

APRIL 2013

# NEO CLASSIC



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

## APRIL EVENTS

**April 6 Meet & Eat** at Speedy Gonzalez, (Sat. 11-9) 2601 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa, OK (918) 836-0960, @ 5:30 PM. We'll order at 5:50. Submitted by Paul & Carla Guthrie.

**April 13** is an open weekend.

**April 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night**  
**7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK**  
**Program -- "Miata Modifications & Up grades" -- Bill Curts**

**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. 81<sup>st</sup> 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.

**April 25 Full Moon. Enjoy the view.**

**April 27 Meet & Eat** at Silver Dollar Café, 1022 W Main St, Collinsville, OK, meet at 6, order at 6:15, submitted by Jerry & Ken Jones. Phone: (918) 371-0599

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BILL CURTS

We had a great turnout for our March meeting. We had one new visitor. Everyone continues to enjoy our ability to order from the full menu 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.

Our scheduled program speaker, Bill Medicine Cloud, was unable to make the meeting because of his heavy work load. So we discussed Miata modifications and upgrades. Then Earl Larkin questioned the difference between a Turbo charged and a Super charged Miata. George Walker and Mike Viseur were able to provide us with answers,

We had detail discussions of the two drives that have **"Time-Sensitive Information."** Check the calendar for details.

April 20-21, 2013 – Spring Fling – **There is still rooms for reservations.**

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

**DUES:** If you have not paid your club dues by now you will be dropped from our mail list as of April 1, 2013.

**DRIVES:** Keep your eyes on the calendar for future drives.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE V.P. : RIC FORNELL

Now that summer is approaching, it's time to think about keeping that engine cool. Coolant wears out too. It will lose its ability to withstand sub zero temperatures as well those 100 degree days. It will also lose its corrosion protection. The engine block is made of iron and the head is aluminum, and these two metals don't like each other very much. In fact, when placed near each other with fluid running between them, they will corrode. One of the main jobs of antifreeze is to stop that corrosive action, but it does this sacrificially by wearing itself out. If your coolant is more than two years old, it's time for a flush and refill.

**Meet & Eat--March 14.** This was our first "Meet & Eat" event, and it was a great success. We met at the White River Fish Market on north Sheridan in Tulsa at 6:15 and had a really good meal. I saw plates of sea scallops, salmon, trout, oysters, shark and about any other kind of sea food you can imagine. There were baked potatoes, onion rings, French fry's, and a whole lot of happy people. We had 24 people come to dinner and from the look on their faces, they enjoyed it very much and I don't anyone went home hungry. A special note of thanks to the people at White River. They were just great. We need to go there more often.

I am glad that the first "Meet & Eat" went so well. This will become a regular item on our calendar of events. All we need now is for some of you to pick out a restaurant and set up a Meet & Eat so you can enjoy your favorite meal. It's not like leading a drive. All you do is let Bill Curts know the place and time and he will send out an e-mail to all of the club members. Just make arrangements with the restaurant of your choice so they will be ready for about 18-20 people. It's just that easy.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: ANDY ANDERSON

Bill Curts called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Member introductions were made.

We had one visitor, Ken Corpridge who owns a 91 Miata.

Our scheduled speaker for the evening, was Mr. Bill Medicinecloud. He was unable to attend the meeting. He is a mechanic that used to work at Nelson Mazda but now has his own garage. His phone number is 918-798-8577 for anyone that may need mechanical work on their Miata.

### Officer Reports:

Vice President: Ric Fornell talked about his efforts to get the Club more recognition in the community.

Secretary: Andy Anderson reported that 72 Members had paid 2013 dues. There are currently 113 Members on the Roster.

Webmaster: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: The Club has over \$1,700 in the bank.

Events: Bob passed around a paper asking Members to list their favorite place to eat so that we could have some "destination" drives. He also discussed recent drives to Sam & Ellas's in Tahlequah; Baker's in Muskogee and the visit to the Batfish and the Meet & (Gr)eat at the White River Fish Market.

Bill Curts discussed the upcoming Spring Fling to Hot Springs, Arkansas on April 20 – 21. Pierre Smith went over the details of the Miatas in the Ozarks scheduled for May 16 – 19. Registration closes on April 1. More details can be obtained on the NW Arkansas Miata Club website, [NWAMiataClub.com](http://NWAMiataClub.com).

We need all Members to Have a Waiver Form on file with the Club. If you are not sure if you have a Waiver on file, you may contact Bob Schwarz or Andy Anderson.

There was a discussion led by Mike Viseur and George Walker about the difference between a Supercharger and a Turbocharger. This discussion was brought about by a question from Earl Larkin.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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