



JUNE EVENTS

June 10th On the second weekend in June, we will meet in Broken Arrow, at the corner of Lynn Lane and 71st. This will be at the South-East corner of 9th and Kenosha, if you are using Broken Arrow street names. There is a newly opened White River Restaurant and Fish Market there, behind Discount Tires Store, and South, across the street from Reasors Grocery. Ric Fornell is making all the arrangements for our meal to be at 3:30 PM. The actual address is 1105 E. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, 74012

June 16th and 17th This is NOT an NEO Club event, but we urge you to consider the "Freedom Rally, it starts at 6:30 PM, on Friday evening with a welcome party and pre-registration for the rally. The actual registration is scheduled for 10 AM, on Saturday at the Hard Rock Casino, in Catoosa. This is an all-day, 85 mile event down Route 66. Folds of Honor will benefit from this event. Budweiser will have their Clydesdales and it is expected that this will be an annual activity. The cost of the drive is \$25 for the car and driver, and \$10 more for your passenger. Check this all out at...

<https://www.foldsofhonor.org/event/freedom-rally/>

June 21st Regular Club meeting night, Uncle Buck's Restaurant inside The Bass Pro Shop, in Broken Arrow. It starts at 7 PM, but come earlier to eat and visit. This is the latest in the month that our meetings are ever held, because the month of June started on a Thursday.

June 24th "Combo Drive" The plan is to drive on different kinds of roads for a little less than 200 miles in scenic areas and we will take in educational, historical, and cultural experiences. We will have a wide choice of items for lunch. We will meet at the Quik Trip on Highway 51, at 81st, on the east side of Broken Arrow This is the same intersection where Blue Bell Dairy is located. Be there at 9 AM, we'll have a driver's meeting at 9:15, then depart at 9:30. We will be at the Restaurant of the Cherokees for lunch. Please check the 2017 Events Calendar on the website for details on prices for admission to the museums, lunch and homes that you will have the opportunity to visit on this club outing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : TOM MATOX

Here it is the first of June already where has this year slipped by And we have a Meet & Greet on Saturday June 10th at the White River Fish company in Broken Arrow at their new location at 3:30 pm hope most of you can make it the weather should be nice. We have a drive on the 17th for the Freedom Rally. A Welcome Party and registration is at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa. This is an all-day, 85 mile event down Route 66. Please go to this link for the full information. <https://www.foldsofhonor.org/event/freedom-rally/>

On June 24th we have a Saturday drive we will meet at our Qt at 81 st and Hwy 51 at 9:00 am with a short drivers meeting an leave at 9:30 sharp – please have a full tank of gas, fresh batteries for your radio and magnet signs on your car this will be a Combo Drive which we will drive on different kinds of roads for a total of less than 200 miles, in scenic areas and take in educational, historical, cultural experiences and information, with a wide choice of items for lunch by Bill & Sonja Curts

As you can see we have lot's going on the month of June so please plan ahead and come if you are free. Would love to see as many that can come out to support of military personal on the 17 th of the month part of the \$35.00 per couple goes to help vet's and if you register early \$10.00 is tax deductible. Hope to see all of you soon.

Zoom Zoom

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: RON COATES

President Tom Mattox called the May NEO Miata meeting to order at seven p.m. on the 17th. He welcomed Connie Stephens, owner of the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit as the only visitor to the meeting that night.

The microphone was passed to the members so they could introduce themselves and describe their cars to those gathered. Joe Bohannon described his car as being "catsup red" in color. He also mentioned that Richard 'Racehorse' Haynes has died at the age of 90. Joe's personalized car tag is a tribute to Racehorse Haynes because Joe respected Mr. Haynes greatly for his legal skills.

During the "President's Report", Tom revisited some of the club events of the previous month. An example, the Oklahoma Joe's BBQ meet and eat which Sara and Joe Bohannon were kind enough to arrange. It was a wonderful meal for the club earlier in the month. The President asked that all club members use the neomiata.com website frequently, to check the calendar for any changes or new events that might pop up at any time.

