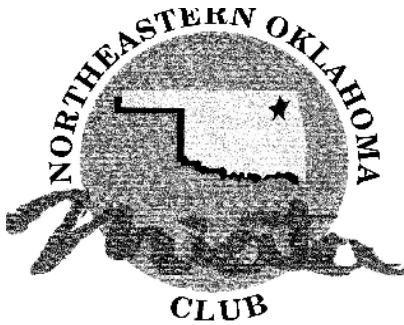


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ November 17 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting  
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ The Farm (51st & Sheridan)
- ◆ November 20- Jenks Christmas Parade  
8:00 AM @ ORU Marquee (81st & Lewis)

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- ◆ December 4 - Annual Christmas Party  
7:00 PM Chronister's 3830 E. 82nd Place
- ◆ December 15 - NEO Miata Club Meeting & Christmas Lights Tour  
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ The Farm (51st & Sheridan)

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- ◆ January 19 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting

## From the President

Gene Bedingfield

You couldn't tell it by the gorgeous weather but Thanksgiving is just a few days away. With it starts the busiest time of the year for most people. Food, fun and fellowship in heavy doses seem to sometimes swamp us. And NEO Miata Club is no different than anything else. We have several events coming up and I hope you can work as many into your busy schedule as possible. I am looking forward to the Arkansas Highway 7 drive with great anticipation. It is Thursday evening before the drive and the weather forecast is for the low 80's. You can't get any better than that. Great weather, great roads, and great friends. Then we'll have our monthly meeting on Wednesday. Then the Jenks Christmas parade is next Saturday. That is always a great time. Plan on joining us for a parade through beautiful downtown Jenks. Then Thanksgiving day, the

chapter's Christmas party and then the monthly meeting and Christmas lights tour. On top of that all your own church, family, and work related events. It all sounds so busy so don't forget to stop and remember those things for which you are thankful. I know I am thankful for all of you and the friendships that have developed over the years and the friendships that are just starting to develop with the new members. And I hope each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. And speaking of holidays, with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner that means the New Year will be right behind. Y2K is almost upon us. I don't know about you but Shirley and I have done some common sense things to get ready and I hope you have also. Whether it is total disaster or the biggest non-event ever, I will be glad when it is over.

Happy Miataing,  
Gene

## Meeting Minutes

Pam Chronister

October 20, 1999

Gene Bedingfield, President, called the meeting to order. Joe Bohannon reminded members of the Jenks Christmas parade on November 20. Details are in this newsletter. (This is a FUN event; don't miss it!!) Mike Meyer discussed the Eureka Springs event on November 13 and 14. By the time you read this newsletter, it will be history. The Chronisters will host the annual Christmas party on December 4. See separate article for details. The club voted to provide the meat dish for the party. Mike said that that a Christmas lights tour will take place after the December 15 monthly meeting.

Attendees at the first club birthday party on October 17 gave kudos to Mike and Brenda Meyer for organizing the event. I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed the day and the opportunity to see a part of Oklahoma I didn't know existed.

Tim Gheen is still peddling oil filters for \$6. Joe Bohannon has installed a remote oil filter on his car that makes it easier to change filters; he will need to drive his car for many years to pay off the additional costs for this knuckle-saving accessory.

Meeting was adjourned.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Pam Chronister

Please welcome Don & Peg Kraycik back to NEO Miata. Don formerly served as editor for many years. What is new is their 1999 green Miata with leather interior, Bose sound system, and Panasport 16x7 wheels. Don works for Southwestern Bell. Kay & Phil Shreck joined the club at the October meeting. They drive a 1999 Sapphire Blue Mica 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary (#3333). Kay works at Hitachi Data Systems, doing computer installation and repair.

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!!!

This past year the club voted to have club membership renewals due at the same time each year. That date is January 1. Enclosed in the newsletter is a renewal form. Please complete the form, attach a check for \$20 made payable to NEO Miata and mail it in the handy pre-addressed envelope or bring to the November or December club meeting. October, November, and December renewals include 2000 annual dues. Completion of the renewal form is for club records and to make sure I have all the information needed to prepare the membership directory.

