



## MARCH EVENTS

**08 - Meet & Eat / Go find It: Rick Fornell** This will be a new twist on our traditional "Meet & Eat" club outing. I'm going to call this a "Go-Find-It contest. Much like a scavenger hunt but you won't need to get out of your car to participate. **On Sunday, yes it's on a Sunday**, we will meet at Charlie Mitchell's, 4848 South Yale at 3:00 p.m. I will give each car a Go-Find-It score sheet. Each score sheet will be divided into three sections.

- **Section #1** has a listing of letters from A to Z. Each letter represents a street name that you must drive on for a minimum of three blocks (100 yards) before you can claim it on your score pad and is worth **two points**. Example: D \_\_\_\_\_, this could be Denver, Detroit, or Delaware etc. When you have driven your three block minimum you simply fill the street name in the blank and proceed to the next letter.
- **Section #2** has a listing of places or things you must find, and each is worth **three points**. Example: Bowling Alley \_\_\_\_\_, Dead End Street \_\_\_\_\_ etc. When you find these items or places simply make an X in the blank and proceed to the next item.
- **Section #3** is a bonus section of places and is worth **five points** each. Just make an "X" in the blank when you find each item.

We will meet again at Charlie Mitchells at 5:00 where we will have diner. This will give you exactly two hours to complete your score card. At diner we will tally the score cards and select a winner. You must keep in mind that this is just for FUN and you are on the "**HONOR SYSTEM**". Please call me or e-mail me so I can give Charlie Mitchell's a head count for diner. My business phone is 918-689-1822, cell phone is 918-618-3939 and my e-mail is [rjornell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjornell@sbcglobal.net). Bring a pencil.

### March 18, Wednesday, Meeting Night

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

### 21 - Cabin Fever Break-Out Drive: Wild Thang & Wild Child

This drive will be a little different than most of Wild Thang's drives. We will go to a place most of you have never been, probably never even heard of before. This place is very unique, very special, and there is a great story about its past history and questionable future. Now don't faint when you read this, but we are going to slow things way down so you have enough time to really appreciate this place and all it has to offer. The second place we are going to is also special and unique but in very different ways, starting with its historical; importance and then coming to why it is so important to the here and now.

Now to be sure that we are prepared to enjoy both of these places, let's talk money. In addition to the money that you always bring for such things as snacks, drinks, fuel, etc., you will need \$40.00 in cash if you are a couple, \$20.00 if you are riding alone.. Why do we need cash? The two places we are going to visit, do not accept credit cards!!!! It's real sample; you pay cash or you don't get in. Trust me, you really want "inside" both of these places. They are so different! How different you say? I'll answer you this way; you people are going to kick your own butts if you don't bring your cameras.

And because it is being led by Wild Thang, there will of course be forests, lakes, rivers, and curves. Cold temperatures and rain will not cancel this drive. But as always, if you wake up to an ice storm, go back to bed and we will try again on another date. You guys are going to be so surprised!!!!

Meet At McDonald's I-44 & 129th E Ave

6:15-7:15 Breakfast

7:15-7:30 Driver's Meeting

7:30 Get your motor runnin', Head out on the highway, Looking for adventure, In whatever comes our way.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATOX

Looks like winter finely got here the last of February with our first good snow of the year and spring is just around the corner each day that passes. We will have some nice days coming to drive around with the tops down and maybe the heater on low to keep us warm. I look forward to seeing more faces at the club meeting if the weather gets nicer. We have a meet & greet on the 8th of March coming up soon so put it on your calendar to attend if possible. We have our first drive of the year Cabin Fever Break-Out Drive: by Wild Thang & Wild Child on the 21st of the month. Earl always has something special on his drives. I am looking forward to getting the car out for a nice drive. Earl said to bring cash for this drive some of the places he may take us only take cash. Jean is getting better following her gallbladder surgery she had last month. If anyone would like to set up a Meet & Greet at some place to eat in the month of April let me know we all have a good place to eat in town or close by. Hope to see as many can make it to the March meeting on the 18th of the month. Till then stay warm and be safe.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

President Tom Mattox called the meeting to order at seven pm at Uncle Buck's, in the Bass Pro Shop of Broken Arrow. He asked if there were any newcomers to the club and Ric Fornell then introduced Ralph and Louise O'nan who just joined the club. They bought a 2015 Miata from Nelson Miata. In the President's report, Tom mentioned that there are six drives scheduled for the rest of the year...but more can be added. The members of the club took the microphone and introduced themselves and told about their Miatas. Ric Fornell introduced his brother as a guest...he introduced him as "Corvette Bob".