Ric Fornell, the Vice-President, reported that the next meet and eat will also be held in Broken Arrow, this time at the new White River Fish Market which recently opened at the corner of 71st Street South, and 177th Street East Ave (County Line). This meet and eat will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at 3:30 p.m.

Club Secretary, Ron Coates, wanted to warn some Miata owners of a potential problem. He said that those who have trunk release buttons that are not mechanical, but electrical in nature should be aware. When your car battery goes dead, you will not be able to open your trunk by using the release button. Most people keep their jumper cables in the trunk, so that can be a real problem. He suggested buying a portable car jump starter battery booster and storing it under the hood. The hood release is purely mechanical, so you can always access that compartment.

Ron McDowell, the Club Treasurer, reported that our club balance is \$1,502. It was noted that the whole club treasury would not have been enough to have paid for the Shogun meal that Miata club members had on the Branson trip. For a few moments after that meal, it appeared President Mattox might have to settle the bill by Sumo Wrestling the restaurant manager.

The Webmaster's report, given by Alan Doughty, was more verbose than usual. He explained that "The website is up and running" (yes, that was the complete report).

Bob Schwarz, the club Event Director, reiterated what Tom had said about the club calendar. Visit the website often, Bob made three changes in the last week alone. He also offered for sale, at his cost, "A Guidebook to the Mother Road". It is a detailed, mile by mile commentary of the people and attractions along Route 66.

Tom Mattox asked for a show of hands from those who had already reserved a room for the Fall Drive. He encouraged members who think they MIGHT go, to reserve their rooms now, you can always cancel a week before if you change your mind. Just call this number, [479-754-7900](tel:479-754-7900) which is the Best Western Inn at Clarksville Ark and ask for the special rate for the NEO Miata club. We will leave Tulsa on Friday the 20th of October, so you will need a room the nights of the 20th and 21st....we will return to Tulsa on Sunday.

Tom announced a drive that would be the weekend following the meeting, the drive would be through Osage County and would end at Click's Steakhouse in Pawnee Oklahoma.

Connie Stephens, representing the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, was introduced and while she was setting up for her presentation, Ric Fornell reminded the club members that the September drive that he is going to lead will be on September 9th, and will end up at Hallett.

Mrs. Stephens then addressed the club...she gave a great history of how the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit was created by Anatoly Arutunoff. Mr. Arutunoff is a legend in motor racing, he and many volunteers spent untold hours creating the racetrack from a barren field. I will not try to recap her whole presentation, but it was fascinating to hear the names of the famous drivers who have been to Hallett. The slide show she brought was entertaining. She urged all Miata owners to, at least once, come out and spend a day doing high speed touring on the track. The prices are moderate and the experience is exhilarating.

After Connie's presentation, Tom Mattox showed some slides of our trip to Branson. The slides showed many Miata owners having a great time driving their cars and eating, we are excellent at eating and driving cars!

President Mattox made an appeal for club members to take a photo of their Walmart receipts, just the lower part, where the bar code, the QR square code and date are. If you can share these with Tom via email, he can get 'free money' from Walmart, so the club will have a better balance in our account.

George Walker explained to the club members that he is in touch with the Utah Miata Club, and they are planning an event in August they are calling it "Miata's at the Total Solar Eclipse", or MATTSE. Not only will those who go there have a great view of the solar eclipse on August 21st, the week will be spent driving to landmarks like Mount Rushmore, the battle ground of the Little Bighorn, the Peter Norbeck scenic Byway, Black Hills, and the Pinicales. If you ever wanted to see some of these sights, this would be a great time to go there. Simply get in touch with George, or go to the Utah club's website. utahmiataclub.org

On June 24th, Bill and Sonja Curts plan to take the club on a "Combo Drive". Bill promises to take us on some scenic roads, and to some historic sights. Check the calendar for details.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned by Tom at about 8 pm.

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