

# NEO CLASSIC

## NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB



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If you have not noticed, summer is here and the temperature is rising. Last year, we did not reach 100 in Tulsa but it now looks like we are going to have a steady diet of 100+ days in the upcoming weeks so it is time to check your car over. Hot weather, like cold weather, is hard on any automobile.

Brian Whitt, our Nelson Mazda representative, announced at the July meeting that a few of the new 2006 Miata are due to arrive at the dealership around the end of August. Check it out.

We are moving ahead with name tags and have a choice of two. Samples will be passed around at the August meeting and we can then make an informed decision on which one to select.

Everyone should check the event schedule on the web site as many events are being scheduled. With fall weather approaching, our tour director, Bob Huckaby, is busy getting trips on the schedule and even finding time to lead a few himself. Beginning around the middle of August, the weekends will be busy.

Our membership is up to 73 cars which may be an all time high. Two new members joined at the July meeting. Please try and welcome each new member to the club. We must be doing something right to continue to grow. The leadership of our immediate past President, Mike Meyers, who served for two years, laid a foundation for the club to achieve this kind of growth. Thanks Mike and I plan to continue on the same path we have been on as it seems to be working.

The joint event with the Oklahoma City club recently had

a total of 21 cars and everyone enjoyed touring the Marland Mansion in Ponca City. Our tour director had been working on this event for several months and it came together perfectly and meeting with our sister club in OKC was enjoyable. We hope to have at least one annual event together.

Sara and I have been busy with the new home and plan to move in around August 9<sup>th</sup>. Construction started in mid-November so it has taken almost 9 months to bring it to completion. If anyone is considering building a home, please talk to me about our experience and I will be glad to give you a few tips to ease the pain.

Sara and I are getting ready to head to Arkansas for our annual family vacation with our two children and our five grandchildren. Have a nice August and remember to honk and wave when you see another Miata on the road.

Popa Joe

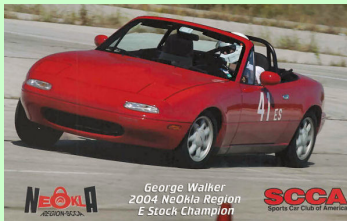


## Meet Your Officers: George Walker, Vice-President

George Walker grew up in Philadelphia, PA. He attended La Salle University and started working for Cities Service Oil Company in Philadelphia, graduating college in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with majors in Economics and Finance.

In 1972, George transferred to Atlanta, where he met Carole, who is a native Georgia Peach that grew up in suburban Atlanta. They were engaged Christmas 1973 and got married on Valentine's Day 1974. In 1975, the Walkers were transferred to Tulsa and except for a three-year transfer to Dallas, Texas, they have been Okies.

The Walkers have four children, two from a prior marriage, and two children born in Oklahoma. The elder daughters are Susan, who lives in San Luis Obispo, California, and Tracy, who graduated from Jenks HS, the College of the Ozarks and received a Masters Degree from the University of Arkansas, now lives in Denver, Colorado. The younger two were born in Tulsa they are; Stephanie, a graduated Bishop Kelly, and the University of Oklahoma is a commercial interior designer and project manager doing work for Tulsa Public School Bond Office. The youngest a son, Geordy (George IV) is still attending college (not OU!).



George has worked for Cities Service/CITGO for 44 years and is the manager of the Ad

Valorem Tax Department. Carole currently works at Tulsa Public Schools as an administrative assistant. George is looking forward to retiring in a year or two and leaving Carole in the workforce!

George enjoys playing golf at Indian Springs Country Club and driving his Miata in NEO Miata Club outings, Road Rally's, Track Days, and SOLO II (auto cross) events. They both enjoy the NEO Miata Club and all the new friends they have made. Their Miata vacations have provided opportunities to drive their Miata and meet other Miata car lovers, while driving through some beautiful and different parts of this great country. Buying our first Miata was as they say, "LIFE CHANGING EVENT" that provided us with the opportunity to do and see new things with new people and making new friends in the process. It has been a wonderful experience thanks to all the NEO Miata folks the welcomed us into the fold.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Bohannon. 38 members introduced themselves and their cars.

