

NEO CLASSIC

Northeastern Oklahoma Miata Club



8/ 21 Nbrtheastern Oklahoma/ Grand Lake Drive Mac Young

Mac & Suzanne Young piloted a club drive to the Grand Lake area on Saturday, August 21st. Thirteen Miatas gathered at Mickey D's for sustenance, before heading out to conquer some of the curves of Northeastern Oklahoma. Cloudy skies and cool temps provided a bracing top-down experience early on, but as the sun made its journey, the clouds burned away, providing the enthusiastic group with a perfect "Miata Afternoon". Miata + Curvy Roads + Hills + Beautiful Northeastern Oklahoma, the formula for poetry in motion.

to a fantastic display of the great muscle cars of the 50's & 60's. My favorite was a sweet Chevy Camaro with a power plant putting out an incredible 1600 HP (yes, one thousand six hundred). Imagine if you will 0-60 MPH in 1.12 seconds or 187 MPH in a 1/4 mile. What a thrill to stand next to such a beauty. I wonder if that engine would fit into my Miata?

The route home was by way of Salina, Oklahoma and Highway 412.



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The group dined at "Ugly's Grill & Bar" at Thunder Bay on Grand Lake for lunch. Then it was on

Club Birthday Party Mike Meyer

14TH NEO CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY & PICNIC

(Natural Falls State Park)

When: Sunday, October 10

Time: Noon

Start: McDonald's, 144 at 129TH East Ave

Make plans NOW! to join us for our 14th annual Club Birthday Party and Picnic at Natural Falls State Park. We will meet at noon at Mickey D's at 333 S. 129th East Ave. We will then take some nice Miata roads on old scenic 412 to Natural Falls State Park. The club will provide BBQ or hamburgers, bread, condiments, and the birthday

cake. You bring your favorite side dish (beans, slaw, potato salad, etc.), drinks, camera, and Miatas. We will vote at the next meeting on BBQ or hamburgers.

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 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 eve-

ning. This should be a great fall afternoon. What more could you ask for? Good food, good friends, great scenery, and Miata roads.



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Down The Road

- 10/10 NEO Miata Club Annual Birthday Party Picnic
- 10/15-16 Nelson Mazda's New Facility Grand Opening
- 10/20 NEO Miata Club Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM @ Johnnie's
- 10/?? Earl & Dorothy's Thong Foliage Tour

Meeting Minutes - August, 2004 Leta Arnett, Secretary

President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order and 45 members introduced themselves.

The first order of business was informing the members that Jim Jordan had resigned as Newsletter Editor. We want to thank Alan Doughty for volunteering to step in and do the Newsletter for the balance of the year, and we want to thank Jim Jordan for doing such an excellent job.

Jim Naufel still needs articles for the Web page. George Walker gave a treasurers report. Bob Huckaby updated us on the drives that are coming up and also future drives.

The Club voted to sponsor Shirley Bedingfield in her walk for Cancer Research in the amount of \$50.00.

Mike reminded everyone of the upcoming elections. We are looking for volunteers so if you are interested, please let Mike know.

OK Miata updated us on the Miatas@Hallett.

The meeting was adjourned and a dusk drive was led by Duane & Ruth Wills.

Let's welcome new members: Mike Johnson & Tracy Stevenson and Ken Docsch

See you at the next meeting.

September Events

- **09/03** — Miatas@The Drive-In: 6-11 PM, We will meet for dinner at the Sonic at Admiral & Yale and then vote for which movies we are going to see. We will then caravan over to the Admiral Twin and all park together. If you cannot join us for dinner, then come by the Sonic at 7:30 and go with us to the Twin.
- **9/10-11** — Miatas@Hallett Friday, 09/10, 3-??, Hampton Inn in Sand Springs. Saturday, 09/11, 6:00 AM-7:00 PM, Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
- **09/12** — SCCA Solo II, OKC, 8:00 AM
- **09/15** — Club Meeting, 7-9 PM, Johnny's Charbroiler I-44 & Harvard (north side of freeway)
- **09/18** — SCCA Road Rally, 9 AM, Point Counting Regional Touring TSD event using some new parts of the old Mother Road. Run out of Claremore. Dr Bob Strattan - Rally Master Contact him at 918-663-9484 or r.strattan@ieee.org.
- **09/21** — Hallett Drivers Day, High-speed touring and instruction 5-20 minute session limited to 20 cars. \$90. Arrangements can be made at events on IZOOM Graphics.com or access it through the Greencountrymotorsports.com web sites or Call Sean 918/836-9666.
- **09/25** — Secret Drive & Dinner, Hosts: Brad & Jan Coody. Meet @ Homeland, 91st & Memorial, 7:30 AM.
- **09/26** — SCCA - Solo II - Stroud 8:00 AM, NEOKLA-SCCA event registration begins 8:00 AM. For more details go to www.neokla-scca.org, or Greencountrymotorsport.com.
- **09/30** — Meet Me In St. Louie, 2004 National Mazda Reunion St. Louis, MO. See the St Louis Miata Club link on website for more

New Members

Mike Johnson & Tracy Stevenson

Ken Docsch



Sketch Pad: 2006 Mazda Miata How do you redesign a sports-car icon? Motor Trend, February '03



Mazda's sports-car revival, beginning with this year's RX-8 and the possible return of the RX-7, culminates with a new Miata expected in 2006. While the two-seat sportster will be only slightly larger than the current model, there's speculation the Miata will share its platform with the RX-8. More likely, the connection will be limited to some component sharing.

