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NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB



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Dorothy and Earl's Spring Fling 2006
April 29-30, 2006
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Dry Creek Lodge, Mountain View, AR, 1-800-264-3655, Ref. NEO Miata Club

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Meeting Minutes
September, 2005
Leta Arnett, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.

Joe asked for volunteers for the Officers Nominating Committee and convinced Larry Young, Jim Basteri, and Jim Naufel to step up.

Our treasurer reported \$1000 plus in the bank. Our Tour Director provided information on up-coming events.

Two current officers announced they would be leaving their positions at the end of the current term, Secretary and Tour Director.

Three new members joined up. Two from Bartlesville and one from Sand Springs.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Joe M. Bohannon

There is so much happening that it is hard to keep up with everything.

The introduction of the 2006 MX-5 is emptying a lot of pockets in the Tulsa area. Some lucky club members are already driving five and several more are on order. If you have not been to Nelson Mazda yet, you need to go and see the third generation of our namesake. It appears that Mazda is trying to downplay the term Miata. In all of the publicity for the new generation car, you never see the term Miata, only MX-5. Someone has even suggested that we may want to form a new spin-off club for MX-5's only. Not!!!! I suggest you ask for Brian Whitt if you are interested in a new or used Miata. I just purchased one from Brian and he did an outstanding job on the details and delivery. He is our club liaison with Nelson and a great salesperson.

We had several successful drives in September as can be confirmed in the separate articles about the trips. We have many activities coming up in October and information is shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

I have already had two calls

about the club as a direct result of the new kiosk located in the Nelson lobby, which is being coordinated by Suzanne Young. It is working as intended and I am sure will pay big dividends in the future. Thanks Suzanne and keep up the great work.

As most of you know, Bob Huckaby, our hardworking Tour Director, is undergoing some medical treatments and I am sure he would like to have a card and/or encouragement from any of the club members. Our prayers should be with him for a speedy recovery.

On the way home from the Fly-in drive to Bartlesville recently, there was a Miata on the side of the road. Several of our good members stopped to offer help. As it turned out, it was a couple from Bartlesville who were not members of NEO. They were so impressed that so many of our members stopped to offer help; they immediately joined the club at the September meeting. They had already called AAA but decided NEO was the type of organization they would like to hang out with. You never know where and how we can attract a new member. Remember the chal-

lenge; 100 cars by year end gets a supply of beverages for a party from PopaJoe and Mombo Bohannon.

See you on the road in my new 2006 MX-5 Limited Edition Velocity Red Mica Miata. Mine is the one with black seats, not the ugly red ones

MAC'S Gorgeous
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Welcome New Members:
 Robert & Sally Ashe
 Jim & Denise Bohnsack
 Kathi Bryant
 Brandon A Son

Full Color Magnetic Club Logos are available for your car. Two (2) for \$35. See George Walker.

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Annual Club Elections

The annual election of club officers will be held at the October meeting on the 19th. All offices are open. The Secretary and Tour Director have already announced they will not run for re-election. The custom of the club is to accept nominations for all existing offices, whether vacant or not. Three of our members were appointed at the September meeting to be the nomination committee. They are Larry Young, Jim Naufel and Jim Basteri. They will be contacting all existing officers along with club members for suggestions or ideas. If you are interested in an office, please let them know immediately. It has also been the tradition for the past few years to have door prizes

and everyone wins. We are needing prizes so please let me know if you have any available or perhaps your employer has some items to donate. I am sure Nelson Mazda will have some goodies but they cannot provide everything. Let me know how many items you can provide as soon as possible. The club also makes some purchases to supplement the donated items. Due to our growth, we need more items than in the past. The election is for the calendar year 2006 and the new officers take over at the January meeting. Please plan to attend and be a part of this important part of our organizational growth.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 5th - Pancakes & T-Town
- 16th - Monthly Meeting
- 19th - Jenk's Christmas Parade

CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE
FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

