



## MAY EVENTS

**May 06 "Meet and Eat, Meet and Greet:** Hosted by Joe & Sara Bohannon next Saturday, May 6th at Oklahoma Joe's BBQ, 333 W. Albany St. Broken Arrow, 74012 (about 200 yards northwest of Bass Pro Shops) at 3 pm.

**May 17, Wednesday, Meeting Night**  
**7 p.m. at Uncle Bucks Grill inside Bass Pro Shops, Broken Arrow, OK**

**May 20th – Drive that had been scheduled, was moved to July, so if someone wants to lead a drive, this day is open.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: TOM MATTOX

Well here it is May 1st already where has almost half of this year gone so far. We had a great turn out for the Branson spring drive as it turned out we had four Miata clubs meet up for our lunch stop on the way to Branson. We had about 32 cars at one point and several came at different times and met us at Branson hotel. We all went to dinner Friday night to the Shogun Steak & Grill and we filled half of the restaurant when 52 people walked into the place. I think most everyone enjoyed there meal. The weather Saturday was cooler and misting rain off an on during the day. Sunday was by far the best weather day with the sun shining for our drive back home with stop for lunch at the Cat fish Hole restaurant. For those who missed this drive i hope you can make the next one cause you missed out on a good time for all. We have several things going on this month so mark your calendars so you don't miss anything this month if you wish to attend. Hope to see as many that can make the next meeting on the May 17th we need to talk about what for sure we want to do for our Fall drive so think about what and where we might want to go this year. So think about this question and give me some feed back on this for an idea what we want to do as a club. See all of you at the meeting this month.

Zoom Zoom Tom

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

The monthly meeting of the NEO Miata Club was called to order at 7 PM on April 19th, 2017 by Club President, Tom Mattox. He welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Cliff and Sherry Harmon joined the club that night, they own a 2002 midnight blue Miata. Cliff said he did his homework before joining our group. He went to our website, looked at some of the past minutes, and photos from some of the trips the club had taken in the past, after looking this all over, they decided to join the club anyway!!!

Ryan Moore also joined us on meeting night. He had been a club member in 1994 and 1995. He said he did not recognize many faces in the crowd from that far back. He owns a 1990, red Miata, not sure if he is going to rejoin the club, but he is thinking about it. All the members introduced themselves and talked a bit about their cars.

For the President's report, Tom talked about past events, like the Steer Inn meet and eat he and Jean hosted in early April. Tom urged folks to check the website calendar, to see if any new events had been added. We try to keep you informed by emails, but some folks do not use a computer often enough to have an email address. Tom announced that the club birthday party will be September 30th, a bit later than usual, but scheduling dictated that it be moved back some.

The Vice-President, Ric Fornell, gave a short report. He talked about the "Parrot Steakhouse Drive" to Grove, back in March. Club members enjoyed that drive, which he hosted. He also said he wanted to plant a seed in our minds for the September drive. Rather than have it the weekend after the club meeting, as is usual, he will be having it on the weekend prior to the meeting. He just wants us to keep that in mind. Also, he is going to have a speaker at next month's meeting who will talk and that person will discuss a subject that will have a direct bearing on the September drive.

The Club Secretary's report consisted of letting the members know that his computer crashed...and he is in the process of trying to get things from the hard drive of the bad computer on the new computer, so he can take care of the Newsletter and Badges, as well as the Minutes of the meetings. He asked for understanding if he is late getting some of the things done this month.

Ron McDowell, Club Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1399.55, this is down from previous years, at this time of the year. The increase in dues did not help the balance this year because many people paid before January first, so they came in at the old amount. And some members did not rejoin the club this year, which hurt the bottom line some. But we should be fiscally sound for the future.

The Activities Director, Bob Schwarz, made his report to the club members. He said he wished some new people would volunteer to take offices from the existing officers. As he said, "new blood" and "different thinking" is good for the club. So, he encouraged folks to run for office next year. He offered to help anyone who wanted to lead a drive learn how to organize them. Bob made the point that if you enjoy going to a certain place, chances are that others in the club would enjoy going there as a club event. It does not have to be a fancy place, even going to the sod farm country between Haskell and Porter Oklahoma can be a fun drive. So please, lead a drive, become an officer and help the club. We are all volunteers, no one gets paid, it is just all for fun and enjoying driving our great cars.

Bob also broached the subject of grades of gasoline, ethanol, and fuel additives. Several of the other members were also knowledgeable about the subject. Ryan Moore, the guy who had been a club member previously, said he used to work at the fuel loading area of the refinery. He knew and explained, the process of how different octanes were mixed to come up with the mid grades. And George Walker, who worked for Citgo for most of his life shared some of his knowledge on the subject.

President Mattox previewed the Branson drive that was held the weekend after the meeting. He told the members what to expect and when to expect events as well as restaurant choices in Branson.

Garry Deaton, Rally Master, described a rally upcoming in May, some of it will be on gravel roads, so if you do not like driving your car on gravel, this is not the drive for you. Garry reported that September 8th and, 9th will bring "Miatas @ Hallett". If you are interested, you may want to visit [hallettracing.net](http://hallettracing.net) and look it over.

Tom Mattox also talked again about taking a photo of your Walmart receipts...emailing or texting them to Tom and Jean so that if something you bought on the receipt goes on sale, the club can get some credit at Walmart to buy club supplies. If you have questions about the program, or how to get in touch with Tom, you can email him at... [president@neomiata.com](mailto:president@neomiata.com)

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting concluded with the President tapping his gavel.

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