

# NEO CLASSIC

## NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB



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A funny thing happened after the June meeting. I had several comments from a couple of members which got me thinking. The first one was that I should be in politics. I was not sure how to take this comment. Politicians usually rate down with car salesman and lawyers in most of the surveys I have seen. On the other hand, it could be a compliment as many great people over the years have served our country in the political arena. Due to the rush to get home and watch the news, I never did have a chance to explore this comment. The second comment was that I should be a comedian.

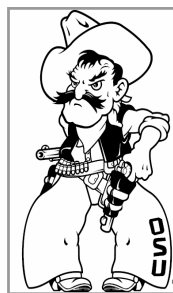
Guess what, I have done that very thing. Many years ago I went to the "Open Mike Night" at the old comedy club located in the Fontana Shopping Center. I did my thing for three weeks in a row and no big time contract appeared so I retired. Tapes are available of all three nights at \$29.95 for the

entire set. I do have all three of the performances on tape for anyone wanting to see me on stage. If you are having trouble sleeping, they work very well. I also appeared on stage with Yakov Smirnoff in Branson several years ago. Great stuff for the grandchildren. Enough of the history and lets talk about Miata business.

The SD&D drive to Woolaroc led by our Tour Director Robert "Bob" Huckaby recently was a great success. We had good weather, some good roads and good food. The Buffalo Bar-B-Q was outstanding. Kudos to Bob for a well planned drive which was enjoyed by all. During lunch I had the opportunity to sit with Larry Young and Cyndi McNutt. Many topics were discussed and I mentioned a problem getting a gas meter

set where I wanted it at our home under construction at Battle Creek in Broken Arrow. It turns out Larry has worked for ONG for many years. He said he would look into the matter and guess what; the meter is exactly where I wanted it. Networking is only one of the many benefits of belonging to NEO. It is not just about our cars, but getting to know other members of the Tulsa community. You never know when the next surprise is going to happen.

Our drive schedule for the fall season is filling up fast beginning in September but there are some drive openings for July and August. Let Bob Huckaby know if you want to plan a drive. A new column will start this month called "Meet Your Officers." Of course we will start with Pope Joe and Sara. Keep on motoring in your Miata.



## Meet Your Officers - Joe Bohannon, President



Joe M. Bohannon is a native Tulsan and grew up in Oklahoma City. His wife Sara, is from Ardmore, Oklahoma. They met at OSU in the 50's and bleed orange. Their two children both graduated from OSU. They have five grandchildren ranging from 5 to 13 years old.

They also are in the process of building a new home in the Battle Creek area of Broken Arrow and please don't ask them about how it is going. The process is "Stress City" for those who have not ever been down this road.

Joe has an engineering background and has been a Professional Engineer for over 40 years. At the ripe old age of 49, he went back to school at TU and graduated in 1988 with a law degree. Joe has been practicing since 1988 and has it down to three days a week now. Sara graduated from OSU with an economics degree and she still cannot balance her check book. Only kidding.

The Bohannon family has been in the retail liquor business for almost 30

years. Sara owns B and B Liquor Warehouse at 71st and Mingo "next door to Sam's."

They will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary in September. They both enjoy reading and activities with the Miata Club. Sara loves to play bridge and solitaire on the computer. Joe enjoys golf and he reads if he can find time. In his earlier running days he did manage to complete the White Rock Marathon in Dallas.

Sara went on to get her paralegal degree from TJC and is a Certified Legal Assistant but refuses to work with Joe. Says he does not pay her enough.

Bar-BQ is Joe's favorite food and Sara likes Cokes and tortilla chips.

In his spare time, Joe is an investigator as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for the Tulsa County Sheriffs Office.

They both enjoy jazz and blues. Their favorite sport is college wrestling and they have been watching matches for almost 50 years.

Next month, the club's V.P., George Walker and his co-pilot, Carole, will be featured.

## Meeting Minutes - June, 2005 Leta Arnett, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Bohannon. Joe updated the club on the officers meeting and the main topic of discussion at that meeting was the Web Site. A consensus was that the Web Site would remain as it is and no new changes will be made at this time.

35 members introduced themselves and their cars. The officers gave their reports. Brian Whitt with Nelson Mazda let us know that Hallett is interested in doing a Performance Driving School and that Nelson might help with sponsoring it. If you are interested you need to let Brian know.

Bob Huckaby our Tour Director updated on the upcoming drives. As of this newsletter, Bob's secret drive to Woolaroc was held the Saturday after the meeting and I just wanted to let you and him know, it was an outstanding day and Bob did an excellent job putting this drive together. Thanks Bob.

