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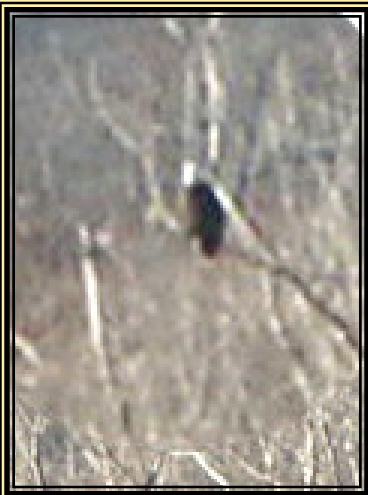
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JOE M. BOHANNON

NEO MIATA IS NOW INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE. TEN NEO COUPLES JUST WENT ON A CRUISE AND VISITED SEVERAL LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES. THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF OUR OWN "PEARL MESTA" SUZANNE YOUNG, A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL ON THE RECENT CRUISE. THIS WAS A FIRST FOR NEO AND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND SHOULD BECOME ONE OF THE PREMIER EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE FUTURE.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB ARE BECOMING MORE VARIED IT SEEMS. THE GOAL OF GENE BEDINGFIELD, OUR TOUR DIRECTOR ALONG WITH HIS TWO ASSISTANTS, MAC YOUNG AND RODNEY JONES, IS TO HAVE A GREATER VARIETY OF EVENTS DURING 2006.

HOPEFULLY, THERE WILL BE AN EVENT OR TWO WHICH WILL INTEREST EACH OF OUR MEMBERS. WITH THE GROWTH OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2005, WE NEED THIS APPROACH TO GET NEW MEMBERS INVOLVED. THE BEST WAY IS TO ORGANIZE A RIDE AND BE THE LEADER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, TALK TO GENE, MAC OR RODNEY.

AS SOME OF YOU HAVE NOTICED, OUR MEETING ROOM AT JOHNNIE'S

IS BECOMING CROWDED AT TIMES. IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR A NEW LOCATION, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO WE CAN CHECK IT OUT. AVAILABILITY ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR OUR MEETING OFTEN IS A PROBLEM WITH A NEW LOCATION.

I WAS AT THE NELSON DEALERSHIP RECENTLY AND BRIAN WHITT TOOK ME ON A TEST RIDE IN ONE OF THE NEW MAZDA SPEED SEDANS AND IT WAS AWESOME. MAZDA SEEMS TO BE LEADING THE PACK WITH NEW INNOVATIVE AUTOMOBILES. IT WOULD BE A GREAT COMPANION CAR FOR YOUR MIATA. CHECK IT OUT!

THE SUNRISE EAGLE DRIVE IN MID-JANUARY WAS FUN AND WE EVEN GOT TO SEE AN EAGLE. WE ALSO GOT EXPOSURE ON CHANNEL 2 AS THEY WERE FILMING BELOW THE KEYSTONE DAM AND SHOT SOME OF OUR CARS LEAVING THE AREA.

JOHN CHRONISTER HAS NOW BEEN MOVED TO

REHAB AND IMPROVING EACH DAY. CHECK WITH PAM PRIOR TO VISITING BUT HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE PEOPLE NOW AND THEN.

SARA AND I HAD A GREAT TIME ON THE CRUISE AND ENJOYED THE RIDE TO AND FROM TULSA WITH GEORGE AND CAROLE WALKER. I NOW KNOW WHY GEORGE WON THE SCCA AWARDS. WITH HIS NEW RADAR DETECTOR, WE LED THE PACK TO GALVESTON AND THE RETURN TRIP HOME. ASK GEORGE ABOUT THE LADY DRIVER WHO TRIED TO PASS HIM ON THE LEFT OFF THE PAVEMENT WHILE RETURNING TO TULSA.

REMEMBER TO KEEP WAVING AND HONKING AT ALL OF THE MIATA'S YOU SEE ON THE ROAD.



"It's About The Roads" - DOROTHY AND EARL'S SPRING FLING 2006

APRIL 29-30, 2006

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION NOW!

AS OF JAN. 24TH, ONLY NINE (9) ROOMS ARE LEFT!

