

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

12 – CRUISE FOR CHEESEBURGERS AND ROOT BEER: Join me for the other half of Rick's leisurely cruise of 8/29. We will again meet at the Quick Trip at Hwy 51 and 81st street in Broken Arrow (across the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant). But this time we will meet at 9:00 a.m. with a drivers meeting at 9:15 a.m. and depart at 9:30 a.m. We will take a round-about route of toll roads, back roads, curves, hills, water-ways, and interesting sights to arrive about 11:30 a.m. at Paradise Hill, OK for our lunch at "Soda-Steve's". After lunch we will take another round-about route back to Braum's for ice-cream about 3:00 p.m. Please arrive with full gas, pike pass, radio, and magnetic logo. Your drive leader will be Bill & Sonja Curts – 918-261-3026 (cell).

SEPTEMBER 16, WEDNESDAY, MEETING NIGHT

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

19 – EUREKA SPRINGS DRIVE: Drive for lunch at Carol & Tim Smith open house, we will leave from the McDonald's at I-44 and 129th at 8:00 am, so you need to be there by 7:30 am. We will have short drive meeting at 7:45 and leave by 8. This will be a nice drive along some roads we may not have been on lately. We will stop for pit stops at two locations before we get to Eureka Springs. Carol & Tim will have lunch for us all. We can visit for a while and then hit the road back home. Should be back in Tulsa by 4;00 pm or so. Hope to see as many that can make this drive. Any questions call drive leader Tom Mattox 918-629-1540. Any one that lives out of town that would like to attend, call and we can set up where to meet along the way.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: TOM MATOX

Well last month we had another drive by Wild Thing and look forward to this month's drives as well. We had a lunch drive this last month which had the most attendance we have had in a long time for any drive. I don't know if it was the weather being so nice or we were all just ready to go out to lunch somewhere most had not been. We have a drive coming up on the 12th, then our next drive on September 19th for Carol & Tim Smith's open house lunch. So mark your calendar so you can attend these fun drives and good company. Look forward to seeing all those who can make the next meeting. We have our birthday party coming up on October 10, 2015 at Chandler Park and club our elections at the November club meeting, followed by our Christmas part on December 12 2015. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events and plan on attending them if possible.

THE GOING FISHING DRIVE: RUTH WILL



We left McDonalds with six cars and our fearless leader with brand new white racing stripes on his Miata. All tops were up because we had a light rain. But, as we traveled to Siloam Springs the sun was peeking through the clouds.

As we left Huntsville going to Marble the rolling hillside was so beautiful and green even if it was the last of August. We started on our first new road North 103 to Rudd. A real nice road but just a little stinky. They said it was just the smell of money. Well, that money really stunk!

Our next stop is for lunch in Green Forest at the Cattleman's Restaurant on Hwy 62 West. We had our choice of breakfast or lunch. Good food at reasonable prices. Half of the group had breakfast the other half having lunch items. All was happy...... After lunch it was just a perfect day of sunshine and cool temperatures for our new roads.

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Our second new road was North 311 traveling towards Econ. It was not without lots of curves and our last town in Arkansas was Blue Eye with a population of 36 as we enter into Missouri. More new roads as we traveled though Dogwood Canyon. We did have a first as we stopped at the Conoco the women were in the cars waiting on the men in the

restrooms. As we continued North 39 to Viola, Shell Knob over Table Rock Lake and West 76 though the Mark Twain National Park. Then we headed left on 86 to Eagle Rock towards the Roaring River. Our destination Roaring River Trout Hatchery. Earl got us parking at the very beginning of the hatchery.

One of Missouri's oldest hatcheries, Roaring River Hatchery produces and stocks more than

250,000 rainbow trout each year. Most go to the 1.6 miles of trout stream that lie within the boundaries of Roaring River State Park. The hatchery is at the head of Roaring River, adjacent to the scenic Roaring River Spring. The hatchery includes 40 raceways (trout rearing units), a building where eggs are incubated and a large display pool stocked with lunker trout. Roaring River Spring is the sole source of water of the hatchery. The spring is so beautiful words cannot do it justice. I took pictures that stunk....Hopeful some of the others that took pictures turned out better than mine.

