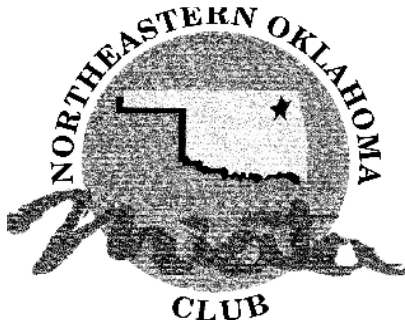


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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ March 21 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center
101st & Sheridan (unchanged)
- ◆ March 24 & 25 - Hot Springs Overnight Trip
6:00 AM @ Burger King BA Express Way & 161st
- ◆ April 14 - Hare & Hound Road Rally w/ Alpha-Romeo Club
6:00 PM James Perlingiere Home
8110 N. 170th E. Ave, Owasso
- ◆ April 18 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Mazzio's @ South Pointe Shopping Center
101st & Sheridan
- ◆ May 5 - Robert's *Miata* Tour
9:00 AM Big K-Mart North Main & Shawnee, Muskogee
- ◆ May 16 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
- ◆ May 19 - Eureka Springs Run
TBA

From the President

Mac Arnett

Time to get that Hard Top off and start thinking of places to air that car out. I have seen a lot of tops down this week. I sure am ready to put some miles on the old BRG and the Hot Springs weekend will be just the run we need. Leta and I are taking a couple of extra days while we are in the area to just drive and vacate a little.

I surfed the net this week and there are a lot of people still upset about MCA's no response to any questions. There is still talk of Mazda putting a club together. I think time may be running out on a 2001 National, I have not seen

anything on the net about it.

I did see that there is a new Battery on the market. It is called the American Eagle and has more power than the Replacement Battery from the dealer. From Mazda the Replacement Battery has 370 CA, \$80.00, the Wesco has 475 CA, \$80.00 and the American Eagle 530 CA, \$80.00. So if anyone is looking for a battery you might check this one out.

UNTIL NEXT TIME,
KEEP YOUR TOP DOWN
AND YOUR
REVS UP

Mac



Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2001

Meeting was called to order and the dispute between Miata Club of America (Vince Tidwell) and the Miata Magazine publisher (Barbara Beach) was discussed. If you are wanting the magazine you will need subscribe directly with the publisher via the www.miatamagazine.com web site. Also, if you subscribed to the magazine through The Miata Club of America and want your money back, you will need to send a letter of request to the Miata Club of America.

The discussion lead to the drive scheduled for March 24-25 with both Arkansas clubs and the Memphis club to Hot Springs, AR. Details are available on page five.

Earl then gave a litany of events for the rest of the year; see page three.

There was discussion about moving the meeting to another location, but upon later investigation, the desired location was not available. The meeting will still be at Mazzio's at 101st & Sheridan. Please let Mac know of any possible locations that would be a good meeting place.

We have 36 members who have renewed their membership. For those who haven't it's not too late. However, if you don't renew this month, this will be the last issue you will receive. Please pay your dues as quickly as possible. Send check to NEO Miata, PO Box 554, Tulsa 74101-0554. If you think your name should be on the list because you have already paid me, please contact me.

Gene Bedingfield
Secretary/Membership Chairperson

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

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!

**Note: If you have not renewed, this will
be your last Newsletter!**

The Newest Miata Member

The newest Miata member is Kiana Maleise Van Koughnet. Kiana was born on Friday, March 9th at 4:55 PM. Kiana is 20" long and weighs 7 lbs, 13 oz. Both Kiana and Christine are doing great and went home on Sunday, March 11th.



Kiana Maleise Van Koughnet

Robert's *Miata* Tour

When: Saturday May 5th
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Big K-Mart
 North Main & Shawnee
 Muskogee
Guide: Robert Majors
Phone: 918.684.6320 (H)

Everyone meets under the Big K sign at K-Mart located at North Main and Shawnee in Muskogee. We will leave the parking lot at 9 AM and proceed east to York Street where we will turn north.

We will go through Okay to Fort Gibson Dam and take state 80 to Hulbert. From Hulbert we will go north to Lost City. North of Lost City there are many low-water crossings and if it is raining or has rained in the last two days we will cancel this section of the trip.

There is a cemetery four miles north of Lost City. Here we will turn east until we get to NS452 where we will go south until we get to Moodys. Here we turn east until we get to state 10.

We will go south on state 10 until we get to US 62. We will then go east for about a mile to a Phillips 66. This will be a break for pop, gas, or restrooms. When we leave we will turn south by the station on a road that goes through Welling to state 100.

At state 100 we turn right and follow state 100 to 10A. This will take us to Fin and Feather where we will eat. At this point we will have covered 100 miles and it will be noon.

After lunch those that want can take state 10A to state 10 and back to Muskogee. If there are those that would like to take some more back roads, we can discuss it farther as there are enough paved back roads in eastern Oklahoma we could drive all weekend.



