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NEW MEMBERS

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September Events

- 07th - Moon Drive
- 20th - Monthly Mtg.
- 22nd - Moon Drive
- 23rd - Tom Mix Days

CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

SWEET MEMORIES: PAM CHRONISTER



My husband, John Chronister, and I joined NEO Miata in 1992 when it was still a puppy. We watched the club go through many growing pains and pleasures during those early years. John served as president during that time and I served as secretary/membership, treasurer and newsletter editor. We were proud to be members of such a wonderful organization.

As most of you know, John passed away on July 9 after several years of declining health.

The past six months were particularly difficult for him as he struggled to regain his health, but repeated trips to the hospital and skilled nursing facilities and many medical complications continued to weaken him further.

Although we weren't active members the past couple of years because of his health problems, we enjoyed attending meetings and reading the newsletters. While he was in the hospital and nursing home the past few months, we reminisced from time to time about some of our Miata adventures.

Although he wasn't strong physically, he never lost his sense of humor and the need for a good laugh or smile; those memories of NEO Miata activities

almost always brought a smile to his face. That cute smile is something I will always treasure.

TAXI42 has resided in the garage for some time, gathering dust and hoping that John would some day be able to drive it back to the golf course or to an NEO Miata event. But that day never came. Last week, I washed it. As I bent down to wash the front grill, I would swear it smiled at me!! So I started driving it again (of course, it started right up). I had forgotten how much fun it was even with the top up and the air conditioning on!!

As I try to adjust to life without my best friend and soul mate, I will include NEO Miata in that adjustment. It may take awhile, but I'll be back.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOE BOHANNON



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Oklahoma History Center Drive: Nom De Plume



Nineteen Miatas met at the McDonalds in Jenks for Jim and Sandy's Route 66 drive to the Oklahoma History Center.

We departed right on schedule; even Jim Basteri had arrived in time to hear the last few words of the drivers meeting. We ran the original alignment whenever possible all the way to Edmond. As we drove Jim and Sandy gave us a running commentary on the history and landmarks of the Mother Road.

In Sapulpa we drove across the 1921 Rock Creek Bridge with its red brick pavement, and past the abandoned Teepee Drive-In Theater. An unidentified person said that her first husband had proposed to her at the theater, but even after several inquired she was unwilling to divulge what he had proposed.

We drove through Depew's downtown district, past all the once upon a time grand buildings. And no Depew is not named after the foul smelling and amorous French skunk Peppy LePew.

We drove past the Shoe Tree east of Stroud, and saw the historic Rock Café that has been serving Route 66 travelers since 1939.

We drove down Main Street Davenport still paved with the original bricks. Known locally as "Snuff Street"... as in take a dip...

We saw the Old Phillips 66 cottage style station in Chandler, and we passed the Lincoln Motel in business since 1939.

In Arcadia we saw Hillbillee's Café, and one of Oklahoma's premier Route 66 attractions, the Round Barn constructed in 1898.

Jim and Sandy led us through the busy Edmond traffic and into downtown Oklahoma City with precision that would even make Earl envious. We arrived at our destination the Oklahoma History Center right on schedule without losing a single car.

We had lunch at the Winnie Mae Café, featuring great sandwiches and soups. Most had the daily special, the "Will Rogers" or "Jenny" sandwich, with either artichoke or potato soup. While eating we gazed over the "Winnie Mae" airplane flown by Wiley Post, and took in the spectacular view of the state capital and its new dome.



The History Center, located across from the capitol building, offers a self guided exploration of Oklahoma's diverse history, past to present. There was everything from a gallery representing all 39 of Oklahoma's Native American tribes to an exhibit featuring Oklahoma's connections with

space exploration and even an old Jack Zink Indy car. Smithsonian quality exhibits that bring to life the voice of Oklahoma's history and visions with over 200 hands-on audio, video and computer activities.

Of course the ladies had to visit the gift shop, with something of interest for everyone; and maybe not so surprisingly what they found most interesting were lollypops with flies, crickets, and scorpions inside.

So much to see, so little time, it would take many hours to see the entire center, I think most of us just wore ourselves out, each heading back to Tulsa individually, or in small groups.

Thanks to Gene and Shirley for being sweep. And thanks Jim and Sandy for sponsoring a great day of Oklahoma history.



July 2006 Meeting Minutes: Jan Coody

Vice-President George Walker called the meeting to order in the absence of President Joe Bohannon. We all introduced ourselves and our cars and told of anything new we had on them. There were three visitors that were introduced by Larry Young.

Secretary Jan Coody announced that we had 5 new members sent to us by Nelson's Dealership. This gives us a total of 107 memberships. Treasurer Ruth Will told us that she had purchased 500 new club pins leaving \$788.48 in our treasury.

