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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ February 21 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting  
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center  
101st & Sheridan
- ◆ March 21 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting  
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center  
101st & Sheridan
- ◆ March 24 & 25 - Hot Springs Overnight Trip  
5:00 AM @ Burger King BA Express Way & 161st
- ◆ April 18 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting  
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center  
101st & Sheridan

## From the President

Mac Arnett

This is the time of year we should be thinking of our favorite VALENTINE. The big surprise – what a



challenge! Where to take her so she can really let her hair down? What I might buy her that she doesn't already have? This to me is just one of those test to see how good I am. Some times it is just the journey that makes the trip

worthwhile. I am an impulse buyer. When I see it I get it and this works for me. If I think about it too long, I lose the moment. Some times I think why does Valentine's Day just come once a year? What a waste.

Things are not so good at MCA, I guess. I have gotten no information on books or return of our dues or anything else. I think something will happen soon though. I surfed the net the other day and a lot of people are looking at trying to get something else going with Mazda. I will keep you informed of what I find out.

Don't forget:

- ◆ keep your TOP DOWN and
- ◆ your REV'S UP.

Mac



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## Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2001

Vice President Mike Meyer chaired the meeting. Introductions were made all around including two new members. New members are Gary & Annette Lunnon with a 94 red with 16,000 miles and John & Cindy Wieland with a 2001 silver and tan. Welcome to both couples. Since the meeting John and Barbara Newman have also joined.

The only new business discussed was the drive scheduled for March 24-25 with both Arkansas clubs and the Memphis club. Trip will be to Hot Springs, AR and details are available on page three in the newsletter.

As of the end of 2000 we had 50 cars on the membership roll. I think that is a record for the club. However, since memberships are due each January, paid membership has dropped somewhat. Only 19 existing members have paid as February 8 plus three new members. Please pay your dues as quickly as possible. Send check to NEO Miata, PO Box 554, Tulsa 74101-0554. The 22 paid members are as follows; Arnett, Bedingfield, Bohannon, Cardell, Curfman, Coody, Dudden, Field, Gay, Hand, Hays, Johnson, Jones, Lane (Ronnie & Shirley), Larkin, Majors, Prier, Roop, Sisson/Colvin, Sturdivant, Van Koughnet, and Williamson. If you think your name should be on the list because you have already paid me, please contact me.

Gene Bedingfield  
Secretary/Membership Chairperson

**March's  
Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Saturday,  
March 10th**

## Get Well!

Diane Kowal recently had a kidney transplant. The transplant was successful, however she developed pneumonia. The good news is she has recovered from the pneumonia and has had her last treatment of rejection therapy. She is now at home and doing well. She cannot receive real flowers or live plants. She can be reached at:

Diane Kowal  
60250 E 230 Rd  
Fairland, OK 74343  
918.676.3065

If you want more information, you can call Ronnie or Shirley Lane @ 918.676.5105.

## Alfa Romeos & Miatas

### Run at Hallett

Rod Van Koughnet

This year's OK Alfa Romeo Owners Club track day at Hallett will be July 7th. All NEO Miatas are invited and yours truly is on the organizing committee. No details as yet, but mark the calendars. In a effort to involve more people, I'd like to suggest a scenic Miata drive for the same day that would pop in at the track for a couple of hours so that those not putting their Miatas on the track will still have a good reason to come out and see what it is like.

**Membership  
Renewal Time**

It's time to renew  
your membership!  
Please send check:  
NEO Miata  
PO Box 554  
Tulsa, OK  
74101-0554  
or bring it to the  
next meeting!



Curves Ahead

### AutoWeek Miata Pictures

Don Kraycik

The Feb. 5th issue of AutoWeek reported that the 2001 Special Edition Miata will be shown at the Chicago Autoshow, Feb 9 - 18. It's reported to be British Racing Green. Pictures should be available on AutoWeek's website:

[www.autoweek.com](http://www.autoweek.com)

## Be Spontaneous

Wash your car, keep your boot handy and stay near your phone. If we get a nice weekend, we just may have a spontaneous trip. It would be a short trip, but one to help satisfy that desire for a drive.

## Hot Springs Overnight Trip

**When:** Saturday & Sunday,  
March 24th & 25th  
**Time:** 5:00 AM  
**Where:** Burger King in BA  
161 & BA Expressway  
**Jockey:** Dorothy & Earl Larkin  
**Phone:** 918.622.4635 (H)

C. W. Rhodes of the Northwest Arkansas Miata Club has invited our club, the Memphis club, and the Little Rock club to all join together for a large "road run" to Hot Springs. Hopefully we can put together 40 - 50 Miatas for the trip. Forty or fifty Miatas running through towns together make quite a statement about how we feel about our cars and one another. For you older club members who have attended either one or both of the two Arkansas sponsored runs that we have enjoyed these last two Octobers, it will start out very much the same way. We will leave from Broken Arrow and drive straight to Russelville where we join up with the other clubs. There will be a "potty stop" in Sallisaw.