2001 Neo Miata Calendar

<u>March</u> Sat. & Sun., March 24-25 Hot Springs Overnighter Leader: Dorothy & Earl	<u>April</u> Saturday, April 14 Hare & Hound w/ Alfa Club Leader: Rod Van Koughnet
<u>May</u> Saturday, May 5 Robert's <i>Miata</i> Tour Leader: Robert Majors Saturday, May 19 Eureka Springs Run Leader: Ronnie Lane	<u>June</u> Saturday, June 30 TSD Road Rally Similar to Article on Page 4 
<u>July</u> Saturday, July 7 Alphas & Miatas @ Hallet Sunday, July 15 Oklahoma Back roads Leader: Joel Eads	<u>August</u> Saturday, August 25 This Old House (Osage Hills) Leader: Dorothy & Earl
<u>September</u> Saturday, September 2 Take the High Ground Leader: Dorothy & Earl	<u>October</u> Sunday, October ? Drive to Dinner Leader: Dorothy & Earl
<u>November</u> Birthday Party Picnic Jenks Christmas Parade	<u>December</u> Christmas Party



Robert Majors' New Tag

Tiawah Tarmac Challenge TSD Rally

Rod Van Koughnet

On Saturday, Feb 10, Rick Lindsay and I entered the Tiawah Tarmac Challenge, the last installment of the Land Run Rally Series (<http://www.sdewolfe.com/landrun/landrun.htm>). Garry Deaton, the organizer of the event, planned the series around the winter months off-season for the SCCA autocrossers. This event started in Catoosa and traversed a number of fun twisty roads in the Claremore area. The entry fee for the five daylight and five night stages was \$20, and it was WELL worth the money. Rick and I had a total blast piloting my Miata, even with a progressively worse slipping clutch. Other participants included three more NEO Miatas. This rally was a precision rally, rather than a gimmick rally. Success requires precise navigation, time keeping, and speed. Note, precise speed does not necessarily equate to high speed. The object was to finish each stage in precisely the same amount of time as it took the rally master to drive, and he strove to drive at precisely 2 mph less than the posted speed limit. This sounds pretty simple for straight roads, but add blind hill crests, blind curves, and darkness, and you get the Tiawah Challenge!

For me, the most challenging part was a stage through a lakeside park with posted speeds of 15 mph. I found it painfully difficult to maintain

any precision at less than 25 mph. The navigation instructions used "tulips," pictograms of direction changes that completely did away with any verbiage (see example picture).

Best of all, Rick and I totally smoked the competition! We were only eight seconds off perfect in the daylight stages, and only three seconds off in the night stages! Second place was somewhat close, but the others were all way behind.

This was WAY more fun than other rallies I have been on and I'm sure members of the Miata club would really take to it. I think they will schedule more of these events. I just hope we don't have to wait until next winter!

TOTAL MILES	INCR MILES	TULIP
1.02	0.10	
1.06	0.04	
1.91	0.85	
3.35	1.44	

Tiawah "Tulips" Pictograms

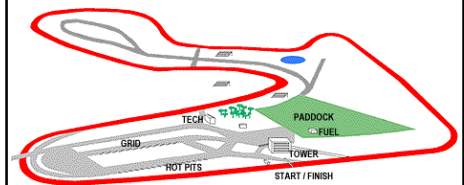
Alfa Romeos & Miatas Run at Hallett

Rod Van Koughnet

The Oklahoma Alfa Romeo Owners Club is happy to announce and invite you to our annual "Alfa Rodeo" track day and performance drivers school, July 7, 2001. The location is Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, just west of Tulsa, OK. Mark your calendars for this fun event. There are four classes of drivers school, from first-timer through Speed-Racer, as well as a touring class for those who want to experience the track in a slightly tamer setting.

We already have registrations from members of the North-East Oklahoma and Wichita Miata clubs and are expecting more from Oklahoma City, so you can expect a healthy number of Miatas at this Alfa event

All of the details and several action photos are at the following web site. For some reason, the site is not Netscape friendly, so please use Explorer. It comes out fairly scrambled with Netscape. <http://www.geocities.com/alfarodeo2001/>



Hallet Racetrack



Rod "leading" the Pack! (Best looking car too!)

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)



Hot Springs Overnight Trip

When: Saturday & Sunday,
March 24th & 25th
Time: 6:00 AM
Where: Burger King in BA
161 & BA Expressway
Jockey: Dorothy & Earl Larkin
Phone: 918.622.4635 (H)

As a concession to the NEO Miata Club and an attempt to get our Miatas to join and drive with those of the other Miata clubs, the starting times and meeting places have been altered a little. Here's the new plan: The Northwest Arkansas Club will gather in Fayetteville and leave from there in time to arrive in Alma, Ark. at the Cracker Barrel by 8:00 AM. Miatas from the Little Rock and Memphis Clubs will meet at the Cracker Barrel in Alma at 8:00 AM. Not all of them, understand, just those who really like to run the roads with a large group of Miatas. Ronnie Lane will leave from the Grove area with two Miatas and be in Alma by 8:00 AM. We will depart from the Burger King parking lot at 6:00 AM sharp. Please be on time with a full tank of gas.