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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES: JAN COODY

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JOE BOHANNON. THERE WERE 50 MEMBERS ATTENDING. WE INTRODUCED OURSELVES AND OUR CARS. JOE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING OUR MEETING PLACE TO A LARGER FACILITY DUE TO THE GROWTH IN THE CLUB OVER THE PAST YEAR. HE ASKED THAT IF ANYONE KNEW OF A LARGER PLACE TO MEET TO LET HIM KNOW.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2006. CURRENTLY ABOUT ONE HALF OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE NOT PAID THERE 2006 DUES. DUES CAN BE MAILED TO THE PO BOX OR PAID AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING.

V.P. GEORGE WALKER, SHOWED US TROPHIES HE HAD WON IN VARIOUS MOTOR CROSS EVENTS. CONGRATULATIONS, GEORGE. ALAN DOUGHTY, OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR, ASKED THAT WE LET HIM KNOW IF WE WOULD LIKE TO READ THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE RATHER THAN RECEIVING A HARD COPY BY MAIL. THIS COULD SAVE THE CLUB MONEY NOW PAID FOR PRINTING. E-MAIL ALAN IF READING IT

ONLINE WILL WORK FOR YOU. GENE BEDINGFIELD REPORTED ON THE EAGLE TRIP ON JANUARY 14TH TO KEYSTONE DAM, AS WELL AS FUTURE DRIVES. WE STILL NEED MEMBERS TO PLAN DRIVES DURING THE YEAR, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEADING A DRIVE, CHECK WITH GENE. LARRY YOUNG AND CYNDI McNUTT WILL LEAD THE NEXT SD&D DRIVE ON FEBRUARY 4TH. SUZANNE YOUNG REPORTED THAT 24 MEMBERS ARE GOING ON A CRUISE THAT MAC AND SHE ARRANGED. THEY WILL BE LEAVING ON THE 22ND AND RETURNING ON THE 29TH.

RODNEY JONES TOLD AN INTERESTING AND VERY FUNNY STORY ABOUT THE DOUBLE MEANINGS OF CERTAIN VANITY TAGS OF CLUB MEMBERS. EARL LARKIN CLOSED THE MEETING WITH AN EXPERIENCE HE RECENTLY HAD TRYING TO GET INFORMATION ON A NEW CORVETTE AT A DEALERSHIP IN CLAREMORE.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO THE PARKING LOT TO CHECK THE LATEST TOYS ADDED TO OUR BABIES.

March EVENTS

- 3rd - CD&D, J&J Naufel
- 15th - Monthly Mtg.

CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE
FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

SUNRISE! BREAKFAST! EAGLES! NOM DE PLUME

THE JANUARY 14TH "SUNRISE! BREAKFAST! & EAGLES!" DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. THIRTEEN MIATAS AND THEIR HARDY OCCUPANTS SHOWED UP ON TOP OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL PARKING GARAGE TO VIEW THE SUNRISE ON A COLD AND BLUSTERY 30° MORNING. IT WAS QUITE EXCITING TO DRIVE UP THE CORKSCREWING RAMP UP TO THE EIGHTH FLOOR. WE STOOD AROUND AND TALKED AS WE WATCHED A REDDISH ORANGE GLOW SLOWLY RISING IN THE EAST, RISING SO SLOWLY IN FACT THAT WE DECIDED IT WAS OFFICIALLY A SUNRISE AND THAT IT WAS TIME TO GO HAVE BREAKFAST.

WE HAD A GREAT DOWN HOME BREAKFAST AT THE CRESCENT CAFÉ IN SAND SPRINGS. AND HOW ABOUT THOSE PRICES, WE SURE GOT OUR MONEYS WORTH. FOUR MORE MIATAS JOINED UP WITH US AT THE RESTAURANT, MAKING A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN

CARS. AND AS WE ATE THE SUN CAME OUT IN REALITY, INTRODUCING A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY.

FROM THERE WE DROVE SLOWLY ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER TO KEYSTONE DAM WHERE WE CROSSED OVER TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER AND THE WILDLIFE VIEWING AREA. ONE USUALLY SEES A YOUNG IMMATURE EAGLE OR TWO BELOW THE DAM, BUT IT'S RARE TO SPOT A MAJESTIC BALD EAGLE WHOSE TRADEMARK HEAD AND TAIL FEATHERS HAVE BECOME WHITE WITH MATURITY, AND WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO SEE TWO. ONE WAS SETTING ON THE DRY RIVER BED, AND AS IF HE KNEW THAT ALL EYES WERE UPON HIM, HE SPREAD HIS MASSIVE WINGS, AND HIS TAIL OF WHITE FANNED LIKE A FLOWER IN FULL BLOOM, AND HE TOOK FLIGHT.

