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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ September 20 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center
101st & Sheridan
- ◆ September 24 - NEO Club Birthday Party & Picnic
at Natural Falls State Park
12 Noon @ Homeland
193rd E Admiral (South of I-44 & 193rd)
- ◆ September 30 & October 1 - Hwy 7 Drive & Overnight
at Eureka Springs with the Arkansas Miatas
6:30 AM @ Burger King in BA 161st & BA Expressway

- ◆ October 18 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center
101st & Sheridan
- ◆ October 21 - Mystery Ride
- ◆ October 24-27 - Miatas in Paradise, Daytona Beach, Florida

- ◆ November 15 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting

From the President

Mac Arnett

I would like to say "THANKS" to Gene for guiding our club these past two years. We have really grown. I looked out over the crowd at our August meeting and I believe we had the biggest crowd ever. Thanks again Gene and you too Shirley for a job well done.

I can see that if we are going to draw that big a crowd at all our meetings, we may need more door prizes. Ha. Weren't those door prizes great?

Boy what a change in the weather. This is top down time. I had to get out Sunday; it took me 100 miles to get my fix.

I am glad to see Bob & Vikki Nichols finally got a BRG, which makes

three of us in the club now.

I want to remind you all that the Big National event is coming up in October. I have been to two of these and it is so much fun. We have made new friends and seen so many cars it is unbelievable. Miata people are truly a different breed of Cat. 400 Miatas in one parking lot, all parking ten feet apart, think about that. When you think you have seen everything someone has added that little touch that just sets their car off from all the others.

Miata lovers, I leave you with this thought "IF YOU DON'T DRIVE IT YOU DON'T GET IT."

Mac



Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2000

Gene Bedingfield, President, called the meeting to order. The room was filled with the largest attendance ever at a club meeting. All members, including two potential new members, introduced themselves and their cars. Several members have new toys. Joe & Sarah Bohannon are the fourth household in NEO Miata with a 2000 Mahogany Mica. His '97 STO Limited Edition is for sale (see the classified ad in the August newsletter). Bob & Vikki Nichols finally got their BRG, and their '90 is for sale. Mike & Brenda Meyer got a '97 Montego Blue to replace the Miata that came to grief on the club trip in July to Roaring River. They have "red" parts for sale.

Earl Larkin provided last minute info for the Fin & Feather trip on Sunday. The Bedingfields and the Ducketts are taking a trip to Colorado in September the week after Labor Day; if interested in joining them, contact Gene. The club's birthday party will be September 24 (see page 3 for details). Mike Meyer handed out flyers on the Eureka Springs trip the Arkansas club is planning on September 30 and October 1. October's events include the national convention in Daytona Beach and a road rally, hosted by Rod VanKoughnet. (I left out the Arkansas jokes.)

The main event of the evening was election of officers. Competition was fierce! The winners were:

- ◆ President: Mac Arnett
- ◆ Vice President: Mike Meyer
- ◆ Editor: Kim Hand
- ◆ Secretary/
Membership: Gene Bedingfield
- ◆ Treasurer: Anne Duckett
- ◆ Tour &
Special Events: Earl Larkin,
Lead Director
Ronnie Lane
Joel Eads
Rod VanKoughnet

The second most important event was the traditional door prize drawings. Gene did a great job of assembling a huge assortment of items,

many donated by members, and almost everyone won something.

Meeting was adjourned for some old-fashioned tire kicking in the parking lot.

Pam Chronister
Former Secretary/Membership
Chairperson

**October's
Newsletter
Deadline:
Saturday,
October 7th**

**You've Got
Mail!**



REMINDER!

If anyone would like to receive email reminders about NEOMIATA club events or would like a very easy way to reach other club members who have email, please send an email note to this address: "neomiata-subscribe@egroups.com"

**UNSCHEDULED
EVENTS**

(MORE
INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW)

- ◆ Rod's Road Rally
- ◆ Jenks Christmas Parade
- ◆ Christmas Lights Tour
- ◆ Club Christmas Party



Seven Miatas went to Fin & Feather for a late brunch on Sunday, August 20th. The fourteen people that went had a great ride and ate a lot of delicious food.

CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY & PICNIC (Natural Falls State Park)

When: Sunday, September 24th
Time: Noon
Where: Homeland
 193rd E Admiral
 (South of I-44 & 193rd)
Chef: Mike Meyer
Phone: 918.243.7518 (H)
 918.261.7518 (M)
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 McDonald's North of I244/412 at 193rd East Ave. We will then take some nice 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 is a 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 fall afternoon. What more could you ask for? Good food, good friends, great scenery, and Miata roads.

In case of rain call Mike Meyer to see if event will be rescheduled.

What's New



Don Kraycik reported that *The Road & Track* "New Cars" issue (October, 2000) listed the new features on the 2001 Miata. The new model now comes standard with 155 hp from the 1.8 liter engine. The front and rear ends have been changed slightly, with a different taillight treatment and a larger grill opening, with more angular upper corners. There are also larger open-

ings on each side of the grill for brake ducts or possibly fog lights. The car pictured in the magazine has different wheels and is shown in a new light metallic blue. The article also says that the 6-speed transmission is now standard on the LS model as is the perforated leather. The interior now sports white faced gauges with chrome bezels, new seats and new door panels. Read more about it in the October 2000 *The Road & Track* issue.

Also, Miata.Net reported that the model will have a new color: Teal. There was a teal "test" color many years ago. They suspect this will be similar. Inside, there will be more comfortable redesigned seats with better bolstering and higher seat backs to comply with European regulations. Also new is the VVT Intake (Variable Valve Timing) which adds about 15 more horses! The 2001 model should be available in the September, 2000 timeframe.

HIGHWAY 7 SCENIC DRIVE TO EUREKA SPRINGS FEATURING THE HISTORIC BASIN PARK HOTEL (With the Arkansas Miata Club)

When: Saturday, September 30th
Time: 6:30 AM Sharp
Where: Burger King in BA
 161 & BA Expressway
Guide: Earl Larkin
Phone: 918.622.4635 (H)
CB Channel: 5

The annual overnight trip to Eureka Springs will be the weekend of September 30 & October 1. We will be meeting the Arkansas group in Russellville at 9:30 on Saturday morning. That means an early 6:30 start from Tulsa for an arrival time in Russellville of 9:15 which will give us time to refuel.

The combined group will then follow scenic hwy. 7 and end up at the Basin Park Hotel in downtown Eureka Springs overlooking, what else, Basin Park and springs. A group dinner & optional breakfast is also planned. The Hotel was selected because it is

a historic site and for its downtown shopping location.

There will be plenty of time for shopping and exploring on your own. We will return to Tulsa on Sunday afternoon. The Hotel will be \$79 for Saturday night (be sure and ask for that rate unless you want an upgrade). The price of meals and events will be \$35 per person.

The weekend has always been very well planned by our neighbors to the East and includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, giveaways, scenic drives, shopping, and several social gatherings.

To make Hotel reservations, a block of rooms is already being held. Call the Basin Hotel at 1.800.643.4972 and tell them you are with the Miata group. Also, you need to contact Debbie Wisdom ASAP to register for the trip. Debbie Wisdom can be reached at 501.833.9854 or at Miata96@AOL.com. (See enclosed form.)

The ten Miatas that went last year had a good time (so did the people).

DAYTONA 2000 NATIONAL MIATA EVENT

It's still not too late to attend the annual National Miata Event. The gathering will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel on Daytona Beach October 24 -27. The dates for the event are Tuesday, October 24th through Friday, October 27, 2000. Registration is \$325 per couple and rooms with ocean view are only \$89 per night. If you have never been to a national, it is an experience like no other Miata event you have ever done and one you will always remember.

Call Mike Meyer (243.7518) for more information and registration forms. You can also get information at the official website:

www.miata2000.com.

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Top Down Tales

Ed.

Thanks to all the members who just finished serving as officers. Without their donation of hard work and time the club would not exist. These people have served faithfully over the last several years:

- ◆ Gene Bedingfield
President (2 years)
Now serving as Secretary/
Membership
- ◆ Brad & Jan Coody
Treasures (6 years)
- ◆ Pam Chronister
Secretary/Membership
(2 years)
- ◆ Mike Meyer
Tour & Special Events



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Expires: 10/31/00
(discount does not apply
on promotional items)

- (2 years)
Now serving as Vice President
- ◆ Joe Bohannon
Tour & Special Events
(2 years)

Their leadership and service will be missed, but we have a great new crew that will give the old group's record a run for their money!

Please consider helping out the club

by planning & leading a drive, writing an article, and telling about the club to other Miata owners who aren't in the club.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!

Kim

