

JULY 2013

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

## JULY EVENTS

**July 4** Independence Day. Happy Independence Day.

**Jul 6** is an open weekend.

**Jul 13** Main Street Diner, Chelsea for lunch and Totem Pole Park. We'll meet at **McDonalds at 333 S. 129th E. Ave. (I-44 & 129th), Tulsa**. Drivers meeting at 10:15 and departure at 10:30 for Main Street Diner in Chelsea. After lunch we'll drive South and stop .at Totem Pole Park to view the weird creations. We'll leave there and proceed to the Claremore Lake Park for a final Pit Stop (potty break) where we'll end the trip shortly before 1:15 P.M.

### **July 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night**

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow  
Program - Mike "Lynn" Allamon, Mgr. Robertson Tire --  
"Everything you need to know about tires for your Miata"

**Jul 20 Saturday – “A Little of This and Little of That, Drive”** – We will meet at the Quick Trip (Hwy 51 at 81<sup>st</sup> Street in East Broken Arrow) at 9:00 a.m. with drivers meeting at 9:15 and departure at 9:30 a.m. We will drive on cruiser type roads for about two hours with a “potty stop” at the truck stop on Hwy 266 West of Checotah & Hwy 69. (Some of you out-of-towners may want to meet us here.) After a few more cruiser type (**THIS**) miles we slip into some curves and hills (**THAT**) before we arrive at our lunch stop. Soda Steve's has great burgers and home-made root beer or you can go next door to the Finn and Feather for a great buffet and shopping. After lunch we will continue in a “**Little of This**” to our next “potty stop”. We will pick up some “Little of That” and then cruise on back arriving about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. Drive leader Bill Curts 918-261-3026.

**Jul 22 Full Moon. Enjoy the view.**

**Jul 27** is an open weekend.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BILL CURTS

We had a great June meeting with 55 in attendance. The restaurant corrected the problems we had last month so our food came out properly. Our program for the June meeting was by Stan Lackey from Tulsa Leather Care. What a Program! He was fun and not only told us how to care for our leather, what to use and what not to use. **Have you got an idea for a meeting program? Let me know!**

We had 20 cars, 49 people, make the Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show in Pawnee, OK. We had a great meal at Clicks before the show. You missed an outstanding event.

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

You don't want to miss the July 17<sup>th</sup> club meeting! The program will be “**Everything you wanted to know about tires for your Miata**” to be given by Mike “Lynn” Allamon, Robertson Tire Manager. Not only has he sold tires for many years but has also driven a Miata at

Mazda Raceway, Laguna Seca checking out tires. He will speak to us with knowledge and experience.

**We are working on something different! We are working on a date to have a Miata Tech Day.** What do we mean by a Tech Day? Some of you would like to make some changes (upgrades/modifications) to your car but are not sure how to do it or maybe don't have the tools or space. You tell us what you want to do. We tell you what parts you will need and where you can get them. You bring them to the Miata Tech Day and we will guide you or help you through the process of the project. Such as: I want to make my 3<sup>rd</sup> brake light flash. You can get the part online at [www.kapscomoto.com](http://www.kapscomoto.com) for \$16.95. That is what you get and bring it to the Miata Tech Day and we show or help you install it. We will not do oil changes at this Miata Tech Day. **So, start thinking about your car, what you want to do, let us know so we can tell you what you will need to bring with you. The date will be sometime late August or September to give you time to get your parts. Other Ideas: Install air horns, make my fog lights come on any time, install a clear bra, clean or change my air filter, and others.**

**Have you made plans for the July 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – “A Little of This and Little of This Drive”. Check out the calendar for details! Where is that special place you would like to drive? Step up and lead a drive!**

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

As our cars get older, some of the drive train parts, that we have ignored for all of these years, may need to be at the least inspected and maybe replaced.

I developed a strange vibration in my car about six months ago. After eliminating the wheels and tires, I looked further at the drive shaft (runs from the back of the transmission to the front of the differential), and at the two half shafts (they attach to the side of the differential and connect to the rear wheels).

I found that I had two problems: The rear universal joint was worn and needed to be replaced. If you consider that I had about 157,000 miles on the car it was time for something to wear out. The drive shaft is an interesting problem because you can't just replace the universal joint. You have to replace the entire drive shaft (at least on the first generation cars). So I had Tulsa Drive Shaft make me a new one. They are located at 6960 E. 11th street, phone 919-836-0111.

The half shaft can be replaced with a rebuilt unit that I got from O'rielly Auto Parts. After I replaced the driver side, I decided to have someone look at the passenger side half shaft, so I took it to Floyd's Garage at 18339 E. 11th street, 918-437-9634. Floyd disassembled, inspected and reassembled it for \$20.00. Luckily it was Ok.

To say the least, the strange vibration is gone and everything runs like a Miata again. I hope you don't have to go through this but here are two good sources just in case.

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: ANDY ANDERSON

Bill Curts called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Member introductions were made. Forty-six people attended the June meeting.

#### Officer Reports:

Vice President: Ric reported that Mazda is having a Loyalty rebate for anyone in the market for a new Miata  
Secretary: The Club has 83 paid members.  
Webmaster: Nothing to report.  
Treasurer: Bank balance is \$2,282.76. Gail has magnetic club logos that can be placed on the side of your car. The price is \$13.00 per set.  
Events: There is a trip planned to Pawnee Bill's Wild West show on June 22. The cost is \$10 per person. Twenty-seven people have signed up to attend. .

The Guest Speaker was Mr. Stan Lackey of Tulsa Leathercare. He had helped Ric Fornell restore the leather seats in Ric's Miata. Mr. Lackey recommended a cleaner for leather seats, Tuff Stuff. He had high praises for the results achieved and a relatively low cost and effort to clean. He also recommended Lexol as a preservative once the seats have been cleaned. These products can generally be

purchased at any auto parts store and perhaps WalMart. Mr. Lackey had the audience in stitches telling many stories about his varied customers.

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 8:15 PM.

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