



APRIL EVENTS

April 1st - "Meet and Eat, Meet & Greet": Jean and Tom Mattox will host the Meet and Eat on Saturday, April first, at 2 pm at the Steer Inn in Mannford Oklahoma. Please come and visit with other Miata owners and enjoy a good meal.

If you put "108 Industrial Dr, Mannford, OK" into a map or GPS app, you can find the place. It is the first turn south after you cross the bridge over Salt Creek if you are heading west on highway 51. Or, if you are heading east, it is the last place you can turn south before crossing the bridge. There is also a good map on their website, at

<http://www.steerinnrestaurant.com/locations/>

You can check out their menu too if you go to that site. We hope to see you there, Saturday at two pm.

April 2nd

(Note, this is not a Miata Club event) NEOkla SCCA Solo Event # 2

Sunday April 2,

Tulsa Fairgrounds at Fair Meadows - the infield of the horse track

Registration 8:00 - 9:00 am first car group out about 10:00

A 30-minute lunch break around noon, second car group follows.

April 8th and 9th

(Note, this is not a Miata Club event) SCCA Green Country Grand Prix - Hoosier Racing Super Tour

Saturday April 8th, Sunday April 9th

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

Hallett Ok, RT 412 Cimarron Tpk

the Day begins with qualifying runs races to follow when qualifying ends.

April 19th

Wednesday, NEO Miata Club Meeting Night

7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK

April 21st thru April 23rd

Spring Drive to Branson for the NEO,
NWA, Harland KC Miata clubs.

We will meet at the McDonald's on 129th and Mingo at 8:45 and have a short drivers meeting at 9 am and leave by 9:15 sharp. Be sure to have your car full of gas and fresh battery's for your radio and club signs on your car please.

We have a hotel lined up for our Spring Drive to Branson April 21-22 checking out on Sunday the 23rd so you need to make your reservations asap to book your room. We have 40 rooms set aside at the Angel Inn Central location the number to call is [417-334-6500](tel:417-334-6500) and you need to ask for the NEO Miata Club rate. We have 40 rooms because the NWA Miata club and KCC Heartland Miata club will be joining us on this trip and they only have 7 King rooms and 33 2 queen beds available so if you have one you would like over the other one act fast.

Other Miata clubs if you can meet at Neosho Mo on Friday April 21 2017 at 11:00 am on north side of the Walmart parking lot which will be our 1st pit stop. We will stop for 15 to 20 minutes and then leave as a group on the the drive to Branson and will have a second pit stop at Roaring River State park continuing on we will stop for lunch about 12:30 to 1:00 pm. After lunch we should arrive at the Angle Inn Central location about 3:00 pm where we will check in to our rooms an meet about 4:20 pm on Friday to go to our dinner location as a group. Saturday is your day to do as you wish go to a show, do some shopping, and the NWA club may have a short drive planned around the area if you want to go on that. Keep in mind we want to meet as a group about 5:40 pm to go to dinner where i have reservation at 6:00 pm at the Black Oak Grill so if you go to a show make sure you will be out by 5:00 pm. Sunday we will leave as a group at 10:00 am and head back to have lunch at the Cat Fish hole in Fayetteville Ark at about noon. After lunch we will go our separate ways back home and hope everyone had a great weekend together. Any questions feel free to call or text me Tom Mattox your drive leader at cell 918-629-1540 or text me or email at tandj@hit.net before Thursday the 20th of April.

Here is an update we only have a few rooms left so please if they plan on going to Branson to please make reservations as soon as possible. If we need more rooms i will check to see if we can have more rooms available on that date. We will be using the parking garage when we get to the Branson landing area Saturday night for dinner it cost \$3.00 for two hours parking. The NWA and Heartland clubs will meet us in Neosho Mo at the Walmart on north side of parking lot we should be there by 11:00 am for our first pit stop and continue on our way in 20 minutes. The NWA club will have a short drive around the area for those who might like to go on a drive Saturday morning more details after we meet at Angle Inn motel. Hope to see lots of new and old faces on this drive.

Tom & Jean Mattox will be your drive leaders.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: TOM MATTOX

Here it is the first of April we finally got some rain at least we did at our house we got 5 inches Tuesday night the 27th and may get some more on Wednesday and Thursday. Hardly seems like we have had any winter weather to speak of this past few months. And we have a Meet & Greet this Saturday April 1st at the Steer Inn in Mannford at 2 pm hope most of you can make it the weather should be nice. We have our Spring Drive to Branson coming up the 21st of this month so I 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 have members from NWA club coming as well as the Heartland club from KC. 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

The March meeting was called to order by President Tom Mattox on Wednesday, March 15th. Tom welcomed everyone and Vice President, Ric Fornell handed the microphone to Roger Steele, a new club member, to introduce himself to the club. Roger bought a 2017, Soul Red, soft top, MX-5.

Also, new to the club, Sean Parrish heard about the club at the Darryl Starbird Rod and Custom Show the previous month. Ric Fornell saw Sean's deep blue 1996 MX-5 at the car show and invited Sean to come check us out. I will try to attach a photo of his classic car to this mailing.

