



MAY EVENTS

May 20, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken

23 – Electra Glide Drive: TBA

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX

Hard to believe it's the 1st of May already, at least the weather is getting warmer. For those who missed the Spring Fling, it was a great trip. Thanks to Earl and Dorothy Larkin's for all the effort they put forth to set up this place that could not have been nicer. The room I had was the quietest room i have ever stayed in anywhere. You could not hear the people on either side or top or bottom. The view was something else also and the food was top notch. We have several items we plan to discuss like some other place and things the club said they would like to do this year and we can check off a Spring Fling overnight trip so now we can move on to the next item and see how much interest we have overall. If you have any suggestions feel free to let me know so we can look at the possibility of doing something new.

SPRING FLING AT MAGAZINE MOUNTAIN LODGE: RUTH WILLS



The weather forecast was looking good for a great Miata weekend as we left the McDonalds with 13 cars heading for Siloam Springs AR with 3 or 4 first timers on our Miata drives. We needed those good sun shades that Earl always recommend we have for our trips because that sun was shining brightly. We would pick up several cars on our way and we had 5 or 6 members that would meet us at the lodge.



Martin Bebb and his dog Murphy joined us in Chouteau and we continued on our way down the Cherokee Turnpike when Kevin and Devinna Smith had a blowout on their Miata. We hated that it happen but were glad it was not on the mountain roads with nowhere to pull off. Continuing on to the first stop to pick up more cars at the visitors center in Siloam Springs. After we left the visitors center we had another car that belong to John and Teresa Reams pulled off with trouble. They only had their Miata three weeks.

We continued on our way to Huntsville for our first gas stop. After Huntsville our fun really begins. Arkansas has so many little towns that are very unique and with many challenging roads. Buffalo National River heart of the Ozarks is another one of those beautiful

scenic roads. This is where they have had a repopulation program established for elks in 1981. We have traveled this area many times and haven't seen any elk. I think they see all those little Miata's and hide. Lunch is at the Cliff House Restaurant in Jasper which is known as the Grand Canyon of the Ozarks.

After a great lunch at the Cliff House we had Kevin and Devinna with four new tires and John and Teresa with a new coil and plugs join us. We are headed for Mount Judea with lots of curves, switchbacks and wonderful scenery. Then we are off to Mt. Magazine Lodge.

This mountain top lodge has amazing views overlooking the Petie Jean River Valley and Blue Mountain Lake with first class amenities. We met up with others from our group for a great dinner at the lodges Skycrest Restaurant. After dinner we checked out the lodge and had an extra treat of viewing the space station as it passed over. We were at the highest point in Arkansas.



Sunday morning we had buffet breakfast at 8:00 and on the road at 9:15. We had 12 cars as we left the lodge with another beautiful morning. Earl took us to several overlooks within the park. As we traveled through the park the first of our group had an alleged bear sighting. The bear cross in front of Earl and Dorothy. We had to confirm the sighting. First we asked Carole Walker if she was awake for the bear sighting and we knew she was on medications and the others could have been paid off (just kidding). Only the first three lucky cars got to see the bear. From Mt Magazine we traveled through Paris towards the Pig Trail in the Ozark National Forest. The Pig Trail is an amazing steep curved drive with trees so tall they umbrella the road. It is a drive you need to take. We traveled to Fayetteville for lunch at Braum's. After lunch half of our group traveled to 412 to Tulsa and the other half went for more curves towards Scenic 10 along the Illinois River.

What FANTASTIC weekend. Thanks to our sweeps Duane & Janice Blankenship and Alan Doughty.

Thank you, Thank you, Earl and Dorothy you never disappoint us and always give us fun, fellowship, good food, gorgeous scenery, and lots of curves for our Miata's. All your hard work is appreciated!!!!

FALL DRIVE UPDATE: WILD THANG & WILD CHILD

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.

Departure location and time :

We will depart from the McDonalds just south of I-44 & 129th at 7:00 AM

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

Not only did the club celebrate a meeting, we were all pleased to pay our taxes on meeting day!

Tom Mattox, Club President, called the meeting to order at seven pm at the Bass Pro in Broken Arrow. The board members had their quarterly meeting earlier in the evening. Gail Roop and Alan Doughty were not present, Gail was ill with a spider bite, and Alan had to work late. The President mentioned that he was pleased with the turn out at the meeting. John and Teresa Ream are the newest club members, and the club was happy to welcome them. Rick and Denise Hoos were also there, this was the first time Denise had been to a meeting with the club.

Our club members were invited to introduce themselves and tell about their cars. Bill Rowland, after introducing himself, offered to GIVE away a set of "happy teeth" because they do not fit the third generation Miata that he drives, and his daughter did not want them on HER Miata! During the introductions, Duane Will noted that his Miata was 'Azalea Red' (in honor of the season).

The Vice-President, Ric Fornell, pointed out that we NEED to have people lead drives. He suggested a couple of destinations, but wants the members to step up and lead some drives.

The Secretary, Ron Coates, reported that there are too many members who have not renewed their membership. He urged those who have not renewed to do so.

Gail Roop, Treasurer, who was ill, could not be at the meeting, so her husband Sam stepped in to help the club out by making her report for her. He said that the club balance is \$2262.25. Sam pointed out that in the first quarter report there were only 4 deposits and 5 checks written.

Alan Doughty had to work late, so there was no Webmaster report. But then he never gives a report anyway.

Ron Coates rose to praise Earl and Dorothy Larkin for the tremendous "Cabin Fever Break Out Drive" that occurred on March 21st. Earl and Dorothy took us on some super roads on the way to the Wildlife Safari where we had a wonderful time. Then Earl took us to War Eagle Mill...a location that figured in the Civil war. From there we went to Devil's Den State park.

Because the weather has turned mild, the club has started having the "meeting after the meeting" at the Sonic in Broken Arrow right after we adjourn.

The President of the club brought up the fact that he would like to see the bank account changed in such a way that which ever President is in office might have 'ownership' of the club account. There was some discussion on the subject and afterward it was decided that the Treasurer and President would discuss this at a later date.

Spring Fling was coming up, so Earl Larkin made a presentation to explain why he needs those who go on his drives to follow his directions for the good of everyone in the club. Earl makes promises to people along his drive route that, when we stop at their place of business for a potty stop, we will not block drives or take prime parking spots from paying customers. Earl also explained that if you need a new battery, get one before the trip, and if you need tires, get them because he is taking us on lots of curves! The tire pressure is critical as well. Having a radio to keep in touch with the other drivers is also essential. Earl stressed that you will need to wear something that identifies you as a Miata Club member, a NEO hat, shirt or badge to get the club discount at breakfast.

George Walker told the club about some Sports Car Club of America events that are coming up. Anyone wishing to know more about those events would be wise to look up, on their computer, the North East Oklahoma Sports Car Club of America chapter. Or go to <http://neoklascca.org/>- Your Miata would be most welcome there!

President Mattox adjourned the meeting at exactly 7:58 pm, making sure we got done in less than one hour!

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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.
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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.**

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