Sept. SD&D: Weiner Roast and Hayride, John Newman

The "Weiner Roast and Hayride at the Lanes" drive headed out of Tulsa Saturday afternoon with 10 cars led by Earl and Dorothy Larkin. Partially cloudy skies helped cool down the temp. Earl led us out of town on 412 down to 82 and through Locust Grove. We turned off a little out of Locust Grove and toured the beautiful W.R. Holway Reservoir. A now gasoline powered boat restriction keeps this hidden body of water clean and beautiful. From there we went to our potty break stop at the small Cherokee community of Kenwood. After being refreshed and relieved we headed on out down 127 and tomato hill at Jay and then on through Grove. Waiting on us there was an additional 6 cars led by Ron and Shirley Lane

and Bob.....Ron then led all the cars through Grove out to the Royal Horse Ranch on Monkey Island by Grand Lake. Waiting for us there was Thelma and Bonnie lane with everything all set and ready for us. The Royal Horse Ranch owners Nancy and Val Saamer also run the Monkey Island Trail and Hay Rides. After a fun and informative hay ride narrated by Val, during which we saw several deer and flights of ducks and a beautiful sunset, we settled in for a camp fire meal, surrounded by Val's petting zoo animals including a lama, goats, pot bellied pig and rabbits. The meal was wonderful with hot dogs cooked over an open fire. There was potato salad, macaroni salad, beans and many great deserts. All of which

were prepared by the Lanes and ready for us to eat up and enjoy. We ended the wonderful evening wishing George Walker a Happy Birthday with song and some of Ron's mmmmm good "One Shot Pecan Pie". Thanks again to Earl and Dorothy for leading us on a great ride up there and to the Lanes and Bob for organizing this and for the great meal. It was a wonderful late summer evening. Also a big thanks you to "The Royal Horse Ranch" (918-257-5186) Nancy and Val. Val says if we come up next year his vineyard will have produced and we can taste some of his wine with our hot dogs.

Bartlesville Fly-In, Joe M. Bohannon

The Bartlesville Fly-In was the brainchild of Mac Young. He made arrangements for NEO to have reserved spots for our cars and free admission to the event. Mac then left town.

There were also a number of vintage cars on display along with the NEO cars. The drive was on Saturday, September 17th. The weather was warm and everyone put their tops down. Bob Huckaby and your President followed through and we had 12 cars show up for the drive. We took the back roads as much as possible between here and Bartlesville. This was the 15th year for the event which was held at the local airport. Over 100 planes were on display.

Bi-planes, experimental planes and many other types were present. You could talk to the plane owner about his plane and also aviation history. Most were vintage planes and there was even a refurbished B-25 bomber on display. Tom Stafford, the Oklahoma Astronaut was also present.

We had great food and all kinds of merchandise were for sale. Hopefully, we will make this an annual event. Everyone seemed to like the drive and it did not take up the whole day. Sara and I arrived home around 3 PM. We also gained a new member for the club. See my comment in the Presidents message section.

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"We'll Make A Believer Out Of You!"
20% DISCOUNT ON PARTS & SERVICE
EXPIRES 11/30/2005
(Discount does not apply on promotional items)



MAZDA

Arrival of the Third Generation Miata at the Coody's, Brad Coody

On August 31st. we welcomed a new Zoomster into the Coody family. A 2006 "Galaxy Grey" with a five speed. Although we are very proud and happy to be the first in our club to own the new model, this story is not about the new car. No. This story is about the 15-year-old 1990 I was so fortunate to drive last Saturday at the Hallett Race Track. I, together with several other club members attended the Arkansas Miata Club's *Miatas@Hallett* on Saturday September 10th. I was looking forward to driving the 2001, which I had driven on this track about a year ago. Our purchase of the new car changed my plans. Or should I say Jan changed my plans by saying that the only way the new car was getting on the Hallett track would be for the tour lap and the annual photo of attendees.

