



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 4TH & 5TH:** 18th Annual Miatas at Hallett. Go to the following link for complete event and registration <https://hallettracing.configio.com/pd/2763?code=N1Vlw5c3vc>

**9-12 Saturday – Inola Hay Days Celebration:** Hay Capital of the World. In the morning, at 10 am, we have a parade. Who would like to parade our Miatas thru town & advertise our club? (The Hay Days have been canceled, but they are still having the parade.) **LINE UP @ 9AM, INOLA HIGH SCHOOL!** Please contact Lee Cody if you are interested! 918-808-8544.

**9-12 Saturday Meet & Eat:** 1843 Restaurant at 124 South Broadway, Coweta, OK. 2 PM. Ric Fornell

**9-15 Tuesday - Drive to Eat** Sister's Farmhouse in Porter. We will meet at the QT at Hwy 51 and 81<sup>st</sup> St across from the Blue Bell Ice Cream Plant at 11 a.m., and depart at 11:30. Bob & Linda.

### SEPTEMBER 17, Thursday, Meeting Night

Oklahoma Joe's Barbeque, 6175 E. 61st St., Tulsa, OK

When you arrive, place your order and let them know you will be in the meeting room. After getting your beverage, take the hallway to the left of the register to the back.

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Please notice the new meeting time, due to new closing hour of 8 p.m.

**Thursday Sep. 24:** Drive to Miatas at Margaritaville Led by Bob & Linda. The drive to Margaritaville takes close to 4 hours without stops (262 miles from McDonalds, Tulsa). We will do at least 3 scheduled pit stops, including lunch, with additional stops if needed. For those of you wanting to drive with our group, let us meet at the McDonalds at 129th E Ave and I-44 in Tulsa as we have done many times. Meet at 10 a.m. and depart at 10:25 a.m. sharp. If you are running late to McDonalds, call 918-671-5579 (Linda's Cell). With 1 hour for lunch and two other stops, we should get there around 4:30 p.m. (+/-). This time setup will allow members coming from Oklahoma City area to get here and join us without having to get up at 2 a.m. LOL. Halfway point is Joplin. We will have lunch there. Continue on I-44, NE'ward to exit at Lebanon, Mo. Then North on RT 5 to Camdenton then North on RT 54 to Mayer, then KK to the Lodge. We stay three nights, Thu, Fri, Sat, and drive home Sunday.

Please:

- Use your magnetic signs to identify our club at the meet (I have a few sets in my Mitata/\$20/set).
- Make sure you have a radio and your radio works and has all problems solved including a fresh set of batteries installed.
- Fill your gas tank before we go.
- Pike Pass, or else we need to be notified before departure so we can slow down at toll gate areas while you pay tolls.
- If you are going earlier, like Wednesday, please let us know so we can look for you when we get there.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LINDA SCHWARZ

I mentioned at our last meeting, it would be fun to have a Fair Style meeting for us to show off some of our interests both car related and personal. After coming up with a few ideas, hearing thoughts from members, and being aware that the Covid-19 numbers are still a concern I have decided to table those ideas. I get the impression people prefer to social distance a little more seriously for a while longer. If anyone had already come up with something to share with us, we would enjoy learning more about any of our members at any time. We are in need of a few drives and Meet & Eat events in the coming months so put your thinking caps on and plan a few. Also think "Christmas Party" and share your ideas about what you prefer since arrangements will need to be made soon. Wishing you all well.

## FOLLOW THE LEADER: BOB SCHWARZ



For those of you wishing to do the game you did as a child called "Follow the Leader" otherwise known as a Club Drive, here's the drill. If not, read no further. Or,

1. Peruse the club website calendar for an open date, (most members are retired, so weekdays are good too).
2. Plan your route.
3. Estimate the drive time to complete your route (can be done with the aid of Google Maps or enlist your smart phone and ask Siri).
4. Add in about a 20 to 30 minute stop for each 70 to 80 minutes of drive time, (unless your name is Earl). (ED: I miss Earl's precision planning.)
5. Figure out when you want to be back home then back that time up by your trip time to get your departure time from your meeting location.
6. Back that up another 30 minutes for gathering and a 15-minute drivers meeting.
7. Email [leecody1953@gmail.com](mailto:leecody1953@gmail.com) (your Events officer), with the written up details. Our website calendar gives you many examples of drive announcements with the required elements.