CHANNEL 2 WAS AT THE DAM AND TOOK VIDEO OF

US AND OUR MIATAS AS WE LEFT, WAVING AND GIVING THEM THE 2 SIGN, AND IT WAS BROADCAST ON THE 10:00PM NEWS THAT EVENING. FROM THERE WE DROVE THE COYOTE TRAIL AND WERE BACK IN TULSA PROPER BEFORE 10:30AM. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

THANKS TO GENE AND SHIRLEY FOR SPONSORING THIS EVENT. AND THANKS TO EARL FOR BEING SWEEP.

**NELSON MAZDA**

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PARTS & SERVICE**

(Discount does not apply on promotional items)

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EXPIRES 03/31/2006

Spring Fling Planning Update: Dorothy & Earl Larkin

JUST LIKE SANTA CLAUS, WE ARE MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE :(1) HAVE YOU DIALED 1-800-264-3555 AND TOLD THE NICE FOLKS AT DRY CREEK LODGE TO RESERVE YOU A ROOM ON SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 29TH, 2006, AT THE SPECIAL NEO MIATA CLUB RATE AND TO HOLD YOU A ROOM IN THE NEO MIATA CLUB "PODS?" (2) HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR "TWO-WAY" RADIO? (3) HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR "PIKEPASS"? (4) HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR MIATA CLUB DECALS FOR EACH SIDE OF YOUR MIATA FROM GEORGE WALKER? (5) HAVE YOU BEEN "STUFFING" YOUR ENVELOPE FAITHFULLY? (IF YOU HAVE, YOU ALREADY HAVE \$100.00 SAVED FOR OUR TRIP.) SO HOW DID YOU DO? HAVE YOU BEEN "NAUGHTY" OR "NICE?"

BASED ON THE "FEED-BACK" I HAVE RECEIVED SINCE THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SOME OF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY I CANNOT BE MORE PRECISE ON THE EXACT AMOUNT OF OUR FUEL COSTS. LET ME TRY AGAIN TO EXPLAIN IT USING ANOTHER EXAMPLE: DRIVING STYLE.

SOME OF OUR MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT A SPORTS CAR IS BUILT AND INTENDED TO BE DRIVEN HARD. THEY BELIEVE THAT A SPORTS CAR SHOULD BE DRIVEN IN A MANNER THAT MAKES IT PERFORM TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL. THAT MEANS RUNNING OUR ENGINES MOST OF THE TIME OVER 6,000 RPM (THINK MAC ARNETT). THEY DID NOT BUY THEIR MIATAS AS ECONOMY CARS (THINK MAC ARNETT). THEY COULD CARE LESS ABOUT HOW MANY

MPG THEY ARE GETTING. THEY CARE ABOUT HOW FAST THEIR CAR IS RUNNING AND HOW MUCH FUN THEY ARE HAVING (THINK MAC ARNETT). SOME OF THEM HAVE GONE ON 700-800 MILE WEEKENDS WITH US AND HAVE NEVER SHIFTED OUT OF THIRD GEAR ON THE ENTIRE WEEKEND (THINK MAC ARNETT).

HOWEVER, SOME OF OUR MEMBERS ARE MORE "CONSERVATIVE" IN THEIR DRIVING STYLE. THEY WANT TO GET THE GAS MILEAGE THAT THEY CAN, AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. MONEY AND THE COST OF GASOLINE MATTERS TO THESE PEOPLE, SO THEY MIGHT BE RUNNING FORTY MILES PER HOUR IN SIXTH GEAR. SOME OF OUR MEMBERS ARE SO "TIGHT" THEIR BUTT SQUEAKS WITH EVERY STEP THEY TAKE (THINK EARL LARKIN). HIGH "REVS" MEANS MORE HORSEPOWER AND BETTER PERFORMANCE BUT LOWER MPG. THE RESULT IS THAT WHEN 25 MIATAS ARE TRAVELING DOWN THE SAME ROADS AND CURVES, GOING THE SAME DISTANCE, THE SAME OVERALL GROUP SPEED, ARRIVING AT THE SAME TIME, SOME OF THOSE MIATAS ARE USING CONSIDERABLE MORE FUEL THAN THE REST. THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL 25 DIFFERENT DRIVERS, EACH WITH HIS OWN PARTICULAR "DRIVING STYLE", EXACTLY HOW MUCH EACH ONE OF THEM WILL SPEND ON FUEL. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

