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"Welcome"

New Members

Gene & Judy Hughes
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From The Top

The cabin fever, cloudy and dreary days continue. So the club had to create our on sunny days in February. First off Steve and Rita Moore led the members on a Catfish run. Bill and Susan Schmidt conducted a puzzle run. See, Susan's article on what a puzzle run consist of. After the Puzzle run, I, realized that Leah's navigational skills and my ability to follow direct orders were put to the test. A grade of failing was assigned.

Through rain, sleet, snow and one cattle truck, Howard and Le to Albuquerque they did go. And now our members have a place to stay on our way to Moab Utah.

There were 37 members and one guest present at our monthly meeting and visiting with each other was great. Dave Miller briefed us on upcoming events and everything seems to be on track. The big winners of our Wal-Mart gift cards were Jack and Phyllis Poe, and David and Elaine Reeves.

The Board of Governors made a unanimous decision to change the Fiesta Party from being an August event to a September event. I did some research on the weather before I suggested this change. And as you all know here in Oklahoma that doesn't mean much.

August: Average Temperature 81.1 degrees with 22 days above 90 degrees and average rain fall 2.6 inches.

September: Average Temperature 73 degrees with 9 days above 90 degrees and average rain fall 3.8 inches.

Safety Tip: If you have an emergency on the road, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) can be reached by dialing *55 on your cell phone.

Larry

'WE DRIVE FOR FOOD'

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

March 20th (Saturday). Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar, I-40 and Sooner Rd, Del City, 677-9464. Located at I-40 and Sooner Rd, on the southwest corner, enter off of Sooner Road.

April 18th (Sunday). Cocina De Mino Restaurante Mexicano, 12325 N May, Oklahoma City, 749-8800. Located just north of 122nd and north May on the west side of the street, at the back of a strip mall.

May 22nd (Saturday). TBA.

June 6th (Sunday), 4:00PM. "Birthday Bash". Darrel & Lynn Whipple's home, 4801 N. Santa Fe, Edmond, 202-2828.

July 17th (Saturday). TBA.

August. TBA.

September. TBA. "Fiesta Party".

October 2nd (Saturday). See the October 2nd SD&D.

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, LD&D and Road Trip Schedule

SD&D (Short Drive & Dinner) is a short drive that includes a meal and is about 2 to 4 hours in duration.

LD&D (Long Drive & Dinner) is a long drive that leaves and returns on the same day and includes one or more meals.

Road Trip is a drive that includes one or more over-night hotel stays.

March 13th & 14th (Saturday & Sunday). Road Trip. 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 24th (Saturday). LD&D. Depart at 8:00AM from Braum's at 1301 West I-35 Frontage Rd (near I-35 and NE 15th St, Route 66 Exit). Will be traveling to Honor Heights Park in Muskogee to view the azaleas and the USS Batfish submarine and Museum (cost \$4 to \$6 depending on your age). Pack a sack lunch and drink to eat at the park. Plan to eat dinner on the way home and getting home between 7:00PM or 8:00PM. Leaders: Ken & Gail Priddy, 605-9062 or 605-9067.

May 12th - 16th (Wednesday through Sunday). Road Trip. Moab in Utah IV. See article in this newsletter and at <http://utahmiataclub.com/node/11>. Leaders: Howard High/Le Yeatts.

June - TBA. Leaders: Phillip & JoAnn Hudson.

July - TBA. Leaders: Howard High & Le Yeatts.

August 5th - 8th (Thursday through Sunday). Road Trip, "Romp Through The Rockies". See details at <http://www.heartlandmiata.com/id57.html>. Travel details TBA. Leaders: Jack & Phyllis Poe.

September - TBA. Leaders: Bill & Joyce Poska.

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 dlsmler@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.

October 22nd - 24th (Friday through Sunday). Road Trip, "Fall Foliage Tour". TBA. Leaders: Steve & Rita Moore.

November - TBA. Leaders: Jack & Phyllis Poe.

December - No SD&D.