I faced a challenging decision. Miss the thrill of driving, or mounting my faithful

steed of 15 years. I had just had the car completely serviced, including tune-up brake job the works. I never dreamed when I had this work done that I would be driving this car at Hallett. Ladies and Gentlemen, let me tell you something. That 15-year-old beauty performed in showroom new fashion. I drove that car harder and faster than ever before, since we picked it up from Nelson when it had 300 miles on it. Today it has 105000 plus! The "White Ghost", as Mac Young dubbed it, performed everything I asked it to do and then some.

With Joe Solomon, my instructor along side, we learned the "line". That is track talk. I drove both morning scissions with no problem. Joe Solomon asked me to ride with him in his first afternoon scission. This was great fun because I could tell just how poorly I was driving the course. When it was my turn, we took off I was trying to listen to

Joe's instructions and hit every curve as fast and straight as he did. Wrong! Somewhere between turn 6 and 7 I had too much input and spun out covering my instructor with grass. I was not scared or mad or ashamed I had spun out. I felt like I had let Joe down. Joe did an excellent job. A lesson learned for next time. Our cars are so well built and forgiving. If we could only be as forgiving, we would be much better off.

As a reward for meritorious service, beyond the call of duty, The White Ghost will receive a new black vinyl top complete with glass window. I have had many pleasant miles in the 1990, but Saturday was special. The old girl will have a place in my garage as long as she likes. She is a very special lady.



NEO Miata 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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It's About the Roads: Dorothy and Earl Larkin

What: Spring Fling 2006

When: Saturday, April 29th, 2006.

Reservations: Please make your reservations as soon as possible. We will be staying at the Dry Creek Lodge in the Ozark Folk Center Arkansas State Park in Mountain View, Arkansas. You cannot believe how "busy" this place and this town is until you try to reserve rooms for a large group such as the NEO M i a t a C l u b .

There are five lodging places in this little town that have every room reserved between April 1st, 2006 and October 31st, 2006; every room, 100% occupancy. No, this is not a misprint, not a mistake. Forget a group as large as ours, they don't have a single room available within that time frame. It's almost unimaginable but apparently people come here by the thousands every year to soak-up "country living", bluegrass music, and the fishing, canoeing, rafting, and swimming on the White River.

Still other places have a few rooms available but not nearly enough for a group our size. Except for Dry Creek Lodge inside the state park. And we are taking the only weekend in the entire Spring that they have enough vacancies to handle our group.

But you ask, "Why are we doing this in September 2005 instead of January 2006?" Good question. The lodge asked me how many rooms would we require? I responded that there was no way that I could know for sure; that's not what they wanted to hear. They "pushed hard" for a definite number. I responded, "Anywhere from 10-30 rooms is possible." So we compromised; as of mid-August they are reserving twenty rooms for the NEO Miata Club for sixty days. You are to call in and reserve your room with the NEO Miata Club group rate (\$62.00 plus tax), and hold your room with your credit card. If we have more than twenty members who call in for reservations that is fine as long as we do it before the end of October 2005. After that

date, any of the twenty rooms not reserved by a club member will be released to the general public.

So if you want to go drive with us on Spring Fling 2006, please call this toll-free number, 1-800-264-3655, and tell them you wish to reserve a room in Dry Creek Lodge for the night of Saturday, April 29th, 2006, at the NEO Miata Club group rate. Do it now. You really don't want to miss this one.

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OCTOBER EVENTS

15th NEOMC B'DAY PARTY & PICNIC, Natural Falls SP, Sunday, October 16th, Drive at 11:30 am Picnic and Birthday Party starts at 1:00 PM

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Please come join us for our 15th annual Club Birthday Party and Picnic at Natural Falls State Park, Sunday, October 16th. We will meet at 11:00 am at McDonald's at I-44 and 129th East Ave, drivers meeting at 11:15 and depart promptly at 11:30. We will then take a drive out Old 412 to Natural Falls State Park. If you would like to skip the drive, you can meet us at the Park around 1:00 for all the festivities and food.

