

ZOOM ZOOM REVIEW

CENTRAL OK MIATA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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ON THE ROAD

Jim Briggs

Well we took a few lumps at our birthday celebration but in the end the fellowship was great and a whole bunch of T-shirts were won in the drawing. More news later about the catering.

Many of us attended Maghen's birthday drive which was a great success. I'll never forget the look on her face when Ed handed her the keys to her Miata.

July's meeting will be on the 23rd at one of our old stomping grounds, Rudy's in Norman. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm. No pre-meeting drive scheduled yet; we will be in contact if one is planned. Don't forget about Fred's Ozark drive.

So until we meet again keep on ZOOMING.



THREE CHEERS FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

1990 MIATAS IN THE THREE ORIGINAL LAUNCH COLORS.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Birthday Party Update...

Dave Miller, COMC Treasurer

For those of you that missed the COMC Birthday Party, we had a great time! There were some issues, but I think everybody was understanding and adapted.

If you attended the party, I still have the list and you will NOT have to pay to attend the Fiesta Party. Our caterer for the birthday party has refunded our invoice price and your meal was at "no charge". The catering manager said "it is the right thing to do" and we thank him for owning the situation.

If you have any questions, please see me at the next meeting... and thanks to all who were able to attend.

July 23, 2023

5 pm Sunday

Rudy's BBQ

3450 Chataqua Ave.

Norman OK 73072

**More info on a pre-meeting
drive comin up later!**

August 20, 2023

5 pm Sunday

Catfish Roundup

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EVENTS

EUREKA SPRINGS TRIP

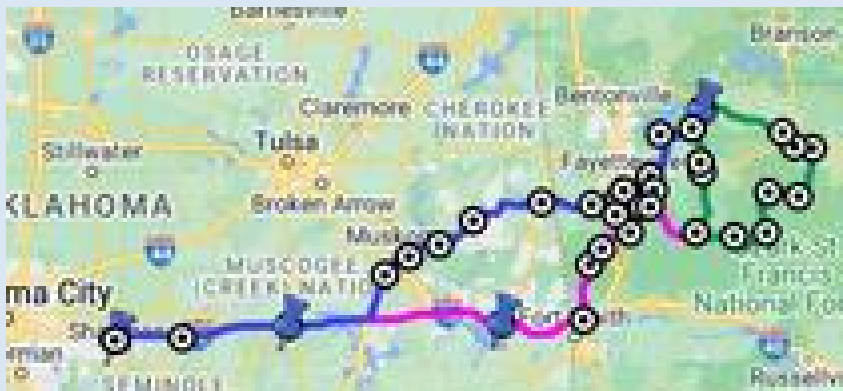
Sept 29 - Oct 1

DOMINO COVENIENCE STORE

N. HARRISON & E. 45TH IN SHAWNEE OK 74804

8:30 AM

EVENT MOTEL: COUNTRY MOUNTAIN INN, 4112
E VAN BUREN, EUREKA SPRINGS AR 72632
(479) 253-7120 A BLOCK OF ROOMS ARE SET
UP. MENTION "COMC" WHEN MAKING
RESERVATIONS FOR DISCOUNTED RATE.



