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From The Top

We hear the word all the time and some of us may use it on a daily basis, and yet it can conjure up a different meaning to each of us. That word is “Miata”. To some outside of this Club they have no idea what a Miata is or who makes it, some would say “oh yeah that’s a little car for little people”.

As Kenny and I were getting into our Miata the other day the gentleman getting into the car beside us commented on what an “awesome “ little car we had, then asked how it drove. Of course we had to say “there’s nothing like it”, and it goes fast. His curiosity spread to a couple of other patrons who had to walk around our car and wanted to look inside also. As all of us should, we told them about our Club, runs we go on together and our meetings. Once again this past week I met a couple who owed a Miata and I expressed how we would love to have them join us sometime...and they plan on it. We find it easy to “show off” our cars, talk about the engines, and express our desires for a turbo sound and loud horn to those we meet. But one can only know the deeper meaning of the word “Miata” when you actually belong to a club like the Central Oklahoma Miata Club. With that “belonging” come friendships, laughter, camaraderie and support. We are truly blessed to be part of this Miata family. I can’t thank those enough who step up to the plate and lead runs or serve as officers. With so many things going on in our lives it is an awesome feeling to know you can count on those people who share a command bond – our love for the Miata.

M = Memories created

I = Intelligent members

A = Awesome friendships

T = Talented folks

A = Active & Alive!

I am continually amazed by the participation in our Club. Even in this horrendous heat we are getting out and spending time together. Isn’t it great!

Gail Priddy

‘SEE YOU ON THE ROAD!’

“Welcome”

New Members

Guy & Jayne Davis
Leo & Celia Lacher/Jones
Robert & Carol Lee
Marlena Lister
Larry & Judy Taylor

Renewals

David Matz
Doug & Pat Miller

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

August 21st, Sunday, 6:00PM. Monthly Meeting, Harry Bear's, 2113 Riverwalk Dr., Moore, 799-2327.

September 17th, Saturday, TBA. Monthly Meeting, "Summer Fiesta Party". Loyd & Kathryn Dobbins' Home.

October 1st, Saturday, 8:00AM. Monthly Meeting, "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. For more information see the September Newsletter or call Jerri Hood, 802-7619.

November 20th, Sunday, 6:00PM. Monthly Meeting, "Soups On". TBA. Leaders: Bill & Susan Schmidt.

December 3rd, Saturday, 6:30PM. Monthly Meeting, "Club Christmas Party". The Center. 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.

August 6th, Saturday, SD&D. Meet at 3:30PM at the Braum's, 3004 NE 63rd, OKC, to leave at 4:00PM and eat at 5:00PM. Leaders: Dave & Linda Miller, cell phone - 204-8123.

August 6th, Saturday, LD&D, NEO Miata Club-Full Belly Drive #2. Meet at the Braum's at 317 N Gilcrease Museum Rd, Tulsa at 9:30AM to depart at 10:00AM.

August 27th, Saturday, SD&D. TBA by email. Leader: Jerri Hood, 802-7619.

2011 SCCA Solo Events by Suzanne Butler

August 14th, September 11th & 24th, October 9th & 22nd. All regular events at Remington Park.

Future Events

September 22nd - 25th, 2011. "Miata Mountain Gold". Hosted by the Peak to Peak Miata Club in Breckenridge, Colorado. Come join the fun as we zoom across the Rocky Mountains in search of aspen gold. Warm days, cool nights and maybe some snow will truly make this a memorable trip. Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center has a casual atmosphere and exceptional room rates. They are offering free internet service to event attendees. Other amenities include free garage parking, 2 heated pools, 7 outdoor hot tubs, game room, 9-hole indoor mini-golf, fitness room and free in town shuttle. Event activities include exciting new mountain drives, group photo and banquet. And there is no registration fee! You'll find all the event details, including the registration form, at <http://www.mountaingold.peaktopeakmiata.org/>. Registration close August 31st.

