



## APRIL EVENTS

**7 – Meet & Eat: Tom Mattox** I have set up a Meet & Greet at Fish Daddy's Restaurant on 71st street off HWY 169 for April 7 at 6:30 pm and this is going to be a meet & greet and a Surprise Birthday Party for my wife, Jean Mattox, whos birthday is on the 6th of April. We will use the room just off the bar area where we have eaten before. Linda is bringing a small sheet cake for desert. Please RSVP because they only have room for 30 people. So mum is the word, she will not be expecting it.

**April 15, Wednesday, Meeting Night**  
**7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK**

**25-26 – Spring Fling: Magic On Mt. Magazine - Wild Thang & Wild Child.** See details below and on page 5.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX

Well here we are at April already and the weather is getting much better as the days go on. The third Saturday of March we had our first club drive lead by Wild Thing and the roads were very nice black topped and this was the first of the 7 pig trail roads we have chosen for the year. If you missed this first one it was a very nice drive, Look forward to see more members at the next meeting as the weather get nicer, We have had several member with some health issues so if you know them keep them in your prayers. Hope all who plan to attend the Spring Fling have made their reservations for the Mount Magazine trip by now or going to soon, See you at the April 15 Meeting.

## SPRING & FALL DRIVES UPDATE: WILD THANG & WILD CHILD

### SPRING FLING 2015 INFORMATION UPDATE

We are receiving reports that some club members are confused about the dates and "club Prices" that have been negotiated so we will try to clear it all up with a quick review of the dates and prices. Following are the prices and dates for the Lodge at Magazine Mountain:

- A. A room with two Queen-sized beds will cost \$135.78, including all taxes; this is their Most affordable room.
- 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
- D. All taxes.

To make a room reservation at the Lodge on Magazine Mountain dial 1-877-665-6343, tell them You are a member of the N.E.O. Miata Club, your group registration number is 1616948 and you are requesting one of the three negotiated rates shown above for the night of Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Departure location and time: We will depart from the McDonalds just south of I-44 & 129<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 A.M.

### 2015 FALL FOLIAGE TOUR INFORMATION:

Following are the prices & dates for the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge. Dial 1-800-264-2477, identify yourself as a member of the N.E.O. Miata Club and you wish to reserve a room at one of the negotiated rates for the night Saturday, October 31, 2015.

- A. One room with two Queen-sized beds or one King-sized bed will cost \$95.43, including all taxes; this is the most affordable room and rate.

- B. One room with one king-sized bed and a Jacuzzi will cost \$125.00, plus all taxes.
- C. One room with one King-sized bed, a Jacuzzi, and a fireplace will cost \$145.00 plus all taxes.

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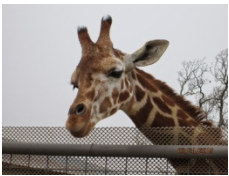
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## MEET-N-EAT "GO-FIND-IT" DRIVE: RIC FORNELL

Sunday March 8, the Meet-N-Eat "Go-Find-It" scavenger hunt was a lot of fun. We drove all over Tulsa and Jenks looking for street names, land marks and all kinds of things. Steven and Earlene Click won the contest and received a very official looking certificate for their trouble. They scored 115 out of 140 points. The rest of us scored between 69 and 109 points. You just can't beat a retired truck driver when it comes to finding streets and different locations. After the scavenger hunt we had dinner at Charlie Mitchell's and everyone enjoyed the friendship. Thanks to everyone who participated.

## CABIN FEVER BREAK-OUT DRIVE: RUTH WILLS

We were blessed with cool weather instead of the snow that they received back east. I'm glad we live in Oklahoma. All 10 cars had their tops up when we left McDonalds headed for our first stop to the Wild Wilderness Drive through Safari in Gentry AR. We picked up Wayne and Ethel Deramus in Locust Grove making 11 cars. We traveled through Kansas and Colcord OK on Hwy 116 to Gentry. The drive was nice with yellow daffodils in bloom and the grass turning green.



Earl had taken the group to the Wilderness Safari about nine years ago. They have made lots of improvements with a 10-acre walk-through area and petting parks and 4-mile drive-through with 80 different species of exotic and domestic animals. Some animals are free to roam and the large ones like the Lions, White Tigers, Hippos, and White Buffalos you can drive next to their cages. This was the very best time to visit, all the animals were out and feeling frisky. The beautiful male peacocks were intent on impressing the females and love was in the air for the prairie dogs. This is just a great place to take children and grandkids. Lots to see and do with all the animals. Doris Smith and I even rode Jewel the camel. It is just a short drive and you will have a great time.