HOW ABOUT THOSE EXPENSES ON SUNDAY? THE BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL COST \$16.00 FOR TWO PEOPLE (ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK AND INCLUDES

YOUR TIP). WHETHER OR NOT WE RE-FUEL AFTER BREAKFAST WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT WE RE-FUELED UPON ARRIVING IN MOUNTAIN VIEW SATURDAY AFTERNOON. IF WE MUST RE-FUEL SUNDAY MORNING, FIGURE ON \$10.00-20.00.

OUR NEXT SUNDAY EXPENSE WILL BE LUNCH AT A CLUB FAVORITE (ONE OF THOSE PLACES THAT CLUB MEMBERS FREQUENTLY REQUEST THAT I TAKE US BACK TO). THE SUNDAY BUFFET WILL COST \$20.56 FOR TWO PEOPLE (ALL YOU CAN EAT, DRINK, DESERTS, AND YOUR TAX, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE YOUR TIP). AFTER THAT, WE WILL STOP ONE MORE TIME IN ARKANSAS TO RE-FUEL, COST, \$10.00-\$20.00.

YOU NOW KNOW THE TOTAL COST OF THE WEEKEND THAT I KNOW ABOUT. HOWEVER, I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER HOW MUCH YOU MIGHT SPEND AT "POTTY STOPS," RE-FUELING STOPS, SOUVENIRS IN THE OZARK FOLK CENTER, ETC. NOW YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD IDEA OF HOW LITTLE MONEY THE WEEKEND WILL ACTUALLY REQUIRE.

NEXT MONTH, WE WILL START TALKING ABOUT THE ROADS. UNTIL THEN KEEP "STUFFING" YOUR ENVELOPES.

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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:

FULL COLOR MAGNETIC CLUB LOGOS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CAR. TWO (2) FOR \$35. SEE GEORGE WALKER.





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NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB FEBRUARY 2006 EVENTS

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SD&D

HOSTS: LARRY YOUNG & CYNDI McNUTT

DRIVERS MEETING: 8:45AM

DEPARTURE TIME: 9:00AM

PLACE: McDONALD'S @ 333 S. 129TH E. AVE @ 129TH AND I-44

ANTICIPATE ARRIVING BACK IN TULSA ABOUT 2:00PM.

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MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

7-8:00 PM, JOHNNIES CHARBURGER, I-44 & SKELLY DR, NORTH SIDE OF I-44 .

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"JUST LUNCH!"

HOSTS: RODNEY AND MARTHA JONES

DRIVERS MEETING: 10:20AM

DEPARTURE TIME: 10:30AM

PLACE: McDONALD'S @ 333 S. 129TH E. AVE @ 129TH AND I-44



WE WILL BE HAVING LUNCH AT COWBOY JUNCTION CHUCK WAGON RESTAURANT AT 11:30AM SO DON'T FILL UP AT McDONALD'S. WHEN YOU ENTER THE CHUCK WAGON RESTAURANT THE FIRST THING YOU SEE IS A CHALKBOARD LISTING OF HOMEMADE PIES OF THE DAY. I CAN'T EXPRESS THIS ENOUGH, SAVE ROOM FOR PIE! THE NEXT THING YOU WILL NOTICE IS A REPLICA OF AN OLD WEST COWTOWN, WITHOUT THE DUST, HORSES OR MANURE. THE RESTAURANT WAS ADMITTEDLY STARTED AS A TOOL TO HELP BRING PEOPLE TO COWBOY JUNCTION CHURCH BY EXHIBITING CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR. ALL THE DECOR INCLUDING TABLES AND CHAIRS WERE HANDMADE BY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH. JOIN US FOR THE BEST DOWN HOME EATIN' AROUND! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE PARTNER!

FEBRUARY 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	SD&D LARRY & CYNDI
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18 JUST LUNCH THE JONES
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				