



OCTOBER EVENTS

01 – CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY: This Saturday, is the club Birthday Party at Chandler Park, Chandler Park, 6500 W 21st St, Tulsa, OK 74107, in West Tulsa. The club will furnish Bar-B-Que, but please try to let Tom Mattox know if you plan to attend so he can get the right amount of meat. The members should bring a covered dish, like baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad etc. You might let Tom know what or if you plan to bring something. The club will provide the birthday cake. Start eating at 11 and keep eating until 2 pm!

October 19, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

21-23 – FALL ROAD TRIP – TOM MATTOX: The Clarion in Hot Springs is located on the shores of beautiful Lake Hamilton. It has a wonderful view of the lake and surrounding mountains, complimentary hi-speed wireless Internet service and one of Hot Springs' favorites, Classics Bar & Grill. We currently have the dates of October 21-23, 2016 available. We are pleased to offer you a guest room rate of \$82.00 single/double occupancy. All rates are per room, per night plus subject to taxes (currently 14.50%).

We need to make our reservations as soon as possible we have a block of 15 rooms set aside. If we fill them, I can try to get a few more rooms. This will be a relaxing type of trip, where we will drive down on Friday. Leaving at 10am from the QT at 81st and Hwy 51, across from the Brawn's ice cream store. We will make pit stops about one per hour. We should arrive in Hot Springs late afternoon. I have some good places to eat picked out for supper. For lunch, you will be on your own for Saturday during the day. Saturday we can go as a group downtown or go on a drive around the area, which ever we choose.

You need to make your reservations on or before September 21, 2016 to get our rate for the club. Guests Call 800-432-5145 for Reservations and ask for Northeast Oklahoma Miata Club rate.

Any questions feel free to give me a call or text at 918-629-1540. Tom & Jean Mattox are your drive leaders.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX

Well here it is October already where has most of this year gone. Well by the time you read this post you will have missed the club birthday party we had at Chandler park on Oct 1 2016 for our 26 year get to gather. We had about a little over 30 folks show up for the party. The food from Burn co BBQ was great so those who had never eaten there got a taste of there food an most if not all liked it. If you are planing on going to the Fall drive to Hot Springs Arkansas you can still make reservation but be sure when calling the Clarion Inn on lake Hamilton to ask for the NEO club discount. The weather i hope is as good as it was today at the party. Hope to see as many that can make it to the next meeting as possible. We had a great drive by Ric Fornell to the winery in Arkansas on the 22nd of October weekend and the weather was great despite the little rain shower in the town of Altus. The roads were great and at a pace most all enjoyed. See you all soon. Zoom Zoom !

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES : RON COATES

At seven pm on September 21st, the North Eastern Oklahoma Miata Club meeting was called to order by Tom Mattox, Club President. Harold and Susane Babbitt made it to the meeting for the first time since joining.

Tom made some announcements about the upcoming Fall Drive, he urged folks to make their reservations. If you have questions, either email Tom or check the website calendar for details. The Club Birthday party is also in the works. The club will provide bar-b-que, and members are urged to bring a covered dish of some sort. Please tell Tom what you plan to bring, so we do not end up with twenty dishes of baked beans!

Again, check the calendar often for any changes.

The Secretary report just consisted of loaning out the Road and Track Magazine that Ric Fornell brought to the club.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,203.

The Webmaster had other engagements, as did the Vice President, so there were no reports from them.

Under "Old Business" Bob Schwarz brought up the subject of the Veterans Day Parade. He mentioned that he was going to be unable to help with the organization of the parade this year and that David Laughrey cannot do this by himself. Bob suggested that David needs two volunteers to help, one to operate the Excel Spread Sheet, to match up drivers with the veterans to ride with them. Another volunteer to handle Microsoft Word, to do the graphics for the signs that go on the doors of the Miatas. Andy Anderson stepped forward to take the first job, and Ron Coates volunteered for the second.

David Laughrey, who has been in charge of the Veterans Day Parade for years, talked about some of the problems that the parade organizers are having. One of the problems is that the parade is almost too successful. It keeps growing and that makes it more difficult to cover by KOTV in the hour

allotted. Religious groups have complained that they want to participate using more religious themes, but the parade wants to keep the parade nonsectarian. Also, the liability issue has arisen since the Oklahoma State Homecoming Parade where a woman ran into the spectators, killing four. And the terror attacks at other parades have caused this parade to buy insurance coverage. It also costs to have the planes fly over the opening of the parade.

Ric Fornell told the members attending the meeting about the drive that was to happen the weekend after the club meeting. He and Tom Mattox were to lead the drive to Webbers Falls, then over to Altus Arkansas, to tour the Post Familie Winery, then to the lunch and a curvy drive on the Pig Trail.

Because some of the officers will be leaving their positions at the end of this term, Tom asked that the officers give a short description of what their jobs entail, and how much time is needed each month to dedicate to the club. We must have new volunteers step forward to keep the club alive, so please consider running for an office. Alan Doughty, has been Webmaster and the organizer of the Newsletter for MANY years. He needs a break, and this year he intends to take that break. He said his job could be broken up into two, one to do the Newsletter and the other to handle the Webmaster duties. The Webmaster duties take around six hours a month while the Newsletter job takes about ten hours. You can see why Alan needs a break, he was doing both jobs.

Andy Anderson explained that the Treasurer job is pretty simple, and requires writing only about twelve checks per year. January and February are the two busiest months, where it may take 3 hours on those two months, the rest of the year requires about an hour a month.

Club Secretary, Ron Coates, described the responsibilities of his job, it generally requires about six hours per month to write the minutes and go in to Tulsa to check the mail and pick up correspondence.

The Club needs an Event director, a Hospitality director and Vice President as well. Tom has been President for two terms, he may want a rest, but he has not said.

Bob Schwarz has an idea that he hopes will get more club members to lead drives. Just like any organization, it seems that 5% of the membership does 90% of the work. Tom, Ric and Bob have lead most of the drives this year, if not all. Bob thinks his new concept of "Dry Run" may help to encourage more people to lead drives. That thought is simply that if you would care to go on an exploratory "dry run", which is a chance to see what a future CLUB drive might entail, Bob would provide one. The idea is that, on short notice, a dry run invitation may be extended to a few people to stir the impetus for leading a complete drive. Bob described a "dry run" that he and Linda did in Arkansas...a trip down Memory Lane.

David Laughrey made a motion, in New Business, and it was seconded by Bill Curts, to adopt the Rules of the Road that Bob Schwarz had modified for the club. The motion was passed. Ric Fornell mentioned that he had found that "Mother's Clay Bar" is helpful when trying to get your windshield really clean. You can Google it and find that it is available at almost any automotive shops and on Amazon. Bill Curts reported that Bill Medicine Crow is his choice for mechanic work for his Miata, and wishes that the club would put the information about Mr. Crow back on the website.

Door prizes were given away and the meeting concluded with the drop of President Mattox's gavel.

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