October 6th - 9th, 2011. "Cruise, Brews and BBQ". Hosted by the Heartland Miata Club. Registration closes July 31st. Limited to 115 Miatas. Website: <http://www.heartlandmiata.com>.

Jerri's Ruminations

We have two drives scheduled for this month. I know it is extremely hot and so our drives are planned for hopefully when it is starting to cool off a little in the afternoon/evening time.

Our first is this very weekend, Saturday, August 6th. We are meeting at about 3:30 at the Braum's at 3004 N.E. 63rd. We will be leaving there at 4:00. Leaders Dave and Linda Miller. 204-8123.

I will lead a drive on Saturday, August 27th. Having never led one, I am getting some help in mapping my drive out and I haven't finalized my drive yet, so my details will be put on the calendar next week and I will ask Harold to send out an email to everyone with details of my drive. So mark your calendars for my August 27th drive and details will follow next week. We will plan on eating around 4:00 or 4:30, probably leaving somewhere in the vicinity of 2:30 or 3:00 in the afternoon. But I will let everyone know via email.

We have had great turnouts at the "Meet and Eat" events. So if anyone else wants to plan one of those, for anytime of the day meal that would be awesome. It has just been miserably hot to try to get out and do a drive. But I know we all really like getting together and visiting with each other.

NEO Miata Club - Full Belly Drive #2

Saturday, August 6th, meet at the Braum's at 317 N Gilcrease Museum Rd, Tulsa, at 9:30AM, depart at 10:00AM. 2nd in the "Burger Joint Drives": "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" hosted by Bill and Carol Laws. This is a leisurely drive to our lunch destination. Following lunch we will drive 20 more miles to visit the real location of "Little House on the Prairie". For those ready to return home after lunch, we will be very close to I-75; about an hour from Tulsa. After 1 or 2 potty breaks, we will arrive at our lunch site between 12:30 and 1:00PM. We know the owners and ate there recently. They have a large menu featuring hamburgers, barbecue etc. Our food was great and very reasonably priced. They make real handcut french fries! After lunch off to "Little House on the Prairie" with a replica house on it. Back in Tulsa between 3:00 to 4:00.

Anniversary T-Shirts By Jerri Hood

I will be placing another order very soon for more t-shirts, as we have been blessed with so many new members!! A lot of you have mentioned wanting to bring your own shirts in this time to have them printed. That is great! For those of you who mentioned liking the style of mine, I got it at Target. It is Merona brand and they are \$10 each. They have several different colors, but that is where I got the grey and white ones I had printed last time. They also have long-sleeve. Just remember, you don't have to print it on white. I think everyone has seen my grey one and how good the print looks on grey. I am going to try a red one on the next print. I would recommend getting into Target (or wherever you choose) pretty quickly and picking those up, because I imagine they will stop selling those pretty soon once they start putting fall stuff in the stores.

At any rate, those of you who would like to print on your own shirts - get in touch with me and let me know you will have shirts and how many. And get them to me next time you see me. Those of you who wish to purchase t-shirts and haven't done so, or want additional shirts, get in touch with me and let me know what sizes you want and how many. I'd like to get this order turned in relatively soon.

Contact Jerri at 802-7619.

Want A Midlife Crisis Car? Try A Miata
By Tom And Ray Magliozzi, Oklahoman Published: July 4, 2011

Dear Tom and Ray:

My lovely wife has always said that I could have any car I want to satisfy my midlife crisis. I am turning 50 this year and had thought of getting a roadster/sports car. I have dreams of driving down the road with the top down and my beautiful wife next to me. Unfortunately, I am somewhat practical and don't want to spend a great deal of money. I have looked at some classic sports cars, such as an MG Midget and Austin-Healey Sprite. However, I am fearful of getting a garage car (a car that never leaves the garage), and wonder whether there is a more reliable alternative. Please advise. Unvarnished comments are welcome. Thank you. -- Tom

RAY: From your choice of cars, I can see you're seeking out a midlife crisis, with the emphasis on "crisis," Tom. You've picked some real heaps.

