



# ZOOM ZOOM REVIEW

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## From The Top

Hope everybody had a Happy Holiday Season. And I wish you the best for the coming New Year.

First off I believe the club had an exciting time in 2009. There was a lot of fun filled events and we had really great participation from all the club members. We also gained a lot of new members. Give yourselves a big pat on the back for that. We are off to a great start this year. Everybody is busy, Dave Miller is meeting with the Tour Directors setting up the Short Drive and Dinner (SD&D) and club events. Teddy Markwell, our new Treasurer, is getting Finances in order. Harold Everett is working hard at getting our Web Site updated.

At the first of the year there is a lot going on so please keep checking our Web Site for information on meetings and events. I'm sure Harold will continue to send out e-mails giving everybody information on short notice events. We don't want anybody to miss out on anything.

Looking out the window at the snow it seems like our first event of the year is a long way off. But don't get the blues, we will be off and running (maybe not with the tops down for some of us) for our first outing in January.

Larry

**'WE DRIVE FOR FOOD'**

## "Welcome" New Members

None

## Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

All Meetings are at 6:00PM, unless otherwise indicated.

**January 23rd (Saturday).** Hometown Buffet, 3900 NW 63rd St, OKC, 946-9501.

**February 21st (Sunday).** Interurban Restaurant, 1150 Ed Noble Pkwy, Norman, 307-9200.

**March 20th (Saturday).** TBA.

**April 18th (Sunday).** TBA.

**May 22nd (Saturday).** TBA.

**June TBA.** "Birthday Bash".

**July 17th (Saturday).** TBA.

**August TBA.** "Fiesta Party".

**September 19th (Sunday).** TBA.

**October 23rd (Saturday).** TBA.

**November 21st (Sunday).** TBA.

**December 4th (Saturday).** "Christmas Party". County Line Barbeque, 1226 NE 63rd St, OKC, 478-4955. Enjoy great food, cash bar, great friends, and if you wish to play Dirty Santa bring one gift (\$20 limit) per car.

## SD&D\* and Road Trip Schedule

**\*Short Drive and Dinner.** Short, fun drives in the Oklahoma City metro area that ends at a surprise restaurant. SD&Ds begins at 2:00PM and ends around 4:00-5:00PM, unless otherwise indicated.

**January—TBA.**

**February 7th (Sunday).** Depart at 2:00PM from the Braum's at 4101 NW 39th Street (NW 39th St and Tulsa Ave) for a round town drive and mystery puzzle. Plan to eat at 3:00PM. Leaders: Bill and Susan Schmidt, 206-5097.

**March 13th & 14th (Saturday & Sunday).** Depart at 8:00AM from Braum's at 1301 West I-35 Frontage Rd (near I-35 and NE 15th St, Route 66 Exit). Stay overnight at Price Tower, Bartlesville. Call William or Sharon at 1-877-424-2424 and ask for the Central Oklahoma Miata Club group rate of \$109 plus tax (total of \$122.42). Rooms have one king or two queens. Leaders: Bill and Susan Schmidt, 206-5097.

**April—TBA.**

**May 14th - 16th (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).** Moab in Utah IV. See details at <http://utahmiataclub.com/node/11>. Leaders: Howard High/Le Yeatts.

**June—TBA.**

**July—TBA.**

**August—TBA.**

**September—TBA.**

**October 2nd (Saturday).** "Czech Parade". Meet at 8:00AM in Yukon at Main St (Route 66) and Garth Brooks Blvd. The easiest way to get there is via I-40 to exit 136, then north through several lights and past the high school to our meeting point. Parade starts at 10:00AM. If you will be able to participate, please e-mail Dave & Linda Miller at [dlsmliller@cox.net](mailto:dlsmliller@cox.net) or call (405) 948-8123. Please leave your name and contact phone number. We will make confirmation/reminder phone calls a few days before the parade.

**November—TBA.**

**December—No SD&D.**

## Future Events

April 29th - May 2, 2010. **Miatas Doin' The Charleston II.** Registration will be open September 1, 2009. Registration before December 31, 2009 will cost \$140 per person. The hotel at the Embassy Suites at North Charleston Convention Center will cost \$159 per night which includes a cooked-to-order breakfast each day, secured parking, and other benefits. They limit registrations to the first 150 cars and were "sold out in less than 20 days" for their first event. Call Bunny McElwee at (843) 761-4567 or check for info at <http://www.miatasdoithecharleston.com>.