See you at the meeting.

## July Events

### Jul 10 SD&D

Our July S D & D will be July 10th. Yes, a Sunday for a change. We will be meeting up with the Oklahoma City club (Central OK Miata) for a joint drive and lunch. We will leave From McDonald's at 49th West Ave and I 44. Meet by 8AM, Drivers meeting at 8:15, and leave sharply at 8:30.

We will drive to Stillwater and meet up with the OKC Club at 10AM, then we will start the Secret portion of the drive together with them, eating at around 11:30-12. Do a Little sight seeing, and either return home or drive back to Stillwater and then part company with the OKC Club.

Hope to see everyone out for this event. Lets show OKC a good turnout. They are expecting 10-12 cars. This should be a good outing for everyone. I have the plans, so if someone else would like to lead this event, please give me a call and I will work with you on it.

Your Tour Director, Bob Huckaby. My home phone is 230-5109 or email me at bobh@neomiata.com.

### Jul 20 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting

## Down The Road


### AUGUST EVENTS

17	7-9:00 pm: Monthly Club Meeting
20	SD&D Host: The Bohannons


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**Mac and Suzanne's Impromptu Drive** Nom de Plume

Let's face it, there have been too few drives this spring, and everyone loves an impromptu drive, so it was exciting when Mac phoned about his leading a drive to Arrowhead Yacht Club on Grand Lake on Saturday June 4th.

Even with the short notice, there were 14 cars that met at the I-44 and 129th McDonalds. Mac started the drive by leading us east on Hwy 412, and from that point on most of us were lost. He led us down some magnificent curvy back roads. Mac and Suzanne have a knack of finding the best Miata roads in the most unexpected places, just one great road after another.

There was a mix-up at the Yacht Club so we moved just down the road to Ugly John's, having lunch at Ugly's Bar and Grill, "The" Grand Lake social gathering spot for family's after a day of boating, and the food ain't bad either, serving up a diverse menu. We sat out on the deck watching the boats, the best of atmosphere with the feel of a Caribbean resort. Some of the kids from our group fed the fish off the deck.

After lunch we headed home down Hwy 82 through Spavinaw to Salina, well known as one of the best roads in Oklahoma, and on down to Hwy 412, and then back home to Tulsa.

Thanks Mac and Suzanne, it was a wonderful day. And let's hope others who find it hard to fit sponsoring a drive into their schedule follow Mac and Suzanne's lead and hold impromptu drives.



**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:**

Club logo pins are available for \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00. Contact the club treasurer at any club meeting or event.

**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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## JUNESD&D Norm de Plume



Yes... You missed a good one. Fourteen cars met at the McDonald's in Owasso and Bob led us to the secret location, the Woolaroc Ranch, Museum, and Wildlife Preserve near Bartlesville. The name Woolaroc is derived from three words - the woods, lakes, and rocks that make up the beautiful Osage Hills of northeast Oklahoma where Woolaroc is located.

Never was there a more beautiful day, the weather was great, the day starting off nice and cool. We slowly drove the 40 miles to Woolaroc along a shaded road, it was great. The required donation for admittance is \$5 per person, but Bob had negotiated us a deal and drivers were admitted free.

Most of us had not visited Woolaroc in years and were surprised at the many improvements. We first drove the loop around

the 3,700-acre ranch/preserve viewing the many species of native and exotic wildlife, such as buffalo, elk, and longhorn cattle. We drove past the living history museum depicting the life in a pre-Civil War 1840's mountain man camp. There were two water buffalo in one of the lakes and all you could see was the tops of their heads, they looked like hippos. When we passed a huge colony of prairie dogs they came running out to the road begging for food.



the day, a wonderful chicken salad (made with grape and apple slices) on a croissant.

After lunch, we visited the outstanding museum, a unique display of Western/Native American artifacts representing the culture

We ate lunch at the rustic Woolaroc lodge. Most had the BBQ Buffalo (no it did not taste like chicken) or

the sandwich of



and lifestyles of the peoples of Oklahoma. There are artifacts from over 40 different tribes, one of the world's most

complete collections of Colt firearms, and the "Woolaroc", a small single-engine monoplane that had won a historic trans-Pacific flight from Oakland, California to Honolulu, Hawaii Territory in 1927.

Of course it had warmed up by the time we left for home, forcing the more delicate of us to put our tops up, but that did not spoil our wonderful day.

Thank you Bob and Dee for bringing us back to this Oklahoma treasure.

