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August events

- 05th - Chicken Run
- 16th - Monthly Mtg.

CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: JOE M. BOHANNON

For those of you that did not go to Branson the weekend of June 24-25, you missed a great trip. Top down weather both days and the Baldknobbers were great. Bob Huckaby did an outstanding job of planning the trip and we went on some new roads in Missouri that the club had never been over. Two of our new members also went on the trip which is a good sign. The McCools and Ron Shoaf and Lynda Abel fit right in with the group. Kudos to Bob on a great experience.

The Bi-Plane trip, Route 66 Kick-off and the trip to Pete's Place made for a full month of June. July is starting out on the 8th with a day trip to the new Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. The Sturdivants have promised us a good time. Be sure and check the web-site for details of upcoming drives.

Our membership is still growing and should exceed last year in the next few months. At this time we are over 100 cars. The new 2006 MX-5 Miata is breaking sales records and with each one

sold; Nelson Mazda gives a one year membership to the new owner. It was reported that Mazda plans a retractable hard-top Miata for the 2007 model year. The pictures look great. Keep handing out the cards and waving. The new membership packets are now being given out to new members and the feedback is positive.

Tom Jones took the time to analyze our membership cars by year and color. Be sure to read the data elsewhere in this news letter. There are a few surprises.

Planning for the Miata's at Hallett is underway. We are helping the Arkansas group with drives on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The dates are Oct. 20-21 and you can sign up on their web site from a link on our web site. They have a new option: just drives, t-shirt, and the banquet Saturday evening. Check it out and sign up now if possible.

The June meeting had 54 people attending and the room was full but by bringing in some extra

chairs, we were able to seat everyone. Johnnie's has said they will work with us to accommodate everyone for the meeting so come early and eat with us if you can.

The SCCA is sponsoring a Rally on Saturday, July 15th, and it looks exciting. It is called an "Average Joe" type of event which almost anyone can win. Cost is \$20.00 and we get \$5.00 back for NEO for each member who goes on the drive. It begins at noon from Locust Grove which is east of Tulsa a short distance. Contact Gary Deaton at (918) 492-3602 or gregaryus@yahoo.com. There will be cars from other car clubs so it will be a good chance to meet our counterparts in similar groups.

Mike Meyers sent me an e-mail and Brenda is doing well and they have even made some short trips. Keep her in your prayers.

Time to sign off and get ready for the coming week and the Fourth of July. Sara and I hope every one has a safe holiday and re-

NEO MIATA - MIATA STATS

BY MODEL YEAR

YEAR	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
MIATAS	7	11	6	6	1	2	3	5	5	9	5	5	5	6	3	26

BY COLOR GROUP

COLOR GRP.	REDS	BLACKS	SILVERS	BLUES	WHITES	YELLOWS	GRAYS	GREENS	ORANGES
MIATAS	50	8	10	11	5	4	4	10	2

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A Rainbow Of Color: Nom De Plume



The drive to the "Bi-Plane Expo" in Bartlesville was a huge success. Twelve cars showed up on a perfect blue skies top down day. And when we arrived in Bartlesville there was another waiting on us making a grand total of 13 cars. This summer the weather has been "unseasonable", unseasonably hot, unseasonably cool, dry, wet, you name it, and we were due some nice weather.

Mac and Suzanne came up with the idea of the club taking a drive to see the world's largest gathering of biplanes at Frank Phillips Field in Bartlesville. And they passed the torch to Larry and Cyndi who led us down many shaded and canopied country roads, starting with a drive through Redbud Valley, through the blackjack covered Osage hills, viewing hot

air balloons in flight, taking a potty break in Skiatook, passing a wild horse preserve and seeing two herds of wild horses, and ending up at the Expo exactly at 10:00AM, right on schedule.

Mac had arranged for us to receive preferred parking and free admission. So not only did we save the \$10 per car fee we were able to park right up in amongst the biplanes. Our Miatas were a big hit, with lots of people interested in our little cars.

What is it about biplanes that catch our fancy? Is it because they represent aviation history? Is it the enormous rainbow of colors? Whatever makes us love biplanes, the 20th annual Expo was the place to see the stacked wing wonders, featuring most of the legendary biplanes of the last 75 years. It was a wonderful fly-in; like an art museum in motion.