June 11th - 12th, 2010. **Eureka Springs Rally.**

June 24-27, 2010. **Miata Mountain Mania 2010.** The West Penn Miata Club is hosting it's second regional event. It is to be held June 24 through 27, 2010 at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. Registration is now open. Get more info at <http://www.westpenmiataclub.com/mani10.html>.

August 6th - 8th. **Romp Through the Rockies.** The Heartland Miata Club is sponsoring this event. For more information check out <http://www.heartlandmiata.com>.

October 14 - 17, 2010. **Surf 'N' Safari** Join the San Diego Miata Club for all sorts of drives and activities. Believe this will be their third event. A murder mystery drive was included last time. Info to be out soon at <http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns10/index.html>.

September 25, 2011. Peak to Peak is planning another **Mountain Gold** event probably in Breckenridge, Colorado.

## Annual Tour Directors Meeting

By David Miller

On Saturday January 9th at 8:30AM, we will meet at Pioneer Pies (NW corner of I-240 & S Penn Ave) for breakfast and our yearly tour directors' planning meeting. This meeting is open to any member of the club, especially those with ideas for the monthly SD&Ds or any other drives you would like to see the club take. If you are a 2010 Tour Director and unable to attend, please let me know before this meeting what months you would like to sign-up for.

Right now the only drive on the 2010 calendar is the trip Howard and Le will be leading to the "Miatas in Moab IV" May 14th-16th. Other annual events to be scheduled are the Birthday-Bash Picnic in June and the Fiesta Party in August.

## SD&D "Be Puzzled" Sunday February 7

By Susan Schmidt

Be ready to depart at 2:00PM from the Braum's at 4101 NW 39th Street (NW 39th Street and Tulsa Ave) on Sunday February 7 for a round town drive and mystery puzzle. We should sit down to eat about 3:00PM. Leaders: Bill and Susan Schmidt, 206-5097.

## George Washington Didn't Sleep Here

By Susan Schmidt

George Washington didn't sleep where we are taking you but you will want to sleep there Saturday, March 13th. There are only two Frank Lloyd Wright buildings in the world where you can spend the night and one of the two is the only skyscraper Wright ever built. That historic building is the H.C. Price Company tower, named Price Tower. His skyscraper was inspired by a tree and built on the Oklahoma prairie in Bartlesville. The Price Tower is supported by a central "trunk" of four elevator shafts which are anchored in place by a deep central foundation, as a tree is by its taproot. The nineteen floors of the building are cantilevered from this central core, like the branches of a tree. The outer walls hang from the floors and are clad in patinated copper "leaves".

Wright wanted to use the design for an apartment complex of four cantilevered towers in downtown New York City but shelved the project due to the effects of the Great Depression until 1952 when Wright plucked his "tree" out of the "crowded forest" of Manhattan skyscrapers and placed it on the Oklahoma prairie. The multi-use designed building which included apartments when it was completed in 1956 was converted to a hotel in around 2003 and has been described as one of the top best new hotels in the world.

It is actually an intimate hotel with only nineteen rooms occupying seven of the upper floors of the skyscraper. Think small. Just 15 standard rooms and four suites. Imagine how few people have the opportunity to spend the night in the only building of its kind in the world. And it is right in our backyard! What an exciting and historic opportunity. Bill and I can't wait to lead you on this adventure.

The normal rate for a standard room in the Price Tower is \$145 plus tax. Call William or Sharon at 877-424-2424 and ask for the Central Oklahoma Miata Club group rate of \$109 (total of \$122.42 with tax). Rooms have one king or two queens. There are just 13 standard rooms left so call right away. The rooms are not being held, you will need to make your own reservations as soon as possible. The two story suites run \$245 plus tax if you are feeling flush.

A complimentary breakfast of fruit, pastry, juice, etc is provided. And you get a ten dollar 60-minute guided tour of the building free with your hotel stay. Generally tours are limited to 8 people at a time. I am trying to arrange private tours for 10:00 and/or 11:00AM, Sunday so I will need to know who makes hotel reservations and if you plan to go on the Price Tower tour after breakfast.

We will depart at 8:00AM, Saturday, March 13, 2010, from the Braum's at 1301 West I-35 Frontage Rd (near I-35 and 15th Street, which is the exit before Route 66).