After introducing themselves and telling a bit about their cars, the members of the club passed the microphone back to the President. Tom Mattox then made his remarks about events like the previous "Meet and Eat" which the Arnett family had hosted at the Freeway Cafe. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who came. Tom announced that the next "Meet and Eat" will be at the Steer Inn, in Mannford on April first. It will be at two p.m.

Tom urged the members to go to the NEO Website frequently to check the calendar of events. Something could pop up at any time, and if you miss the email notification, checking the calendar can help you find out about upcoming events.

The Vice President, Ric Fornell, used his time to inform the membership about the latest edition of Consumer Reports magazine. This edition was focused on automobile ratings. There are 75 pages of car evaluations in the issue. The cover photo for that issue was a Soul Red, 2016, MX-5. The

Mazda Miata was picked in the top ten cars produced. It was picked for best fuel economy, cars that their owners say are best, best car under \$30,000, best car under \$40,000, best car after four years of ownership, best car after eight years of ownership, and the best used car. Ric said this is helping the world understand what we have all known and taken for granted, that the little Miata the best car out there.

The Secretary had no report, the Treasurer could not make it to the meeting because his wife's birthday happened to be on meeting night and he thought she might not enjoy a meeting as much as a nice dinner. So, we all wish Anita a happy birthday. Ron McDowell, did however, send the club balance to Tom, so he could report that the balance is now \$1,309.99.

Alan Doughty, our Webmaster, did not make it to the meeting. I think Alan may have the most consistent attendance record of all the club members. So I think we can forgive him for taking a night off.

Our events coordinator, Bob Schwarz, reported on a couple of things that he thought the club would like to know. The first was that those of us with vanity license tags need to know that the law requires we keep the "real" tag in the car always. This is a warning that might save us a fine. His second point was that Matchbook Cars should make a version of the Miata, Bob phoned the Matchbook people and told them that they should make a Hot Wheels of the MX-5. He reminded them that it is the bestselling small sports car ever produced, and that they are missing out on a lot of potential sales.

Bob Schwarz also wanted to help members be able to see and contact the other members by sending out an edited membership roster so that we do not disclose things you want to keep private, email addresses for instance. But if you are like me, you do not mind letting other members contact you by email. I think such things may be optional to the members.

Tom Mattox discussed the idea of printing new directories, perhaps in color. He wants the membership to consider a paper directory that we could put in our cars, so we could refer to it from time to time.

The Spring Drive to Branson Missouri will be leaving Tulsa on April 21, and returning on the 23rd. Tom gave a report on how the planning is going. The drive will be coordinated with other Miata Clubs, from as far away as Colorado. Parking will be difficult for the Black Oak Grill, but Tom is trying to figure out an option. He also is considering just letting us meet at the grill, rather than try to caravan through Branson with all the traffic and stop lights. If you have not reserved a room, please hurry and do so.

Ron Coates got an "atta boy" from the President. Ron sent the most Walmart receipts to Tom's email or phone. If the members would take a quick photo of the bottom of the receipt, including the bar code and date of purchase, the club might get some free money from Walmart. It must be sent within five days of purchase or it cannot be counted. Tom urged the members to start doing this so

the club might have more money to help cover costs.

Ric Fornell took the floor to announce details of the ride he was going to lead the weekend after our monthly meeting. He described the drive that he would lead to the Parrott Steakhouse and Grill in Grove Oklahoma.

Duggar Duncan told the members that his May drive will incorporate a trip to the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks. He is getting us a club discount to visit the beautiful facility. He plans to have the drive prior to the trip to the aquarium, perhaps stopping to eat first.

Bill Curts, former club president, rose to announce that Yvonne's Monograms has moved from the South end of Broken Arrow, to downtown. It is now on Main street.

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They have our club logo on file, and can monogram jackets, shirts, hats and thong underwear with our logo and your names.

Bill also advised us how to remove road tar. Arron and Doris Smith had their car parked at Doris' place of work, and the parking lot next door was resurfaced one day, the overspray got on their car. They took it to Bill to see if he knew how to remove the tar. Bill tried some things, clay bars and car wax but it was going to take a lot of labor to remove the tar. Bill's brother in law suggested mineral spirits might work. They bought a bottle and the tar was easily removed. Bill Curts seems to always have great tips for club members, and we appreciate him.

George Walker, also a former club president, announced that the Sports Car Club of America is going to have a couple of events in April. I put those on our upcoming events earlier in the Newsletter.

Our rally-master, Gary Deaton, encouraged the club members to try a Solo event sometime. It is a chance to test your driving skills on a course that has cones set up for you to drive around. Gary reported that driving on these courses can teach you how to handle your car in an emergency. It can help you get out of dangerous situations, just knowing how your car will react to sudden braking and steering inputs.

A few door prizes were handed out including complimentary calendars donated by Duggar Duncan. And then the President adjourned the meeting.

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