



FEBRUARY EVENTS

**February 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX

So far, the weather has been quite nice for this time of year. The meeting in January we had about 30 people attend. We are working on the plans for our spring drive and for several meet & greets in the coming months. If any members have a place for a meet & greet let me know so we can get it on the calendar for the coming months. March looks like the first month for a weekend drive and Ric will have the information on this upcoming drive, which he will make available in the near future. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 17 and I hope the weather is nice and we have a good turnout. We have had several people under the weather and on vacation so we hope all are better and those on vacation had a great time. Look forward to seeing them when they return.

Zoom Zoom.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES : RON COATES

President Tom Mattox in the Uncle Buck's meeting room called the first meeting of 2016 to order, at seven pm. The North Eastern Oklahoma Miata Club meets there on the third Wednesday of each month, except for December.

Tom welcomed the members and promised that the club will have an exciting year of drives and activities. He entertained ideas for destinations for places to drive and eat!

The members who attended introduced themselves. 34 people were at the meeting. The weather was good, for a January meeting, but we decided that we would not go to the Sonic for ice cream after the meeting!

The president's report included an update on his health...he is recovering well from his heart surgery. Still sore, but making a lot of progress. Tom thanked the social committee for their work on the Christmas party; it went very smoothly, thanks to Teresa Ream and her group of committee members. President Mattox urged the members to go to the neomiata.com website often, to check for any calendar updates. In addition, Tom announced that John Ream has stepped forward to assume the duties of Vice-President of the club. We are so grateful for the Ream family and their sense of service to the club. John and his wife probably learned that sense of service during their years of traveling during his term in the U.S. Air Force. Club Secretary, Ron Coates gave his report to the club, at the time of his report there were 44 paid members. Ron thanked Teresa Ream for assuming the responsibilities of the Club Treasurer for the evening, while Treasurer, Andy Anderson and Merry, were enjoying the beach at South Padre Island! Teresa collected dues from several members earlier in the evening, so Ron was pleased that so many members are paying up, on time. \$888.86 was the club balance prior to the start of the meeting. It would be great if someone would tackle the position of EVENT DIRECTOR for the club, if interested, just let Tom know! .

During the meeting, Papa Joe Bohannon was attacked by a boulder that fell from the Bass Pro Shop fireplace. Luckily, he lived through it...but expects the settlement he will have with those folks will be in the six-figure range! Oh, it is good to be an attorney!

George Walker told the club about the Xtreme Racing and Entertainment facility in Broken Arrow. They provide electric go-cart racing, indoors, and the Mustang club and other car clubs, can use the facility to raise funds for charities. He thought the Miata club would want to challenge other car clubs, and, he said it is a lot of fun. The members expressed interest in the activity. Gary Deaton, a rally master, and George Walker are looking at planning a rally in the spring and summer.

The Spring Fling drive looks like it may be a three-day drive, with two nights away from home. We hope to go to the "Crater of Diamonds" and get rich! Other drives were discussed, and members are encouraged to offer ideas of drives they would enjoy going on. Former Vice-President, Ric Fornell, asked folks to reserve March 19th for a drive he is planning....he is keeping the destination secret for now, but it will be a comfortable, pleasant drive and he hopes folks will come out for it. The plan is to have this on the third Saturday of April.

Nelson Mazda was kind enough to supply some door prizes, the drawing was held, and then Tom adjourned the meeting.

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