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From The Top

After a snow storm delay, the March meeting was held on the 28th of March. We had a good turnout. There was the same number of attendees (37) as last month enjoying the hot wings and good conversation.

The winners of the Wal-Mart Gift certificates were; Sandy and Fred Storm, and repeat winners Elaine and David Reeves.

Please check your email periodically. Harold is really good about sending out changes that effect club members and events. Some of our events are subject to change as circumstances dictate.

Speaking of events, Dave Miller our VP and Events Director had some good news. As you have already heard Darrel and Lynn Whipple will be hosting the Club's Birthday Bash in June. Mary Ann and Steve Schmitt will be hosting the Fiesta Party in September. If they need any help I'm sure all they have to do is ask, and the Club members will assist in any way we can.

My safety tip for this month is a little long so I asked Harold to make it a separate item in the newsletter. I copied the article from the internet. I don't believe our cars would hold up well if we collide with a deer. I'm sure living in Oklahoma we have come close, or know someone who has hit one. I have also noticed that deer love to graze on golf courses so if you live close to a course be extra watchful.

"Welcome" New Members

None

Larry

'WE DRIVE FOR FOOD'

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

April 18th (Sunday). **Cocina De Mino Restaurante Mexicano, 12325 N May, OKC, 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). Zio's Italian Kitchen, 2035 S Meridan Ave, OKC (located on the west side of the street), 680-9999.

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". Leaders: Mary Ann & Steve Schmitt.

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.

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 - Road Trip, "Fall Foliage Tour". TBA. Leaders: TBA.

November - TBA. Leaders: Jack & Phyllis Poe.

December - No SD&D.

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.

Stripes (Not the Movie) or I Actually Went Through With It And I Am So Glad I Did!! By Jerri Hood

Here are a couple of pictures of my "new and improved" little Miata. Since there are a couple of cars just like mine in the club (same color), I wanted to stand out a little! I think this accomplished that! I'm loving it! The pictures aren't the greatest - I lost my camera and had to drive out to my Mom's in Shawnee to get pictures. It looks really AWESOME in person, though. Just an encouragement to everyone that it's okay to have a little bit of fun with their cars!!



March Renewals

Pam & Bobby Butler
Tom Douglass
Wallace & Sharon Millinger

Suzanne Butler/Kieth Hopson
Don Ethridge
Joe & Sandra Nunnally

Jim & Jean Calder
David Matz
Fred & Sandie Strom

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.

Avoiding Deer/Auto Collisions Submitted by Larry Johnson

The explosion in the deer population has led to the increase in deer/auto collisions. Losses due to deer and auto encounters will only increase as the deer population continues to grow and urban habitats encroach upon rural environments.

According to the National Safety Council, in 2000, there were 520,000 animal-related accidents resulting in 100 deaths and 4,000 injuries.

Deer/auto collision cost about \$2,000 per claim for repairs and injuries. However, costs could run as high as \$8,000.

Defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer:

- Be vigilant in early morning and evening hours, the most active time for deer.
- Use your high-beam headlights.
- Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away.
- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path. Do not swerve. It can confuse the deer as to where to run. It can also cause you to lose control and hit a tree or another car.
- Be alert and drive with caution when you are moving through a deer crossing zone.
- Always wear your seat belt. Most people injured in deer/auto crashes were not wearing their seat belt.
- Look for other deer after one has crossed the road. Deer seldom run alone.

If your vehicle strikes a deer, do not touch the animal. The frightened animal, in attempting to move, could hurt you or itself. The best procedure is to get your car off the road, if possible, and call the police.

Contact your insurance agent or company representative to report any damage to your car. Collision with an animal is usually covered under the comprehensive portion of your auto insurance policy.

999 to Go

by Susan Schmidt

There's a new book, 1,000 Places to See in the USA and Canada Before You Die by Patricia Schultz. Bartlesville with Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower is one of those places. Fourteen cars made the drive to Bartlesville and 25 members spent the night in Wright's only skyscraper. Based on our experience and the many positive comments, this trip was a big success. It was an historic opportunity and based on the number of cameras clicking, **Harold Everett** may be overwhelmed with photos for the web site. But you had to be there to get the full story. Like the elevator that kept going up part way and returning to the lobby still full of people! We got a hardy laugh over that.