The officers gave their reports. We had 4 visitors and they all joined our club. We now have 77 cars.

Bob Huckaby, Tour Director, gave his report on the upcoming drives and it looks like there will be something for everyone. So pick the drive you like and join in the fun.

Bob Huckaby also introduced a new name badge with the club logo. Alan Doughty also introduced a name tag that he had made himself. We really need to wear our name tags if we have them. I have trouble remembering everyones name, as you all know.

Let's all welcome our new members. See you at the August meeting.

## August Events

Aug 17	7:00 pm Monthly Meeting
Aug 20	<p><b>Average "Joe" Rally</b></p> <p>George Walker, with the assistance of Garry Deaton, Rally Master for the NEOKLA Region SCCA is putting on a Road Rally for club members. This is a fun, low key event. Everyone drives the course at their own speed. All the recorded times are averaged. Whichever Miata's time is closest to the average, WINS! Micky D's, 129th &amp; I-44, 5:30 PM. 1st Miata out at 6:00 PM.</p>
Aug 27	<p><b>SD&amp;D Host: The Bohannons</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> Meet at McDonalds at 121st and Memorial, southeast corner, for Breakfast at 8:30 AM, drivers meeting at 9:15 AM and leave at 9:30 AM. Menu is broad but specialty is Catfish. Price range is \$6.00 to \$12.00. <b>Other:</b> Prize for best guesser on mileage and other surprises. Should arrive back in Tulsa around 3 PM.</p>

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 2 Miatas @ The Drive Inn 6:00 PM
- 10 Arkansas Miata Club Miatas@Hallett III
- 21 7-9:00 pm : Monthly Club Meeting
- 24 SD&D "Hayride/Weiner Roast (Grove) Host: The Lanes \$5/pp



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- Welcome New Members:
- David Bell
  - Ron & Nelda Coates
  - Larry Dodson
  - Duff & Myrna Domoney
  - Ron & Kim Graham
  - Mark Koble
  - Brian & Melissa Wedlake



# July SD&D: Ponca City Bob Huckaby

On July 10th we met at the McDonalds on 49th W Ave and I44 for a joint drive with the Central Oklahoma Miata Club. We had 12 cars and departed at 8:30 on a drive to Stillwater to join the OKC club. We had some very nice curvy roads between Tulsa and Stillwater.

We got to the Rendezvous point about 5 minutes before they did. They had 9 cars, so we ended up with a total of 21 Miatas driving up to Ponca City.

We Arrived at our lunch site about 15 minutes early, but they were ready for

us. We had a great Bar B Q lunch and then did a tour about town and ended up at the Marlon Mansion, where we were treated to some great tours of the mansion, by 3 different guides. Each had there own little extras to tell us.

The tours end up finally at about 4:30 and everyone headed home on their own as the tours ended. Some of the group also toured the Pioneer Woman Museum as well. All in all both clubs had a great time and we got to meet some new Miata people.

Next Months S D & D has been moved to August 27th, and we will be going west again according to Popa Joe and Sara. Watch for more info as it becomes available.



## 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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### Miata Tips: Mac Young

- To cancel a check engine light (if gas cap wasn't tightened, etc.). Remove the negative terminal (10 mm wrench) and reconnect and the light will be cancelled if there is no further problem.
- Perhaps you have seen the flashing trunk brake light with the reflective Miata emblem on Alan or Mac's cars. It is a very simple modification requiring only the Miata decal (Alan knows where to obtain them) and a two prong flasher unit. Raise the trunk lid, twist out the bulb assembly and expose the red wire, cut the wire and strip the ends, solder to each prong of the flasher or use terminal ends.

The internet has a great deal of information to assist in maintenance. Example – one of my two coil assemblies was malfunctioning and there was a detailed outline on the replacement procedure on the Miata.net website. This sure made it a lot easier.

Always check the "Garage" at Miata.net.

Chances are that if you want or need to tackle some job on your Miata, someone has done it before and wrote it up on Miata.net!

