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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **May 16 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting**  
7:00 PM Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler @ 51st & Harvard  
on the North Side of I-44 & East of Harvard
- ◆ **May 19 - Eureka Springs Run**  
8:00 AM @ McDonald's, I-44 & 193rd East Ave
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- ◆ **June 9 - Eureka Springs Overnight**  
9:00 AM @ McDonald's, I-44 & 193rd East Ave
- ◆ **June 20 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting**  
7:00 PM Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler @ 51st & Harvard  
on the North Side of I-44 & East of Harvard
- ◆ **June 30 - TSD Road Rally**
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- ◆ **July 7 - Alfas & Miatas @ Hallet**
- ◆ **July 15 - Oklahoma Back Roads**
- ◆ **July 18- NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting**



## From the President

Mac Arnett

I can only start this with a ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM! The top is down and the rev's are up

What a time we had Saturday night. Jim and Sandy, & Gene and Shirley hosted the Hound and Hare Rally II and we sure had fun. Nine cars met at Anne and Ray Ducketts in Owasso and seven cars ran the Rally. I will only say I did not come in last but Rodney and Martha Jones came in first breaking all club records. Special thanks to Sandy for the nice gifts that everyone received.

I sold my extra hard top and installed it on a M-2 (2001 car) so for your info M-2 car owners any top will fit your car.

The new Miata Magazine is out with lots of good information.

See you at the next meeting at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler (51<sup>st</sup> & Harvard). Also, we will have someone come and show us the new nifty car lift after the meeting.

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



Mac

# Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2001

Mac Arnett called the meeting to order. Approximately 50 people were in attendance, and Mac declared it was a full house.

New members, Richard and Nyla McCorkle, whom many of us met in Hot Springs, made their first meeting. They said they are very happy to be part of the club. Their car is a 92 Red with "Momma" on the front and nothing special on the back.

Mac then discussed the Hot Springs trip. There were 47 cars that made the trip. It was a very impressive showing. Some went to the race track, some to the spas, and many went shopping. Everyone deemed the trip a total success.

Earl Larkin gave the breakdown of cars as:

- ◆ NEO - 18 cars
- ◆ NW Arkansas - 22 cars
- ◆ Little Rock - 7 cars

Mac then informed us that John Chronister is recovering from open heart surgery and is doing well.

### NEW BUSINESS

Joe Bohanan said he wrote and asked for a refund of his dues, and he got \$29 back. Joe suggested that if anyone else wanted a refund of their dues, they should write and request it. Mac said he learned there was to be a new National club to be formed by Mazda. He will provide more information as he gets it.

### OLD BUSINESS

A decision was made to start meeting at Johnny's at the old Shoney's on the corner of 51st and Harvard. They have two meeting rooms which hold 32 people each. May's meeting will be held there.

Mac suggested that when the weather gets nicer, we will have short meetings and go for an hour's drive afterwards ending up at a Sonic.

### THINGS TO COME

After going around the room and introducing ourselves, Mac said a man in Broken Bow is selling a 2000 Mahogany Special Edition with everything on it. Contact Mac if you are interested.

### TOUR & SPECIAL EVENTS

Earl took us back to the Hot Springs trip and gave us this funny story. To show how impressive we were with the Miatas, he talked about a six car Corvette tour that passed us while we were in Russellville at the pit stop. He said the first Corvette guy barely gave us a second glance. The second guy looked, tried to count, waved, and went on. The third guy looked positively sick when he saw all of us, and he about broke his neck as he counted our cars. Ditto for the rest of their club.

Earl then read Jim Sturdivant's email on the Hare and Hound rally last week with the three Miatas and two Alfa Romeros. He asked Jim to provide more information on the proposed Miata rally for Saturday night, April 21. Anne and Ray Duckett volunteered their home for the starting place.

Rod Van Koughnet provided more details for the upcoming June TSD rally the club will participate in. The May fifth tour was discussed. (Note: the May tour did not occur due to Robert's Miata getting hit by a deer.

Earl said the May 19 topless car show in Eureka Springs has been cancelled and rescheduled to August 4th. On May 19th, Ronnie Lane will take the Miatas on a ride to Eureka Springs for shopping. The Kansas City club has asked us to join with them for a June 9-10 overnighter to Eureka Springs. There will be a discount on rates, if you say you are with the Miata Club. Mac said he had details if anyone was interested.

Rod Van Koughnet then told everyone how to sign online and subscribe to the NEOMiata list at egroups so they could receive the emails from our members. To sign up for this see article on page 5.