- President's Report: Tom mentioned that there are six drives scheduled for the rest of the year...but more can be added.
- Vice President's Report: Ric mentioned that he felt it wise to postpone the Charlie Mitchell Drive, which had been scheduled for Sunday, February 22nd because the weather forecast was not looking good. It will be rescheduled once he talks to the people at the Charlie Mitchell Restaurant. Ric also told the members that he and Tom Mattox had typed a letter that he wanted us all to sign. It is a letter thanking Mr. Nelson, Nelson Miata, and particularly Jeff Lewis for all the support that has been given to us by the Nelson organization. Nelson Miata has been generous in their support of the Miata club for many years, and we appreciate them.
- Secretary's Report: Ron Coates reported that we still need to get more of the dues paid for 2015. He will be sending out email reminders to those who have not yet paid.
- Treasurer's Report: Gail Roop reported the club has a balance of \$1947, but that was before the transactions of meeting night. Gail was kept busy with many people paying their dues to her. The President of the club explained to the membership that the treasurer would be making a quarterly financial report and sending it, in Excel format, to the club officers. He offered to email the report to any club members who request it.
- Web/Newsletter's Report: Alan reported that due to Presidential edict he had included a "REAL" calendar under the Calendar menu on the website.

During the meeting, Mac Young mentioned that the Oklahoma Aquarium has a special price for seniors on Tuesdays and wanted to organize an outing for those who wanted to join he and Suzanne there.

Earlene Click gave the club a report on the January cruise that some of the club members went on, to the Caribbean. There were a total of 16 people who went on the adventure. Suzanne Young organized the trip and helped novice cruisers learn the ropes quickly. Ric Fornell joined in the praise for Suzanne and all her hard work. Suzanne and Mac are seasoned cruisers who know all the tricks for making the most of a cruise.

Earl Larkin explained what his upcoming drives will involve. He has a drive scheduled for March, and he wants us to be sure to bring CASH to the trip...preferable in small bills. The place he is taking us does not accept plastic, and they probably do not have a lot of change available...I will bring at least \$50 worth of tens on the drive.

The "Spring Fling" is going to go to Mount Magazine on April 25th, we will spend the night at the beautiful hotel, and drive back on Sunday the 26th. Please reserve your room quickly, use the calendar on our NEO Miata web page to retrieve the code to get the club discount.

On October 31st, Earl will take us to Wilhelmina Lodge...again, please make your reservations now.

Earl also wanted to emphasize how important it is to SLOW Down in a marked "Safety Corridor". In those marked sections of road, there is ZERO tolerance for speeders. Tom Mattox invited folks to lead a drive or at least a meet and eat. Bob Schwarz explained how the thermostat in his Miata failed, and was giving him an engine code for insufficient temperature for efficient operation. He brought one for us to examine. Shortly before adjourning the meeting, Tom Mattox and Ric Fornell held the door prize drawings. There was a lot of fellowship after the meeting was over.

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# 2015 SPRING FLING INFORMATION: APRIL 25-26

WILD CHILD & WILD THANG



For eight years I have struggled with the management of The Lodge at Magazine Mountain to rent us rooms for one Saturday night only and their response has always been NO! If Saturday night is involved you must rent each room for a minimum of two nights and the cost was always \$336.00 or more and I was not about to ask our members to pay over \$300.00 for a single night. Although I was angry, discouraged, and totally frustrated, I could not bring myself to give up. The Lodge is just beautiful and so is the view from the top of Magazine Mountain. I wanted all you guys to have the experience, to get to enjoy it all, at least one time. I kept telling myself there is always hope.

Then, last Friday, Jan 16, 2015, a miracle happened. Wild Child and I were just returning from a day of figuring out and planning drives for this year. As we opened the door to the house, the phone was ringing. The Lodge called and told me they had decided to "try us one time," and see how it turned out. There was much talking and negotiating but for the first time ever The Lodge agreed to allow us to rent rooms for one night only on a Saturday night. But there was a catch; it could only be a Saturday in April. Why? Because the Lodge had always said that their "in season" rates were in effect between April 1st and October 31st. For us, this time, April would be considered "off-season." Which Saturday did I want? After discussing this with our members at the January 2015 meeting, we chose **April 25, 2015.**

For those of you who have never been to or seen The Lodge at Magazine Mountain allow me to give you some general information about the place:

- A. Magazine Mountain is the tallest mountain in the Ozarks and it has the highest black-top road in the Ozarks.
- B. The Lodge has 60 rooms of various sizes and configurations.
- C. The Lodge has 43 rooms with balconies.
- D. The Lodge has 17 rooms with Jacuzzis.

