

JUNE 2013

# NEO CLASSIC



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

## JUNE EVENTS

**June 1 Saturday** Meet & Eat for the ladies at The Pink House In historic Claremore, OK at 210 West Fourth Street (918) 342-2544. We will meet at McDonalds at 333 S. 129th E. Ave. (I-44 & 129th), Tulsa at 9:45 a.m. for a drivers meeting and departure at 10:00 a.m. for our short round-about drive to the Pink House. The guys will let the ladies out about 11:00 a.m. and drive on to a manly place for our lunch. We will swing back and pick up the ladies about 12:15 - 12:30 p.m. Contact Bill or Sonja Curts 918-357-1370 if you plan to attend by Friday, May 31.

**Jun 8** is an open weekend.

**Jun 15** is an open weekend.

**Jun 16th**, Sunday, Happy Father's Day

### **June 19, Wednesday, Meeting Night**

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken  
**Program – Stan Lackey, Tulsa Leather Care**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – First Day of summer.**

**Jun 22, Saturday Pawnee Bills Wild West Show**, Pawnee Bill Ranch, 1411 Pawnee Bill Rd, Pawnee, OK 74058. Show starts at 7:30 P.M. Group rate for the show is \$10 ea. We will book seats for the show as a group in April. Our first deadline is the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Be prepared to commit with your \$10. Latecomers can possibly get tacked on by the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We were told we could get the group/senior rate of \$10 even if we don't have 20 or more but let's not wait till the last minute. We'll meet at the Braums, 317 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd. Tulsa, at 3:30 P.M. drivers meeting at 3:45 and depart at 4:00 P.M. to arrive at Clicks Steakhouse in Pawnee at 5:00 for dinner. We should be able to proceed to the show by 5:30.

**Jun 23 Full Moon. Enjoy the view.**

**June 28th**, Friday, Meet and Eat – 11:00 a.m. Foundations Restaurant, Platt Collage, 3717 S. Sheridan, Tulsa – a buffet lunch will be served for \$9.00 + tax per person. Please contact Bill Curts @ 918-261-3026 or 918-357-1370, if you plan to attend by Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. in order for reservations to be made. You should wear your name badge and have your club logo on your car.

**Jun 29** is an open weekend.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BILL CURTS

We had a great May meeting in spite of the weather forecast. Everyone enjoyed the drawings for the door prizes. 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. We had a problem with the restaurant having the room set up and taking our food orders. I have talked to them and they assured me that they will improve.

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

Bill Medicine Cloud, Miata mechanic was our May meeting program. He was able to answer a lot of questions the members had.

Our program for the June meeting will be Stan Lackey from Tulsa Leather Care to talk to us on the proper care for leather interiors. If you have leather interiors you don't want to miss this program.

We had 10 cars make the Miatas in the Ozarks. Everyone had a great time driving the great curves in Arkansas.

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

There is still time to make plans for the "**Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show**", June 22, and pay your \$10.00 ticket fee at the next meeting (at the gate it cost \$15.00). You can pay your fees at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: ANDY ANDERSON

Bill Curts called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Member introductions were made. Thirty-nine people attended the May meeting.

### Officer Reports:

Vice President: Nothing to report

Secretary: Nothing to report

Webmaster: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Bank balance is \$2,282.00. Gail has ordered more magnetic club logos that can be placed on the side of your car. Check with her next month if you need a set.

Events: Bob did not attend the meeting. Eight cars participated in Broken Arrow's Rooster Day parade on May 11. There is a trip planned to Pawnee Bill's Wild West show in June. The cost is \$10 per person. If you are interested, you can give your \$10 to Bill Curts, Bob Schwarz or Andy Anderson. See the Calendar for more details.

Pierre Smith went over the details of the Miatas in the Ozarks scheduled for May 16 – 19. Registration closed on April 1, but there are still some spots open.. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

## MIATAS IN THE OZARKS 2013 --- MAY 16 – 19, 2013: PIERRE SMITH

Ten shiny Miatas gathered at McDonalds north of Owasso on an overcast Thursday morning ready to embark on a 4 day outing to Eureka Springs AR. About 140 Miatas from 30+ states and Canada were expected to gather for the event. Spirits and anticipation were high as many of the NEO Miata Club attendees had participated in events organized by the NW Arkansas Miata Club in previous years. The 2013 event would not disappoint!



Kevin and Devinna Smith lead the caravan east on Hwy 20 to the Missouri line then on MO Hwy 90 to Noel, MO where we enjoyed a great lunch at Cotton Eyed Joe's. Tops were up for the morning to keep out the rain and cool temps. After lunch we headed east on Hwy 90 for 40 miles of incredibly fast and banked curves to challenge the cars and driver skills. After a short jog south we again headed east through Roaring River State Park and on into Eureka Springs, arriving at 3:00 p.m. Even though the weather was short of perfect the 190 mile drive was spectacular.

Upon arrival in Eureka Springs everyone stopped at the Event Headquarters hotel to register and sign up for drives and activities for the next couple of days. Everyone received a goody bag and t-shirt to help commemorate the "Miata at Eureka 2013" event. We then departed to check in at our respective Hotels. At 6:00 p.m. all registrants gathered for a cookout, live music and an abundance of door prizes. By 9:30 p.m. the party was winding down. Several of the NEO Club gathered around the pool to tell stories and socialize.



Friday and Saturday were filled with great drives of various lengths and driving tastes, trips to Crystal Bridges Museum, meal outings to War Eagle resort, and Keel's Creek Winery. Friday at 6:00 p.m. all 140 Miatas lined up for a parade that wound through the streets of Eureka Springs. WOW – does 140 Miatas ever clog up the streets of ES! For many the evening ended at the Pine Mountain Theater. For others an Ice Cream supper capped the day.



Highlights for some of the NEO attendees were the 220 mile Friday drive through MO and Ark to Gaston's Lodge and on Saturday down the "Pig Trail". "Miatas in the Ozarks 2013" banquet capped off the event on Saturday night. It included a fantastic meal and was a fitting celebration of the great 3 day event. Lots of great prizes were given away and many attendees were recognized. The youngest attendee was 24 years and the oldest was 83. Andy and Merry Anderson were recognized for having the most unique vanity tag "MY RV".



On Sunday morning there were severe weather warnings for the Tulsa area so the NEO Miata group departed ES about 8:30 a.m. with the intent of beating the weather home. With stomachs full, curve hugging appetites filled, and tops down we headed west. Pierre and Sharon Smith lead the return trip. Again we found fun roads that included AR SR 187, AR CO 68, AR 340 through Bella Vista and AR 72 to the Oklahoma line. The drive terminated at Salina where some headed west on Hwy 20 and others south to Hwy 412 then into Tulsa. We arrived home about noon.

"Miatas in the Ozarks 2013" was another quality event that we've come to expect of events hosted by the NW Arkansas Club. Of course they have some of the best roads in the country and the May weather didn't disappoint. Thanks to all for participating.

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