### MEETING ADJOURNED

New Member:  
Bob Boyd

*Minutes by Sandy Sturdivant  
Gene Bedingfield  
Secretary/Membership Chairperson*

## New Meeting Place

Starting with May's 16th meeting, we will be meeting at:

### Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler

51st & Harvard  
on the North Side of  
I-44 & East of Harvard

## June's Newsletter Deadline: Saturday, June 8th

### John Chonister's Pit Stop

Pam Chronister

On Wednesday, April 11, John had open heart surgery at St. John's. It was a triple bypass. I brought him home on April 16. He is doing as well as can be expected. They had him sitting up in a chair five hours after surgery and walking a short distance the next day. His blood sugar levels have been all out of whack (as high as 487, normal is 100 -150), so he will have to take insulin shots. Hopefully, this will be temporary until his body gets over the trauma of the surgery. He is easily confused and tires out fast, but it's only five days after major surgery, so that's probably not unusual. I am taking a few days off work to play nurse. Golf is out of the picture for a couple of months. And he can't drive for a while nor get into the Miata.

(The latest news on John is that he is doing real well. John will miss the next meeting due to Pam being out of town.)

## The Miata Gathering at the Springs

**When:** Saturday & Sunday, June 9th & 10th  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Where:** McDonald's (north side) I-44 at 193<sup>rd</sup> East Ave  
**Guide:** Mike Meyer  
**Phone:** 243.7518  
**Cell:** 261.7518

For those of you who can't get enough of Eureka Springs or other Miatas, the Kansas City Miata Club is having their annual gathering of clubs the weekend of June 9 & 10. We will be joining the Kansas City, St. Louis, Arkansas, Springfield, and Oklahoma City clubs for two days of leisurely socializing, shopping, and fun.

We will meet at 9:00 AM at the I-44/193rd East Ave. McDonalds. We will take US412 to Springdale, then US62, meeting the combined Clubs at the Ozarka Lodge in Eureka Springs around 1:00 Saturday afternoon. The complete lodge is reserved for Miatas on May 9. Room rates have been locked in at \$62 for two Queen beds or one King bed. If you are thinking about going please call the Ozarka Lodge at 800.321.8992 to make reservations.

After everyone has met and checked in to their rooms, we will head downtown to attend the *Music in the Park festival* at Basin Springs Park. At 7:00, dinner will be served at Hylander. The rest of the evening will be spent on your own and socializing on the deck around the pool at Ozarka. The staff as agreed to keep the pool open all night.

Sunday, they plan to meet for breakfast at Ozark Village Restaurant next door to the Hotel. A visit to Christ of the Ozark Statue is planned. A group picture will be taken and submitted to Miata Magazine. In the early part of the afternoon a scenic drive is also planned.

If you are interested in meeting members from other clubs and spending a leisurely time in Eureka Springs with plenty of time to shop, relax, or just sit around the pool then join Brenda and Mike Meyer Saturday June 9 at 9 AM for another Miata Weekend.

# 2001 Neo Miata Calendar

<p><u>May</u>  <b>Saturday, May 19</b>                  Eureka Springs Run                  Leader: Ronnie Lane</p> 	<p><u>June</u>  <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday, June 9 &amp; 10</b>                  Multi-Club Eureka Springs Overnighter  <b>Saturday, June 30</b>                  TSD Road Rally</p>
<p><u>July</u>  <b>Saturday, July 7</b>                  Alphas &amp; Miatas @ Hallet  <b>Sunday, July 15</b>                  Oklahoma Back roads                  Leader: Joel Eads</p>	<p><u>August</u>  <b>Saturday, August 4</b>                  Eureka Springs Topless Car Show  <b>Saturday, August 25</b>                  This Old House (Osage Hills)                  Leader: Dorothy &amp; Earl</p>
<p><u>September</u>  <b>Saturday, September 2</b>                  Take the High Ground                  Leader: Dorothy &amp; Earl</p>	<p><u>October</u>  <b>Sunday, October ?</b>                  Drive to Dinner                  Leader: Dorothy &amp; Earl</p>
<p><u>November</u>                  Birthday Party Picnic                  Jenks Christmas Parade</p>	<p><u>December</u>                  Christmas Party</p>

## WHERE TO GET NEAT CLUB STUFF

**THE OFFICIAL NEO CLUB PIN:**  
 Ann Duckett has the club logo pins for \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5 and 5 for \$10. Ann is at most club meetings and events.

**OFFICIAL NEO CLUB APPAREL:**  
 You can get all kinds of shirts and hats with embroidered club logos at *Eagle Apparel*, 608 E. Charles Page in Sand Springs (245.8191). The prices are very reasonable. For example a hat with logo is only \$18 and an embroidered chambray shirt is only \$26. You can also

take your own shirts and hats and have them embroidered for \$15. If you take two or more items in they are only \$10 each.

**NEO LOGO MAGNETIC SIGNS FOR YOUR ROADSTER:**  
 \$25 each at *Signs Now* located on the NE corner of 51<sup>st</sup> and Yale.

