

# **APRIL EVENTS**

**02 – MEET & EAT & RT. 66 VILLAGE & TRAIN TOUR:** We will meet & eat at 5:00 pm at The High Tide Seafood House and Pub at 6161 S. 33rd West Ave. in Tulsa. Get off I-44 at 33<sup>rd</sup> West Ave. and go south one mile to 61<sup>st</sup> St. The restaurant is on the southeast corner in the small shopping mall. Enter the parking lot from either 61<sup>st</sup> or S 33<sup>rd</sup> West Ave. They have seafood AND Barbeque. I have eaten there three times along with about a dozen people and everyone was pleased. No loud music to contend with, ample seating and real silverware (no plastic forks). After dinner, we will take a short drive (about 3 miles) to the Route 66 Village at 3700 Southwest Boulevard for a short tour of the Village where the Frisco #4500 locomotive and train resides. There is no fee or admission for our tour. The Village operates on donations and volunteers. Bob volunteered 5 years on the project. Event leaders are Bob & Linda Schwarz (918-691-0879) and they will conduct the tour. You can read Bob's restaurant review on Facebook on the left side of the page. Look for the March 14 visitor post. https://www.facebook.com/hightideseafoodtulsa/timeline

### April 20, Wednesday, Meeting Night 7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

22-24 – SPRING DRIVE & CRATER OF DIAMONDS: We are looking forward to the spring drive. which will be on April 22-24 2016. We will be leaving from the QT at 81st and Hwy 51 across from Blue Bell Ice cream plant at 10 a/m sharp so we need to meet at 9:30 Friday morning and have a short drive meeting at 9:50 and hit the road. We have several pit stops planned along the way, lunch at two possible locations, and should arrive at our evening stop by 4:00 pm. We will be staying at Queen of Diamonds Inn at Murfreesboro, Arkansas for both nights stay. Jean and I stayed there on the pre-drive and the rooms were clean and had mini ref and microwaves in the room. The rates are \$83.00 plus tax per night and you need to call 870-285-3105 when you make your reservation you need to tell them you are with the NEO Miata club to get special rate for the weekend. You need to call ASAP if you want a ground floor room they have a King and two Queen Beds available for those dates. We will go on Saturday to the Crater of Diamonds State Park area and spend as long as you wish looking for a diamond and other jewels. We will all go out to dinner about 5:30 pm across the street at Em's Cafe or there is The Rattler's Den just down the street. You can do the free breakfast at the Inn or go across the street to cafe we will leave at 10:30 am Sunday to start back toward Tulsa and should be back around 4:30 pm. Again, we will have several pit stop and have lunch on the way back. Any questions, you can call me 918-629-1540 or text me for questions. Crater of Diamonds State Park

# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX**

We have a very nice drive planned for this weekend on April 2 2016 the weather should be nice most of the top should be coming down. Bob & Linda Schwarzr are in charge of this evening drive thanks to them. The next drive is on April 22,23 2016 for our Spring Drive to Crater of Diamonds for a two night stay at the Queen of Diamonds Inn and we have 9 rooms so far reserved and only 3 rooms left on the ground floor so if you want a ground floor room an have not made your reservation yet you should call (870)-285-3105 asap. Check you emails during the month for any changes or details of the trips. Hope to see as many can make the next drive. Zoom Zoom.

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES : RON COATES**

Club President, Tom Mattox, called the March meeting of the Northeastern Oklahoma Miata club to order at seven pm on March 16. He introduced Jack and Janet Hawkins who were new to the club. The club members introduced themselves and told a little about their Miatas. Gary Deaton, independent rally master, attended.

Tom then urged the members to check their emails as well as the NEOMiata.com website to keep up with any new events that might arise with the club. He then asked John Ream, Club Vice President, if he had a report to give. John had nothing new to add. Ron Coates, Club Secretary, mentioned that we have 74 paid members at the current time. Treasurer, Andy Anderson, reported a balance of \$1769.98 with a deposit to make the next day.

NEO Club members poorly attended the St. Patrick's Day parade. I am afraid many of us let it slip our minds. Tim and Carol Smith were kind enough to provide food for those who expected to attend. I feel badly that my wife and I did not show up for the ride, the Smiths have been so hospitable to us in the past.

April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th will be the Spring Drive dates, PLEASE make your reservations as soon as you can. The Queen of Diamond's Inn will be the hosting our group. It should be quite a pleasant weekend while hunting diamonds.

Ric Fornell described the drive for the following Saturday, the drive to Krebs Oklahoma. Bob Schwarz told the members about the drive he has planned for the Route 66 Village. Gary Deaton gave out some rally information to anyone interested.

Door prizes were awarded. A special prize that Renee Pigg prepared was given out, and the Andersons won that one. Tom adjourned the meeting after it was decided not to go to Sonic after the meeting.

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