



AUGUST EVENTS

August 19, Wednesday, Meeting Night

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

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

- ❖ 06:00 – 06:40 A. M. Breakfast
- ❖ 06:45 A.M. Drivers Meeting
- ❖ 07:00 A.M. Depart on the drive

This drive will be what you have come to expect on a drive led by "Wild Thang" – forests, mountains, rivers, lakes, and hundreds of curves. Be sure your car is mechanically ready to challenge these curves and that you are well-rested.

There might be one thing different on this drive. There is one place we would like to stop and let you look around and take your pictures. I am negotiating with the government and if they agree with my request, it will be a rest stop all of our members will enjoy. Wild Thang and Wild Child

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATOX

Well last month we had a great drive by Wild Thing and look forward to this month's drive as well. Some of our members got their new 2016 Miata's and all say it is a really nice car to drive. The drive this month is on the 22 of August, so if the weather is nice I hope those who have missed the last couple of drives can make this one. Only Earl knows where we are going to end up. We still need a few folks to help with the Birthday and Christmas party's for this year so if you could please let me if you can help. Look forward to seeing all those who can make the next meeting.

THE BACKWARDS DRIVE : RUTH WILL



We took advantage of the cooler weather and had our tops down when we left the McDonalds with 9 cars as we headed to Siloam Springs AR. Our first stop was a 10 minute time event for the restrooms. Carol Smith came in 1st with time of under 4.5 minutes. We zoomed through Tonitown and Springdale on our way to Huntsville. Great job of staying together through all those traffic lights.

Our second stop was at the Winslow State Park. What a beautiful park. I don't think they had even one vacant campsite. As we headed out of Huntsville, the beautiful scenery begins with rolling hills and wonderful rock formation against the road. I do think Arkansas has some of the best scenery and roads in the tri-state area.

Our lunch destination was in Clarksville at the South Park Restaurant with good country food. Fish, Country Fried Steak, Meatloaf, Chicken & Dumplings with all the fixings at a great price. There was also a Wendy's for anyone who just wanted fast food.

After lunch we traveled to a new road in Ozark National Forest on North 123 with one lane bridges and lots of curves. We had a deer stop right in the middle of the road to smile at Earl. Lucky for us we all got slowed down and none of us had to have a new front end for our car. This is where we started the backwards drive through Hwy West 374 to Vendor, Jasper with amazing mountains. During this time on the backwards drive I did get confused as to where we were and which way we were going. Did I failed to mention that there were LOTS and LOTS OF CURVES? Duane thought he had gone to Miata heaven.



I did recognize the wonderful Buffalo National River. This place is so pretty with cabins and canoes to rent and they have added Zip Lines. Just another one of those amazing places in Arkansas. We continued our backwards drive through Springdale, Siloam Springs and arriving in Tulsa at 5:54 PM.

We missed you Dorothy and hope your sick doggie gets better soon. I don't know how Earl and Dorothy do it, but I'm sure glad that we get the pleasure of tagging along with them.

Thank you for another beautiful, curvy drive in the very best cars on the road.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

Tom Mattox called the July meeting to order at Uncle Bucks, inside of the Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow, at seven pm. He asked if there were any new members there and Vicki Schaff stood up, she owns a white 2006 Miata. The members introduced themselves and told about their cars.

- Ric Fornell, Vice President, spoke about a drive he is planning, to the Canebrake, near Wagoner OK.
- Ron Coates, Secretary, reported that we have 77 paid members.
- Andy Anderson, Treasurer, reported the club has a balance of \$2334.82.
- Alan Dougherty, Club Webmaster, had nothing new to report.
- Bob Schwarz reported on the road rally that the club had on July 11th. It turned out to be a fun event.

Under "new business", President, Tom Mattox asked for volunteers to join a panel to help with social functions. If you are willing to lend a hand, please email Tom at President@neomiata.com.

Earl Larkin rose to say a FEW words at the meeting. He warned the members that he was going to hold a drive for those who like to drive the Miata in the way the Miata is designed to be driven....the car is MADE for curves. In August, the drive will have over six hundred curves!

Former club president, Bill Curts, gave us answers to maintenance questions for our MX-5's. He explained things like First Generation cars were built from 1989 to 1998. Second Generation cars went from 1999 to 2005. And in those first two generations, the timing belt needed to be changed every 90,000 miles. But when the Third Generation cars came out, they had a metal belt, that does not need changed. Generation "C" or Third Generation came out in 2006 through 2015. Bill explained a lot about how much cars have changed in our lifetimes. No longer a high beam switch on the floor, no longer do cars have fender skirts, suicide knob on the steering wheel nor curb finders. Bill brought a variety of chemicals and waxes to show. He explained why he liked the brands he prefers..such as Meguires auto products and Turtle brand tire shine. Installing a louder horn, and a third brake light flasher are a couple things that many Miata owners like to install. He also explained how to wire your car so that the fog lights will stay on with your high beams. He recommended members go to Miata.net for more tips on how to maintain their cars.

Ric Fornell explained some of the "rules of the road"like full tank of gas, and empty bladder. Bring a radio tuned to channel 5. and do not lose track of the car following you, if you make a turn, be sure the car behind you can SEE you made the turn. You can find more of these rules at the neomiata.com website. Superwrench is a company that knows Miatas, and Ric recommends them highly.

Joe Bohannon talked about how helpful a Google search was when he needed to change his plugs. He found a video where they showed, step by step, how to change the plugs. He also spoke about the possibility of going out to the Tulsa Raceway for a fun evening of racing our cars down the quarter mile strip. He said the idea of the way they raced last time, was that the participant guesses how long it will take him to cover the distance, and the person who guesses closest to the actual time, wins the prize.

George Walker said he and Gary Deaton are planning more road rallies for our club in the future. Tom Mattox has NEO Miata lapel pins that he will give to any member who wants one. Tom and Ric then gave out door prizes and adjourned the meeting. Some of the members went to the Sonic to visit after the meeting.

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2015 FOLIAGE DRIVE INFORMATION: OCT 31- NOV 1

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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.
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.**

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