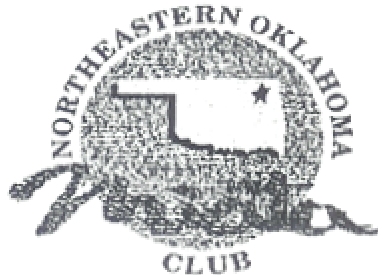


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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ September 15 - NEO Miata Club monthly meeting
- ◆ September 25 - Miata Garage Sale Tour
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- ◆ October 17- NEO Miata Birthday Party & Picnic - Natural Falls State Park
- ◆ October 20 - NEO Miata Club monthly meeting
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- ◆ November 13-14 - Hwy 7 & Eureka Springs Drive with Arkansas Miatas
- ◆ November 17 - NEO Miata Club monthly meeting
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- ◆ December 15 - NEO Miata Club Meeting & Christmas Lights Tour
- ◆ Other Upcoming Events:
 Jenks Christmas Parade
 Annual Christmas Party

From the President

Gene Bedingfield

Let me take a moment to express on behalf of the whole club our good wishes and our hope for a full recovery to Ronnie Lane. In case you were not aware, Ronnie suffered a severe shock while working on his job with a rural electric company. 7,200 volts of electricity hit him causing severe burns and other damage. Ronnie has skin grafts and perhaps other surgery facing him and it will be a difficult time for him and his wife Shirley. Keep Ronnie in your prayers and drop him a note or call him from time to time. His address is RR 2, Box 66A, Fairland, OK

74343. His phone number is 676-3365.

I am looking forward to cooler weather and to the upcoming drives. The one in November sounds especially inviting. I will not be there for the September meeting as my lovely wife Shirley and I will be in Colorado with my father visiting family members. See you at the October meeting if not before. In the meantime, Happy Miataing.



Meeting Minutes

Pam Chronister

AUGUST 18, 1999

Gene Bedingfield, President, called the meeting to order. He provided an update on club member Ronnie Lane's condition. Ronnie was electrocuted at work on Friday the 13th of August. He is in the burn unit at St. Johns and had surgery Monday afternoon. He is recovering nicely and says he is planning on being well in time for the Poker and Lotto Run on September 18. Donna Watson was involved in an accident this past month and totaled her Miata, but she's OK.

Mike Meyer reminded members of the Green Country Scenic Highway Trip on August 21. He also mentioned that Collectible Toys at Eastland Mall has excellent quality die cast Miatas for \$18-\$20. Mike said the November 13 and 14 Fall Foliage Tour with the Arkansas club is still on. More details will follow. See article in the July newsletter for the agenda. Earl Larkin reported on his and Dorothy's trip to Deals Gap. They went a few days before the 350+ Miatas were scheduled to arrive. They made the eleven-mile trip of 311 switchbacks and curves three times.

Club elections were held with the following results (competition was stiff):

- ♦ **President:** Gene Bedingfield
- ♦ **Vice-President:** Mac Arnett
- ♦ **Secretary/Membership:** Pam Chronister
- ♦ **Editor:** Kim Hand
- ♦ **Tour & Special Events:** Mike Meyer, assisted by Joe Bohannon and Joel Eads
- ♦ **Treasurers:** Brad & Jan Coody

The traditional door prize drawing was held and the following persons won these prizes: Bike Rack (donated by the Bohannons)—Gene Bedingfield; Magnetic Sign—Tim Gheen; Club Logo Embroidery (donated by Eagle Apparel)—Bob

Nichols, Earl Larkin, Brenda and Mike Meyer, Kim Hand, Mac Arnett; Duster—Gail Roop; Earrings—Pam Chronister; Champagne (donated by the Bohannons)—Leta Arnett; Die Cast Miata (donated by the Nichols)—Rod VonKoughnet; Miata Key Fob—Joel Eads; Mouse Pad—Alan Richardson; Sports Radio (donated by the Bohannons)—Paula Huffaker; Jazz CDs (donated by the Bohannons)—Brad Coody, Bob Burrow, Linda Zuschlag; Oil Filter—Joe Bohannon, Ron Zuschlag.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pam Chronister

