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## "Welcome" New Members

None

## From The Top

WOW - What a good month we had for the club. We had 39 members present at the monthly meeting. Howard High and Le Yeatts are getting us ready for the Moab UT trip being held in May. Also we have a few members getting ready for the Miata's in Eureka Springs rally to be held in June (more on that after the May General meeting).

Ken and Gail Priddy lead us on a really great LD&D on the 24th of April. There were 16 or 17 cars present depends on who you talk too. I counted 16, so 16 it is. The weather was typical for Oklahoma with cool temperatures, clouds, light sprinkling rain, sunshine and wind. It was my first LD&D where everybody brought their own sack lunch and we had a picnic for our noon meal. Plenty of room to move around and visit and there was so much food. And all the food looked great. But I don't think too many tried Jack Poe's meals ready to eat (MRE). Leah and I didn't know you were supposed to bring table cloths and all. We will be better prepared next time. The lunch, tour of the USS Batfish and Catfish dinner was a huge success. Again Thanks to Ken and Gail for all their hard work and planning.

We also had some guest on our LD&D. Teddy Markwell brought a friend of hers Barbara Peck. A couple from the Northeast Oklahoma Miata Club (NOE), Mike and Judy Wheat joined up with us at the Azalea Gardens. Also joining us was Geoffrey (Jeff) Goodman, a soldier going to school at Fort Sill before being stationed in South Korea. There was several offers to take care of his car while he was gone. But I think his parents have that covered.

I'm learning things as the year goes along. Past presidents Bill and Susan Schmidt told me if I have an announcement to make wait until everybody is eating for that is the only time our club members are quite. Very good suggestion.

## **Safety Tip: Cell Phones & Driving**

Drivers who are distracted by talking on a cell phone or dialing numbers while they are driving are causing more and more accidents. Some municipalities have banned using cell phones

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## Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

**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.

**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 13th (Sunday)** - Meet at Loves at SW 89th and I-44 for 2:00PM departure. Leaders: Phillip & JoAnn Hudson, Cell 426-5066.

**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](mailto: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.

## SD&D

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

We will meet at Loves at SW 89<sup>th</sup> and I-44 and will be departing Loves at 2:00PM and will arrive at our destination at approximately 3:15. We will be driving by some possible points of interest, so you may want to hook up your CB for this short drive. Leaders: Phillip and JoAnn Hudson: Cell: 426-5066.

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while driving because it has caused such a major problem.

If you must talk while you drive, the safest way is to have a hands-free cell phone cradle installed in your car so you can speak while driving with two hands. Even so, remember to stay aware of what is going on around you on the road. It's easy to get so engrossed in conversation that you miss exits or don't notice what other drivers are doing. Better yet, wait until you have arrived at your destination or pull over to the side of the road to begin your cell phone conversations.

If you have someone riding shotgun let them do the talking on the CB radios or on the Cell Phone it is a lot safer.

Larry

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### 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 24th - 27th, 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/mania10.html>.

August 6th - 8th, 2010. **Romp Through the Rockies.** The Heartland Miata Club is sponsoring this event. For more information check out <http://www.heartlandmiata.com>.

October 14th - 17th, 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>.

May 19th - 22nd, 2011. **Miatas in the Ozarks.** The Northwest Arkansas Miata Club is sponsoring this event. For more information check out <http://www.nwamiataclub.com/MitO/>.

September 25th, 2011. Peak to Peak is planning another **Miata Mountain Gold** event probably in Breckenridge, Colorado. Watch for more information at <http://www.peaktopeakmiata.org/>.

### March Renewals

Gay & Bill Ashcraft

Chris & Rachael Renoud

Robert Kelso

Glenn & Cate Stowe

Ron & Sherry Meek

Ben & Nena Welch/McDonough

## **“Miatas in Moab” Trip Information**

### **By Howard High and Larry Johnson**

Plan on meeting Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. On Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Leaving Tucumcari on the 19<sup>th</sup> and arriving in Oklahoma City the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> (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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.durangotrain.com) .

## Bobby & Pam Butler's High Mileage Miata

The Butlers' 1992 Classic Red Miata hit another milestone of 333,333 miles on March 21st, 2010.



### 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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