



## FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Feb 4th - "Meet and Eat, Meet & Greet":** Earlene and Steve Click are hosting the group at the "I Don't Care Bar and Grill" at three PM on Saturday the fourth of Feb. It is located at 11015 E 590 Rd (that's 300 yards south of Hwy 412). Go 5.3 miles east on 412 from the Creek Turnpike / I-44 interchange which is east of the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa. Turn south off 412 and go 300 yards to the entrance on the left. It's before you go over the navigation channel.

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**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>- Regular Club Meeting:** The meeting will be early in the month of February because this month starts with a Wednesday.

## MARCH EVENT

### Club Drive for March

We will meet at the usual McDonalds at I-44 and 129th E. Ave on Saturday March 18th.

- Our drive will take us east on Hwy 412 to the Locust Grove exit where we will head north through Salina, Spavinaw, Langley, Ketchum, Bernice, across Sailboat Bridge on Grand Lake through Grove and to a restaurant called the Parrot Steakhouse & Grill. We will leave Grove after lunch and return through Jay and then on to Hwy 412 and on home.

Actual meeting times to be announced shortly, so keep reviewing your e-mail.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: TOM MATTOX

Well here it is February all ready where did January go so quickly. We have a lot of things coming up in the next few months. We have the meet & greet at IDC out on 412 Hwy, The Spring drive at Branson on April 21-23 get your reservation made asap to get the room you want and if any of you want to get shows tickets as a small group better check on shows now and Meet & greets at the first of each month to try new places some may not have ever been too. If any one has a drive they would like to plan just

let me know if i can help in any way. Hope to see as many can make it to IDC meet & greet.

Zoom Zoom.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES : RON COATES

Tom Mattox called the January meeting of the NEO Miata Club to order at seven pm on Wednesday the 18th. New members attending the meeting were Dave and Carolyn Price. They bought a 2016 Grand Touring, dark metallic silver with tan interior. While Gary and Cheryl Moore got a 2011 Power Retractable Hard, it is Silver in color. Gary is interested in racing, so he and George Walker will be getting together.

The microphone was passed to the membership, to introduce themselves and tell what model Miata they own. During the introductions, Carol and Tim Smith remarked that they have over 53,000 miles on their Launch Edition 2016 Miata. That is a lot of driving in less than a year and a half!

After the introductions, the Club President, gave the President Report. He mentioned that they went to Florida, over the Christmas holiday, to visit Bob and Susan Ibanez ...in paradise! Tom took Bob to experience pawn shops, and Jean took Susan to the resale shops in the area. Tom got stopped by a trooper, for speeding, on the way to New Orleans, but the trooper let him off with just a warning. While in New Orleans, they ate dinner at Ruth's Chis Steakhouse. It was darned expensive...but very tasty.

Vice President, Ric Fornell, made his report. In his report, he explained what a "meet and eat" is...and commented on the good one we had in January. Ron and Nelda Coates hosted the first one of the year at the Apple Barrel restaurant in Broken Arrow. Over 30 guests came and enjoyed a meal and fellowship. As Ric pointed out...the club members really enjoy eating! Oh, and eating together, talking about Miatas.

The Secretary's report included the passing around of the sign-in sheet, and a request that those for whom no dues have been recorded, to pay those dues.

The Treasurer, Ron McDowell, reported that the club has \$1105, and that we found ourselves with just a small amount of money left over at year's end...therefore he was glad that the dues were increased this year, so that we do not run out of money in the coming year. We are not out to make a profit, but we do not want to have to pass the hat to make ends meet.

Alan Doughty, our club's webmaster, reported that he has the Internet under control and our website is working properly. He has been doing this for years, and has done a superior job at it.

Bob Schwarz, our event coordinator described how he managed to stop a rattle by installing Armaflex pipe insulation between the soft top and the vertical wall in front of it.

Tom Mattox explained that the Spring Fling is going to be held on April 21st and 22nd and then we will return on the 23rd. We will be staying at the Angel Inn, Central, in Branson MO. Tom urged us to make our hotel reservations soon.

Carol Smith is going to find out some information on St. Patrick's Day celebration in Eureka Springs...to see if they are going to have it again this year, during the day.

Tom also suggested we might want to go back to Big Brutus, in Columbus KS. They have a mining museum as well as that huge piece of equipment that is like a landmark.

Ric described a drive that he wants to take us on, up to Grove, on Grand lake. He plans to figure this out for the 18th of March. On a different topic, Ric wanted to share an experience he had with Crutchfield Corporation (Crutchfield.com). Ric was replacing a radio in his 20-year-old Ford truck. He had dealt with Crutchfield before, and was happy with them, so he got online and figured out what radio and speakers he wanted, then decided to phone Crutchfield's support line to be sure they were compatible. The representative went out of his way to make sure Ric had all the connectors that would be needed to make the installation go trouble free, including telling Ric what tools he would need to buy to remove the Ford radio. They also sent him detailed instructions for removing the old radio and installing the new one. Ric recommends them highly for their expertise and they also have home electronics as well.

Steve Click told the club about their upcoming Meet and Eat on Saturday February 4th at three p.m. The location of the restaurant is hard to find...Bob Schwarz described it best when he wrote...'I Don't Care Bar and Grill' at 11015 E 590 Rd (that's 300 yards south of Hwy 412). Go 5.3 miles east on 412 from the Creek Turnpike / I-44 interchange which is east of the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa. Turn south off 412 and go 300 yards to the entrance on the left. It's before you go over the navigation channel.

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Mr. Mattox encouraged everyone to check the club website periodically to see if there have been any new announcements or a new event that has popped up. Then a few door prizes were awarded, and the meeting adjourned.

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