

MARCH 4, 2013

FINAL HOME EDITION

NEO CLASSIC



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

MARCH EVENTS

March 2. is an open weekend.

March 9 Sam & Ella's Chicken Palace in Tahlequah. The fare is Pizza and salad, etc. Let's meet at 9 A.M, Braums at Hwy 51 and 81st Street (8136 E Hwy 51, Broken Arrow). Drivers meeting 9:15, depart 9:30, arrive for lunch about 11:30. Return to departure point just before 2 P.M. We'll do curves and scenery. Bob & Linda Schwarz, drive leaders.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 10th

March 14 Meet & Eat – White River Fish Market – 1708 N. Sheridan, Tulsa. Time ---- more to follow.

March 16 Lunch drive. Drive leaders Tom & Jean Mattox. We will meet at 9:30 A.M. starting from the Quick trip at 81st St. and Hwy 51 in Broken Arrow. Drivers meeting at 9:50 a.m. and leave by 10:a.m. for a nice drive to lunch East of Tulsa. There will be a potty break before we get to the restaurant to eat and after lunch. We will again take a nice drive South of where we ate, back to Tulsa with another potty break and return by 3:00 to 4 p.m. to Tulsa and home. Questions? Call Tom Mattox @ 918-629-1540.

March 17th St. Patrick's' Day

March 20, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK
Program – “Ask a Miata Mechanic” – Bill Medicine Crow

March 23 is an open weekend. **Mar. 20th First Day of spring.**

March 27 Full Moon. . Let's meet at the Braums in Prattville (south of Sand Springs) at 4005 Masonic Drive (or Highway entrance is on Hwy 97 just North of 41st St.) at 6 P.M. Drivers meeting at 6:15 and form up at 6:25. This drive is about 2 ½ hrs and is the Coyote Trail re-run that took place with one car following the leader just before Christmas 2012. A zippy fun drive. Bob & Linda Schwarz, drive leaders.

March 30 is Easter weekend. 29th – Good Friday, 31st Easter



April 20-21, Saturday & Sunday, “Spring Fling” Drive: This will be a 2-day drive spending Saturday night, April 20 at the Super 8 motel in Hot Springs, AR. **Make your reservations before April 1; call Paul at his cell phone 1-501-547-0219.** Our club rate is \$65.94, which includes tax and free hot breakfast.

In order to make the scenic drive of 260 miles with “potty breaks” to Hot Springs, AR for lunch, Saturday, April 20. **Driver's meeting at 6:45 a.m.** We will **need to depart from** Braum's located at 20200 E. 81st Street (at Hwy 51) **at 7 a.m. sharp** We should arrive about noon on Saturday and go to lunch on Lake Hamilton at Fisherman's Wharf – they offer all kinds of seafood, steaks, chicken, sandwiches and salads. After lunch, we will check in to our hotel, take a driving tour of the Hot Springs Mountain National Park area, and then break into small groups for a walking tour of “Old Town” where we will check out the shops and old bathhouses. If it has been a while, you may want to take a hot bath and knock off a few years (of dirt). You will want to have dinner in “Old Town” at one of the many restaurants before returning to the hotel for an evening of rest.

Sunday, April 21, we will have a hot breakfast at the hotel and check out before 9 a.m. We will have a driver's meeting at 9 a.m. with our departure at 9:15 a.m. We will head out Hwy 7 for a scenic drive through Hot Springs Village, the Blue Ouachita Mountain range and on to Russellville where we will take Hwy 40 to our lunch stop about noon. After a neat lunch, we will head home via highways arriving back about 3:30 p.m.

You should start this drive with a full tank of fuel, tires, radio with fresh batteries, and engine checked for belts, hoses and fluids; Pike Pass, if you have one and your NEO Miata Logo magnetic signs on your car. Drive Leaders are Bill & Sonja Curts 918-261-3026. Please notify Bill when you have made your hotel reservations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BILL CURTS

Even though we had to reschedule our regular meeting from 2/20 to 2/27, we had 62 in attendance. We had 5 who had not attended since joining and one new visitor.

We were able to order from the full menu which everyone seemed to enjoy because more people ordered dinner. We will continue having the full menu to order from for the rest of the year.

If you need club member directory and/or supplement you will need to see Andy at the next meeting.

