



ZOOM ZOOM REVIEW

Volume 19, Issue II

February 2010

Club Officers

President:

Larry Johnson (405) 285-4259 H
White; tag OUR MX5 (405) 388-1122 C

Vice President & Events Director:

David Miller (405) 948-8123 H
Yellow (405) 204-8123 C

Secretary/Treasurer:

Teddy Lou Markwell (405) 692-2895 H
Red; tag LV2ZOOM (405) 226-2722 C

Event Coordinators:

Howard & LeHigh/Yeatts (405) 736-6182 H
Red (405) 213-4540 C

Phillip & JoAnn Hudson (405) 344-6971 H
Black; tag MX5FOR2 (405) 426-5066 C

Steve & Rita Moore (405) 259-9967 H
Yellow; tag CRUZZN (405) 740-2782 C

Bill & Joyce Poska (405) 607-0908 H
Blue (405) 922-2415 C

Ken & Gail Priddy (405) 605-9062 C
Black; tag MY GUY (405) 605-9067 C

Bill & Susan Schmidt (405) 947-2061 H
Red; tag FN2ZOOM (405) 206-5097 C

Governors:

Steve Schmitt (2010) (405) 943-5758 H
Harold Everett (2011) (405) 387-4858 H

Retiring President:

Steve Moore (405) 259-9967 H

Newsletter Editor & Webmaster:

Harold Everett (405) 387-4858 H
Gray; tag 2X ZOOM (405) 623-0668 C

Website URL: <http://okcmiata.com>

Club Address: PO Box 12191
Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2191

“Welcome” New Members

Donna Childress

From The Top

The Club had a really busy month. All the functions had great attendance. Everybody must be suffering from Cabin Fever because they all stayed around and visited well after the events was over.

On the 9th Dave Miller held the annual Tour Director meeting. There were 23 members in attendance. Dave said his goal was to schedule at least one event (SD&D, LD&D, or Road Trip) each month. Steve Moore brought up that the Club needed to define the time duration of our club events. Dave and the members discussed the definitions of Short Drive and Dinner (SD&D). The reason for the discussion, if the Club would better define the duration of our drives, the members could better make plans for their day and participate more in the events. It was decided that we will have Short Drive and Dinner (SD&D) Long Drive and Dinner (LD&D) and Road Trip. Harold has listed these definitions on the events calendar.

On the 16th Dave and Linda Miller lead 16 cars and 30 members on a SD&D, 1 hour drive over back roads on a drizzly day from Oklahoma City to El Reno where we had dinner at Montana Mike's Steakhouse. This was a perfect example of a SD&D drive. The drive was a one hour long. The restaurant and destination was a surprise. We started eating at 4:00PM. The only problem was like I said at the beginning. Everybody was having so much fun and the conversation was so great I thought dinner was going to last past my bed time.

On the 23rd the General meeting was held. 44 members present. Dave Miller gave us a briefing on the Tour Directors meeting. He said he has the monthly drives pretty well covered but needed ideas for the Birthday Bash and the Fiesta Party. I, visited with our Club sponsor Bob Moore, they have a New Car Sales Manager, J. D. Couch. The big winners of the gift cards were Charlotte Banks and Karen and Mike Truel. Howard High is trying to get the Moab trip lined up. Howard needs a count on the members requiring motel reservations in Albuquerque NM. If you have a personalized license plate, send the information to Harold (not the whole plate). Harold is now listing this information on the members list. The

(Continued on page 3)

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

February 21st (Sunday). Interurban Restaurant, 1150 Ed Noble Pkwy, Norman, 307-9200.
Located at I-35 and Lindsey exit number 108 on the northwest corner, enter off of Ed Noble Pkwy.

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). TBA.

May 22nd (Saturday). TBA.

June TBA. "Birthday Bash".

July 17th (Saturday). TBA.

August TBA. "Fiesta Party".

September 19th (Sunday). TBA.

October 23rd (Saturday). TBA.

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.

February 7th (Sunday). Depart at 2:00PM from the Braum's at 4101 NW 39th Street (NW 39th St and Tulsa Ave) for a round town drive and mystery puzzle. Plan to eat at 3:00PM. Leaders: Bill & Susan Schmidt, 206-5097.

February 13th (Saturday). Depart at 12:00 noon from Sonic Drive-In at I-40 and Choctaw Rd. Leaders: Steve & Rita Moore, 740-2782.

March 13th & 14th (Saturday & Sunday). 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—TBA.

May 14th - 16th (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). Moab in Utah IV. See details at <http://utahmiataclub.com/node/11>. Leaders: Howard High/Le Yeatts.

June—TBA.

July—TBA.

August—TBA.

September—TBA.

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.

November—TBA.

December—No SD&D.

(Continued from page 1)

members took the news that the Club would not be traveling to Slapout, OK this year better than I expected. Oh, well there is always next year.