Miata's at the Gap – August 3 – 6 Fontana Village TN

Miata Reunion – October 21 & 22nd Sonoma Raceway CA

GROUP DRIVE GENERAL GUIDELINES

PROVIDED BY FRED ADKINS

- **CHOOSE A LEADER AND A SWEEPER:** OBVIOUSLY THE LEADER SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE ROUTE, AVAILABLE REST STOPS, LIMITATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND OF COURSE, CONVOY ETIQUETTE. SOMEONE SHOULD ALSO BE DESIGNATED TO BRING UP THE REAR. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE ROUTE AND CONVOY ETIQUETTE, AND BE IN COMMUNICATION (VIA GMRS RADIO/FRS RADIO AND/OR CELL PHONE) WITH THE LEADER. THE SWEEP SHOULD RUN WITH HEADLIGHTS ON TO MAKE IT EASIER TO KEEP TRACK OF THE TAIL END.
- **SPEED:** PROBABLY THE MOST DIFFICULT AND CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE PEOPLE WHO THINK THE SPEED IS TOO SLOW AND OTHERS WHO THINK IT'S TOO FAST. IF THE GROUP IS SMALL ENOUGH AND THE LEADER HAS A CHANCE TO REACH A CONSENSUS BEFORE STARTING, THEN I WOULD GO WITH THAT. KEEP IN MIND THAT (IF YOU WANT TO STAY TOGETHER) THE SLOWEST VEHICLE IN THE GROUP WILL DETERMINE YOUR MAXIMUM SPEED. OTHERWISE, THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT IS THE MOST LOGICAL TARGET SPEED, ESPECIALLY ON THE FREEWAY. ON SECONDARY ROADS, IT'S A LITTLE MORE PROBLEMATIC. THE POSTED SPEED CAN SOMETIMES BE DRAMATICALLY SLOWER THAN THE PREVAILING SPEED. IN THAT CASE, A 5 MILE OVER POSTED SPEED MAY BE THE BEST OPTION. IN ANY EVENT, YOU NEED TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PULL OVER AND LET FASTER TRAFFIC PASS. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A CONVOY THAT'S TRAVELING FASTER THAN YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE, THEN YOU NEED TO DROP OUT AND/OR POSITION YOURSELF IN THE BACK. IT'S INCONSIDERATE TO STAY NEAR THE FRONT OR MIDDLE WITH THE CARS AHEAD DISAPPEARING AND THE ONES BEHIND STACKED UP ON YOUR TAIL
- **SAFETY FIRST:** THIS SHOULD BE EVERYONE'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. ONE WAY TO PROMOTE SAFETY IS TO OBEY THE LAW. THERE ARE LAWS AGAINST SPEEDING, FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE, DISTRACTED DRIVING, IMPEDING TRAFFIC AND (NON-EMERGENCY) STOPPING ON THE FREEWAY. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT OBEYING THESE LAWS ARE A GOOD WAY TO ENHANCE SAFETY ON A CRUISE.
- **START WITH A FULL TANK AND AN EMPTY BLADDER:** ENUF SAID.
- **REGROUP:** THE LEADER NEEDS TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS AT LEAST IN THEIR CARS WHEN HE LEAVES THE PARKING LOT, AND IF PRACTICAL, STOP TO REGROUP SHORTLY AFTER STARTING (BUT DON'T JUST PULL OVER ON THE SHOULDER OF THE FREEWAY-THAT'S NOT LEGAL OR SAFE). KEEP IN MIND THAT IF THE LEADER IS DRIVING JUST 60 MPH, AND IT TAKES THE LAST CAR 5 MINUTES TO GET OUT OF THE PARKING LOT, THEN THEY WILL BE 5 MILES APART AT THE BEGINNING. THAT MEANS THE LAST CAR WOULD HAVE TO DRIVE 75MPH (FOR 20 MINUTES) TO CATCH UP! DRIVING AT A SLOWER PACE FOR THE FIRST FEW MILES IS AN ALTERNATIVE IF PULLING OVER IS NOT PRACTICAL.
- **LIGHTS AND SIGNALS:** AS MENTIONED, IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR THE SWEEP CAR TO RUN WITH HEADLIGHTS ON. FLASH HEADLIGHTS TO SIGNAL A MECHANICAL OR OTHER PROBLEM AND TURN SIGNALS SHOULD BE USED GENEROUSLY.
- **BREAKS:** AS WITH SPEED, THE LIMITATIONS OF YOUR LEAST HARDY PARTICIPANT MAY DETERMINE HOW FREQUENTLY YOU STOP. AS A RULE, YOU NEVER WANT TO DRIVE MORE THAN 2 HOURS WITHOUT A BREAK, AND A BREAK WITHIN 1 HOUR OF ANY MEAL STOP WOULD BE PRUDENT.
- **BREAKDOWNS:** YOU DON'T WANT TO SCRUB OR UNDULY DELAY THE TRIP BECAUSE OF ONE BREAKDOWN, SO IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR. YOU DON'T WANT EVERYONE PULLING OVER ON A BUSY HIGHWAY WHEN ONE CAR HAS SOME TROUBLE. THAT'S THE SWEEPS JOB AND HE SHOULD STAY WITH THE CAR UNTIL THE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED OR A "PLAN OF ACTION" (TOW TRUCK, ABORT AND RETURN HOME ETC.) IS DEVELOPED



Ed & Shelby Miller have found a small family vendor, Kreative Menagerie, who do Name tags & Personalized Miata Cups They notified us the website is active. Reminder! Items ordered in a group order is free shipping and free personalized items on cup.

Kreative Menagerie

A Menagerie of Art and Sparkle

Kreative Menagerie



**LICENSE PLATE
SURROUNDS AVAILABLE
SEE ED & SHELBY MILLER**

**\$20 A PIECE
(\$5 GOES TO CLUB)**

MIATA FOR SALE?

LET US KNOW IF YOU 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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HAVE THE CLUB LOGO EMBROIDERED ON SHIRTS, JACKETS, BLANKETS, HATS, AND OTHER ITEMS. YOU CAN BRING ARTICLES YOU BOUGHT ELSEWHERE OR BUY ITEMS IN THEIR STORE OR FROM CATALOGS THEY HAVE AVAILABLE. SPECIFY THE COLOR OF YOUR CAR TO PUT IN THE LOGO. THEY CAN PROBABLY MATCH THE THREAD COLOR PRETTY CLOSE IF YOU BRING A COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR CAR.



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