Off to our next stop for lunch at the Bean Palace Restaurant in the War Eagle Mill. We headed to Hwy 12 through downtown Rogers AR. All our drivers did a great job staying together through the Saturday traffic. We headed to War Eagle on Scenic 12 highway which is beautiful drive. The War Eagle Mill has over a 170 years history starting in 1832 when the mill was built on War Eagle Creek. The mill has had many trials. Being flooded and pushed into the river in 1848 and 1861 the Civil War broke out and the mill was burned down becoming another war casualty. It was rebuilt in 1873 and again burned down in 1924. In 1973 the property was purchased and the original blueprints found to rebuild the mill for the fourth time with the beautiful water wheel. Today it is still a working mill where quality grains are ground daily. It has three floors: 1st floor being the actual mill 2nd floor the gift shop and the third floor the Bean Palace serving brown beans, ham sandwiches, and pecan cobbler Yum! Yum!



After lunch Earl had another surprise. We drove tops down to Devils Den State Park with waterfalls, curved roads, switchbacks and beautiful scenery. Heading towards home the views were not over as we traveled to Westville in Oklahoma and taking Scenic 10 by the beautiful Illinois River to get back home. Thanks to Tom and Jean Mattox for being our sweep for the drive.

Another outstanding Miata drive!!!!!! We couldn't ask for more. Many Thanks to Earl and Dorothy.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

The President of the North East Oklahoma Miata Club, Tom Mattox, called the meeting to order on Wednesday March 18th. Rick Hoos and Connie Saunders were introduced as new members of the club. After Rick and Connie told us about their cars, the microphone was passed around the room for other members to introduce themselves. A gentleman visited the club to let us know that he has a removable hard top for the first generation Miata that he would like to sell. If interested, please contact Tim Reasor at 918-605-3983.

During officer reports, Ron Coates explained that Gail Roop, club treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting because her dad passed away. The club members were very sorry to hear about her loss. As secretary, Ron mentioned that over a third of our members have yet to pay their dues for the year. Ric Fornell, club vice president circulated a list of names of those who have not paid...by the end of the night, we realized that some who were marked as unpaid had actually paid, but the secretary had not been made aware of some of them. However, there are still too many who have not paid, we have to get the dues in to cover our expenses.

Ric also asked club members if they knew of a diagnostic port on the early model Miatas, It seems they were not installed in most cars until about 1996, to do diagnostics on the earlier models you must access the port that is under the hood. For more information about how to check them, go to <http://www.miata.net/garage/faultcodes.html>. Ric also pointed out that the Miata made the cover of two major magazines in one month. It seems the people who know cars best think the fourth generation Miata is great.

Jeff Lewis, representing Nelson Mazda, came by with some brochures for the newest model Miata. Jeff also addressed some problems that a couple of people were having with Nelson. Jeff is quite helpful to club members,

In the President's report, Tom Mattox urged members to step up and lead a drive. He also asked Bill Curts to report on Bill and Sonja's trips that they took in January. They first checked out South Padre Island, but they did not like that. They then decided to try Gulf Shores Alabama. Bill went to elementary school in Alabama, so he went down to Gulf Shores pretty often...back in his day there were no life guards, no buildings and no fancy infrastructure! Bill and Sonja had a difficult drive down, because there was so much rain but, once they arrived, they had a wonderful time. Bill liked the prices of food down there, and the quality. There are lots of things to see, a Naval Air Museum among other sights. In the middle of winter, he would recommend a trip there because of the hospitality and the lack of crowds.

Earl Larkin spoke about the Mount Magazine trip that will be the Spring Drive. He said we have twenty five cars signed up for it. The Fall Foliage Tour has twenty three cars that are committed to go so far. If interested in either drive, please check on the NEOMIATA.COM website. Earl wants you to read the prices closely...some include all taxes, and some do not. He does not want anyone to have an unpleasant surprise upon check out. Earl discussed the other drive that he had scheduled for March 21st. He talked about how no one should be afraid to take on leading a drive. He mentioned that three things that he had planned for the drive fell through the week before the trip, but no matter what happens, you can always adjust your drive to compensate. Tom Mattox pointed out that Earl has negotiated a really good rate for the rooms on both the Spring Fling and Fall Foliage tour.

George Walker made an announcement about a "Solo Event" that the Sports Car Club of America is sanctioning. He urged those who own Miatas to consider partaking of some of the events that will be coming up this year. It is a great way to learn the limits of your car during cornering. AND it is extremely safe for your car, because you would only hit a plastic traffic cone if you made a mistake.

After all club business was complete, Tom and Ric held the drawing for door prizes. Tom then adjourned the meeting.

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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.

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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.

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.**



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

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