

AUGUST 2014



# NEO CLASSIC



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

## AUGUST EVENTS

**Aug 9 Something Fishy Drive** - Come join Steve and Earlene Click for a leisurely drive to Bakers Catfish in Wagoner. We will meet at Quick Trip #50, 8101 E Highway 51 in Broken Arrow at 2:00 PM with drivers meeting at 2:15 and leave at 2:30. We will go down Highway 51 to Wagoner then take Highway 69 to Baker's Catfish for an early dinner. If you have any questions please give us a call (918) 446-7870 or email [efclick123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:efclick123@sbcglobal.net)

### **August 21, Wednesday, Meeting Night**

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken  
Program – To Be determined

**Aug 23 Meet & Eat / Outdoor Concert:** Set aside the afternoon of August 23rd. We are going to have a "Meet & Eat" at Charlie Mitchells Restaurant (4848 South Yale— north of Israel Diamond Supply—on the west side of Yale). They have the best fish & chips I have found anywhere in Tulsa. Of course, they also have a very good menu of all kinds of other food. We are going to meet at Charlie Mitchells at 5:30, I will allow about one hour for our meal. After we are all stuffed, we will leave there and drive to the River Crossing in Jenks for a free concert that starts at 7:00. The entertainer will be Mary Cogan. She is a local Tulsa singer who does country/rock. You will enjoy her show very much. If you are a new member or a member who hasn't been to one of our Meet & Eat outings, please try very hard to join us. If you will ask for Ric, I'll try to seat you with an long term member so we can get to know you. After all, this us just for fun and the enjoyment of our Miata's. Please RSVP so I can give Charlie Mitchells a head count. Hope to see you there. Ric Fornell [rjornell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjornell@sbcglobal.net)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : STEVE CLICK

We have the New Directories and started the hand out process at our last meeting. Thanks again to Mac & Suzanne Young and all her helpers in getting the information updated so we could have the directories ready so quick.

Those of you who missed the drives in July missed a couple of great ones. The July 12<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Road Trip let by Tom & Jean Mattoz was a curvy, long and hot trip but a lot of fun with great Mexican food. The July 26<sup>th</sup> hair pin curves and cruise drive led by Bill & Sonja Curts was another exciting drive with great food at Soda Steve's. We all appreciated Earl Larkin's report on the Bryce Canyon trip (wish we could have made it to see all the sites described). Congratulations to all those who won prizes.

We have 2 outings planned so far for August. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we have a short drive to Baker's Catfish in Wagoner. We will meet at the Quick Trip at 81<sup>st</sup> & Hwy 51 in Broken Arrow at 2:00 PM and leave at 2:30 PM to drive to the Restaurant and arrive around 3:30 PM. If you would rather meet us at the Restaurant that would be fine. If possible please give me a call at 918-446-7870 and let me know if you are planning on going so I can call Baker's and give them a head count. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ric Fornell has planned a Meet and Eat at Charlie Mitchells Restaurant at 4848 S Yale at 5:30 PM and then on to River Crossing in Jenks to arrive for the free concert that begins at 7:00 PM featuring Mary Cogan. Please RSVP to Ric so he can give them a head count at [rjornell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjornell@sbcglobal.net). Please read all the information on these 2 outings in the Newsletter.

September 27<sup>th</sup> is our annual Club Birthday Picnic. It will be at our home this year and we will furnish the meat. The Club will furnish the Birthday Cake. We ask that everyone bring a covered dish that will go with smoked meat. Out address is 2345 S 59<sup>th</sup> W Ave, Tulsa and

our phone is 918-446-7870. Please RSVP by September 20<sup>th</sup> so we will know how much meat to smoke. Bring your lawn chairs. We will have Water, Tea and Lemonade.

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Meeting at Uncle Buck's. Meeting starts at 7 PM but come early to eat with some of us.

