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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ July 19 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center
101st & Sheridan
- ◆ July 22 - Poker Run Through NE Oklahoma
Moonlight cruise on the Cherokee Queen
9:00 AM @ McDonald's I244/412 at 193rd East Ave

- ◆ August 12 - Miata's at the Drive Ins
- ◆ August 16 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center
101st & Sheridan
- ◆ August 20 - Sunday afternoon drive to Fin & Feather on
Lake Tenkiller

- ◆ September 9-17 - Trip to Colorado
- ◆ September 20 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting

- ◆ October 24-27 - Miatas in Paradise, Daytona Beach, Florida

From the President

Gene Bedingfield

REMEMBER THIS MONTHS MEETING IS AT MAZZIO'S AT 101st AND SHERIDAN.

I just want to mention again that August is the month we elect new officers so be thinking about the area in which you would like to serve. The club, and all the things associated with it, doesn't just happen. It takes people and a little bit of time to make them happen. So if you have never served before, consider serving this coming year. If you have served before, remember only the fun times and consider serving again or serving in a different role. It takes everyone to make a really great chapter and I think we

are on the right road to becoming one. New members will be interested to know that there are lots of door prizes given away at the elections so plan on being there.

I have my BRG back after a llllooonnnngggg two weeks absence. And Shirley is also back after a week in San Diego visiting her sister so everything is wonderful at our house again. By the time you read this it will have already happened but I hope everyone got a chance to go on the rally last Sunday. If you didn't, don't miss the trip this Saturday. The roads will be great and the food more than you can eat and the trip on the Cherokee Queen is always a delightful and romantic experience. This summer

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Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2000

Gene Bedingfield, president, called the meeting to order. Again, the warm weather brought out some potential new members. See Membership Notes. 30 members and potential members met at the Tulsa Auto Collection at 41st and Memorial. Gene reminded members that elections would be held at the August meeting. Please let your desires be known to Gene if you're interested in a particular position.

Mike and Joel have several events planned for summertime Miata enjoyment. Details of the following events are in the June and future newsletters: Woolaroc on June 24; Poker Run/Cherokee Queen on July 22; Drive-in movies on August 12; a "water trip", including lunch at the Fin and Feather resort, hosted by Earl Larkin on August 20; and the annual club birthday party in late September.

Rick Pike of American Auto Trim (11th and Allegheny) gave us some pointers on the care and feeding of our soft tops. He has been in this business for over 16 years. Some hints: don't use a dry rag on the plastic window (it scratches it); use dish soap to wash the vinyl top; use Novus #1 and #2 to remove scratches and polish window (available at Cadillac Plastics); try not to put your top down when temperature is less than 65 degrees; Lexol is recommended for leather seat treatments.

Jim Buck from the Alpha Romeo club and Rod Van Koughnet discussed their club's driving school at Hallett on July 15 and a road rally on July 16.

Our host, Jason, service advisor for Tulsa Auto Collection, thanked us for coming and offered tours of their service facility. Meeting was adjourned.

*Pam Chronister
Secretary/Membership Chairperson*



Elections Coming Soon!

Elections for new officers will be held at the August meeting. It's always best to have willing leaders. Seriously consider volunteering for one of the offices.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Pam Chronister

We had several new members join at the June meeting. Please extend a warm welcome to Phil and Diane Prier, Patrick and Danielle Mitchell, and Jim and Sandy Sturdivent. The Mitchells and Priers both have the new 2000 Mahogany Mica Miatas. The Sturdivents have a '92 black. Phil sells motorcycles at Myers-Duren and Diane is a VP of Operations at Williams.

Please make the following changes to your directory. Ron & Linda Zuschlag's cell phone number is 852.8838. Gene and Shirley Bedingfield's cell phone number is 637.4691 and Gene's work phone is 292.4722.

MIATAS AT THE DRIVE-INS

When: Saturday, August 12th

Time: 7:00 PM for Dinner

Where: Sonic Drive-in
Admiral & Yale

Time: 8:00 PM for Movie

Where: Pep Boys Parking Lot
Admiral & Memorial

Usher: Mike Meyer

Phone: 918.243.7518 (H)

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Miatas were made for drive-ins. On Saturday, August 12, we will go to two. We will meet for dinner at the Sonic at Admiral & Yale and then move on the Pep Boys parking lot on Admiral just west of Memorial. We will then vote on which movie we are going to see. We then caravan over to the Admiral Twin and park together. If you can't make the Sonic, then meet us at 8:00 PM for the movie. This has always been a fun



UNSCHEDULED EVENTS

(MORE
INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW)

- ◆ Eureka Springs:
Overnight event
with Arkansas
Miata Club
- ◆ NEO Club Birth-
day Party and
Cookout at Natu-
ral Falls
- ◆ Jenks Christmas
Parade
- ◆ Christmas Lights
Tour
- ◆ Club Christmas
Party

event. So bring your ice chests & bug spray and join us.



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is going to be a hot one but I will get through it by thinking of the trip to colorful Colorado in September. If you think you might be interested in going, see me for details.