Update Note from Tony & Paulette Spataro

As you know Paulette and I are moving back to the Pittsburgh, PA area. Although we really like Oklahoma and the friends we made in the Central Oklahoma Miata Club, we have decided that being close to family is what is important. We sold our home in Edmond.

We found the perfect home and purchased it on Sunday. It is a brand new home in a maintenance free community called Barclay Hills Estates. Our home is completed on the outside and dry walled inside. We chose the cabinets, flooring, appliances, colors, lighting, and accessories. The house has 2200 square feet and has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, loft, great room, dining room, very large kitchen (Paulette says the kitchen is to die for), laundry room, and a 2 car garage. The community is located in Brighton Township which is about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh. We close on our Edmond home on April 16th and we close on the new home on April 22nd.

We are very excited and our family is very happy to have us close by.

Take care.

Future Events

June 11th - 13th, 2010. **Miatas at Eureka Springs.** Sponsored by the Southwest Missouri Miata Club
For information check out <http://www.miatasateureka.com/>

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 information 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. Information 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 Valentine's Weekend Catfish Platter Trip By Steve Moore

We did it again. We went to the Catfish Platter in Willis, OK and enjoyed ourselves. Plenty of fun, food and friends plus a little bit of cold weather and snow. We had 5 Miatas that made it another great trip. Everyone enjoyed the drive through towns and roads they had never seen before and the great food at the Catfish Platter. If you didn't get to make this trip with us, don't worry, we'll be going back so you can join us on the next trip.

See you on the road.

Long Drive and Dinner By Kenneth & Gail Priddy

Date: April 24, 2010, Departure time: 8:00AM, Starting location: Meet at Braum's on 15th St off of I-35 in Edmond, Destination: Muskogee, OK, Tour Guides: Kenneth and Gail Priddy, 605-9062 or 605-9067

We will be traveling to Muskogee to drive through Honor Heights Park to see the Azaleas. The park is always pretty, but especially during April when the Azaleas are in bloom. After lunch we will visit the USS Batfish submarine and museum. The cost for the museum ranges from \$4.00 to \$6.00 depending on your age group.

Please bring a sack lunch and drink. We are going to eat lunch in the park. Then we will stop somewhere on the way home for dinner. Plan for a full day, getting home by 7:00 or 8:00PM.

Puzzle Drive Feb 20th was Puzzling By Susan Schmidt

The Puzzle Drive SD&D was delayed from a potentially rainy Super Bowl Sunday to a foggy Saturday drive in Northwest Oklahoma City. Seven cars showed up for the challenge. I was prepared for as many as 22 cars and relished seeing everyone scatter in different directions and cross paths at the 7 pick-up spots located at various city parks near our "Louie on the Lake" dinner destination. There were four sets of directions with clues like the following. See if you can figure out the directions but don't get lost, the instructions are not in order:

1. Proceed .5 miles and turn right where Mickey D meets the cement brand. Go south .2 miles and turn left at Marilyn Monroe's bust size.
2. Go .3 miles past the "a ___ by any other name is still a ___" garden. See the ducks turn bottoms-up but don't take time to walk over the arched bridge. When you see the owl, turn right into the parking lot.
3. Go 1 mile to "the Indian ___" and turn right. Go 1 mile and turn left to feel youthful. You didn't know you could feel youthful at 50 did you?
4. Turn left at the light and left again at the next light where you'll get an urge to yell BINGO.
5. See the bike paths that are wide enough for your Miata but stay off! Turn left just shy of the stop sign and continue to the parking lot.
6. Go over the speeding cars and turn left. Let your pooch out to run leash-less. Be sure to pick up its' poo.
7. Notice there are several dirt roads north but I wouldn't send your Miata there. Come back in another vehicle to investigate the Tom Jones Memorial model airplane flying field where they zoom too and Hobie Point where they paddle around. Turn right into Fishing Pier road and make the short loop.
8. The brown greens are still pretty. Turn right at WLH Drive and head north. You'll see the entrance to Prairie Dog Point. That's a good place for bird watching (ducks are birds) but bring another vehicle (rough road) and binoculars. Learn more about birding from www.okc-audubon.org.
9. Continue north on a one way road. Feel dammed? Notice more spandex but don't run them over.
10. Return to "Don't you feel ___" and turn left. Go .5 miles on the curvy road to "Mother ___ I" and turn right. Continue 2.8 miles past the Braum's (no time for ice cream right now) and past the orange box (no space in your Miata to carry building supplies).

