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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ August 15 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler @ 51st & Harvard
on the North Side of I-44 & East of Harvard
- ◆ August 18 - This Old House (Osage Hills)
9:00 AM McDonald's @ Admiral & Memorial on I 244
- ◆ August 31 - Miatas at the Drive-Ins
6:30 PM for Dinner @ Sonic Drive-In Admiral & Yale
- ◆ September 19 - NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting
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on the North Side of I-44 & East of Harvard
- ◆ September 23 - Neo Annual Birthday Party
- ◆ September 29 & 30 - Fall Gathering of the Miatas
at Eureka Springs
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From the President

Mac Arnett

This Oklahoma weather is sure true to form. With this 100 degree plus heat, I sure have NOT wanted to get the old BRG out. I just hope some good top down weather will be behind all this heat.

What a fast year for me. I have enjoyed the challenge of serving as your President for the year 2001. I think our Club is getting bigger and better every year. This can only happen with your help. As we move into the next year, I will be looking forward to more fun rides and meeting new friends and being with old one's.

At our August meeting, we will be electing officers for the coming year.

We always have some nice door prizes and we are going to raffle off the "INTENSE MIATA" a book every Miata owner needs. Barbara has autographed it for me. COME GET INVOLVED, THIS IS YOUR CLUB.

I would like to thank the officers and everyone who has invested their personal time to insure that the Club had another fun year. Planning trips and events, taking pictures, looking after our finances and getting all this information in print for us is a lot of work, but worth every mile of it.

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

Mac



Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2001

Meeting was called to order by Mac Arnett at 7 PM. About 30 people and no new members attended. Mac suggested that there be no drive following the meetings until it cools down enough for people to enjoy themselves with the top down. He also said that it is time for the election of officers and just about the whole slate needs to be elected, including the newsletter editor. He then gave a quick review of the Dam Trip and lunch at the Smokehouse BBQ at Tenkiller.

Anne Duckett gave the Treasurer's Report, and we have \$909.14 in the account, but the mail box rental is due in August, so this will change.

Earl then gave Trip Updates.

- ◆ On Saturday Aug 18, leaving at 9 AM from McDonald's at Admiral & Memorial & 244 will be a 180-mile trip with 3 potty stops, lunch, and a visit to This Old House...the surprise will be This Old House, and you must be there to understand the cryptic nature of this trip.
- ◆ There is a misprint in the last newsletter. The trip of Sep 2 should read Sep 22, but this trip has now been cancelled because it coincides with the Gathering of the Miata Clubs.
- ◆ The Gathering of the Miata Clubs is Sat, Sep 29. Headquarters will be the Victoria Inn in Eureka Springs. If you make your reservations soon, you can request an outside room where you can view your car in the parking lot. (Jim said they have no non-smoking rooms, so he made reservations at the nearby Holiday Inn Express.)
- ◆ Saturday, Oct 20, will be the foliage tour.

With no other business, meeting was then adjourned, and we all went out to the parking lot to see and talk about the cars.

By *Sandy Sturdivant for
Gene Bedingfield
Secretary/Membership Chairperson*

Fall Gathering of the Miatas at Eureka Springs

When: Saturday & Sunday, September 29 & 30
Time: 6:00 AM Departure
Where: Burger King,
 Elm Place & B.A. Expressway, Broken Arrow
Hotel: Victoria Inn, Route 4, U.S. Highway 62 East, Eureka Springs
Reservations: 1.800.844.6835
Direct Line: 1.501.253.6000
 (Ask for rooms with view of the Miata parking lot)
Room Rates: Two Double Beds, \$65 + tax
 King Size Bed, \$70 + tax
 King Size Bed w/ Jacuzzi, \$95 + tax
**Each person is responsible to make their own
 hotel reservations**
Leader: Earl Larkins
Phone: 622.4635

We will be meeting the Arkansas clubs for an enjoyable weekend at Eureka Springs for driving, shopping and leisure. A registration fee of \$25.95 per person will get you lunch & dinner on Saturday. The hotel is the luxurious Victoria Inn. The hotel has a large indoor heated pool, Jacuzzi and game room. It also has an elegant dining room and the Jesters Lounge. The Jesters Lounge is a great place to enjoy a cocktail, play pool, or dance to a live band. The hotel is also located close to the trolley route.

Below is the schedule for the weekend:

Saturday, September 29:

- 6:00 AM** Depart from the Burger King parking lot at the corner of Elm Place and the B.A. Expressway in Broken Arrow.
- 9:30 AM** Meet the other clubs at the Texaco station at the Highway 7 exit in Russellville. (Trip poker begins here.)
- 12:30 PM** Lunch at The Point of View in Jasper (lunch including tax & tip is paid for with your registration fee).
- 3:30 PM** Arrive at our hotel in Eureka Springs.
- 4:00 PM** Three hours to shop, rest, explore, etc.
- 7:00 PM** Happy Hour in the Jester Club
- 8:00 PM** Dinner in the hotel dining room, (meal, tip & tax all paid for with your registration fee).
- 9:00 PM** Your choice - dancing, pool, darts, the heated pool, more sight-seeing or just sit and visit with Miata friends.

Sunday, September 30:

- 7:30 AM** Breakfast at the Smokehouse (this you pay for).
- 9:00 AM** Meet in the Smokehouse parking lot or across the street at the Razorback for an hour and half drive around Beaver Lake. Following the drive all participants are on their own to leave or remain, as they wish.