Reviewing this article it looks like Dave Miller has had a busy month. We need to give him our support and an “**At A Boy**” award. Thanks Dave.

Larry

‘WE DRIVE FOR FOOD’

Future Events

April 29th - May 2, 2010. **Miatas Doin’ The Charleston II.** Registration will be open September 1, 2009. Registration before December 31, 2009 will cost \$140 per person. The hotel at the Embassy Suites at North Charleston Convention Center will cost \$159 per night which includes a cooked-to-order breakfast each day, secured parking, and other benefits. They limit registrations to the first 150 cars and were “sold out in less than 20 days” for their first event. Call Bunny McElwee at (843) 761-4567 or check for information at <http://www.miatasdothecharleston.com>.

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.

SD&D “Be Puzzled” Sunday, February 7

By Susan Schmidt

Be ready to depart at 2:00PM from the Braum’s at 4101 NW 39th Street (NW 39th Street and Tulsa Ave) on Sunday February 7 for a round town drive and mystery puzzle. We should sit down to eat about 3:00PM. Leaders: Bill and Susan Schmidt, 206-5097.

February Monthly Meeting

The February meeting will be held on Sunday the 21st at the Interurban Restaurant, 1150 Ed Noble Pkwy, Norman, 307-9200. Located at I-35 and Lindsey exit number 108 on the northwest corner, enter off of Ed Noble Pkwy.

George Washington Didn't Sleep Here

By Susan Schmidt

George Washington didn't sleep where we are taking you but you will want to sleep there Saturday, March 13th. There are only two Frank Lloyd Wright buildings in the world where you can spend the night and one of the two is the only skyscraper Wright ever built. That historic building is the H.C. Price Company tower, named Price Tower. His skyscraper was inspired by a tree and built on the Oklahoma prairie in Bartlesville. The Price Tower is supported by a central "trunk" of four elevator shafts which are anchored in place by a deep central foundation, as a tree is by its taproot. The nineteen floors of the building are cantilevered from this central core, like the branches of a tree. The outer walls hang from the floors and are clad in patinated copper "leaves".

Wright wanted to use the design for an apartment complex of four cantilevered towers in downtown New York City but shelved the project due to the effects of the Great Depression until 1952 when Wright plucked his "tree" out of the "crowded forest" of Manhattan skyscrapers and placed it on the Oklahoma prairie. The multi-use designed building which included apartments when it was completed in 1956 was converted to a hotel in around 2003 and has been described as one of the top best new hotels in the world.

It is actually an intimate hotel with only nineteen rooms occupying seven of the upper floors of the skyscraper. Think small. Just 15 standard rooms and four suites. Imagine how few people have the opportunity to spend the night in the only building of its kind in the world. And it is right in our backyard! What an exciting and historic opportunity. Bill and I can't wait to lead you on this adventure.

The normal rate for a standard room in the Price Tower is \$145 plus tax. Call William or Sharon at 877-424-2424 and ask for the Central Oklahoma Miata Club group rate of \$109 (total of \$122.42 with tax). Rooms have one king or two queens. There are just 13 standard rooms left so call right away. The rooms are not being held, you will need to make your own reservations as soon as possible. The two story suites run \$245 plus tax if you are feeling flush.

A complimentary breakfast of fruit, pastry, juice, etc is provided. And you get a ten dollar 60-minute guided tour of the building free with your hotel stay. Generally tours are limited to 8 people at a time. I am trying to arrange private tours for 10:00 and/or 11:00AM, Sunday so I will need to know who makes hotel reservations and if you plan to go on the Price Tower tour after breakfast.

We will depart at 8:00AM, Saturday, March 13, 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).

We want to have time to drive the back roads and see the sights. For example, we plan to loop over to Dewey on the way to Bartlesville. There you can see the museum honoring silent film star Tom Mix (and his famous horse), the 100 year old wooden hotel museum across the street where they use to hang hammocks on the balcony when the rooms were booked up, and/or shop at the antique mall. The museums are by donation so you can spend as little time as you want in order to see the other things. We'll meet back up at a set time after our Dewey doings. Another bargain to see in Bartlesville is the Frank Phillips Home which has tours from 1:00 to 5:00PM, on Sundays for only a \$3 donation.

Hungry? I found lots of good reviews for a recommended dining location Saturday night, at Frank and Lola's. And later you might want to have a drink at the Copper Bar in the Price Tower. Remember, lets us know if you are going; call us at (405) 947-2061. And let us know your cell phone number for the trip. Bill's cell phone is (405) 206-5097. See ya. Susan and Bill Schmidt.

Catfish Platter - Valentines Weekend Trip

By Steve Moore

I'm going on another trip to Willis Oklahoma on Saturday, February 13th to the Catfish Platter. We will leave from the Sonic Drive-In at I-40 and Choctaw Rd at 12:00 noon. Plan to meet at about 11:30AM; inside the dining room. We will eat at approximately 4:00PM and return to OKC by approximately 9:00PM. Everybody is welcome so just show up if you want to go. See you on the road. 740-2782.