At the February club meeting there were several of you who asked was there anywhere around Burger King to eat that early in the morning? Answer: Yes. One block south of Burger King is a Denny's restaurant that is open 24 hours a day (unless it closes after I am writing this update on March 4th.)

We will be driving the turnpikes to Muskogee and on to I-40. We will pick up Robert Majors and possibly others as we pass through Muskogee. We will be running 75 MPH on the turnpike and 70 MPH on I-40. We will not make our usual "potty stop" in Sallisaw as it is only a few more miles to Alma, Arkansas. We will arrive in Alma by 8:00 AM, meet the other groups, make our visits to the restrooms, and then all of us will head out for Russellville together. At Russellville we will meet up with the

Miata members who chose to wait for us there rather than drive to Alma. The NEO club members should refuel here just to be on the safe side. Then all of the Miatas from the four combined clubs will line up and take Scenic 7 south to Hot Springs.

Once we arrive in Hot Springs, the original plan remains the same. Those who want to go to the horse races just follow C.W. right on out to the track. The rest, break off and go do your own thing: drive around the great roads, sight-see, get a bath and massage, shop, etc.

We will all try to re-group for dinner at 7:00 PM in Jernigan's Restaurant inside the Hill-Wheatley Downtowner. At dinner we will decide if we are going straight home the next day or if we want to go home by way of Taliama Drive, Red Oak, and Robbers Cave. Our Sunday morning departure time will be based upon our Saturday night decision.

If you haven't made your reservations, the Hill Wheatley Downtowner Hotel is booked. However, call the hotel directly at 1.501.624.5521 and ask for Brandi in reservations. She will be able to put you on a waiting list or maybe able to help you find a place. Two other hotels that are in the immediate area are the Arlington and the Majestic.

See you at the club meeting March 21st.

Dorothy and Earl

Radios

Ron Dudden

For those of you who might be interested in buying a FRS radio to use on our trips, I found a good website that explains all the terminology and features of "Family Radio Service." It also has some recommendations.

The website is Collins Notebook: Family Radio Buyers Guide. The address is: <http://collin.org/frs/guide/guide.html>

It will tell you more than you probably want to know.

Hare & Hound

Rod Van Koughnet

When: Saturday April 14th
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: James Perlingiere Home
8110 N. 170th E. Ave
Owasso
Phone: 918.272.0913 (H)

At last, the details for the drive in April have reached us! The Oklahoma Alfa Romeo Owners Club has invited us to join them for a "SCOTCHLITE HARE AND HOUND RALLY," Saturday, April 14, at the home of James Perlingiere in Owasso. Festivities start at 6 PM, with an Italian dinner and brief Alfa meeting. The rally will start at 7:30 or 8 PM (I'd place my bet on the 8:00 time) and should take around 1.5 hours.

Here's how it works: James will have preset a trail with strips of reflective tape marking the road. It will be our job to follow the trail. I think there will be some printed instructions as well, and it will finish somewhere that coffee can be had. Sounds fun!

Anyone from the Miata Club is welcome for the meeting and dinner in addition to the rally. They told me not to bring any food, as they will have plenty. I'd like to get a rough idea of how many will be joining them for dinner to give them a fair warning, so please email me at chrisnrod@home.com if you plan to attend.

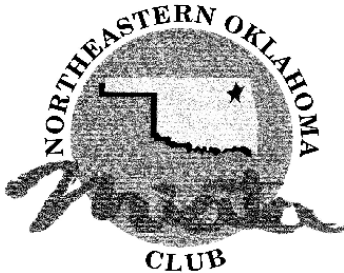
Directions to the Perlingiere house:

8110 N. 170th E. Ave
Take 169 north to 86th St N.
Go east to 170th E. Ave, in the Country Briar subdivision.
If you're lost, call James at 272-0913. Area code 918, if you get really lost!



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Top Down Tales

Ed.

A friend from work came into my office this week to let me know that he had just bought his 18 year old daughter a 95 Red Miata (automatic). The smile on his face made me wonder who really bought the car for whom.

I only bought my car two years ago, so my memory is pretty fresh. But, I remember how proud I was when I bought mine. I remember the first time another Miata owner drove by and waved; I knew then there was a virtual fraternity for people who "love" Miatas.

When I found there a local Miata club, there was some trepidation on my part in calling Tim Gheen to find

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out about the club. I thought for sure that the club for cars like this would have snobs, only to find out that Tim was one of the nicest people I had talked to over the phone. Tim told me all the things a new Miata owner was suppose to know, do and not do with their car.

Then I came to find that all the members were friendly. We have a

great group of people and I hope that if you haven't renewed that you will and if your too busy, join anyway, go on at least one trip and stay plugged in!

*Zoom, Zoom,
Zoom!*

Kim