There were flyovers of all types, a wing walker in a Wonder Women costume, biplane rides available to the public, and a variety of food booths including one serving Italian Ice, a huge hit amongst our group, similar to a snowcone, except that instead of being shaved ice

with flavored syrup poured on top, it is produced in a machine that combines water, fruits and flavors and then freezes the mixture.

We disbursed upon leaving the Expo, each pursuing their own interest, most went to the SunFest Car Show in Johnstone Park, one of the best car shows in NorthEastern Oklahoma and free of charge, some visited Johnstones Kiddie Park with wonderful rides reasonably priced, some that hadn't pigged out at the Expo had lunch, some shopped, and some just headed on home after a full morning of fun.

Thanks to Rodney and Martha for being sweep, and thanks to Mac and Suzanne, and Larry and Cyndi for a wonderful day.



June 2006 Meeting Minutes: Jan Coody

President Joe Bohannon called the meeting to order and introduced new members. We all introduced ourselves and our cars and had three new members present. We had a total of 54 people present at the meeting which is one of the largest groups Joe could remember. He announced that he had been contacted by the President of the Buckeye Miata Club, who asked us to join them on an all Miata cruise in 2007 out of New England. Also someone had contacted him about Miata history information that they would be selling on E-bay. He announced that the Tulsa Raceway Park had a drag strip that we could use on a Friday night. The cost would be \$15.00 for racers and \$10.00 for spectators. We would need at least 8 cars to enter.

Vice-President George Walker told us about the new 2007Miata with a retractable hard top. He announced that on the weekend of July 2nd the Arkansas Valley Race Group needs volunteers to help with autocross events. Also the Arkansas Miata Club has asked for our help in planning the October 21st event at Hallett. They would like to have more than just a touring event and would like for us to plan some drives, rallies, and dinners. There is already a volunteer committee to help George plan this but anyone else interested would be welcome. George reminded us that these

track events are not racing but drivers training. Secretary Jan Coody announced that we have 101 members now and 31 who have not renewed this year. Treasurer Ruth Will told us that we are getting low on club pins and we voted and approved of her ordering 300 new pins. Our last order was placed in 2000.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Alan Doughty asked that if we are planning on going to the Arkansas Miata Club's Hallett event that we send in our registrations as soon as possible so they will know how to plan. They have a lot of vendor support for this event and many great prizes. The new 2007 with the retractable hard top may be on display. There is a link on our website to the Arkansas club website for more information.

Larry Parker announced that he was going to need to postpone the Guthrie trip scheduled for August 19th and 20th as he had started chemotherapy and would need more time to recover. Bob Huckaby discussed the final plans for the Branson weekend trip with many new curvy roads. Jim Sturdivant told us about the July 8th trip that he and Sandy are planning to the new Oklahoma History Center Museum in Oklahoma City. Sandy will be taking us down Rt. 66.

Gary Deaton with the SCCA gave us details of the upcoming rally starting at Locust Grove. This rally is one where the closest to the average is the winner. It should take about 4 hours and you are free to stop as long as you want at the check points. There will be a charge of \$20.00 per car with \$5.00 going back to the car club. He told us that in the Midwest series of rallies that George Walker finished in the top 10. Congratulations George!

Tom Jones displayed his trophy as the winner of the June Bug Bash contest that Rodney and Martha Jones had last month in connection with the Fin and Feather drive. Tom is also planning a short Chicken Run on August 5th.

Earl Larkin gave us the details on things that he felt went wrong on his well planned Spring Fling weekend trip beginning with the thick fog. We all had a great time anyway and most of us did not even know anything was not as planned.

Tour Director Gene Bedingfield asked for more volunteers to plan and lead drives in August and September.

After drawing for the door prize of a blinker for the brake lights, we adjourned to the parking lot to continue visiting and admiring cars.

Pete's Place Drive: Joe and Sara Bohannon

It was a hot 99 degrees, but 13 cars showed up at McDonalds at 121st and Memorial at 1:00 pm for the drive to Krebs and a great Italian dinner at Pete's Place. One more car joined us at Pete's for a total of 14 cars. Most had their tops down, but a few had the tops up like your president.