One unusual feature of the '06 Miata is the convertible roof, which, we're told, is a manually raised and lowered metal top. Whereas the old BMW Z3 often was criticized for being an overpriced Miata, the new Z4 distances itself from the affordable Japanese alternative. However, Mazda also is rumored to be considering a new lightweight V-6 as an option for the Miata (also known as the MX-5 and Eunos in other markets). A V-6 could keep it within striking distance of the Bimmer's performance.



The front end of the new Miata retains the current car's flavor, while it's growing in size slightly to accommodate taller drivers. The car's tail will sport a connection to the new RX-8.

Dear NEOMembers Joe M. Bohannon, V.P.

Each of you will be contacted before the next monthly meeting. A survey is being undertaken to see what interest each member has in running for a club office in the October elections for the year 2005. All offices are open. Some have already expressed interest, but we would like to have a full slate, with choices for each office if possible.

You should consider becoming involved if you have some ideas for change or new directions, etc. It is easy to complain about matters, but my personal view

is that a complaint or suggestion from someone active in club events probably deserves more weight than one from a member that attends only a few meetings or events a year and does not serve over a period of time. I feel that everyone has the right to make suggestions or voice their opinion and it should be considered by the group as a whole. Those that make an investment of time and service to the NEO Miata Club are the real glue that holds this club together.

Without those willing to serve,

the group has only one direction to go, down. Over the past few years we have grown due to capable officers, committee members, and drive leaders. We should continue this trend.

Please give some thought to serving, even if only on a committee or planning a drive.

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NEOMiata Logo Items

Shirts / Jackets / Hats etc.

Show your pride as a Miata owner and NEO Club Member by wearing our club logo on a shirt, jacket or hat. Our club logo is available at T-Shirt Express in Owasso. Exit Hwy 169 at 76th St. North, turn left at the light and go about 2 to 3 blocks. It's on the left side of the street next to the pawn shop.

You can bring in your own items to be embroidered or purchase items there at the store. Prices are reasonable, check for pricing.

Club Pins:

Anne Duckett has the club logo pins for \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00. Anne is at most club meetings and events.

Magnetic Signs:

NEO Club Logo magnetic signs are available for \$25.00 each at Signs Now located at 51st and Yale.





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The Long And Winding Road Alan C. Doughty, Editor

Editor, n. [L., that which produces, from edere to publish: cf. F. [e]diteur.] One who edits; esp., a person who prepares, superintends, revises, and corrects a book, magazine, or newspaper, etc., for publication. Source: Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary, © 1996, 1998 MICRA, Inc.

Please note that the above definition DOES NOT say anything about the editor being responsible for ALL content in a publication.

As your club newsletter editor, I am responsible for the grunt work of preparation, production, and distribution of the newsletter and I am not above sending out a one-page edition with the club logo at the top and the Nelson ad at the bottom. As with the club itself, the newsletter will only be as good as the members that support it. The few people that volunteer to guide the club as officers, need the support and contributions of the members at large, in order for the club to "Be All It Can Be". Enough said.....

And now, for something completely different....Labor Day weekend + one, three day weekend plus one vacation day gives me a four-day weekend, Friday - Monday. Decisions, Decisions. Do I work on my house (alan.doughty.us) or install the new rotors, pads, and shocks on the Miata in preparation for Miatas@Hallett on the 11th? Must work on the house, have been lazy the past couple of weeks. Maybe I can get the rotors and pads on, that shouldn't take too long. See you at Hallett! Stay out of my way!



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President's Message Mike Meyer

The 14th annual picnic and birthday party is coming October 10th and it is a great opportunity to reflect on the progress our organization has achieved and where we are going. It's hard to believe that this past year has passed so quickly. Active membership and meeting attendance is at an all time high. We have great attendance at all of our events. But where do we go from here? What kind of events should we have and what do you want to do? It's your club. This club is a lot of fun, but it takes a lot of input and participation to keep it that way.

We will be electing new officers at our October meeting. All members are encouraged to consider running for one of the Club's offices. If you are interested in becoming a Club officer, please don't be shy! One of the current club officers will be calling you to get your club ideas and to see if you are interested in becoming an officer. Below is a list of Club positions and an overview of their duties.

- ◆ **President:** Acts as the primary club contact. Presides over club meetings. Directs the activities of the other officers.
- ◆ **Vice President:** Assists the President and fills other officer positions should they become vacant.
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Maintains the club finances.
- ◆ **Secretary:** Maintains the club membership records. Takes meeting minutes. Is the contact person for new and prospective members.
- ◆ **Tour Directors:** Coordinates Club drives and events with members and other Miata clubs. Keeps newsletter and website editors up to date with event schedules.
- ◆ **Webmaster:** Maintains and edits the club website. Solicits up to date information from members, officers and event leaders.
- ◆ **Newsletter Editor:** Produces the monthly newsletter. Solicits articles from members, officers and event leaders.

And remember when you see another Miata on the road, invite it and it's owners to join our club.

Drop Your Top and Get Out There!