We had a great turn out with the always-ready-to-go-crowd. **Kathryn and Loyd Dobbins** brought up the tail on the drive through some beautiful country. Route 66 to Chandler, North to Cushing, then to Pawhuska and directly to lunch at the Two Sisters Bar & Grill was a scenic route worth taking again. Other regulars included: **Larry & Leah Johnson, Teddy Markwell & Charlotte Banks, Jack & Phyllis Poe, Bill & Joyce Poska, David & Elaine Reeves, and Fred & Sandie Strom**. This was the first trip for **Donna Childress** and husband **Bill**. She bought **Ray & Patti Marshall's** 1995 Classic Red. Ray's back problems forced them to sell their Miata but they would be pleased to see what Donna's done to their car with new top, interior, and 16-inch wheels. **Jerri Hood's** friend followed part way in his Mazda but stopped short of seeing the used MX-5 for sale. We're always looking for new members. This was the first overnight trip for **Deb & Jim Jones** who joined last July. And although **Christina & Dean Kiser** and **Kathy & Nick Morrison** have been members for several years, they are planning to open up their schedules to do more with the club in the future. Good deal and welcome. In fact the Kisers have been members long enough to be on their second MX-5.

The Kiser's 2007 Copper Red may be the car purchased by **Suzanne Butler**. Suzanne and her daughter made the drive and stayed late to eat with us at Montana Mikes before heading home. Suzanne had to get back for the Sports Car Club of America's event at Remington Park on Sunday. She has been doing the autocross like events and won the Ladies Hot Shoe award last year for her number of events and run times. Harold has started posting those events on the club calendar so check them out. There are two events in April and the base cost is about \$20 to enter. Those events offer an exciting twist to our driving experience.

As I type this, Bill and I are RV camping in the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge. We spent the weekend participating in the Sierra Club's Topographical Map and Compass training lead by an Oklahoma Geological Survey geologist. We combined the skills we learned in reading the map and taking compass bearings on several hikes. Like the autocross, Sierra Club events are exciting and unique opportunities to experience an event or challenge you would otherwise miss. Parts of the experience you might want to miss. Like the first day out, I found eight ticks on me! Plus I am doctoring numerous chigger bites! So, I have discovered another good thing about the Miata club events. We drive fast enough to stay ahead of such blood sucking critters.

While in the Lawton area we crossed another experience off the list of 1,000 things to do before we die. We ate a longhorn "Meersburger" at a ramshackled restaurant in Meers, Oklahoma. Before we finished lunch we ordered a full course take-out BBQ dinner for four for only \$17. That was the bargain of the century and would make a great menu for a picnic at the wildlife refuge for a Miata club LD&D. The Meers Store has been a local favorite for maybe a hundred years and has gotten numerous national recommendations but still wasn't listed on our GPS. Now that we know the way we might have to lead you on that drive too!

“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 .

Items from Teddy Markwell our Secretary/Treasurer

Club Annual dues for 2010 were due in January, 2010, and if the club members have not paid their's as of yet, PLEASE DO SO.

I've had several request for the Magnetic signs and need to find out as soon as possible how many to order. I currently have three sets ordered, two pre-paid at \$20 set. I will turn this order in on April 15th so the signs can be ready before the trips. You may email me at teddylou@cox.net or call and leave a message with your order at 692-2895.

Miata For Sale

For sale, 2006 MX-5 Miata Grand Touring, Brilliant Black, Saddle Tan Leather, 35,000 miles, perfect condition, \$12,500. Call Marilyn & Darrell Barton at (405) 340-8529.

Miata For Sale and Miata Wanted By Tom Wyatt

I am a Miata owner in southern Oklahoma who is looking to sell one and buy another ASAP. Currently I have a 92, red, 100,000 miles, automatic, that was serviced for timing belt, water pump, belts and hoses just last summer at 97,000 miles. Paint is not good and wife wants a prettier, newer model. Tell interested people about it. I am looking to replace it with something in the 96-2000 range for around \$7500 more or less. I saw the club in OKC on the Miata web site and thought someone might be interested. My phone number is (580) 276-0838. I need \$3000 for mine. We live in Marietta south of Ardmore. Sure looking for a newer one if you know of anyone wanting to get rid of theirs.

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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