Member Update

From J. R. Scott

Miata club friends,

I sure have been missing traveling with you guys but have been having some issues with some kidney stone removal complications that I hope to be over soon. I have had about 7 outpatient surgeries in the last year and will be having major surgery on February 2nd to hopefully fix things for good. Will be in the hospital about a week afterwards and about 4 to 6 weeks recovering and maybe then all will be OK and we can get back to club activities.

I have found another neat old bridge. It is over the Red River south of Durant. It's called the Carpenter Bluff Bridge and you can Google it. This is 100th year for it and there may be some event held for the anniversary (I'm just guessing). Be neat to find out and participate. It is assessable by Miata. I'll attach some pictures.

Hope to see you guys soon.



January Renewals

Charlotte Banks
 Don & Lydia Daily
 Ron & Karen Harrison
 Phillip & JoAnn Hudson
 Dean & Christina Kiser
 Teddy Lou Markwell
 Doug & Pat Miller
 Jack & Phyllis Poe
 Kenneth & Gail Priddy
 Jerry & Dawn Scott

Shorty & Joyce Bourke
 Loyd & Kathryn Dobbins
 Dennis Hudson
 Jim & Deb Jones
 Jack & Dovie Long/Young
 David & Linda Miller
 Nick & Kathy Morrison
 Bill & Joyce Poska
 Mary Ann & Steve Schmidt
 Bob & Patti Stevens

January Tour Director's Meeting

By Dave Miller

On January 9th, the COMC 2010 Tour Directors (and many interested members) met for breakfast and started planning for a year's worth of outings. We have a great group of directors and a huge slate of events for those who like to drive and eat. Our goal was to have at least one outing every month. Now would be a good time to check the club calendar and mark your own calendar so you don't miss a single drive. To help you better plan your schedule for the outings, we have redefined and clarified the drive categories. Harold has added the categories at the start of the calendar please check it out.

The last item on the 2010 calendar to be scheduled is the annual August Fiesta Party, we need a volunteer host. If you are interested in hosting the club party at your home, please contact me or Larry and we'll be glad to go over the details with you.

Thanks again to all of you that have volunteered to plan and lead our drives. If you have a restaurant that you would like to suggest or you want to lead us to, get with me or any of the tour directors and we'll help you make it happen.

I'll be watchin' 4 U N my mirror

P.S. Impromptu drives are likely once warm weather gets here. Check your e-mail often!

Car & Driver Article from January 2010

Submitted by Phillip Hudson

Mazda MX-5 MIATA The Sports Car Ubiquitous (everywhere)

The fundamental mission of a sports car is to put smiles on the faces of its occupants, and few accomplish that mission more effectively than the Miata. After all, a sports car, particularly a roadster, is at least as much about transportation for the spirit as it is about simply getting your body from one point to another.

What makes the Miata special in this regard? Certainly not organ-displacing power. With 167 horsepower (158 with the automatic transmission) and 140 pound-feet of torque, the Miata's 2.0 liter four is at the low end of the contemporary sports car pyramid.

On the other hand, it's fair to say that the Miata has become one of the world's most popular race cars, particularly among the weekend warriors of club racing, as well as autocross. On any weekend, flocks of Miatas are on track somewhere, battling for trophies.

There are two very good reasons for this. First, the Miata possesses the essential qualities that separate sporting machinery from the rest of the herd: feline reflexes, crisp shifting, and surgically precise steering-traits that make a car a treat to drive on a winding back road.

Second, the Miata's pricing puts sports-car fun within economic reach of just about anyone. The range starts at \$23,560, and even when maxed out with the leather and a power retractable hardtop (one of the best: 12 seconds up or down, preserves trunk space), the bottom line doesn't go much over \$30K. Agility and affordability. In a sports car, it's a combination that's tough to beat.

For Sale

1997 M Edition, Marina Green Mica with Tan Leather Interior, Tan Boot and Top.

Nardi wood shift knob, wood parking brake handle, 15" polished 6-spoke alloy wheels, cut pile carpeting, stainless sill plates, air conditioning, Premium Sound System with CD player and headrest speakers, exterior badge, M Edition logo on seatbacks and tachometer, custom floor mats and Popular Equipment Package which includes: power steering, leather-wrapped steering wheel, power mirrors, Torsen limited slip differential, cruise control, power windows, power antenna, rear sub frame brace. Limited edition, 1 of 3,002 produced that year.

100K miles, New timing belt, asking \$6,500. Contact Wallace or Sharon Mellinger at (405) 381-9449.

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 \$30,700. 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.



J. D. Couch, New Car Sales Manager
Yan Brown, Service Manager
Todd Pierce, Parts and Service Director

13045 N Kelley Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73131-1233
(405) 775-7000

FAX: (405) 775-7061

<http://www.bobmooremazda.com>

COMC
PO BOX 12191
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73157-2191