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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ October 17- NEO Miata Birthday Party & Picnic - Natural Falls State Park
- ◆ October 20 - NEO Miata Club monthly meeting
7:00 PM Mazios @ The Farm (51st & Sheridan)
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- ◆ November 13-14 - Hwy 7 & Eureka Springs Drive with Arkansas Miatas
- ◆ November 17 - NEO Miata Club monthly meeting
7:00 PM Mazios @ The Farm (51st & Sheridan)
- ◆ November 20- Jenks Christmas Parade
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- ◆ December 15 - NEO Miata Club Meeting & Christmas Lights Tour
7:00 PM Mazios @ The Farm (51st & Sheridan)
- ◆ Other Upcoming Events:
Annual Christmas Party

From the President

Gene Bedingfield

I want to thank Mike Meyer for chairing the last meeting. Sorry I was not there but I left on a 10-day vacation in Colorado and New Mexico that morning. You can hardly believe the scenery and the roads. The aspen trees were turning and it was absolutely gorgeous. All Shirley and I could think of was to return next year with a group of Miata drivers. So save a week of vacation and some money for next September and join Shirley and I in Colorful Colorado and New Mexico, the land of enchantment. We have some great roads to drive but only the vaguest idea about how to get from one to the other. We'll

let those who decide to go along set the route and schedule but I plan on setting aside time for those who want to ride the Durango-Silverton train.

If you haven't made your reservation for Eureka Springs yet you better hurry. I made my reservation at the Crescent Hotel on September 29 and there was only 5 or 6 rooms left. So hurry! I have driven the northern part of Highway 7 and it is great. I think we will have a great time. I believe this time of the year is the best time for Miatas. The weather is cooler but not too cold. The trees will be turning into works of art and there are not as many people on the roads as during the summer. So get in your car and drive. Happy Miataing.
Gene

Meeting Minutes

Pam Chronister

AUGUST 18, 1999

In the absence of club president Gene Bedingfield (on vacation), Mike Meyer called the meeting to order. Members introduced themselves (see new members in membership notes) by name and car. Pam Chronister had extra directories to distribute and reminded members to pay dues. Mike announced that the club's first birthday party (9th year) would be held October 17 at Natural Falls State Park; see September newsletter for details. The club voted to spend funds for food (to include cake) not to exceed \$100. Since this will be before the next club meeting, a calling committee will contact members in early October to get a headcount. Members will need to provide their own drinks.

Joel Eads and Alessandra Fallini will lead a Miata Garage Sale Tour on September 25. The Eureka Springs trip is scheduled for November 13 and 14. Details and sign-up forms are in the September newsletter. The hotel is filling up fast; rates are \$79 for two double beds and \$99 for a king-size bed. For those that don't want to get up early to drive to Russellville, there will be a group departing later in the day and go directly to Eureka Springs (Joel Eads will let members know of time and departure location). If you depart later, deduct \$8 for Saturday's lunch from your sign-up form check (that you mail to the Arkansas club).

Other upcoming events: Jenks Christmas parade in late November; Christmas Lights Tours; Annual Christmas party at the Chronister's (DTF).

Meeting was adjourned.

Year 2000 National Miata Event

Miatas in Paradise. October 24-27, 2000. Daytona Beach, Florida. Mark your calendars now.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Pam Chronister

Please welcome our newest members, *Mike & Wendy Hardgrove and Randy & Angie Brumley*. Mike and Wendy drive a '95 burgundy M edition. Mike is a chaplain with the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and Wendy is a Mary Kay consultant. Randy and Angie tool around town in their '90 red Miata. Randy works at Firey Bros. Music and is a musician and a process server (wonder if he serenades those he issues summons to!). Angie is a graphics designer at Envision Creative.

DUES DUE: *August—Ken & Ruth Campbell, Amy & Allen Richardson, Tom & Teri Vaughn, Michael & Joyce Wilson; September—Joe & Sara Bohannon; October—Bob Burrow; November—Darrin Collins, Brad & Jan Coody; Garry & Diane Kowal.*

August and September renewals are \$10; October and November 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.

GARAGE SALE TOUR

The day was looked on with much anticipation! Even those who don't like garage saling were looking forward to this trip. However, the trip was not to be. An autumn rainstorm decided the event should not occur. However, keep an eye out for the make up trip.

Miata Tips

Reduce Wind Buffeting

A simple way to reduce wind buffeting while driving your Miata is to raise only the passenger's side window. This changes the aerodynamics of things so you actually feel less wind than if the driver's window alone or if both

windows are raised. And if your passenger doesn't know about this, they'll be doing you a favor when they raise their window to keep a bit warmer!

If your trunk lid won't stay raised

You can adjust the tension. The lid tension is determined by the position of the tensioning bars at the rear of the trunk. There are three "settings", and the Miata comes from the factory preset to the middle setting. You can get a tad more tension by switching to the higher setting. To change the tension, you need to use a long screwdriver to move the tension spring on the left side of the trunk to the other position. Be careful! The springs are under high tension!

Noisy rattles in center console and ashtray

You probably keep a lot of little items in your center console and a handful of change in your ashtray for tolls booths and parking meters. It probably drives you nuts when all that junk starts rattling every time you drive over rough roads.

Simple solution: Pick up a square of black self-stick-backed felt from your local hardware store or fabric store. Line the inside of the ashtray and the console storage area. Much quieter and it doesn't look bad either!

Where To Get Neat Club Stuff

We have added so many new members lately, we thought we should remind everyone where the good stuff can be found.

THE OFFICIAL NEO CLUB PIN:

Jan and Brad Coody have the club logo pins for \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5 and 5 for \$10. The Coody's are at most club meetings and events.

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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
1244/412 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 1244 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.

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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

 Nelson Nissan Mazda 
Come Celebrate Nelson's 10th Anniversary. \$99 over invoice on new Mazdas and Nissans. Several 10th Anniversary Miatas in stock as well as a good selection of pre- owned Miatas.

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