**MIATA OIL FILTERS AND GASKETS:**  
 Tim Gheen has these for only \$6. He is at most meetings or you can give him a call at 272.1294.

# Hare and Hound (trip 2)

April 21, 2001

Pics by Ray Duckett



Ready for the Hunt!



That's a Funny Looking Miata



Getting Mentally Prepared (eating cookies)



Let's Go!!



After the Hunt



The Winners - Rodney & Martha Jones

**Zoom  
Zoom  
Zoom  
Zoom**

## Eureka Springs Run

**When:** Saturday, May 19th  
**Time:** 8:00 AM - Gathering  
 8:30 AM - Departure  
**Where:** McDonald's (north side)  
 I-44 at 193<sup>rd</sup> East Ave  
**Guide:** Ronnie Lane  
**Return:** 7:00 PM

Ronnie Lane will take the Miatas on a nice ride to Eureka Springs. We will meet at 8 AM at McDonald's in Catoosa, take the back roads through Jay and Grove into Eureka Springs. There will be time for serious shopping. We will be back in Tulsa by 7 PM.

## TSD RALLY

**When:** Saturday, June 30th  
**Time:** TBA  
**Where:** TBA  
**Guide:** Rod Van Koughnet

This last month my friend, Rick, and I competed in the Tulsa Tulip 200K TSD Rally. We drove the Miata during the five paved daylight stages, which started in Sand Springs and covered lots of ground between there, Bixby, Kiefer, and Sapulpa. I learned some great Miata roads south of Bixby! As usual, we were instructed to maintain speeds of 2 mph less than the posted limits. That doesn't sound very exciting, but when you are driving the twisties, where the posted limits are 40-45, it can be a real thrill to maintain those speeds. The rally master recommended we not drive the Miata on the five gravel night stages in Creek County because of large rocks on the road. That turned out to be good advice. We drove my Montero instead, which was still fun, but no real comparison to the Miata. For the gravel roads, our target speeds ranged from 30 to 40, but mostly towards 40. That was a challenge in the Montero, especially on the twisty bits. Those gravel roads were mostly curvy, with lots of

ups, downs, one-lane wooden plank bridges, and even stream fords. At the end of the day (11 PM), we finished a very solid second, with third place nowhere near us. The first place team was driving a Toyota Celica Turbo AllTrack, which really showed its prowess on the gravel. It was a super fun day. Other cars that entered included a Ford Expedition, Mazda Protege, Geo Tracker, Nissan sedan, and others I don't recall.

The next scheduled TSD rally is June 30. It will be a shorter event of six all daylight, all paved stages, and we've slated it in as the June NEO Miata drive of the month. I will be working this event instead of driving, so I'm counting on having a whole slew of Miatas to fill the void left by mine! My duties will probably be to start the cars at each stage. Usually, we start the cars individually in one minute increments. We will finish for a bite to eat somewhere (probably a Mazzios), where we will also tabulate the results to see how the finish order shakes out. Low score wins...every second that you are late or early at the finish of each stage counts against you. Mark your calendars...you won't want to miss this!!!

## 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, do the following:

1. Send a blank email message to the following address: [Neomiata-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:Neomiata-subscribe@yahogroups.com)
2. That's it. You would then be subscribed to the group to receive any messages. When you are ready to post a message to the group, use the following email: [Neo-miata@yahogroups.com](mailto:Neo-miata@yahogroups.com)

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## 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/>



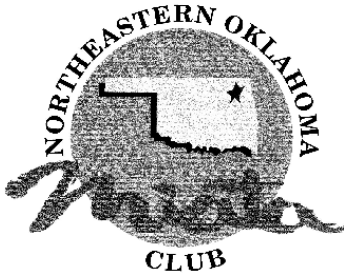
Hallet Racetrack

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## Top Down Tales

Ed.

The Alfa Romero Club invited our club to join them on their Hare & Hound Rally. The Sturdivants, Bedingfields, and Van Koughnets represented our club. They had so much fun they talked it up at April's meeting and hosted another Hare & Hound Rally on April 21st. My son, Andrew, and I attended this rally. We all met at the Duckett's where Ann provided us with cookies and coffee.

We had a good turnout with nine cars. Much to my surprise, there was a BMW Z3 parked in with all the other Miatas. The Z3 is owned by Charlie & Laurie Campbell. They are friends of the Sturdivants. They had a great time and probably will be

joining the club.

The funniest thing that happened was when we came across a road block in the middle of nowhere. With excellent interrogation skills, Andrew extracted from the officer the direction the other cars successfully went. The officers were very friendly and everybody had a similar story. After the event, we were all tempted to

drive back by and visit the officers again.

We had a great time thanks to the Sturdivants, Bedingfields & Ducketts.

*Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!*

*Kim*



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