Your club will provide the hamburgers and fixin's along with the birthday cake. You bring your favorite side dish (beans, slaw, potato salad, etc.), drinks, camera, and Miatas.

For those who haven't visited Natural Falls State Park, it 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 the Arkansas State line on scenic hwy. 412. The park also has many short trails and a beautiful formal garden area. There is a \$3.00 per Miata entry fee to use the Park. Plan on being back in the Tulsa area around 5:00 Sunday evening. What more could you ask for on a great fall afternoon? Good food, good friends, great scenery, and Miata roads.

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Monthly Club Meeting, 7-9:00 PM

Overnight Trip, Branson, MO

We will be leaving from the McDonald's at I-44 and 129th E Ave at 9AM Drivers Meeting at 8:45, do not be late for this one. Please start with a full tank of gas and empty bladder. Many miles to do today. For those members not at the August Club meeting, we have just about put all the goodies together for this drive. It is with great enthusiasm that we announce that Earl and Dorothy Larkin will be leading the actual drive to and from Branson, so come prepared for some great Arkansas and Missouri roads. You all know how much time and experience they both put into setting up a drive, so plan on making this trip just for the drive if nothing else. Check out below for more info on Branson itself. We already have 17 cars set to go, just from the meeting. Please advise me if you plan on going, so I can advise the theater.

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We will be staying at the Ramada Inn on Highway 76. I have arranged a special rate of \$50 per room plus taxes. To make your reservation, call 1-800-641-4106. Be sure to let them know you are with NEO Miata Club to get this rate. They will have a roped off section of their parking lot just for us. They also have an area where anyone that wants can wash their car. They will have buckets and hoses. The hotel is more like a resort than a hotel. We will have a hospitality room that we can all get together and talk or shoot the bull. The later show will allow the group to explore the changes in Branson since you were last there. There is a free continental breakfast on Sunday morning for those that wish to partake. It will be served from 7:30 to 9:30 AM. They have cereals, Danish, donuts, bagels, English muffins, fruit, biscuits & Gravy, coffee, & juices. We will all be placed in rooms that are close to each other except for the ones in King Rooms. The will have a roped off section for our cars with security until 11PM and then the local PD will cruise by on an hourly basis until 7 Am when security will take over again. They have two swimming pools and several other amenities for our convenience. We will have several ground floor rooms for those that need them and all rooms will be double queens unless you ask for a king.

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For dinner and a show, we will be going across the street, no need to drive, to Dolly Pardon's Dixie Stampede. We will be attending the 8PM showing at the Dixie Stampede, the pre-show starts at 7:10, so we will need to walk over at about 6:45 to be there in time. The pre-show is very good and the Dinner show is great. We will all be seated together for the dinner show. The food is served as eat with your hands style; however utensils are available for the asking. A 4 course meal, including a whole roasted chicken, Pork Tenderloin, corn on the cob Creamy Vegetable Soup, Hot homemade biscuit, Herb-basted potato wedges, flaky apple pastry, and unlimited Pepsi, tea or coffee. Then set back and enjoy the show, Horses, racing Pigs, Ostrich races, Color Me America, Great costumes, fireworks and more. I have arranged a special group price of \$37.30 per person for all this. This is about \$10 per person off the normal rate.

There will be some time for driving and viewing Branson itself on Saturday afternoon. We expect to arrive around 1PM and the show does not start until about 4:30. We will depart late morning to head back to Tulsa on different roads than we came in on, again thanks to Earl & Dorothy. We will be back in Tulsa late afternoon (we will be allowing for the members of the OKC Club to have time to get home around dusk).

Come join us, we expect this to be the largest drive our club has ever had (30-50 cars). So mark you calendars now. Do not forget, call, and make your room reservation soon, so our block will not be given to anyone else.

October 2005



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