Until next time,

Happy Miataing.
Gene

POKER, LOTTO, TOMATTO HILL & THE QUEEN

When: Saturday, July 22th

Time: 9:00 AM

**Where: McDonald's (north side)
1244/412 at 193rd East Ave**

Dealer: Ronnie Lane

Phone: 918.676.3365 (H)

CB Channel: 5

Route: Unknown (That-a-way)

Ronnie has been studying his maps and driving around the Northeast Oklahoma area. Mostly he sees a road and thinks to himself: "I wonder where this goes. I could drive down it, and then I will look like I know what I'm doing when I bring the Miata club up this way. But on the other hand, that would take all the fun out of it." As in past years we will return to one popular stretch of road used as a model for "Zingo." Somewhere along the way, we will end up in Noel, Missouri. We will take some time to explore this scenic little tourist town and have lunch. And of course lottery tickets may be purchased at the State Line. We will then explore a little bit of Southwest Missouri and take one of top scenic roads in the Country, Missouri Route 90 between Noel and Washburn. We will then see Roaring River State Park before heading to the Silver Dollar Café in Grove for Dinner around 5:00 PM. We will be making several rest stops along the way so you might bring some old tennis shoes if you would like to go wading in some of the beautiful streams along the way. The highlight of the trip will be a Moonlight Dance Cruise on the paddlewheel Cherokee Queen. The cost of the cruise will be \$9.80 per person. We will then head back to Tulsa on the Turnpike. You should plan on being back in Tulsa around 1:30 AM. In past years, this has been one of our most popular outings. As I have mentioned before, it might be a good idea to bring along your own map and compass, because Ronnie has a tendency to make up the route as we drive.

For more information call Ronnie at 918.676.3365 or Mike Meyer at 243.7518.

Balloon Festival

NW Arkansas Miata Club

Just wanted to invite any or all NEO Miata members to join us on August 5th in Tulsa for the balloon Festival. We are leaving Springdale, AR at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 5th and motoring to Tulsa. We are making arrangements to stay at the LaQuinta on 41st and Garnet. The balloons will be at the Occidental Center (41st & 129th). Some of us plan on spending Saturday night and sit around the pool or go out later after the balloon light show Saturday evening. You are all welcome to join up with us. We also invited the Little Rock and Oklahoma City clubs. If any one is interested, let me or CW Rhodes (CWRhodes@juno.com) know. Our club will be one year old in August and we hope for a good turn out with our members. We ask the Kansas City Miata club to come by since they invited us to Eureka, but they are having their yearly/family meeting in Osage Beach, MO that weekend. Hope to see you there!

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email group

Rod Van Koughnet

I have started a NEOMIATA email group at www.egroups.com. This is a free email distribution service. Once you are subscribed to neomiata@egroups.com, you can send an email to neomiata@egroups.com, and your message will promptly be sent on to all the other neomiata subscribers. You can imagine how handy this will be for various announcements and reminders for meetings and club events. Also, if anyone needs some advice on "where to" or "how to" with

their Miata, they can quickly gather help from the whole club. I understand that not everyone has email, so this is not intended to replace any of the standard means of club communication. It's just a handy addition for those who are able to use it.

There are two ways to sign up for this free service. You can either send an empty email message to neomiata-subscribe@egroups.com or you can visit the www.egroups.com web page, search for neomiata, and then punch the subscribe button.

To post a message to the group, use this address: neomiata@egroups.com To unsubscribe from the service, send an empty email to: neomiata-unsubscribe@egroups.com

I have also used a calendar function that is available to log all of our events through the end of August, and I have it set up to send email reminders three days before each event and meeting. All subscribed members can modify this calendar if they want to type in specific details for any upcoming events.

If you have any trouble, I'll be happy to help out.

Top Down Tales

Wet Trip to Woolaroc

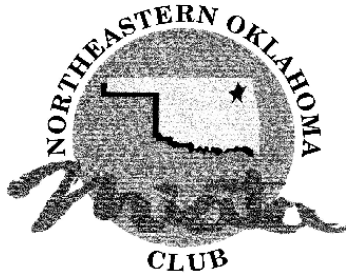
Joel "Vrrroom" Eads

Our Woolaroc trip on June 24th turned out to include some adventure and lots of fun for the three Miatas that braved the rain. As our departure time arrived, so did a wall of black clouds and a substantial downpour. So with all but our spirits dampened, we made the scenic drive. By the time we got there the sun was out and the morning was perfect. However, we couldn't enter at first because the bridge to the museum area was flooded. When they deemed it fit for crossing, we did

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so like everyone else, but I must say that was the scariest thing I have done in years. Water rushing at you from left to right while you cross a narrow 1 lane bridge you can't see! But we lived to enjoy the *great* museum, nature trails, and wildlife preserve where we got a good close look at lots of deer, HUGE elk and even some ostriches. We even drove in the midst of a herd of about 40 buffalo nearly close enough to touch. Of course that wasn't as close as Phil & Sandy, who'd had buffalo for lunch! Afterwards we all voted to scout a new route home so with help from a local and from Jim & Diane's terrific book (see note below) we headed south from the oil well in the middle of the street in Barnsdall and had a wild, curvy ride (the pavement disappeared for a few feet in places) that was lots of fun. We ended up in Skiatook and

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capped off a pretty great day despite the wet start. we bought one for ourselves the very next day!
See you on the next trip!
Joel & Alessandra

Note: The book referenced above is called *The Roads of Oklahoma* and is at Waldenbooks for \$16.95. If you want to see a map that shows the curves in the road as they really exist.....buy this book. It is so good

**August's
Newsletter
Deadline:
August 4th**