

MARCH EVENTS

Meet and Eat: March 2nd Saturday 3:30 pm. Location: Fish Daddy's, 10624 E 71st St., Tulsa, OK. Hosts: Gary and Cheryl Moore

Miata Cruise - Bill & Sonja Curts

March 21, Thursday, Meeting Night
Oklahoma Joe's Barbeque, 6175 E. 61st St., Tulsa, OK
6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Not Just Another Dam Drive: Our Spring Dam Drive will be Saturday, March 30, 2019. We will meet at the McDonald's at 129th and I-44 at 7:30 am, and leave on the drive at 8:00 am. Peggy and Wayne Roth have agreed to lead the drive to Country Cottage Restaurant in Locust Grove, OK for their yummy breakfast buffet, arriving around 9:00 am. After breakfast, we will leave on our spirited tour of several NE Oklahoma dams and lakes. Lots of curves and great scenery for approximately 80 miles of back roads. Tim and Linda Bodine will lead the drive arriving back at Country Cottage Restaurant just after noon where you can enjoy their lunch buffet if desired, and head for home on your own. Due to the nature of this drive, it will be postponed in the event of rain. We will notify you if postponed. This is a fun drive! Do not miss it!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BOB SCHWARZ

Dear NEO Miata Club members,

When I was a youngster, before I learned how to drive, my father and I would go for weekend drives in our '54 Buick Special. He would drive to the local Mobil station and buy five gallons of gas for our outing. I would call the turns in a random manner and my father would proceed accordingly. After completing the drive, we would name the route with an appropriate title, depending on the emotional impressions we felt from the different locations and neighborhoods we had driven through. Sometimes the drives were exciting, sometimes intriguing, and sometimes depressing. We usually drove through previously unexplored territory. One particular drive stands out in my memory because we wound up driving right next to a railroad maintenance and storage yard. The first scene we witnessed when we saw the yard was a very large dog scratching his rear end on the railroad yard gate. We both got a good laugh from that and wound up naming that drive "The dogs backside".

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It appears that practice is still alive and well in our NEO Miata Club because on March 30th, Wayne and Peggy Roth will lead us to a great breakfast. Afterwards, Tim and Linda Bodine will lead us on a memorable drive called "Not Just Another Dam Drive" because of close proximity to some picturesque and record holding spans of concrete forming famous Oklahoma Lakes. I would like to encourage you to do some similarly creative exercises in naming and conducting a drive to one of your favorite places. If you feel nervous or hesitant about leading a drive you can get help, pointers and assistance with it and even have someone else lead the drive for you. If you have difficulty naming your drive, call Joe Bohannon as he is capable of coming up with some picturesque names for things. Just kidding, Joe. Or, maybe not. Please do not keep your favorite drive a secret. If it is special to you, it will also be special to us.

I hope you are enjoying the two versions of the club directories and cover page. This format will allow for monthly revisions as members come and go. Revision 1 will be coming up before the next meeting. We still need some pictures to go along with several members, so please be present at the next meeting to accomplish this goal.

Spring Fling at Petit Jean State Park reservation cut-off date is March 12 and as of this writing, we have booked five cabins and four Lodge rooms. If you have not been there, Petit Jean SP is quite a different place from any other.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: CHERYL MOORE

Club President, Bob Schwarz, called the February meeting of the NEO Miata Club to order at 7:00 pm, on February 21st at OK Joe's Bar-b-que on 61st and Sheridan. Bob welcomed everyone and introduced new member Roger Britton who drives a 2001 emerald green Miata. Next, the microphone was passed around for members to introduce themselves.

Old Business - February 2nd club members met at Texas Roadhouse at Tulsa Hills for a Meet and Eat. February 16th there was a road trip to Bradford's bar-b-que in Spavinaw. Reminder that if dues have not been paid they are due now. We have updated new business cards and have magnetic signs if anyone needs any.

Officer Reports - Vice President, Ron Coates had no report. Secretary, Cheryl Moore had no report. Treasurer, Gary Moore reported a balance of \$844.71 in the checking and \$390.06 in Savings. Reported 17 unpaid dues. Activities Director, Linda Schwarz reported on March 30th we will have the Spring Dam drive. Peggy and Wayne Roth will lead road trip. We will meet at the McDonalds on 129th and Hwy 44 leaving at 8:00am for the Country Cottage Restaurant in Locust Grove for breakfast, arriving around 9:00am. Tim and Linda Bodine will then lead the scenic drive. Discussed the spring drive to Petit Jean State Park. Webmaster, Alan Doughty had no report.

New Business - Meet and Eat will be at Fish Daddy's March 2nd at 3:30pm on 71st and Hwy 169. Hosted by Gary and Cheryl Moore. Nelson Mazda Thank you card delivered and kiosk taken down for remodeling.

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Ric Fornell gave a slide presentation on headlamp removal and insulation noise reduction for the Miata. He answered questions from the members about this procedure. Bob confirmed the NEO meetings for the next three months would be at OK Joe's at this same location. Members had refreshments, selected door prizes and meeting adjourned.

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