



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### 11 – VETERAN'S DAY PARADE – DAVID LAUGHREY

A number of you have asked me for the details on the upcoming 2016 Veterans Day Parade. Here is the latest information I have from attending the parade meeting as of this morning. I will make one comment about the overall organization for the parade. There has been a complete change in the leadership for this year's parade. This has led to numerous organizational and informational challenges to say the least. Everyone is doing their best to overcome these problems and have a smooth parade.

So with that said here is what I can tell you at this point:

- 1) Date: Friday November 11, 2015
- 2) Arrival time: between 8:30-9:00 am.
- 3) Gathering place: the parking lot just south of the Fassler Hall Tavern. It is between E. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street on S. Elgin Avenue in downtown Tulsa. Tentatively, we are in Division III of the parade, same as last year.
- 4) Car Estimate: I am currently estimating 20 Miata's to participate in the parade.
- 5) Your participation. I need to confirm your participation in the parade with the following information:
  - i) Name
  - ii) Best Phone Number Contact
  - iii) Email Address
  - iv) Do you have a veteran you are bringing or do you have an open seat to carry a veteran. We will get the details on their service at a later date unless you already have it.
  - v) Please have the above information back to me by Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Our participation with the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) may not work since they have had some budget cuts. Once I know where I stand on the car count and passenger lists. I will discuss that with the manager of the VTC.

The parade committee is having two other meetings prior to the actual parade. One on 11/02 and the other on 11/09. Hopefully, all the rest of the organizational issues will be resolved.

Please send me a return email with the items in number 5 listed and completed. If you have other questions, you can call me or the other people listed on the cc for this email. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the parade.

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**November 16, Wednesday, Meeting Night**  
**7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK**  
**Program: Election of Club Officers**

**19 – WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS DRIVE – BOB SCHWARZ:** We'll meet Saturday morning the 19th at the QT in Broken Arrow, at 81st St. and HWY 51 at 09:30. We'll have a drivers meeting at 09:45 and start our engines at 10:00. Bring your radio, Club badges, water, snack crackers, etc.

This is a drive that we are sure you will enjoy, to a unique place that includes twisty turns and if you think you have been in the country, wait. The building we will eat in was featured in both film versions of "Where The Red Fern Grows", is an old general store and a lot of original fixtures are still there. We will have lunch, and it is quite good, but I hesitate to call it a restaurant. It is more like going to granny's house and having her prepare your meal. It is all from scratch and it in no way resembles a chain and they only take cash. The menu is written on a medium size white board on a portable pedestal and there is only one in the whole place. There are four long tables and seating is family style. You can drink water or iced tea. Simple. Menu items include Chicken Fried Steak, Catfish, Chicken fried steak sandwich, Chili w crackers, Chicken fried chicken, pan fried chicken ( 30 minutes to fry), Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Indian Tacos, Chicken strip salad, sides and pies.

It will only take an hour and a half to get there, and we can be back to Tulsa by 2:30 to 3 p.m. Drive leaders, Linda and Bob Schwarz.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATTOX

Here it is, the first of November. We have had a number of summer days here lately. We had our drive for the Fall Tour down to Hot Springs Arkansas and had 15 cars go on the drive. The weather could not have been nicer. Some of the roads had just been resurfaced so they were in great shape. I think those who attended the two-day event has a good relaxing time. Start thinking about if you will be running for any of the club offices that we will be voting on at this month club meeting. Need to get a head count for those who plan on coming to the Christmas party on Dec 3 2016 at 6pm is when dinner will be served. Reminder we will be having a dirty Santa gift drawing after dinner is done. Bring a gift as a couple or one for each person in attendance. Please RSVP if you can so that we have a good head count as to how much food we will need. Please text Tom Mattox or email to [rsvp 918-629-1540](mailto:rsvp 918-629-1540) or [tandj@hit.net](mailto:tandj@hit.net). Hope to see all of you soon. Zoom Zoom

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES : RON COATES

At exactly 7 P.M. Tom Mattox called the meeting to order. As President, he passed the microphone around so that members could introduce themselves. No new members or guests were present.

President Mattox reported on the upcoming Fall Drive, and told the members about the picnic that the club had for the 26th Birthday of the club. Officer reports gave their reports. The Treasurer, Andy Anderson, reported a balance of \$1,552.49. Alan Doughty, our webmaster and newsletter officer reported that he is creating a new access page for the club photos, as Google has killed the previous photo app the club has used for years. Bob Schwarz, the event coordinator, had some suggestions for sharing some of the quirks and tricks of our Miatas. He encouraged the club to contribute their knowledge about Miatas, to others. If you think of something that you might know, that others may not be aware of, please tell us. For instance, Wayne Roth showed me how to look at the navigation map in my car with a very wide angle...so that I could see where I was in the state. He explained that if I would remove all the buttons from the display, by clicking on the left one, then I could use the dial to allow me to widen the view. Bob asked some rhetorical questions to encourage discussion about driving our cars without using the clutch. The discussion drifted to using reverse instead of braking.

George Walker was kind enough to explain the answer to a question that was asked by John Fenrich, about "performance chips" that are available from aftermarket providers. The chips claim to either increase gas mileage or horsepower. George said that the chip that comes standard with the Miata is a compromise between gas mileage, emissions, and/or power. He also warned that some of the chips are a scam, just like in his early years, he would go to the fair and see an old Buick with the hood open, and a huckster selling a device that was

reputed to make the car run smoother. When a crowd would gather around the car, which was running roughly, the huckster would put this device on the car, and it would immediately run much smoother....but there was a trick to it, the Buick had a bad coil, and the device would compensate for that. What appeared to be a wonder product was just a fraud. Caveat emptor, let the buyer beware!

Tom addressed those who were planning to go on the Hot Springs drive to vote on dinner choices. He also wanted us to know that there is a good homemade ice cream place he might take us to. The President of the club brought up the subject of raising the dues for club membership. The club has had a \$20 fee ever since the foundation of the club, he proposes raising the dues to \$25 per year. There was a lot of discussion on the matter, but it was decided to table the issue until November, when we hope to have a larger group of members in attendance. Election of officers to be held at the November meeting, PLEASE, we must have some of the members step up to help the club. Come volunteer and vote!

It was announced that Steve and Earlene Click are "associate" members because they sold their Miata and bought a nice, new Mazda sedan. They will pay dues but will not have voting rights. David Laughrey is on top of organizing our participation in the Veterans Day Parade. We would love to have any Miata Club members who would be willing to drive in the parade on November 11th to please do so. Contact any officer or David himself to put your name on the list.

Door prizes were given out, and the gavel struck the podium, to close the meeting.

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