David Laughrey, Bob Schwarz and Pierre Smith are busy working on the Veteran's Day Parade slated for November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please read all the information on the Calendar and reply to them with your information. Please check calendar frequently for any new drives, meet and eat, etc. Bill Curts has a new article in the Newsletter called Miata Tid Bits and Car Safety be sure to read it as it will have informative information for us. Thanks Bill. We have an article in the Saturday paper in the Drive section (where all the cars ads are) about our club and other area car information.

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Don't forget the meeting on Wednesday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m., Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow. See you on a drive and at the next meeting.

## MIATA TID BITS: BILL CURTS

The Tulsa World news paper on Saturday has a column titled "Upcoming Area Car Shows in the Auto Classified Section. You will find NEO Miata listed – check it out!

- **Club Officers** – Now is the time to look over the club officer responsibilities as listed on the website and consider which position would be best for you and let the committee (Bill Curts, Mac or Suzanne Young) know of your interest. Note, instead of an event director we could have a team of 3 or 4 working together – that way the workload would not be as much!
- **The Next Gen Miata Body Style** – is due to be shown in September, 2014, but not be for sale until late 2015 as a 2016 car.
- **Club Membership Directory for 2014** – is completed and is being passed out at club events (check out page 18).

### CAR SAFETY

One of the big problems that the Miata has for safety is that other drivers don't see or hear us very well and we get hit from the rear most of the time or hit from the side as they change lanes. So, to reduce these problems two suggestions are given.

- **HORN** – The stock horn is somewhat timid sounding and does not get much attention. It is suggested that you install a bolder, attention getting horn. Moss Motors has one for about \$40.00 plus shipping or you can go to Harbor Freight and choose one from \$9.00 to \$39.00 and you don't have to have it shipped. It does take some effort to install. You can check with a club member for guidance.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> BRAKE LIGHT** – You can install a module to your 3<sup>rd</sup> brake light that will flash 4 to 6 times and then stay on as long as you keep your foot on the peddle. We found a new source: [www.superbrightleds.com](http://www.superbrightleds.com) (1-416-848-0673) then search for product code LS-100A or "brake light strobe module". Cost is \$4.95 plus \$2.99 shipping. You can check with a club member for guidance.
- **Wax On – Wax OFF** – Most car polishes leave a white powder residue. However, here is one that does not leave a white residue you have to clean up: Meguiar's Mirror Glaze, Professional Show Car GLAZE #7 in a tan bottle.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

As is his custom, President Steve Click started the July meeting of the NEO Miata Club at exactly 7 PM. He welcomed Mike Baker back to the club, Mike had previously been active but had taken a few months off from the club. The microphone was passed around the room so that members could introduce themselves and tell us about their Miatas. During the introductions, Larry Barber mentioned that he was pretty upset with his power retractable hard top. He wanted the top to go down, but it would not move. He read the manual, and finally decided to take the car to the dealer. There they found that the trunk had not been latched all the way down. That prevented the PRHT from operating properly. Larry hopes this tip may help others if they experience a similar problem.

Steve gave a brief report about drives that had happened in the month prior to the July meeting. Steve and Earlene led a drive to the Oklahoma City River walk. He also urged the members to consult the NEO Miata website to keep updated on events in the future. Vice President Tom Mattox reported on the drive that he and Jean led to Arkansas on July 12th. Tom encouraged anyone who had not filled out the "member's survey", to do so. The club wants to do things that the members think will be fun. We want to know where you would like to go and where you like eat. The Secretary had nothing to report, but the Treasurer, Gail Roop reported that the club has a balance of \$2,681. Gail also offered the little business cards that we put under the windshield wiper of Miatas we happen to see around the area, inviting them to join the club.