**Follow the leader. That could be you!**

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: CHERYL MOORE

Club President, Linda Schwarz called the Aug. 20, 2020 meeting to order at 6:30pm at OK Joe's Bar-b-que. Twenty-one members were present. Linda welcomed everyone then introduced new members: Kristi & Keenan Nesvold who own a 1991 Red Miata. In addition, rejoining the club are David & Patty Runels who own a 2016 Blue Reflux Mica Miata. The microphone was passed around for members to introduce themselves and tell about the Miata they drive. Birthdays and anniversaries for month of August were announced & celebrated with refreshments. Sonja Curts and Kim Brownell volunteered to bring refreshments for September meeting.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

- **Vice President**- Bob Schwarz explained the NEO website calendar of events to new members and refresher for members. Noting yellow highlights denote updates on the site.
- **Secretary**- Cheryl Moore reported on the current inventory of the 30th NEO Anniversary T-shirts should anyone need to purchase one.
- **Treasurer** - Gary Moore reported a balance of \$1,076.92 in Checking and \$390.24 in Savings. Total - \$ 1,467.16
- **Webmaster** - Alan Doughty - Not present, no report
- **Events** - Lee Cody announced that there was a gift display table with various Miata gear such as hats, T-shirts etc. for new members or any members needing new items.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Lee reported on 7-18-20, 27 members attended the Club Drive Picnic to Lake Eufaula led by Gary and Cheryl Moore & hosted by Rick Fornell at his home. Great food and turnout.
- 7-26-20 Bob & Linda Schwarz hosted Sunday Drive to Eat to “Local Flavors “restaurant in Haskell, OK. Good drive.
- 8-01-20 Tom & Renee Pigg hosted a Saturday Meet & Eat at “Uncle Paco’s Mexican Grill” in Tulsa. Eleven members present.
- 8-8-20 Dugger & Teresa Duncan hosted the Meet & Eat at the new “Big Whiskey’s” restaurant. Fifteen members present.
- 8-15-20 Bill & Sonja Curts hosted a Drive to Eat to “Soda Steve’s” located at Lake Tenkiller for delicious burgers and drive around lake. Twenty members attended.
- Charlie & Peggy Hermann took five daily drives 8-17 thru 21 to various parts of the state. Kiamichi mountain area was one they enjoyed. Any members interested were invited to go along.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 8-29-20 Bob & Linda Schwarz are hosting a Drive to Eat to Galena, KS. where lunch will be at the “Sweet Creek Diner.” Later the group will tour the Decades of Wheels Car Museum. Details on website.
- 9-04-20 George Walker announced that the 18th Annual Miatas at Hallett Raceway will be scheduled as planned. For complete event and registration information see Hallett website.
- Lee Cody reported the club has 22 members registered to attend the September 24-27
- Miata’s at Margaritaville Midwest Region Miata Event. Total of 188 members from around the region are registered.
- Club president Linda Schwarz mentioned we have several members that are very ill or recuperating from falls or illness. Cards were signed by members to send to those mentioned. Rick Fornell, Tom Maddox, Doris Smith and Renee Pigg.
- Linda ask members if there was interest in doing a different type of meeting for September such as Fair theme, games etc. Ann Hill, Cheryl Moore and Lee Cody volunteered to help with ideas.

## **Program**

- Bob Schwarz played video giving a visual showing how to change air filter in the Miata. Very easy instructions.
- Bill Curts suggested it would be a good idea to give members a call who have not come to meetings or activities in a while.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

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