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11. You are still on Target. Turn right at Marilyn Monroe's bust size where it is windy. Proceed .7 miles, passing over speeding cars, and turn left into the parking lot. This building is where you can attend the free landscaping classes on Fridays throughout the year (just call 943-0827 to register).

12. Take the first exit at the "Battle of ___" road. Turn right at the light. See any longshoremen hanging around the wharf?

13. Straight ahead is your destination. Drive to the parking lot with the red Miata having license plate FN2ZOOM. Go inside and pick up the last puzzle piece from the Schmidts.

Harold and Mona Everett were the first to arrive at Louie's. In fact, Harold had a cold tall one placed in front of him before anybody else completed the course. It was Suzanne and Amanda Butler who had their puzzle pieced together first. The puzzle was a tiny version of the 25 foot "Guernica" mural that Picasso painted. Being Picasso made it more challenging. As Mona said, "With Picasso, just because you see an arm, doesn't mean it is connected to anything." Three cars ended up having the same number of continuous puzzle pieces. Elaine and David Reeves won the \$25 cash prize elimination draw.

We had a great time. Everyone seemed to like their food, the price was right (especially for the Reeves), and we got to see some parts of the city we may have not seen before. Bet many of you don't know where the Paw OK Dog Park is located. If you are curious, ask those mentioned above or others who attended; Larry & Leah Johnson, Jim & Deb Jones, Phyllis & Jack Poe, and Ken & Gail Priddy.

Drive to Bartlesville Saturday March 13, and Spend the Night at Price Tower By Susan Schmidt

It is just a couple of weeks till we get to experience Frank Lloyd Wright's only skyscraper where you can spend the night. I called the hotel. As of February 23rd there is one standard room and three suits available. If you are interested, keep calling as cancellations do occur. The normal rate for a standard room in the Price Tower is \$145 plus tax. Call William or Sharon at 1-877-424-2424 and ask for the Central Oklahoma Miata Club group rate of \$109 for March 13th (total cost of \$122.42 with tax). The two story suites run \$245 plus tax.

Not everyone has informed Bill or me who made reservations but according to the hotel the following people have reservations. If this list is not correct, please let the hotel and Bill or I know: Donna Childress, Loyd & Kathryn Dobbins, Jeri Hood, Larry & Leah Johnson, Jim & Deb Jones, Dean & Christina Kiser, Teddy Markwell, Nick & Kathy Morrison, Jack & Phyllis Poe, Bill & Joyce Poska, David & Elaine Reeves, Susan & Bill Schmidt, and Fred & Sandie Strom.

If you want to drive with us and head home Saturday night, you are welcome. The more the merrier. We will depart at 8:00AM, Saturday, March 13th, 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).

Those staying will get a complimentary breakfast Sunday of fruit, pastry, juice, etc. and a ten dollar 60-minute guided tour of the building, also free. So far, everyone who called us is planning to tour the tower on Sunday, March 14th. The guides can take 8 to 10 people at noon, 12:20 and 12:40. While we are waiting for the upstairs tour, we can see the Edith Head exhibition of her film costumes in the art gallery. Who you ask is Edith Head (1897 – 1981)? She is synonymous with Hollywood costumes having won eight Academy Awards for her work on over 1,100 films which include costumes for All About Eve (1950), Sunset Boulevard (1950), To Catch a Thief (1955), The Birds (1963), Airport 1975 (1974), and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969).

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Another bargain to see in Bartlesville after the tower tour is the Frank Phillips 26-room mansion. Fortunately March 14th is the second Sunday so they are open and guides should even be dressed in period clothing from the early 1900's. Tours are available from 1:00 to 5:00PM and cost only a donation of \$3 per person. Frank Phillips started as a poor farm boy who turned barber, baker, and finally oil man. See the "Grand Lady of Cherokee Avenue" at 1107 Cherokee Ave, Bartlesville, OK, 74003, phone (918) 336-2491. I have a call into the Frank Phillips home so may learn more about the tours when I get a call-back.