We want to have time to drive the back roads and see the sights. For example, we plan to loop over to Dewey on the way to Bartlesville. There you can see the museum honoring silent film star Tom Mix (and his famous horse), the 100 year old wooden hotel museum across the street where they use to hang hammocks on the balcony when the rooms were booked up, and/or shop at the antique mall. The museums are by donation so you can spend as little time as you want in order to see the other things. We'll meet back up at a set time after our Dewey doings. Another bargain to see in Bartlesville is the Frank Phillips Home which has tours from 1:00 to 5:00PM, on Sundays for only a \$3 donation.

Hungry? I found lots of good reviews for a recommended dining location Saturday night, at Frank and Lola's. And later you might want to have a drink at the Copper Bar in the Price Tower. Remember, lets us know if you are going; call us at (405) 947-2061. And let us know your cell phone number for the trip. Bill's cell phone is (405) 206-5097. See ya. Susan and Bill Schmidt.

## December Renewals

John & Julie Braley  
 Steve & Julie Groce  
 Jerri Hood  
 Wendell & Betty Kilgore  
 Odus & Juanita Rice  
 Bill & Susan Schmidt  
 Tony & Paulette Spataro  
 Darrel & Lynn Whipple

Thomas & Diane Falk  
 Howard High / Le Yeats  
 Larry & Leah Johnson  
 Steve & Rita Moore  
 Nick & Noel Rodman  
 Jerry & Judy Smith  
 Mike & Karen Truel  
 Terry & Ann Willey

### 2009 Treasurer's Report by Terry Willey

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	January 1, 2009	<b>\$624.59</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Members Dues		\$1,963.00
2009	\$1,531.00	
2010	\$408.00	
2011	\$24.00	
Advertising Revenue		\$600.00
Christmas Party (member portion)		\$1,370.00
Magnetic Sign Revenue		\$180.00
Sale of Club Pins		\$151.50
 Total Income		 \$4,264.50
<b>Expenses</b>		
Christmas Party (facility & catering)		\$1,641.45
Christmas Party Prizes		\$400.00
Club Birthday Party		\$276.12
Club Lapel Pins		\$338.00
Czech Parade Treats		\$51.48
Event Coordinator Gifts		\$125.00
Fiesta Party		\$272.54
Internet Fee		\$159.95
Magnetic Door Signs		\$175.56
Monthly Meeting Prizes		\$400.00
Office Supplies		\$55.53
Officer Gifts		\$359.52
PO Box Rental		\$42.00
President's Gift		\$160.75
 Total Expenses		 \$4,457.90
<b>Ending Balance</b>	December 31, 2009	<b>\$431.19</b>

## For Sale

1997 M Edition, Marina Green Mica with Tan Leather Interior, Tan Boot and Top.

Nardi wood shift knob, wood parking brake handle, 15" polished 6-spoke alloy wheels, cut pile carpeting, stainless sill plates, air conditioning, Premium Sound System with CD player and headrest speakers, exterior badge, M Edition logo on seatbacks and tachometer, custom floor mats and Popular Equipment Package which includes: power steering, leather-wrapped steering wheel, power mirrors, Torsen limited slip differential, cruise control, power windows, power antenna, rear sub frame brace. Limited edition, 1 of 3,002 produced that year.

100K miles, New timing belt, asking \$6,500. Contact Wallace or Sharon Mellinger at (405) 381-9449.

## Club Pins



With all the Miata events just around the corner, I know a lot of members will need to get a couple of extra club pins to take to the events for trading with Miata club members from other states. Pins are available for \$3.50. Contact Teddy Lou Markwell, 692-2895.

## Magnetic Signs with Club Logo



Magnetic Club signs are nice to display on your car when driving in a parade or other Miata events. Because the signs are custom made to closely match the color of your car, they have to be special ordered. It is more economical to order them in quantity. Several members have already signed up to have their signs made. Cost of the signs is \$20 for a set of 2.

## Stitch N Print, Inc.

450 N. Rockwell, Oklahoma City, OK 73127

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The Club has made arrangements with **Scott** at **Stitch N Print** to do a set-up of the club logo. They will embroider this on articles you bring in. They also have items in their store for purchase or from catalogs to order from. You can specify the color of the car to put in the logo.

The standard logo is approximately 3 inches and will cost around \$12.00. If you wish something larger they can accommodate you. The cost is based on the number of stitches used.



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