



OCTOBER 2014

NEO CLASSIC



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

OCTOBER EVENTS

OCT 11- PECAN PORCH FOR LUNCH: STEVE CLICK will be the drive leader. Meet at the Braum's at 317 N Gilcrease Museum Rd (Gilcrease Museum Rd exit off 412) at 10:30 AM with short drive meeting at 10:50 and leave at 11:00 AM and take a short drive with a pit stop about halfway up around Skiatook Lake and through Skiatook, Collinsville and Claremore and arrive at the Pecan Porch around 1 PM for lunch. Please bring your two-way radio, club phone directory in case you need to call someone in case your radio quits, put your signs on your car if you have them and your badges.

October 15, Wednesday, Meeting Night

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

OCT 25 - FALL FOLIAGE TOUR: See article below.

FALL FOLIAGE TOUR INFORMATION: WILD THANG & WILD CHILD

The drive will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 2014. We will gather for the drive at the McDonald's just south I-44 and 129th. The morning schedule will be as follows :

(06:15----06:45 A.M.) BREAKFAST AT MCDONALD'S.
(06:45----06:55 A.M.) DRIVERS MEETING.
(07:00 A.M.) DEPART IMMEDIATELY!!!!

If you wish to eat breakfast, be sure you get there early enough to finish it! We cannot have an entire group waiting for someone to finish eating. We are on a schedule that must be met.

Arrive on time with a full gas tank and an empty bladder. Bring good sun glasses, extra batteries for your radio, binoculars if you enjoy gazing across miles of gorgeous vistas. Bring the club phone directory so you can call for help should your two-way radio crash for some reason.

The N.E.O. Miata Club does not cancel drives because of rain, fog, or cold temperatures. Our Miatas have good tops and good heaters and we can almost always count on being able to drive out of rain or fog. The exception to this rule is ice. If you get up on Oct. 25th and the roads are covered in ice, go back to bed. If you have one, stick our club logo on the sides of your Miata to show the whole world how proud you are of what you are driving. .

I truly do believe we are going to have good colors this Fall so if you are a real "shutter-bug," bring your "good" camera and bring photos that can be shown at the November club meeting. Again, be absolute certain that you have air pressure(the correct air pressure) in your tires. Too much air pressure and it rides like a covered wagon; too little air pressure and in a really tight switch-back going too fast for the turn, your front tire slips off the wheel and you crash. All because you didn't check and add enough air pressure. Its not that hard and it doesn't take much time.

For all of you who bought a sports car because you love to hammer the curves you are going to love this drive. No exaggeration folks, you are going to challenge hundreds and hundreds of curves while constantly going up & down, and all around. To those of you who are new to the club and maybe even new to your Miata, you may be a little hesitant about even going on this drive for fear we might be going faster than you can keep up. Relax, be not afraid. The pace of this drive will be "SPIRITED". Not Fast. As you gain more experience and time behind the wheel, your confidence will be constantly growing as you become more and more aware and confident of what a remarkable sports car you own and what you can do in it. Especially if you practice on the kind of roads you will be driving on the 25th.

One final request; Will everyone please wear your club I.D. badges all day./? There are a lot of you that I cannot identify by your face. Please help me to learn your names. Thank you so much!

NEO MIATA CRUISE : SUZANNE & MAC YOUNG

NEO Miata Goes International! Join fellow club members on a week long cruise sailing from Galveston, TX on the 18th of January, 2015 and returning to Galveston on the 25th of January, 2015. Click or copy and paste the following link into your web browser to download all the details. Ahoy Matey!! http://neomiata.com/2015_January_Miata_Cruise.pdf

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : STEVE CLICK

We had 2 club outings in September. We went to The Country Cottage on September 6th for a short drive and dinner and had a good turn out and great fellowship. We had a great turnout for the Club Birthday Picnic on the 27th. Had some really great food and all attending seemed to have a good time. We had several Miata's, Ford Escape and George Walker drove his amazing Mustang which all of enjoyed looking at. Thank you to Sam and Gail for getting the cake and bringing it out since you were not able to attend due to a prior commitment. Thanks to all who brought such great sides.

Thank you to Ric for a great presentation on the 25 years of Miata's that he was able to attend. Also thanks to George Walker for the update on the Miata's at Hallett. We'll try to have a short update on the Veteram's Day Parade from David Laughrey. Please read all the information on the Calendar and reply to them with your information. Remember the article in the Saturday paper in the Drive section about our club and other area car information.