Before the trip you can reach us at home at (405) 947-2061. On the trip we can be reached on Bill's cell phone at (405) 206-5097. Hope you can make it!

June Birthday Bash

By Dave Miller

For the second year in a row Darrel and Lynn Whipple have offered to host the club's June Birthday Bash at their home. For those that weren't able to attend last year, you don't want to miss it this year. The Whipples really know how to throw a party!

The Birthday Bash will be held on Sunday, June 6th at 4:00PM.

The weather in August can be brutally hot. For this reason the club officers have decided to move the Fiesta Party to September. If you are interested in hosting the Fiesta Party this year, please contact Larry or myself and we'll provide you with all the details.

Update Note from J.R. & Dawn Scott

Dear Miata friends; Sure would like to make the Price Tower trip with you guys but at this time I am a little afraid to get to far from my Doctor at the OU Medical Center. It looks like my surgery on February 2nd, went well but it is still too soon to tell for sure. This has been my first week back at work since the surgery and I am doing sort of O.K. After making 5 trips to one ER or another in the last year I sure want to make sure that I am O.K. before traveling to far from home or my doctor.

We sure miss hanging with you guys and am looking forward to getting back to club activities soon.

Sad News for the Poska Family

Joyce Poska's mother, Mary Tinker, passed away on February 16th. Please send your thoughts and prayers to her and her family.

February Renewals

Janice & Theran Fries
Del & Vonda Rentzel
Darrel & Lynn Whipple

David & Elaine Reeves
Michael & Janet Sherry

“Miatas in Moab” Trip Information

By Howard High and Larry Johnson

Plan on meeting Wednesday, May 12th, at the Braum's in Yukon, exit 136, and departing, AIS at 8:00AM. We will lunch in Amarillo at the Big Texan. We should arrive in Albuquerque at 7:00 or 8:00PM. I will have maps for everyone at departure with the pit stops, of course as required. We will have to use cell phones as I don't have a radio in Le's car. I plan on gas fill ups every other stop or so.

The primary hotel is the Route 66 Casino Hotel approximately 18 miles west of the city at exit 139, the other hotels are at exit 155 on the west side of town. The Hotel information is:

Route 66 Casino Hotel, (505) 352-7898, rate \$66.00 with a casino card
LaQuinta, rate \$79.00
Hampton Inn, rate \$109.00.

When you call for reservation at the Route 66 Casino Hotel you will be quoted a rate of \$79 but after obtaining a card (show your drivers license at the players' club desk in the casino to get your card) then when you register the rate is \$66.

On Thursday, our day will be I-40 to Gallup, then north through Shiprock and Corte Colorado into Utah. This leg of the trip is approximately 250 miles. My Cell phone (405) 213-4540, Le's (405) 227-5184. If some of you stay in town, we will plan a time to meet at the Casino Hotel and depart together.

At the conclusion of the event on Sunday, May 6th, everybody is on their own for the return trip to Oklahoma City. Ken and Gail Priddy, Leah and I are planning on doing some sightseeing on the way back. We will leave Moab on Sunday afternoon and drive to Durango Colorado (159 Miles). We are staying in Durango for two nights, May 16th and 17th. On Monday the 17th, we are taking the Durango to Silverton narrow gauge railroad round trip from Durango to Silverton. We will be leaving Durango early on the morning of the 18th and driving to Santa Fe New Mexico (241 Miles). Sightseeing in Santa Fe for about 3 hours, having lunch and driving on to Tucumcari New Mexico (166 Miles). Spending the night in Tucumcari on the 18th. Leaving Tucumcari on the 19th and arriving in Oklahoma City the evening of the 19th (368 Miles). The following is a list of motels and the train that we have reservations for including the phone number and/or web site and the price. If anybody would like to join us feel free to do so. If you have any questions give me a call or email me. My home is (405) 285-4259. All your questions will be answered promptly by our tour directors' office. (Gail and Leah)