The Lodge has a restaurant that serves delicious food. We will be eating our dinner and breakfast meals there Saturday night we will order off the menu. Sunday morning we will either order off the menus or eat off the Sunday breakfast buffet ( the cost of the buffet is \$16.52 each; now before you start screaming; \$16.52 is our group price; Everybody else is paying \$19.95 per person.

While we are talking about money, let me tell you about the cost of lodging. The rooms I have reserved for our club members are the most affordable. There are three different price ranges. If you choose to upgrade from our negotiated price, the upgrade will start from our agreed upon price.

- A. A room with two Queen-sized beds will cost \$135.78, including all taxes.
- B. A room with two Queen-sized beds and a balcony will cost \$153.30, including all taxes.
- C. A room with one King-sized bed, a balcony, and a Jacuzzi will cost \$162.06, including all taxes.

Remember, this event just became our official 2015 Spring Fling Drive. That means we are supposed to drive on curvy roads. Wild Child tells me not to worry about our route because she knows where there are a couple of curves along the way.

Be aware that at this time the Lodge is only holding 10 rooms for us. If our club members haven't reserved 10 rooms by our next club meeting in February, the whole deal is busted, down the drain. No lower group prices. No one will have a room reserved at that price. As a club we simply must reserve 10 rooms before the next club meeting in February. As quickly as you can, call **1-877-665-6343**, tell them you are a **NEO Miata Club** member and your group number is **1616948**. That's how you spell the NEO Miata club in their system. **Tell them you are requesting our negotiated rate for the night of Saturday, April 25, 2015. Please register as quickly as possible.**



# 2015 FOLIAGE DRIVE INFORMATION: OCT 31- NOV 1

WILD CHILD & WILD THANG



For some years now many of our club members have been asking, "We do a Spring-Fling over-niter every year . Why don't we ever do a Fall over-niter?" In the fall of 2015, we will.

We have completed our negotiations and the deal has been struck. Part of the agreement is that the Heritage Room will be reserved for our club on Saturday night for our Dinner and on Sunday morning for our breakfast. For more info on the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, visit <http://www.queenwilhelmina.com>. Here are the NEO Miata Club prices for our stay at the completely renovated "new lodge:"

1. One room with two Queen-Sized beds or one King-Sized bed: \$ 95.43. This price includes all taxes.
2. One room with one King-Sized bed and a Jacuzzi: \$ 125.00 plus all taxes.
3. One room with one King-Sized bed, a Jacuzzi, and a fireplace: \$ 145.00 plus all taxes.

Now we know some of you will be asking "Why are you asking us to reserve our room in January when we won't be using it until October?" The answer is very simple and very easy to understand. Every year thousands of motorcyclists from Texas and Louisiana ride north and rent every room from Beaver Bend ,to Talimena Drive, to Eureka Springs, Ark. And why wouldn't they? Southeast Oklahoma & Northwest Arkansas have forests, mountains, rivers lakes, scenery, and curves, curves, and more curves. The King of this area, hands down, is Talimena Drive. When you think about it, it's really kind of strange and we think sad. Thousands of Texans ride Talimena Drive every year, while 95% of Oklahomans not only have never seen it, they don't even know that it exists!!! If we don't reserve these rooms now, Texas motorcyclists will have them all before March. The entire state of Texas combined does not have the mountains, roads, scenery, and curves that exists between Talimena Drive and Arkansas Scenic #7.

The prices we show you here, you must remember, are group prices. To get these prices when you call to reserve your room, you must identify yourself as a member of the **NEO Miata Club** and tell them you are requesting the negotiated and agreed upon rate. Call toll-free **1-800-264-2477**. You are reserving a room for **Saturday night, October 31, 2015**. They have agreed to hold a"block" of 25 rooms for us until Feb, 28th,2015. If we have reserved at least 25 rooms by that date, they will give us a "block" of five more rooms until March 15, 2015. **Please reserve your rooms as quickly as possible.**

WILD CHILD & WILD THANG