**DUES DUE:** *November—Darrin Collins, Brad & Jan Coody, Garry & Diane Kowal; December—Dan & Nancy Banks, Steve Cardell, Ilene Gibbons, Laura Grimley, Chuck & Paula Huffaker, Earl & Dorothy Larkin, Sam & Gail Roop.* Dues are \$20, which will include 2000 annual dues.

## Miata Birthday Salsa Ole!

Christine Jeffery & Rod Van Koughnet

- 1 28 oz. can diced tomatoes (I used crushed)
- 1 7 oz. can diced green chilies
- 1 7 oz. can El Pato Mexican tomato sauce (Salsa de Chile Fresco)  
(note: If your store doesn't have El Pato, try Buds or Reasors.)
- 2 TB Lawry's garlic sauce (I just used a spoonful of minced garlic.)
- 1 bunch Cilantro, chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped

I put all but a quarter of the onions and cilantro into the blender and blended it. If you prefer a chunkier salsa, use diced tomatoes and don't blend all of them. Tastes better after sitting a few hours or over night. I also added a small splash of lime juice and a dash of salt.

## Miata Christmas Lights Tour

Mike Meyer

Take a break from your hectic holiday schedule and join us for an evening of looking at some of Tulsa's most spectacular Christmas displays from the comfort of your own Miata. Who knows, with the way the weather has been going lately, we may still have our tops down!

We will meet at Mazzio's for a very short meeting on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00. Please eat early, as we plan on starting the tour at 7:30. It should be about a 2-hour tour ending at one of Tulsa's great coffeehouses around 9:30 for hot chocolate, hot toddies, and desert.

This is our last chance to all get together this Century! (And before all our roadsters stop working on January 1.) Editor's Note: I hope we are getting together next year. Technically 2000 is the last year of the century and millennium which means the next century and millennium starts January 1, 2001!

## Year 2000 National Miata Event

***Miatas in Paradise. October 24-27, 2000. Daytona Beach, Florida.***

Mazda and MCA have both agreed to make this the official national event for 2000. This means that both Mazda and vendors will be there in full force. The Florida Miata clubs will be hosting the event. Each club is responsible for planning and coordinating a different aspect of the event. Overall coordination is being handled by Miata World in Fort Lauderdale.

The host hotel is the Adam's Mark on Daytona Beach and the entire hotel – over 400 rooms – will be reserved for the event. *Every room has an oceanfront view.* Along with regular events like laps on Daytona

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## JENKS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Joe Bohannon

**When: Saturday, November 20**

**Time: 8:30 PM**

**Where: ORU Mabee Center  
Marquee (81st & Lewis)**

**Grand Master: Joe Bohannon**

**Phone: HOME: 622.0578**

I have confirmed the Jenks Christmas Parade entry today and we are all set at position 23, the same as last year.

The parade starts at 10:00 AM, but we will meet under the ORU Mabee Center Marquee at 8:30 and leave by 9:00 AM. Donuts, juice and coffee will be provided. The parade is usually over by 11:30 AM.

Decorate your car with Christmas garland, wreaths, etc. Bring as much candy as you can throw.

If someone is running late, meet at our parade staging point in the west parking lot of the Jenks High School on Avenue B in Jenks on the west side of town.

Lets kick off the Christmas season with a Miata welcome to the folks in Jenks.

### 'TIS THE SEASON FOR THE ANNUAL NEO MIATA CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

**WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 4, 7:00  
p.m. until ??**

**WHERE: John & Pam Chronister  
manse, 3830 E. 82nd Place**

**WHY: Tradition and Fun**

**HOW: With snacks, Chinese  
gift exchange, and good friends  
(adults only, please)**

**Phone: 481.3644**

The Chronisters will furnish ice, Coke, Sprite, club soda, cups, plates, flatware and a place to hang your hat for a few hours. Bring yourself and significant other, your favorite snack to share, drinks, and gifts for the Chinese gift

exchange (optional). For those of you who don't know what is entailed in this gift exchange, you are in for a treat!

