June 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Pierre said that as of meeting time there were still rooms available at rate of \$89 per night. Eight cars from NEO have registered.

EVENTS: Tom Jones gave a rundown of events coming up such as SCAA Solo, Hallett #3, Full Moon Drive, "Damned Drive", and Miatas in Eureka Springs. First up would be a drive May 19 to Natural Springs featuring bring your own seating and picnic lunch.

The last two drives had 13 cars at "Rooster Days" Parade and 24 cars going on "Spring Fling" drive. Pierre Smith gave a listing of highlights from "Spring Fling" such as visiting the Chickasaw cultural center, Turner Falls, Mt. Scott, Meers, and Medicine Park. Earl Larkin had everyone salivating for days in anticipation of the hand raised, pesticide free, low-fat famous burgers at Meers. However, the big winner and surprise for most was the home made ice cream. A "small" size serving of 3 enormous scoops filled an 8" bowl and absolutely delicious. Another culinary delight enjoyed by a few there in Davis were the "Fried Pies". Joe Bohannon is seriously considering opening a franchise here in the Tulsa area. I heard he got a start at it by selling about a dozen back at the hotel for 3 times what he paid for them !! Anyway, thank you Linda Schwarz for the tip about "Fried Pes".

And as Pierre Smith said at the meeting a huge "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !! to Earl and Dorothy Larkin again for all their efforts leading us on another fabulous drive.

Earl Larkin spoke (surprisingly briefly !) about the drive. He mostly wanted all to know that that "itty bitty" body of water viewed from Mt. Scott is Lake Watonka which has produced state record bass catches.

A member reported that "Shirts N Stuff" at the West 51<sup>st</sup> St. exit off I-44 does our NEO logo embroidery. A basic 3" diameter 3 color is \$7. Custom Color is also available and is priced accordingly up to about \$15. This is also listed on the website under "Resources".

As always, please check the club calendar on the website for complete event descriptions and additions that may have been made.

As mentioned earlier, the meetings have been going hi-tech. Most members arrive early for a leisurely dinner and chat time with others. Besides the introduction of microphones for reports, Rick Hardmeyer, Alan Doughty and others have done a great job of providing continuous slide show presentation thru each dinner and meeting. They usually show club dives etc. At this meeting Rick showed some of his pictures from the Laguna Seca (?sp) drive he and Becky did recently in California.

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