Motel: Place: Durango CO
Name: Doubletree Hotel
Price: \$133.00 Per Night (Staying two nights 16th and 17th May)
Phone: 1-970-259-6580

Place: Tucumcari NM
Name: Holiday Inn Express
Price: \$89.00 Per Night (Staying one night the 18th of May)
Phone: 1-575-461-3333

Durango to Silverton Train Trip: Date May 17th, Price is \$119.00 per person round trip from Durango to Silverton. Price will vary due to the accommodations' requested. For Reservation Phone: 1-970-247-2733, Web Site for Train is www.durangotrain.com .

Nitrogen for Your Tires

Stolen from the Internet by Terry Willey

Why should I consider filling my tires with Nitrogen?

1. Better Fuel Consumption:
 - Nitrogen gas is slower than air to leak from tires because of the larger size molecule, therefore, proper inflation pressure is maintained longer ensuring a more consistent ride and better gas mileage.
2. Improved Tire Life:
 - Improper air pressure is one reason that tires wear improperly and quickly. Because nitrogen-filled tires maintain proper air pressure longer they provide more “even” tire regular wear.
3. Improved Tire Endurance:
 - Compressed air contains moisture, so in addition to inconsistent tire’s inflation pressure, the moisture can also react with the rubber compounds in the tire, causing them to break down and lose their strength and durability.
4. Improved Tire Running Stability:
 - Nitrogen filled tires maintain a more consistent tire pressure; cooler running; longer tread life; less oxidation of tire components, and reduced rim and wheel corrosion.
5. If my new car comes with compressed air filled tires, can I switch to nitrogen?
 - Yes, the compressed air from your tires—along with the moisture that is found in compressed air can be purged – and refilled with nitrogen quickly and for a minimal charge.
6. What if I have nitrogen-filled tires and I have a flat with no access to refill the flat with nitrogen, then what?
 - Normal air is about 78% nitrogen; so adding compressed air will lower the nitrogen purity, but not cause any adverse affects on the tire or vehicle as long as the tire pressure is at the proper level. The tire should be purged and re-inflated with nitrogen as soon as possible. If a nitrogen-inflated “steer” tire has been refilled with air, you should let the nitrogen out of the other steer tire and re-filled with compressed air until both can be purged and re-filled with nitrogen.
7. Can I fill other vehicles with nitrogen or should it only be used in automobile tires?
 - Nitrogen-filled tires are great for just about “anything that has tires,” including boat trailers, RV’s, motorcycles, trucks and more. One benefit of nitrogen-filled tires is that they lose air more slowly than compressed air tires, making nitrogen a great choice for vehicles that are used infrequently.
8. How will I know if my tires are filled with nitrogen?
 - The industry standard is to place a green cap in the tire stem—this denotes nitrogen filled tires.
9. Will filling my tires with nitrogen negate any warranties on my tires or vehicle?
 - Absolutely not, in fact, Nitrogen Inflation is supported by Michelin, BF Goodrich, Goodyear and many more tire manufactures for its ability to better retain pressure for a longer period of time.

Note: Nitrogen for your tires is available from our friends at Bob Moore Mazda for under \$40 for the life of your tires including your spare..

When Will it all End?



Steve Groce sent this picture of his Miata after one of the snow storms from the 2009/2010 winter. Makes you wish for some 85 degree, top down, wind in your hair (or hairs as the case may be) days. Surely it can't be too far off.

For Sale



Selling my 2008 Lexus ES350, if you know of anyone who might be interested please forward.

Purchased new in August 2008, factory warranty good through August 2012, original window sticker \$38,880.00, one owner, non-smoker, accident free, always garage kept, immaculate condition, 20,700 miles, blue tooth, heated and cooled seats, power everything, rear sunshade. Asking \$29,500. Call me with any questions at 613-5656. Linda Hall

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

Phone (405) 789-8862, Fax (405) 789-8879, Email snpock@sbcglobal.net

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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