Each person who wishes to participate brings a gift (\$10 limit please); it can be a gag gift, car-related, or something entirely tasteful. So if there's two of you, bring two gifts. The gifts are placed in one area. All participants draw numbers from a hat. Number one selects a gift and opens it. Number two can select number one's gift if he/she desires or can select another gift. If he/she selects number one's gift, number two must select a new gift. Number three can select number one or number two's gift or select a new gift. If person number three selects number one's gift, number one can select number two's gift or select a new gift, etc. Get the picture? This event can take awhile, but it's a lot of fun. Beware of Elvis Presley dolls and talking spatulas!

The Chronisters live south of 81st Street between Harvard and Yale. Here's how to get there:

**From Harvard:** Heading south on Harvard, take 81st Street left (east) and go up a steep hill. Make the first right after you crest the hill onto Louisville (there's a "Forest Creek" sign at corner). Take Louisville to 82nd PLACE and turn left. Continue on 82nd PLACE to Oswego.

**From Yale:** Heading south on Yale, take 81st Street right (west). Albertson's is on the corner. Continue on 81st to Pittsburg (about halfway between Yale and Harvard). Turn left on Pittsburg (there's a "Forest Creek" sign at corner). Continue to 82nd Place (stop sign), and turn right. Go one block to Oswego.

**Our house** is on the corner with the street light in the yard (house faces Oswego). There will probably be clear Christmas lights lining the driveway.

If you get lost, call 481-3644.

This annual event is always well attended by club members and is a

great opportunity to get to know your fellow Miata lovers. See you there!

## Track Time

Rod Van Koughnet

In March 2000, there will be a Miata track event in the Dallas area. There will be two days of instruction on a brand new track which includes eleven turns. The cost is \$160, due in January. I paid \$530 to track with the Ferrari's last July.

This track event is at Motorsport Ranch, which is a new private country club for sports car enthusiasts. Drivers are put into session groups based on skill/experience. No more than 20 cars will be on the 1.7 mile track at one time. Drivers are expected to get four to five 20-25 minute sessions each of the two days.

By going to this you will learn a lot about driving and you will learn tons about how capable your Miata really is. Doing this was more fun than I had imagined. Christine and I are registering for this event and we hope some other NEO Miataisti will join us. You need to act quickly, however. The event is limited to 80 Miatas and we are

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Speedway, funcana, road rallies, and banquets, lots of added spectacular events are being planned. These events include sightseeing trips, a day cruise, a tour of the Kennedy Space Center, and tours of the Daytona International Speedway Complex. And least we forget, vendors, laps on the track, vendors, autocross, and more vendors.

Tentative plans for our club is to caravan down to Florida over three days. We will try to average about 700 miles per day and will probably spend the night in the Memphis and Atlanta areas.

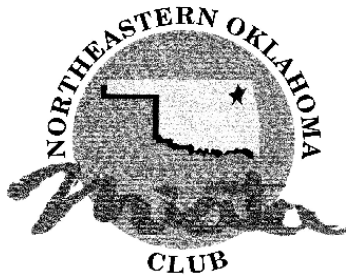
One more thing, registration is expected to start in January. Watch

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## Top Down Tales

Ed.

Putting my first three newsletters has gone fairly smooth thanks to all the people giving me excellent stories and items.

One of the perks of being the newsletter editor is I get to review a bunch of newsletters from all around the nation. It's interesting to read the articles and see the pictures. I had a pleasant surprise while reading the "From the Top Down, The Voice of the Big Apple Miata Club's" newsletter. Joel Eads' "VRRROOM" article from May, 1999's issue had a full page feature! We should be very proud that this article was picked up

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by another club.

If you have any special stories, funny or serious, made any changes to your Miata, or made any trips, send me an email or give me the story at one of our meetings.

Also, please give me pictures of your car or our events. I have the ability to scan the pictures and put them into the newsletter. Who

knows, maybe you'll get published by another Miata club's newsletter!

Kim