We stopped at Old Town near McAllister for some antique shopping on the way to Krebs. Jim Basteri won the prize for being the closest guess to the actual mileage from Tulsa of

111.5 miles. The prize was a two trumpet air horn.

It turned out that this weekend was the 30th anniversary for Clara and Larry Eulert so several of their friends who were in their wedding party joined us for the celebration. We had cake and blew bubbles as the happy couple left the restaurant.

The food was great and no one went away hungry and some even took some food home with them.

Except for a few missed turns all went well and it has even been suggested that this drive become an annual event. The last drive to Pete's was two years ago so maybe this would be a good idea.

We started home around 6 pm and several members were seen adjusting their car seats when getting into their car to drive home.



Route 66 Celebration-Saturday, June 10th: Joe and Sara Bohannon



Even though our turnout was small, only 4 cars showed up for the Route 66 celebration, we had time to visit and get to know each other.

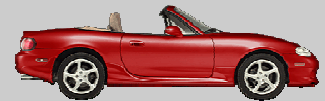
This was the first year for this event and the overall turnout was small but it should grow in the future.

Many thanks to Harold and Vicki Dobbs, Sam and Gayle Roop, Jim Sturdivant for showing up along with your president and his wife, Sara. We had a nice shade tree to park under and kept cool.

The location was changed for our rally point at the last minute from the East Central parking lot to the church parking lot where we have had the Funcanna in the past.

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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.

Embroidered Patches:

Full Color Club Logo Patches are available for sewing onto whatever. See George Walker.

George told me the pricing schedule once, but it was more than two price breaks, so I forgot it.





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NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB JULY 2006 EVENTS

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OKC Drive - Sandy & Jim Sturdivant

- ◆ Where: McDonald's at Main & Elm in JENKS
- ◆ Driver's Meeting: 8:45 AM
- ◆ Depart: 9:00 AM

We will travel and explore the History of Oklahoma on Route 66, The Mother Road, and visit the NEW Oklahoma History Center across from the Capitol in OKC. We will enjoy the Oklahoma Experience while exploring over 200 interactive audio and visual exhibits of the stories, spirit, triumphs and tragedy of Oklahoma's adventurous past. We will enjoy two 'pit stops' on Route 66 and arrive for lunch in the "Winnie Mae" cafe about noon. Plan to spend at least \$10 per person on lunch. After lunch, everyone is on their own to explore the four interior galleries and three outdoor exhibits. Our plans are to travel back to Tulsa individually on the turnpike. Let's all plan to have a great day of Oklahoma History!!

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"TWISTER" An Average Joe Rally

The NEOKLA Region of the Sports Car Club of America will be conducting the TWISTER, an AVERAGE JOE style rally, on Saturday, July 15. We will meet in the Holiday Inn Express parking lot in Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Registration opens at 11:00am and closes at 12:00 noon. A mandatory competitor's meeting will be at 12:15pm. The first car will start at 12:31pm. The entry fee is \$20 per car.

This event is being designated as an ALL CLUB event. That means that five dollars from each NEO MIATA CLUB member entry fee will come back to NEO MIATA CLUB.

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7-8:00 PM : MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

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TULSA LANDMARKS AND ART SCAVENGER HUNT - Shirley & Gene Bedingfield

- ◆ Where: Johnny's Charburgers (where we meet for our monthly meetings)
- ◆ Depart: 9:00 AM
- ◆ Ends: Noon

This is a different kind of scavenger hunt! Instead of the norm, you will be taking pictures of the items on the "list" so bring a camera, a digital camera is preferred but if you want to use a regular camera and get the film developed in 1 hour that will be fine also. The "list" will be a little different also. It will actually be partial pictures of different buildings, art works and what have you and you have to locate and take a picture of the "WHOLE" item. Shirley and I think you will have a good time trying to locate the "items." Some will be extremely easy and some will be more difficult. Come join the fun.

We will have lunch at Bishop's Cafeteria at 41st and Garnett at noon and announce the winners.

July 2006



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2	3	4	5	6	7	OKC TRIP 8
9	10	11	12	13	14	SCCA TWISTER RALLY 15
16	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	SCAVENGER HUNT 22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					