President Click introduced Jeff Lewis, from Nelson Mazda to us. Jeff keeps the club informed about events at Nelson, and in the meeting, Jeff explained about the new generation, 2016. This new model is due to be unveiled on September 2nd. The car will be more like the first generation MX-5 in size and weight. The new cars should be arriving in Tulsa in early summer. Dustin Schluterman, another sales consultant from Nelson Mazda also made some comments that the club found helpful. Jeff invited clients of Nelson Mazda to use the car wash that is about a block South and a bit West of the Nelson dealership. Nelson offers a free brush-less car wash, one per week to their clients. Just go to Nelson, and ask the receptionist for details and a code.

Because Nelson is keeping their service department open later now, on Saturdays, the club is asking for more help to decorate the service bay for the Christmas party in December. Before we always had hours to prepare the facility, and Susanne Young was great at organizing the troops to do the work. But now we will only have a brief period between the service department closing and the start of the Christmas party. If you can help, we ask that you do so.

Under "Old Business" President Click reminded us to keep September 27th open for the Club Birthday Picnic, it will be held at Steve and Earlene's home. New membership directories were handed out to those who were present. Be sure to see the club secretary or president for your copy, if you were not there. Bill and Sonja Curts along with Mac and Susanne Young are heading up a nominating committee for the next year's club officers. If you are interested in holding an office (and we HOPE you are) please contact someone on the committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the club sponsor our continued participation in the Tulsa Veteran's day parade. David Loughrey is heading up that event, he asked that if anyone still has their signs from last year, to let him know so that the club will not have the expense of making new signs.

The club plans to have an informal "meet up" after the Wednesday night club meetings, at a local Sonic so that we can show off our cars.

President Click asked again for people to step up and lead a drive for the club. Then Steve asked Earl Larkin to come up and say "a few words" about the Bryce Canyon Drive that he and some others went on last month.

While Earl was unable to say just "a few words", he was so entertaining that no one noticed that he spoke for three hours. Earl spoke in such GLOWING terms about the way Mac Arnett led the drive, I was actually able to see a halo above the head of Mr. Arnett as Earl spoke. According to Earl, Mac Arnett drove at the perfect pace, they covered over 800 miles on the first day. After spending the night at Gallup New Mexico, they headed on toward Flagstaff Arizona. Just before they hit Flagstaff, they headed up highway 89 toward Utah. Earls words painted a picture of a drive I wish I had shared with him. He described the beautiful scenery all along the road, and when they got to Glenn Canyon, they crossed the dam, with the clear water that fills the lake. It all was lovely, and the closer they got to Bryce Canyon, it seemed like the taller the mountains became. The first morning that Mac had the group at Bryce Canyon, he led them to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Earl had seen the Grand Canyon many times from the South Rim, but never before from the North. He described the scenery as totally different. Most of the South Rim overlooks have a view straight down to the river, while the North Rim stretches out in a more gradual gradient and you hardly ever see the river from the North Rim. Zion National Park was their next stop. The mountains in

Zion seem to grow right from the side of the road an rise up in majesty. In Zion National Park, Earl and Dorothy were searching for a restroom, and they could not find one. Dorothy encouraged Earl to head toward a roof in the distance, but Earl convinced Dorothy that they would never build a visitor's center in a place with all that jungle around it. It is hard to believe, but Dorothy was right, and Earl was mistaken! The others had stopped at the place where Dorothy had tried to get Earl to stop....turns out the park had intentionally made the place look so rugged. Earl described the geological forms known as Hoodoos, they are rock pinnacles with fantastic shapes. The place is just a "have to see it to believe it place". The group led by Mac also had great luck in the door prizes given away at the Miata's in Utah event. All in all, Earl made me regret that I had not made the trip with the group.

Bill Curts announced that the NEO Miata Club Newsletter will be expanded to give the members little tid bits about the Miata He also mentioned that the club will be represented in the Tulsa World newspaper....in a section called Drive, at least once a month. The first issue came out on Saturday July 19th. If you search this newsletter, you will find the Tid-Bits that Bill is talking about.

Susanne Young won the evening's door prize and then the meeting was adjourned shortly before eight PM.

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