

WHEW... it's August people, AUGUST!
Where is this year going? ☺

Our July meeting was held at Lonnie's house for his annual BBQ. Once again he was the master of the grill and grilled up the perfect burgers and dogs for us! We had such a great time visiting and watching the presentation of his multitude of photos from the Route 66 trip. Wow, what a great day it was! Thanks so much Lonnie!!



Looking ahead, there are several options of things to do in August. For the monthly meeting some plan to attend the Route 66 Festival in Springfield. Here is a link to the many options of things to see & do related to this festival. If you'd like to get together with others of the group, let us know and we will see if we can meet up somewhere then go to the festival together.

<http://www.route66festivalsgf.com/>



Also of note, there will be a total solar eclipse on August 21!! This event is really special as there will be a couple of places in Missouri to have a ring side seat to see it 100%, i.e. Independence/KC 7 Jefferson City! I have included a couple of links that will give you a wealth of information. We have seen emails from Lee Fudge, David Vaughn and Dick Carter with more info.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/naturalphenomena/2017eclipse.htm>

https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/interactive_map/index.html

As David has pointed out, if you don't wish to travel, there is a sponsored viewing event on the Missouri State University campus in Springfield. The advantage is that it is close, and it is free. Apparently, viewing glasses will be provided. If you want more info, just click on the website link:

<http://science.missouristate.edu/SolarEclipse2017.htm>

According to Dick, there will also be a free viewing at Nathaniel Green Park on Scenic and glasses will also be available there. Lots of opportunities so hopefully you'll get a seat with a good view!

Sept. 8-9: Lonnie plans to go to the Miatas at Hallett Racing Track in Jennings, OK. Lonnie will be driving his Miata around the track! He has opened the invitation to anyone who is interested in going along. You don't have to drive on the track, but if you want you can make those arrangements. Lonnie can help guide you. Here is the link to their website if you'd like to get more information:

<http://www.hallettracing.net/events/>

For those who are not going to Oklahoma, the Carters have once again extended the invitation to come out and see the Alpacas and many other wonderful animals and things they have there. We will plan to meet for breakfast at the Village Inn on South Campbell (Springfield) about 9:00 a.m., then follow Dick & Sharon to their place in Seymour.

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