At the February monthly club meeting Jeff Lewis from Nelson Mazda talked to us about the new Miata's and the rumor. There will be a 2014 Mazda Miata MX-5. A lot of the details are being kept under wraps. Before he made his presentation Jeff presented the club with a \$500.00 check from Nelson Mazda to help with the club expenses. Thanks Jeff and Nelson Mazda!

March we will have a Miata mechanic to answer all of your questions about maintaining, modifying or repairing your Miata. We encourage you to attend the monthly meeting and check the calendar from time to time on the website for all of the update information.

As you check the calendar of events you will see two drives that have "**Time-Sensitive Information.**"

April 20-21, 2013 – Spring Fling -- **April 1 deadline for hotel reservations.**

May 16-19, 2013 – Miatas In The Ozarks – **April 1 deadline for registration.**

DUES

Our annual dues of \$20.00 are due. If you have not paid your dues you will need to pay your dues either by mail to: NEO Miata Club, P.O. Box 554, Tulsa, OK 74101-0554 or pay them at the February 20th monthly meeting. Anyone who has not paid the dues by February 28th will be removed from our roster and will not receive any further emails.

DRIVES

Now that Winter is starting to move behind us , people are step up to lead drives. If you have a suggestion for a drive and/or wish to lead a drive contact Bob about a drive you would like to lead.

THOUGHTS FROM THE V.P. : RIC FORNELL

When you become a Miata owner some strange, but wonderful things begin to happen.

Many people simply drive their cars. But you don't "drive" your Miata; you become one with the car.

Innner feelings force you to give your Miata a name. Sometimes you even see it on the license tag.

As you drive your Miata, you begin to talk to it as if it could hear you and answer back.

TTrue feelings of sadness come in to your heart when your Miata's dirty.

As you wash and wax your Miata you feel a real sense of pleasure. It's like taking care of a puppy.

But for those of us who have owned our Miata's for some time ALL OF THE ABOVE IS STIL TRUE. Time will never change any of this because the Miata is the most successful two passenger roadster in the history of the automobile and now we are all part of that history.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: ANDY ANDERSON

Our regularly scheduled meeting for February 20 was postponed to February 27 due to inclement weather.

First Meeting to Attend

Although not new members, Ann & John Hill, Joyce & Jim Weaver and George Kiefer all attended their first NEO Miata Club meeting on February 27.

Bill Curts called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Member introductions were made.

Bill Curts led a discussion to add an Associate Member classification to the Club Guidelines. This discussion had been done in previous meetings but no vote had ever been taken of the Club Members. Bill proposed adding an Associate Member which was described as "one who has been an active regular member for three years or more and for some reason does not own or drive a Mazda Miata. An Associate Member will pay dues, may participate in all activities, but is limited in that he/she may go on drives but will have to travel behind the "Sweep" and have the club logo displayed on his/her car or ride with someone else in a Miata." A Motion was made by David Laughery and seconded by Pierre Smith to accept adding the Associate Member classification to the Club Guidelines.

Discussion of the Motion followed. An Amendment to the Motion was made to drop the three year requirement and allow a Regular Member to become an Associate Member regardless of how long they had belonged to the Club. A Motion was made by Joe Bohannon and seconded by Pierre Smith to accept the Amendment to the Motion. A vote was taken of the Members attending the meeting and the Motion to add an Associate Member classification passed.

Jeff Lewis of Nelson Mazda was the Guest Speaker. He presented the Club with a \$500 check from Nelson Mazda as appreciation for the Club. Jeff discussed the changes being made in the Mazda models by going to their Sky Activ development. He also discussed the rumors that the Miata was going to be discontinued. This rumor appears to be false. Mazda and Alfa Romeo are developing a partnership that will combine the development teams of both companies to re-design a car that will be for both companies and sold by each company. No timeframe for the re-deign has been officially announced.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Ric Fornell made a presentation, including slides, from his recent trip to the Daytona Racetrack

Secretary: Andy Anderson reported that 64 Members had paid 2013 dues. There are currently 112 Members on the Roster.

Webmaster: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: No report.

Events: Bob passed around a paper asking Members to list their favorite place to eat so that we could have some "destination" drives.

Spring Fling is April 20, 21. Bill and Sonja Curts will be leading the drive to Hot Springs, AR. Miata in the Ozarks is coming May 16 – 19. Sharon and Pierre Smith and Devinna and Kevin Smith will lead a drive to this event sponsored by the NW Arkansas Miata Club. Hotel reservations are going fast.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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