But then, instead of going north on Scenic 7 to Eureka Springs, we will follow Scenic 7 south all the way to Hot Springs. There will be miles and miles of curves, hills, forests, beautiful scenery, and more curves. Some people think the "southern route" is more beautiful and a more challenging drive than is the "northern route." Dorothy and I love it all, from end to end. We hope you will too.

Plot within a plot: Some of our out of state friends love to gamble. That is the reason we have to leave so early. We must meet the other clubs in Russelville by 9:00 AM in order to re-fuel, potty, stretch our legs, and be ready to depart by 9:30 AM sharp. The first race in Hot Springs begins at 1:00 PM and they want to be there for all of the day's races. Upon arrival in Hot Springs they are not even going to check in at the hotel; they are going straight to the track. When the day's races are over they will go straight to our hotel. We plan to

gather for dinner in the hotel about 7:00 PM. After dinner, for those so inclined, we intend to go for drinks and dancing at the historic Arlington Hotel. Party as long as you like; going to bed whenever you like.

Sunday's venue is up to each individual club. Some are going to remain for a second day of gambling. Some are going to have breakfast and then head for home. We shall decide what we are going to do in a discussion amongst those who attend. If you are tired, worn out and just want to go home, I'll bring you back by the fastest and most direct route. But if you still want to "play," I'll bring you back over Taimena Drive. We will eat in Queen Wilhmina Lodge on the top of the mountain, then on to Red Oak and Robbers Cave. We will be back in Tulsa before dark with great stories to tell and incredible pictures to show.

Now about that gambling. I first discussed this at the January club meeting where ten cars said they would be attending the week-end but might not go to the racetrack. Fine. There are no fewer than five lakes around Hot Springs with great Miata roads. Hot Springs offers fabulous shopping. Last but not least, do not forget that Hot Springs was made world famous by its bath houses in which you may get the full treatment - sauna, bath, massage. Something to consider. Some of you see no point leaving at 5:00 AM if you do not intend to go to the racetrack. You would prefer to leave at 8:00 or 9:00 AM. We can do that, and if that is what we vote to do, we will do that. But please be aware that if we arrive in Russelville three to four hours late, we will not be driving with the other clubs and instead of seeing 40 - 50 Miatas going by at one time, there will just be 10 - 20; not nearly as impressive.

Where are we going to stay? We will be spending the night at the Hill Wheatley Downtowner Hotel. The cost will be \$58.00 plus tax per room. You must make your own reservation in your own name but tell them you are with the Miata Club and want the special group rate. The individual price is considerably higher, espe-

cially during racing season. The toll free number for group reservations is 1.800.874.7798. That number is a booking agency in Atlanta, Georgia. If you want a view ask for the balcony. The direct number to the hotel is 1.501.624.5521 & the general reservations number is 1.800.251.1962. Warning: Do not wait too long to reserve your room. Only 30 rooms are being held for our clubs. 50 cars would require 50 rooms, see my point/

How much will it cost?

- A. Hotel: \$58.00 plus tax
- B. Fuel: three tanks - leave with a full tank and you will re-fuel in Russelville and Hot Springs
- C. Food: four to five meals
- D. Gambling: ?
- E. Drinking: ?
- F. Shopping: ?

I don't know about you people, but this Hot Springs weekend can't come soon enough for me. This winter has been so long, so cold, with so much snow and ice and treacherous roads that we have developed a terminal case of "cabin fever." Our mental health demands that we get out on the road, put down the top, and search out the roads and mountains for which our beloved Miatas were built. This Hot Springs weekend is not just what we want; it is what we need.

If you have further questions you wish to discuss with us, feel free to call us at 622.4635, any evening after 7:00 PM.

We remain your loyal and faithful servants,

### You've Got Mail!

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"](mailto:neomiata-subscribe@egroups.com)

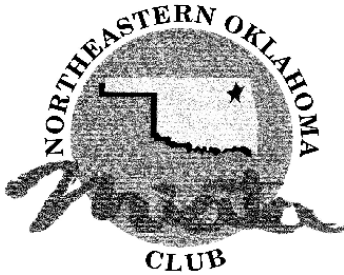


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## The NEO Classic

# Top Down Tales

Ed.



Doesn't this picture of the curvy road get your adrenalin going and put the desire to put the top down

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and hit the highway? Robert Majors snapped this picture down in the Muskogee area. Metaphorically speaking, this could be the logo for our club, (no I'm not proposing a new logo). The time is coming where we will be able to transverse these roads. The first opportunity for the club will be the Hot Springs trip. Be sure to make your reservations (see story on page three).

Speaking of the club, take a minute and sit down, write out a check for \$20 and send it in to renew your membership. Last year we had great trips and a lot of fun. I'm sure you will want to be part of the fun this year!

*Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!*

*Kim*