We were off for more new roads traveling through Cassville South 37 with 50 miles of curves. LOTS and LOTS of Curves. Then West 90 through Jane, Noel, and Southwest City MO. Back into Oklahoma on Hwy 20 to Jay, Spavinaw, Salina, Pryor, Chouteau arriving in Tulsa at 5:25.





If you missed this trip you missed a great one. Thanks again to Earl and Dorothy for all their hard work in planning this drive. Missed you Dorothy.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

The President of the club, Tom Mattox called the August meeting to order at seven pm, at the Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow. He welcomed the crowd, and asked the members to introduce themselves and tell a bit about their cars.

Bob Schwarz was the first to comment, besides introducing himself, he said he and Linda went to Hominy OK to eat in a "cattle car" and thinks it would be a great drive in the future. Bob also reported on a spontaneous ride he put together for the club. He took us to the Amish Cheese house. Bob is the acting tour director.

One guest was Roger Vanhoose from the North West Arkansas Miata club, he asked for some help with moving his car from the Clary Hotel and wanted to see if someone could move his car to Fine Airport Parking later in the week to be detailed. A couple stepped forward and volunteered to help him. Jim Morrison, a new member who formally lived in South Texas said he would like to know who else owned a car like his...a 1999, because he has some technical questions he wants to ask.

After the members introduced themselves, Tom asked for officer reports from all the officers:

Ric Fornell was first to report as the Vice President. He had nothing to report, but did have an extra speedometer for a first gen car, he gave it to Mac Arnett. The Secretary, Ron Coates had nothing to report, nor did Alan Doughty, the club Webmaster. But Treasurer, Andy Anderson, reported a balance of \$2,371.51 plus twenty dollars from Nelson Miata that came in that day.

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Tom Mattox mentioned that we are going to order some new business cards to pass out to prospective members...by putting them on windshields.

Dave Laughrey spoke to the club about the upcoming (November 11th) Veterans Day Parade. He wants us to start thinking about volunteering to drive a veteran during the parade.

Earl Larkin described the ride that he had on the third weekend of August. He emphasized that the only reason he cancels a drive is ICE or SNOW....he never cancels for rain. So he hoped people would come out, rain or shine. Earl made a special note, to recognize a club member who certainly does not suffer from Low Testosterone. Earl said he had known George Walker for several years...and when he heard that George had bought a Launch Edition Miata, Earl was shocked...because George had not even hinted that he was interested in a new Miata. And Earl was a little bit hurt by the fact that George had not confided in him....but THEN.....George shocked Earl even more....George reported to Earl that George's wife was not even aware that George had ordered the new 2016 Miata!!!! As Earl said....the club should bow down to this man, he has to the Alpha Male of the club!

The drive that was held on the 29th of August was described by Ric Fornell, so that people would be aware of the plans. Ric took the folks to the Canebrake facility, near Fort Gibson Lake.

Tom Mattox is having a drive in September, to Eureka Springs on the third Saturday of September. Carol and Tim Smith are going to host a meal for us. Tom also mentioned that Teresa Ream and Dorris Smith are heading up a "social committee" to organize the Club Birthday and Christmas parties. They could sure use some help. Please email Tom Mattox at president@neomiata.net if you are willing to help out.

Jeff Lewis, from Nelson Mazda brought out a beautiful new 2016 Miata to show the members. He mentioned that the new Miata does not come with a jack or lug wrench or tow bolt. Jeff is looking deeper into this, but thinks this is just a weight saving move on the part of Mazda. Jeff also mentioned that Mazda is willing to sponsor an event for Miata Clubs, one per year. Jeff hopes to bring Mark Norberg, a district sales manager for Mazda out to our September meeting to talk. Jeff explained further about the power retracting hard top, which will probably not come out until the next year, and the size of the trunk on the 2016. The club members were grateful for all the answers Jeff was able to give on many facets of Miatas.

Bill Curts found some information about the Tulsa Christmas Parade on December 12th. Bill's creative talents got to working and he fashioned some decorations he figured we could put on our cars to decorate them like the ones in the movie CARS. He used window screen to make "eyes" and 'mouth" for the Miatas which already have an uncanny resemblance to Lightning McQueen.

The door prizes were drawn and those who wanted to go to Sonic at 71st and County Line were led there by John Ream. Tom closed the meeting at 7:53 PM.

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