TOM: Oh, *au contraire*, Piston Puss! Those are great cars! You get the wind blowing through your hair -

RAY: - as you get pulled along by the tow truck.

TOM: You get the feel of the road -

RAY: - every single pebble.

TOM: You get the smell of the gasoline -

RAY: - and the burning oil - and the impending electrical fires. These cars are the very definition of "garage cars," Tom. And they SHOULD stay in the garage, because not only are they unreliable, they're unsafe, too.

TOM: So you wear a football helmet.

RAY: Tom, choose carefully here. If you screw up your midlife crisis the first time, you're just going to have to do it all over again.

TOM: Which is what I've been doing for the past 30 years!

RAY: What you need, Tom, is a Mazda Miata. Back in the 1980s, the engineers at Mazda said, "What if we built one of those great, British-style sports cars - a two-seater, convertible, low to the ground, with just enough power and superb handling - but, unlike the MGs and Triumphs, we made one that STARTS every day?"

TOM: That idea became the Miata. And since Mazda's been making them for 20 years now, you can find one in almost any condition, and at almost any price point you want.

RAY: Right. So if you want to simulate an old MG Midget, get a Miata that's been stored under a pile of leaves for the past 10 years. Or, if you want one you can actually enjoy, find a more recent one in

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good condition.

TOM: I can endorse the Miata, Tom. It's a lot of fun, even though it doesn't leak enough oil for my taste. Happy crisis!

You want to buy a used car, but how do you find a good one? Tom and Ray can help! Order "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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2004 MazdaSpeed Miata For Sale From Tom Douglass

I have my 2004 MazdaSpeed Miata for sale in case a member would be interested.

This is the Velocity Red factory-turbocharged MazdaSpeed Miata (MSM), stock black cloth seats with red inserts, like-new Kumho SPT tires on stock RacingHart 17" wheels. MSM models also include a 6-speed manual transmission and Limited Slip Differential. The MSM is a limited production special Miata produced only for model years 2004 and 2005. There were 4000 produced in 2004 with this car being number 3488. The car is in nearly new condition, no accidents and has only 13,334 miles.

Performance mods:

Flyin' Miata Little Enchilada systems for enhancing the turbo system, Flyin' Miata's complete exhaust system makes the turbo run sweet, Bell oversized intercooler for maximum turbo boost, By-pass-valve instead of Blow-off-valve for quieter running, Installed 3.63 Ring and Pinion w/ speedo gear for better highway use, Replaced suspension with Bilstein PSS system (adjustable height at each corner), Like new Kumho 215-40/17 SPT tires, A-column mounted boost gauge.

Accessories:

Frenzy Wave Bar, Satin stretch car cover (\$190 new), Cotton cab/windshield cover, Cool air scoop for interior, Factory add-on front mud guards, Front skirt, Rear mud guards (not installed), Color matched metal door edge guards, Visor blanking plates, High flow grille (black), Interior light (not installed), Recently new Wesco battery (always on battery tender)

I bought the car on February 26, 2006, but have had less and less time to drive and enjoy this great car. More of my vehicular leisure time has been focused on motorcycling. Photos will be happily provided via email attachments upon request.

My location is Edmond, OK. The price is \$15,000 firm. My email address is tom@1099-etc.com.

Miata For Sale From Michael & Janet Sherry



For Sale, 2007 Mazda MX5 Miata Grand Touring Retractable Hardtop, \$19,500, approximately 43,100 miles, 6-Speed Manual Transmission, Run-flat tires with approximately 6,000 miles, A/C, Power Windows, Powder Locks, Leather Seats, All-weather and carpet floor mats, 6 Disk CD Changer plays MP3. Call 343-0974.

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.

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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.

Miata for Sale?

Let us know if are selling your Miata. We get many inquiries from people wanting to buy a good used Miata. Maybe we can help you make a connection.



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