Secretary/Membership Chairperson

HIGHWAY 7 SCENIC DRIVE

AND OVERNIGHT IN EUREKA SPRINGS

(With the Arkansas Miata Club)

Mike Meyer

On Saturday and Sunday November 13th & 14th we will be joining the Arkansas Miata Club for a fantastic Fall weekend in the Ozarks. Join us for a drive up one of America's 10 most scenic drives to Eureka Springs and the Historic Crescent Hotel. Lots of fun and activities are guaranteed. The weekend is very well planned by our neighbors to the East and includes scenic drives, meals, shopping, a Ghost Hunt Party, and several social gatherings.

The Crescent Hotel is nationally known for ghost sightings. We will have access to older places in the Hotel that the general public is not allowed. There have been 6 recent ghost sightings in these areas. If any of the guests have a "sixth sense" we may even have a seance later that night. (However trips into the woods with video cameras and flashlights is discouraged)

You are encouraged to make Hotel reservations (501.253.9766) as soon as possible. Special room rates at the Crescent are \$79.00.

Overflow rooms will be at the Basin Park Hotel (501-253-7837)

The cost for the weekend includes lunch Saturday, dinner Saturday night, Ghost Hunt Party, Brunch Sunday morning, and social gathering on the Verandah all for \$59.00 per person or \$119.00 per couple.

The Arkansas Miata group is asking that you return your completed registration form to them by October 1st so that they can make final arrangements.

We will probably leave Tulsa in two groups. One leaving at 6:30 AM and driving to Russelville. Another group will leave around 10:00 AM taking a more direct route to Eureka Springs.

If you haven't been on Highway 7 in the fall lately, you will not want to miss this trip.

See the insert in this newsletter for more details and a registration form.

On a Personal Note ♪

Mike Meyer

Brenda and I want to thank all of you for your support during a very difficult summer. All our family is very appreciative of the cards, kind words and the beautiful flowers. We are very thankful for having friends like you.

GREEN COUNTRY SCENIC HIGHWAYS

Kim Hand

This delightful trip took place on August 21st. We had in total three red and three black Miatas. Mike and Brenda led us in their Red Miata. We headed east towards the Arkansas boarder on 412 and stopped at a very nice visitor's center in Kansas. There we were told we should visit a beautiful waterfall only seven miles away. This waterfall makes up Oklahoma's Natural Falls State Park. This alone was worth the trip and there will be another

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GARAGE SALE TOUR

Joel "Vrrroom" Eads

When: Saturday, September 25**Time: 8:00 AM****Where: McDonald's**

4935 S. Memorial

Buyer: Joel Eads**Phone: Home: 250.3476****Cell: 695.3046**

Here's your opportunity to be at NEO MIATA's very first Garage Sale TOUR! Come along to have fun, show off our cars and search for treasures! Alright, I'll admit the Miata is not the first car you think of for large capacity hauling of great garage sale goodies. But we do have a solution! I'll be traveling with the group in a truck to haul your purchases! Imagine the look on the faces of each garage owner as 10 or 15 Miatas show up at the same time! (They'll sure be wondering how a Miata is going to carry that antique table.)

We will be leaving at 8 AM so we can get to the bargains before they're gone. Anyone wishing to have breakfast at the McDonald's please come early enough to be finished by start time. My wife Alessandra and I will have a route laid out when we start based on newspaper ads, and I'm sure we'll take some impromptu detours along the way. I will have my cell phone turned on the whole morning for anyone who needs to call (see number above). Since we'll be traveling in a group, you might remove your spare tire from the trunk for added space (strictly optional).

We will cancel if the weather is bad. If you have any questions about cancellation due to bad weather the day of the tour please call the above numbers. Otherwise, get ready to have a lot of fun finding bargains and showing off our Miatas all over Tulsa!