Upcoming events for October are on the Calendar, so be sure to check them out.

Please add the following new members to your current list:

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See you on a drive and at the next meeting.

MIATA TIDBITS : BILL CURTS

At the club birthday party, I was talking with Ric Fornell and Duane Blankenship and two things came up that I wanted to share with the club. One was that Duane Blankenship had clutch problems....he determined that he needed a new slave cylinder, and he was told that if he did the slave cylinder he might as well do the master cylinder. The mechanic he found estimated \$500 to do the job. Duane got online and read how to do it, and did it himself. he did the whole thing for about \$50 dollars. But he said, he could not get the system to bleed properly. He went to another mechanic and made arrangements to have the car towed to the garage the next morning....but when he put the right front tire back on the car and lowered the jack, he found the clutch had "healed". Turns out that having the front of the car

elevated left a little area in the line unable to move the bubble of air out. So Duane said from now on, he would tell anyone to make sure the car is sitting level when bleeding the hydraulic fluid.

The other things is what Ric mentioned....that there is a guy on the internet (who Ric was able to meet in person at the 2016 Reveal)...Mike the MiataKing. This guy has a great series of videos as to how to work on your own Miata, and here is the link... <https://www.youtube.com/user/MikesPlaceBiz> His website is: www.mikes-place.biz

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

The September meeting of the NEO Miata Club was called to order at seven pm on Wednesday the 17th.

Two new members, Lisa Coffman and Leon Hurt were recognized. The club was also pleased to welcome a couple of visitors, Jim Loggin and Gary Deaton. Gary is part of the Sports Car Club of America, and has been to our meetings before. Jean Mattox came to the meeting after her knee replacement and Sonja Curts is recovering from her knee replacement at home. After a few remarks by the club president, Steve Click, he passed the microphone to those in attendance so they could introduce themselves.

Vice president Tom Mattox reported on the drive to Locust Grove and Earls upcoming drive. Then Ron Coates, Club Secretary gave his report, in which he noted that the club is up to 88 paid members. The Club Treasurer, Gail Roop reported a balance of \$2497.30.

President Click mentioned that he and Earline had planned to buy and pay for the meat for the club birthday party, but several members thought that the club should pay for the meat out of the treasury. So the Clicks have yielded to the desire of the membership and let the club pay.

The nominating committee is made up of Bill and Sonja Curts and Mac and Susanne Young. You are encouraged to contact any of them to let them know if you would care to become an officer in the club.

Steve Click also asked that volunteers come to Nelson Mazda at five pm on the 13th of December to help decorate for the Christmas Party. In the past the volunteers had come early in the afternoon to get things set up...but they were under no tight time restriction. Because the Nelson service department is staying open until 5 pm that day, we need more volunteers to help get things set up.

Ric Fornell presented an excellent report on the happenings that went on during the September unveiling of the 2016 MX-5. Each generation of the Miatas have a generation letter assigned to them. For instance the first generation of Miatias (1990 through 1997) is called NA and now the 2016 will be the fourth generation and has been assigned the label of ND. Ric reported on the details that have been released about the new model, there should be more coverage of his report in the newsletter.

George Walker gave an interesting report about the Miatas at Hallett event that had just happened the weekend prior to the meeting. George urged the club to take up the gauntlet since the Arkansas club has dropped the event. Why not take advantage of this world class track in our own back yard. He hopes the club will get behind the track and help support them. He also encourages all Miata owners to take advantage of the "High Speed Touring" events that happen out there. A person gets real training in how to handle the car at high speed and in tight corners. He said you learn much more about how your car will react to input to steering, gas, and brakes. He assures the members that they will get their money's worth.

Earl Larkin reported on the lush greenery in Arkansas this year and that IF we get a heavy frost or freeze in time, the Fall Foliage Tour should be outstanding this year.

Gary Deaton, the SCCA visitor also seconded what George Walker said about the advantage we have by being able to drive our cars at Hallett to learn more about how they handle in tight situations. How this experience might save a life in an emergency in traffic, if you know how the car will react.

The meeting was adjourned and several of the club members went to the local Sonic to make the young kids jealous of our cars!

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