To Register: Complete the registration form and mail it along with a check for \$25.95 per person (\$51.90 for two) to:

Debbie Wisdom
 808 Country Club Road
 Sherwood, AR 72120

MIATAS AT THE DRIVE-INS



When: Friday, August 31
Time: 6:30 PM for Dinner
Where: Sonic Drive-in, Admiral & Yale
Usher: Mike Meyer
Phone: 243.7518
Cell: 261.7518

Miatas were made for drive-ins. On Friday, August 31st, we will go to two. We will meet for dinner at the Sonic at Admiral & Yale and then vote for which movies we are going to see. We then caravan over to the Admiral Twin and park together. If you can't join us for dinner, then come by the Sonic at 7:30 and go with us to the Twin. We are holding this event on Friday night so that you will have the rest of Labor Day Weekend for any holiday plans. This has always been a fun event and a great chance to show off our roadsters. So bring your ice chests, snacks, & bug spray and join us. TIP: Remove your spare tire before trying to put someone in your trunk - a short someone.
This event will be rescheduled if there is rain.

Name Tags



Tami Tackett with the Arkansas club is selling specialized name tags on a red Miata. These name tags will come in handy for the Eureka springs trip as well as club meetings and other trips. The name tags are \$7.50 each.

Please make check payable to:

Tami Tackett

Send to:

Debbie Wisdom
 808 Country Club Road
 Sherwood, AR 72120

2001 Neo Miata Calendar

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August

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 This Old House (Osage Hills)
 Leader: Dorothy & Earl
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 Neo Birthday Picnic
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November

Jenks Christmas Parade

December

Christmas Party

Club Officer Elections

Wednesday
 August 15
 7:00 PM

Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler
 51st & Harvard

September's Newsletter

Deadline:
Saturday, September 8th

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The Dam Trip

July 15, 2001

Pics by Kim Hand



Group on Pensacola Dam



Pensacola Dam (Grand Lake)



Tenkiller Dam



Tenkiller Dam



Ft. Gibson Dam



Ft. Gibson Dam

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This Old House with Dorothy and Earl



When: Saturday, August 18, 2001
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: McDonald's, corner of Admiral and Memorial, on I 244
Bob & Norm: Dorothy and Earl
Phone: 622.4635

The drive will be a leisurely paced wandering through the Osage Hills. The total distance out and back will be about 180 miles. There will be scheduled "potty stops" plus the stop for lunch, and of course our visit to the old house.

What will it cost me? If you start out with a full tank you will not need to buy any fuel all day. Figuring the cost of lunch and drinks at all three rest stops for two people, I would estimate that you would probably spend about thirty dollars during the entire day of our outing. That price does not include the cost of breakfast should you decide to have it at McDonalds before we leave.

Our schedule will be as follows:

- ◆ 8:00 - 8:45 AM Breakfast for those who desire it
- ◆ 8:50 AM Drivers meeting on north side of the building, the I 244 side
- ◆ 9:00 AM Depart promptly on our drive.
- ◆ Noonish Lunch
- ◆ 1:00 PM or so Visit to the old house
- ◆ 2:00 - 4:00 PM Return to Tulsa via the Osage Hills



Special note: This drive is dedicated to those club members who said that Dorothy and I were incapable of leading a drive shorter than 400 miles, with less than 400 curves, averaging 75 MPH, with no potty stops. This drive is for you guys. You better be there.

YOUR CLUB'S 11TH
BIRTHDAY PARTY & PICNIC
(Natural Falls State Park)

When: Sunday, September 23
Time: Noon
Where: McDonald's, I 244/412 at 193rd East Ave
Chef: Mike Meyer
Phone: 243.7518

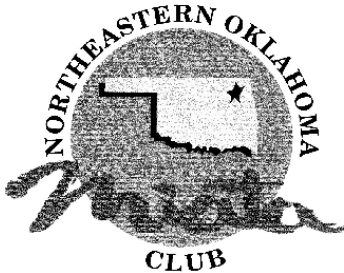


Come join us for our annual Club Birthday Party and Picnic at Natural Falls State Park. We will meet at noon at McDonald's, North of I244/412 at 193rd East Ave. We will then take the Miata route on old 412 to Natural Falls State Park. The club will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, and the birthday cake. You bring a side dish, drinks, camera, and the Miata.

Natural Falls State Park is a very 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 formal garden area. There is a \$3.00 per Miata fee to use the Park. If you get there late, we will be at the Picnic Shelter. We should be back in Tulsa around 6:00 Sunday evening. We are having this event a little earlier this year. The past two years it has been way too cold! What more could you ask for? A fall afternoon, good food, good friends, great scenery, and Miata roads.

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Top Down Tales

Ed.

July 15th was our last cool day for almost a month, so it was nice that it worked out that we had a Miata trip on that day. I didn't have any takers from my house to be my navigator so Joel Eads took the position. This worked out great because Joel had planned the trip, but his car was out of commission.

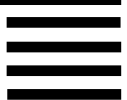
The trip took us past six or seven dams in the northeastern part of Oklahoma. We had a great time. The only problem we experienced was continually getting behind slow (40 MPH) vehicles for long stretches.

The trip took us to one of the curviest roads around here. Joel was dying to drive this stretch. Knowing that Joel is a more aggressive driver than me, I was somewhat reluctant to let him (I was not "dying" to go real fast).

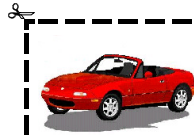


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But knowing Joel is an excellent driver and has had the Hallet training course, I acquiesced to his request. Well, we did indeed go real fast (and I'm sure he was not pushing the limit since it wasn't his car), we did stay on the road and I did survive. However, the other members had to pry my hands off the top of the windshield and there are permanent fingerprints on the paint.

Joel had the car totally under control the whole time and seeing first hand his style, I'm convinced everyone should take the Hallet training course.

If you want a rush, ask Joel to take you for a drive!

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!

Kim