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opportunity next month to visit this sight. We then went down hwy 10 south to Tahlequah and returned to Tulsa via hwy 82. If you have not

**CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY & PICNIC
(Natural Falls State Park)**

Mike Meyer

When: Sunday, October 17**Time: Noon****Where: Homeland Parking Lot on the south side of I244/412 at 193rd and Admiral****Chef: Mike Meyer****Phone: HOME: 243.7518****CELL: 261.7518****CB CHANNEL: 5**

Come join us for our annual Club Birthday Party and Picnic at Natural Falls State Park. We will meet at noon at the Homeland parking lot, south of I244 at 193rd East Ave and Admiral. We will then take some great Miata roads on old scenic 412 to Natural Falls State Park. The club will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, and the birthday cake. You bring a side dish, drinks, camera, and Miatas.

Natural Falls State Park State Park is a very unique area with a beautiful 77-foot waterfall dropping from the top of the park to a clear pool of water below. The park is located about four miles west of Arkansas on scenic hwy. 412. The park also has many short trails, and a beautiful formal garden area. There is a \$3.00 per Miata fee to use the Park. We should be back in Tulsa around 6:00 Sunday evening. This should be a great Miata Autumn afternoon. Good food, great scenery, good friends, and Miata roads.

Please call Mike Meyer at 243-7518 by October 10th so we can get a head count for food supplies.

been on 82 in your Miata, by all means make a special trip. This road is full of sharp curves and hills. Fun!

**POKER & LOTTO
RE-RUN
CANCELED**

Mike Meyer

The Poker & Lotto Re-Run originally scheduled for September 18th has been canceled. As most of you know, Ronnie Lane had an accident while on the job and severely burned his legs. He has been receiving treatments at Hillcrest Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. Everyone agrees that nobody else can even begin to lead us through the twists, turns and hills of Northeast Oklahoma like Ronnie. Let's all wish Ronnie a speedy recovery so that we can take this trip early next spring.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Pam Chronister

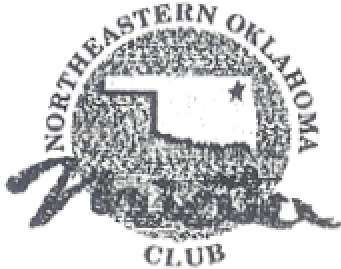
We now have 42 households. Latest members to join are *Kathy Hays, Rod Van Koughnet & Christine Jeffery, and Fred & Maureen Williamson*. Rod is already famous for his great article in the August newsletter; he supports his Miata habit and new baby by working at Diamond Geoscience Research Corp. as a geophysicist. Fred & Maureen joined by mail in August; they have a 10th anniversary (#3546 of 7500) sapphire blue. Fred owns his own telecommunications management services business, Fred Williamson & Associates.

DUES DUE: *July—Randy & Bonnie Williams; August—Ken & Ruth Campbell, Joel Eads & Alessandra Fallini, Amy & Allen Richardson, Tom & Teri Vaughn, Michael & Joyce Wilson, September—Joe & Sara Bohannon; October—Bob Burrow, John & Pam Chronister, Mike & Brenda Meyer.*

July, August, and September renewals are \$10; October renewals are \$20 (which includes 2000 annual dues). Make your check payable to NEO Miata and mail it to our PO Box or bring to me at the September meeting.

NEO Miata

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Top Down Tales

Ed.

"It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it!" Well I got "stuck" with the job of editor. However, I'm looking forward to the next year. This fall sounds like we have some fun trips and events scheduled. Now wouldn't you rather experience driving in them instead of reading about them?

Speaking of the editor of The NEO Classic, Chuck did a fantastic job this last year. It will be hard to fill his shoes. His organization and great articles will be missed. Hopefully he will continue to submit articles.

I have taken the liberty of changing several items in the news letter. The first change was the

format of the title, it is now curved representing the meandering roads we like to traverse. The second is the design; there's no symbolism here; my version of Publisher is older than Chuck's so I had to start over. However, all the good old features and articles are still here.

If you would like to write an article

on your car, a trip you made or some change you made to your car, please email the article to me.

I hope to be seeing you at our next road trip!

May your road be windy, the weather beautiful and keep your top down!

Kim