



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

#### **June 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night**

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

**20 – Drive Grill & Chill:** Let's go for a short drive and return to Kevin & Devinna Smith house for a grill & chill. We will grill and we ask you to bring a side dish and what you want to drink. We will meet at 14708 East 102nd St N in Owasso for a drivers meeting at 3:00 p/m, leave at 3:15 p/m for the drive. Any Questions call 918-272-2890. If no answer, leave a message and we will return your call.

### JULY

**11 - Road Rally:** We will meet at 9:00am at the HIRE CALL parking lot, which is located on RIVERSIDE just south of the 71st and RIVERSIDE intersection. There will be an Entrants Meeting at 9:20am to go over the instructions. We will go over the instructions to make sure the entrants understand them. We don't want folks out wandering around totally lost. The first car will leave shortly after the meeting. This should be no later than 10:00am.

You should bring the following to the event:

1. A watch that you can read the hour, minute and second.
2. A clipboard to hold the instructions.
3. A few pencils to check off the instructions with.

There are those of you that may wish to eat or fuel near the start. There are several choices as you head west on 71st, approaching from Lewis. On your right are Braum's, Taco Bell and Wendy's. There is a QT for fuel on your right. On your left are McDonald's, Subway and Burger King. There is also a Starbuck's on your left next to the Subway.

The route is all paved and is less than 100 miles in length. The route is mostly in Tulsa County, but we do visit Creek and Osage Counties. Remember that this route was devised for a winter run, so the route stays close to Tulsa and mostly runs on city streets, county roads and a few residential areas. I stated at the May Miata Meeting that you would see residences that were worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and those that were worth literally hundreds of dollars. You will be on divided highways and roads slightly wider than your car. You will cross multi-lane wide bridges over the Arkansas and one-lane wide "plank" bridges. There will be a "half-way" rest break in the Sand Springs area. We will finish near a place to eat in the Jenks area.

There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per car. The entry fee will be used to cover the cost of printing and awards. George and I discussed the awards and came to the conclusion that the awards should be something that all the entrants can use. We agreed on gas cards. Three cards will be given to Miata entrants. One card will be given to the first half winner and one card to the second half winner. One card will be given to the overall winner.

This rally will also be open to other entrants, however, Miata entrants will be competing against only other Miata entrants and only Miata entrants are guaranteed the three gas cards. Other entrants will be competing against other "non-Miata" entrants for separate awards. If you have any questions or comments I (Garry) can be reached at (918) 492-3602 (home). Hope to see you there!!!

#### **July 15, Wednesday, Meeting Night**

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

**18 - "The Backwards Drive":** We will meet at the McDonalds just south of I-44 & 129th. The schedule will be as follows:

- A. 06:00---06:40 A.M. Breakfast.
- B. 06:45----- Drivers meeting.
- C. 07:00 A.M.----- Depart on the drive.

The scenery on this drive will encompass everything: forests,mountains, rivers, lakes' And curves, curves, and hundreds of more curves. Your cars will be "tested" on this drive so be sure they are in excellent mechanical condition. Speaking of excellent condition, this drive calls for each of you drivers to be physically, Mentally, rested and ready to accept the challenges you will encounter on this route. Please Do not "party-down" the Friday night preceding our drive. You will need to be alert, rested, and at your best.

Wild Child and I are really looking forward to this drive. We hope all of our members Come and join us for this drive that has the kind of roads and terrain that our Miatas were built to conquer. Wild Thang & Wild Child

P.S. Remember, it really is "all about the roads."

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX

Well the rains may have stopped for now. I think we are all ready for some sunny days to get out and enjoy ourselves. Bob & Linda put on a drive to Sequoyah Lodge, to eat lunch there. The flooding made Bob go to plan b because plan a roads were under water. The Sequoyah Lodge was nicely done and the food was great. Some had the chicken fried steak, it covered the plate. I had the grilled pork chop which was cooked just right. It was an overcast day but it was a nice drive. It was only about 40 miles from Broken Arrow. Hope the Wednesday evening meeting has nice weather, so more folks can attend. We have several upcoming events to talk about and look forward to suggestions about other things that we might like to do, as a club. Think about if we want to do a flea market drive to places around the area. We have several people in the club that we have not seen for some time, and some are under the weather so give those that you know a call to check on their wellbeing. Look forward to seeing as many faces at the meeting as possible.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

The May Miata meeting at the Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow was called to order by President Tom Mattox at seven pm.

The President first inquired if there were any new members present. Bobbye and Mike Meisenheimer joined that night; Bobbye told the President that they had a True Red 2009 Power Retracting Hard Top. The members welcomed them to the club.

The members then took the microphone and introduced themselves and told a bit about their cars.

Vice president Ric Fornell reported that HE had the perfect Miata with the exception that he wanted about 250 horse power. SO, he had Flying Miata install a supercharger on his car, and he LOVES it.

Ron Coates, Club Secretary, reported that we have 68 members and that he needs to get some more stickers for windows.

The Treasurer, Gail Roop, reported that the club balance was \$2322.25. She then asked to address the club. She explained that she felt some actions taken by the club were inappropriate and she felt her integrity had been questioned. She decided to resign as Treasurer. Not because she has done anything wrong, but she does not want to continue under innuendo that she might have done something wrong. She said that she and Sam might go on drives with the club at a later date. The president thanked Gail for her service.

The Webmaster, Alan Doughty, had nothing to report.

Bob Schwarz explained about his upcoming drive. He also tried to encourage others to lead drives by explaining how the leader of a drive can make the drive simple or complex, depending on the drive leaders preferences. The Sequoia Lodge drive coming up a week and a half after the meeting is a simple drive, and Bob chose this to show just how easy a drive can be planned.

President Mattox asked several of the members what they liked about the Spring Fling drive to Mount Magazine. The consensus was that the drive was so well planned by Earl and Dorothy Larkin that all were pleased with the drive. Earl commented about how pleased he was with the fact that the drivers did what was required of them by Earl. Earl said it makes being a drive leader so much simpler if the drivers will do what is needed.

Keven and Devinna Smith are having an event on June 20th. Please check the event calendar for details, but they would like to ask you to bring a dish to share and provide your own drinks. They will grill outside for us. Their place is just East of 145th East Ave. between 96th Street north and 106th Street North.

George Walker is helping organize a road rally for the Miata Club. It will help you enjoy your car and your time with the other club members. Gary Deaton, of the Sports Car Club of America, explained that this rally will have nothing to do with FAST driving, it is just a fun drive. The name of the rally is "Average Joe"....the idea is that the person who drives the course closest to the average of all the drivers wins! So speed is not necessary. Please watch the calendar for details, it should happen in early July.

Jeff Lewis, a salesman for Nelson Mazda, and our liaison between Nelson and the club, spoke for a couple minutes. He offered to try to provide any help he could to the club.

A drawing for door prizes was held and then the president adjourned the meeting.

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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:"

- 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.

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.**

Departure location and time :

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

WILD CHILD & WILD THANG