



## AUGUST EVENTS

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

**20 – CHINA KING - RIC FORNELL:** On Saturday August 20th we will all meet at the **QT** store at 81st and Hwy 51 across the from Braum's store next to the Blue Bell Ice Cream plant in Broken Arrow. Arrive at 10:00, have a short drivers meeting at 10:15 and depart at 10:30. We will take a nice easy drive down the Muskogee turnpike to the Coweta exit and then head east through Wagoner to our first "pit stop" at Western Hill Lodge in the Sequoyah State Park. We will leave there and head to Hulbert where we will turn south and take Hwy 80 down along the east side of Fort Gibson Lake where we will wind up in the town of Fort Gibson. From there we will hop onto Hwy 62 and go west into Muskogee where we will stop for lunch at the China King Super Buffet. China King is some of the best Oriental food I have found in a long time. Because it is a buffet, you can see what you are going to eat. I do not like to order from a menu in an oriental restaurant because I do not know what I am ordering. My brother and I drive from Eufaula once a week to eat dinner at the China King. That is a long way for dinner but it is just that good. I checked with Tripadvisor and found reviews for the China King Buffet. There were 14 "**Excellent**" and 15 "**Very Good**" out of the 33 posted comments. Total time for the drive will be about 2-1/2 hours to get to Muskogee, about 30-45 minutes for lunch and about 45 minutes to return to Tulsa. That should get you back home by about 2:30 - 3:00.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX

Well, here we are looking at August and the temperatures that come with it. However, when August arrives it means that fall is just around the corner and those TOP DOWN DAYS are not far away. We had a nice drive to Gil and Marilyn Steidley's house on the 23 of July. We had 39 people come along on the drive and everyone seemed to enjoy Gil and Marilyn's hospitality. The food was great and they have a lovely house with a fantastic view of Lake Eufaula. Thank you Gil and Marilyn.

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I also want to remind you of the August 20 club drive. Ric Fornell will lead us down Highway 80, along the east side of Lake Ft. Gibson, through some curvy roads to the China King Restaurant in Muskogee. Meet at the Quick Trip at Hwy 51 and 81st street in Broken Arrow at 10:00. Short drivers meeting at 10:15 and depart at 10:30. If all goes well you should be back in Tulsa by 2:30-3:00.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES : RON COATES

Club President, Tom Mattox, called the July meeting of the NEO Miata Club to order at 8 pm, on July 20th. He welcomed the group, and introduced two new members, Clark and Cheryl McNair. They have a 2006 Sunlight Silver Miata. The other members passed the microphone around and introduced themselves.

Tom Mattox commented about what a nice crowd we had that night. Then he asked for Officer reports. Vice President, John Ream reported that he and Teresa got their daughter married off since the previous meeting. The Secretary had nothing to report. Andy Anderson, Club Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,169.98. The Webmaster had nothing new to report. The Activity Advisor, Bob Schwarz, played a recording of his air conditioner, it makes a strange noise, and he wanted to see if anyone could help him identify the problem. It has something to do with the transmission clutch. He went on to describe a trip he and Linda took to Petit Jean Park, in Arkansas. He was wondering if the club members might want to go there on the Fall Foliage Drive. He described the rooms, the scenery, and how helpful the park ranger was to them.

President Mattox reflected on events that occurred prior to our regular meeting. He mentioned the Poker Run that was a charity for the Wounded Warriors. They all met at the Route 66 Museum in Sapulpa Oklahoma after the run. Then Tom described the Meet and Eat that the club had at Brother's Houligan on July 7th. Back on June 18th, there was a drive to Vinita Oklahoma, many drivers had their tops down. Luckily the lead car noticed there was a little sprinkle of rain....they pulled the convoy over and put their tops up. Turns out it was just in time, it started pouring down rain.

No old business was brought up to discuss, so we moved on to new business. There was a question as to what we really wanted to do on the fall drive. The members discussed their desires and decided to pursue the Hot Springs area as a destination.

Ric Fornell reported that Road and Track magazine had an eight page spread comparing a \$300,000 Ferrari to the \$30,000 Miata. The Miata came out looking great in the comparison. I would urge you to buy the August issue of the magazine and read it. George Walker rose to speak about the event the last weekend of July at Hallett Race track. Gil and Marilyn Steidley were explaining, along with Ric Fornell, who led the drive, about their plans to host the club for lunch on July 23rd. The agenda was described to the members so they would know when to be gathered up for the drive. The door prizes were handed out, and the meeting adjourned well before eight pm.

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