



MARCH EVENTS

March 4th - "Meet and Eat, Meet & Greet": This month's event will be held at the Freeway Cafe near the Turner Turnpike gate. Leta and Mac Arnett have arranged it for this for this Saturday the 4th, at 2 p.m.. The owners of the three Freeway Cafes are "car people". You will find the interior decorated with lots of model cars, and it is like a 1950's diner. They have a wide selection of foods. The address is 5849 S. 49th West Ave. Quik Trip has a place kitty-corner from the cafe.

The link below SHOULD take you to the location. It was the old Shoney restaurant and if you do a street view...it is the "for lease" building, the map has not been updated since Freeway moved in.

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March 15th, Wednesday, Meeting Night
7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

March 18th – Parrot Drive Our drive leader will be Ric Fornell. We will meet at the McDonald's at I-44 and 129th East Ave., Tulsa, at or before 9 am. on Saturday March the 18th. Drivers meeting at 9:15 and departure at 9:30 am. Please have your NEO Miata Club magnetic signs on your car, a full tank of gas, your Pike Pass, radio with new batteries, and make your rest room pit stop before we leave. We will proceed east on OK HWY 412 to the Locust Grove exit. North through Salina, Spavinaw, Langley, Ketchum, across the Neosho River to Copeland. We will then go south across Sailboat bridge through Grove to a restaurant called The Parrot. It's located on the edge of Grand Lake just as you leave Grove on Hwy 59. After lunch we will go south to Jay. People who live on the north side of Tulsa can leave us here and take I-20 straight back to Tulsa. The rest of the group can stay with me and pick up OK 412 again for the return trip to Tulsa. You can Google 'Parrot Steakhouse and Grill', Grove, OK, for a good look at the restaurant.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: TOM MATTOX

Here it is the first of March we have had a number of summer days here lately, and i have had the top down as much as possible to enjoy this weather. Hardly seems like we have had any winter weather to speak of this past few months. And we have a Meet & Greet this Saturday at the Freeway Cafe off I44 to Okc. We have a drive by Ric Fornell coming up the 18th of this month so plan on coming if you can make it. Hope those who plan on going on the Spring drive to Branson have made their reservations so they get the room they want for this two day event. I can hardly wait to go on this spring drive trip. We will get to meet some other people from different clubs that will be going along with us.

Hope to see all of you soon.

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PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES : RON COATES

President Tom Mattox called the meeting to order a little after seven P.M. because he wanted to let the folks who were watching the international space station pass over, get back inside the meeting room. Bob Schwarz had noticed that the space station would be directly overhead just a couple minutes before the meeting was due to start.

Tom asked Vice President, Ric Fornell to take the microphone so that some of the newer club members could re-introduce themselves to the club. The rest of the membership then introduced themselves and explained a bit about their cars.

Bob Schwarz had some tidbits of information for the membership. He also brought up that the Membership Directory is out of date, and always seems to become outdated very quickly as new members join. So, he suggested that we send out the whole membership list to ALL the members. Bob also suggested that it would be interesting to have the date of when each member joined the club, to see how long some of us have been with the club. We will need to figure out how much personal information the members are willing to share with the club at large. But it is something to consider.

Bob gave some interesting trivia about the cars currently in the club. He noted that there are 37 cars in the club with some shade of red, 13 black, 10 blue, 8 gray, 9 silver, 7 white, 3 green, 1 ceramic (which is sort of white), 1 purple, and 1 with no color information listed.

In his report to the membership, President Mattox reviewed the club activities since the last meeting. He said that the Meet and Eat was a success in early February. Earlene and Steve Click hosted the club at the I Don't Care Bar and Grill. We had so many members in attendance that it would have been a problem if more had come, due to the size of the room. Tom also talked about the upcoming events that the club has scheduled. He urged the members to check the website calendar every few days, to see if something has been added or changed.

Vice President, Ric Fornell, gave his report and in it, he talked about the drive he is leading in the

month of March. It will be on the Saturday following our next club meeting. We will meet at the McDonalds on 129 E. Ave. at highway I-44. At nine am, there will be a driver's meeting at nine fifteen, and leave promptly at nine thirty. He plans to lead east on 412 and up to Langley and Ketchum near Grand Lake. He reminded new members to have five things in place before the drive starts. 1. A full tank of fuel. 2. A walkie talkie. 3. A pike pass. 4. Extra batteries for the walkie talkie. 5. An empty bladder. He plans to take us to the Parrot restaurant for lunch and bring us back on the turnpike.

Ron Coates gave his Secretary's report and he revealed the reason that Steve and Earlene Click could not make it to the meeting. She had knee replacement surgery a few months ago, then her shoulder repaired a few weeks ago, but then fell and fractured a bone in her foot last week. We will give her the nickname "Lucky". In his report, Ron also told about how the Hallett Race Track was highly rated by Zoom Zoom Magazine. He said we are fortunate to have such a facility in our back yard.

Alan Doughty, the Club Webmaster, had no report to deliver. Ron McDowell, our club Treasurer, gave us the report on our funds, he said we have \$1,260 in our account.

Under the heading of "New Business", Tom expanded upon the plans for the Spring Drive. It will take place on April 21st through the 23rd, in Branson Missouri. He said the he and Jean did a practice run over the twisty roads, and there were no construction issues until they got to Branson itself. They stayed at the hotel where the club will stay, and there are 19 rooms already saved for the Miata event. He has dinner reservations for both nights arranged and he predicted we will have a delightful time

Tom requested that people not go home on their own on Sunday, because he has scheduled lunch on the way back to Tulsa, he has given the owner of the place a commitment that we will have a certain number of people, so he wants people to stay together on the trip back. I know that at least two people are staying an extra night in Branson, so if you cannot go back with the group, please tell Tom as soon as possible so he does not look like a fool if he promises twenty people, and it turns out that just he and Jean show up."

Tom has an idea to help raise money for the club. He suggested that club members take a photo of their Walmart receipts. And send them to Tom's email, he will put them on the application on Jean's phone. Walmart will check them and it is possible that the club can get money back if things on the receipt are prices lower elsewhere. He just needs you to do this with in a couple days of the date you got the receipt.

Mac Arnett and his wife Leta will be hosting the March "Meet and Eat" on Saturday the 4th. The place will be at the Freeway Cafe near the old Turner Turnpike gate in West Tulsa. 5849 S 49th West Ave is the actual address. If you go to Google Maps and put that address in, you will be taken to a building for lease. The Google Maps photo was taken before Freeway leased the building, but that will help you find the site of the Meet and Eat. Quik Trip has a place just to the South-West of the cafe. 2 pm, on the 4th of March, "be there or be square".

George Walker told the membership about the Darryl Starbird car show that was coming up, and urged folks to attend it.

Door prizes were given away and then the meeting adjourned.

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