George Walker reported that we had 4 cars participate in the SCCA Road Rally held on Saturday, July 15th. Gary Deaton from the

SCCA was present and presented us with a \$20.00 refund, which was \$5.00 for each car present from our club. George told us about an upcoming Hare and Hound Rally out of Bartlesville that would be at night. Reflective tape will be used to mark the course.

Our club is going to help the Arkansas Club with the October 21st event at Hallett. We will need members to help with drives and rallies, especially those not doing the high speed touring. We need to sign up soon if planning to attend this event as a bigger attendance will help get more sponsors to come out.

There will be an upcoming Performance Driving School at Hallett with a fee of only

\$125.00 for 2 days. Check with George or Tom for more details.

Other upcoming drives were discussed and Gene Bedingfield asked for others to think about volunteering to lead drives. He said we could use additional drives on the schedule for September. Tom Jones passed out a list of Full Moon Drives and New Moon Drives that start at various Braums around town with dates each month until the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned to the parking lot, but with the very hot weather there was not much visiting.

Art & Landmarks Scavenger Hunt : Shirley & Gene Bedingfield



The first Scavenger Hunt of the year was a great success. Fourteen people and seven cars participated and the weather was terrific.

There was a tie for first place at 48 points between Bob Huckaby/Elaine and Larry Young/Cindi McNutt. Huck & Elaine won on the basis of bonus points. Duane & Ruth Will came in third and the Stewarts also won one of the many extravagant prizes. The Awards luncheon was held at Bishop's Cafeteria at 41st and Garnett.

The next version of the Scavenger hunt is planned for September 16, 2006 and will cover two different towns in the Tulsa Metro area. Make plans now to participate. I give you my personal money-back guarantee that you will have a good time.



Each pair of contestants was given an index sheet of pictures, or partial pictures of objects that ran from the well-known to the obscure and given three hours to find these objects and take their own picture of it.



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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.

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.



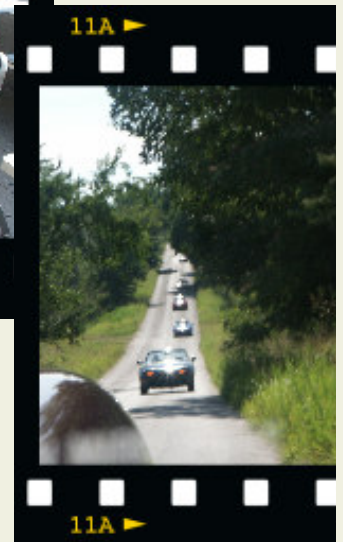
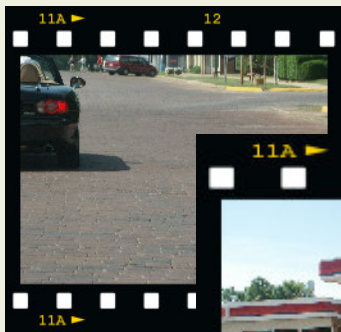


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EVENT PHOTOS - ROUTE 66/OKC: Larry Young





NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB AUGUST 2006 EVENTS

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Baja Chicken Run to Skiatook - Tom

- Where: Behind the Quik-Trip on Riverside, east end of the Jenks Bridge
- Driver's meeting: 9:45 AM
- Depart: 10:15 AM

This run is over curving roads with some roller coasters to the west and north of Tulsa. Hope everyone comes ready to play. The roads are fun and I promise no rougher than south Harvard (that leaves lots of room). Our preliminary destination is Charlie's Chicken in Skiatook (good cafeteria style food with an "all you can eat" option). The trip up is 98 miles with 2 rest stops. There is some early afternoon honky-tonkin after lunch, if interested. The return trip is 36 miles with lots of curves and will conclude about 1:30 pm at the River's Edge outdoor bistro on Riverside at 20th, for snacks & drinks on a shaded rock patio or grass by the river for lots of visiting. This is my first drive, so allow for some "Tomfoolery".

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Full Moon Drive

- Braum's, 1545 E 71st (W of Lewis) 8:30 PM
- Snack - 15-20 min./Drive - 45-50 min.

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7-8:00 PM : MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

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Same Song, Second Verse - Shirley & Gene do it again!

- What: Photo Scavenger Hunt
- When: August 19, 2006 9:00am
- Where: Parking lot, front, Boston Avenue Methodist Church
- Bring: digital camera and a magnifying glass.

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New Moon Drive

- Braum's, 5048 S 33rd (N of 51st) 7:45 PM
- Snack - 15-20 min./Drive - 45-50 min.

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Utica Square - 5th Night

- Parking Lot, Second Level, Southwest corner of 21st and Utica at 6:00 PM
- Music From 7:00 to 9:00 PM Jessica & the Rhythmatics (Rhythm & Blues style music)
- Bring your own food, beer, wine or whatever. Queenies sells great sandwiches and there is a Wendy's across the street. Chairs are provided, but you can bring your own if you want.
- It's FREE !!

August

2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	BAJA CHICKEN RUN 5
6	7	8	FULL MOON DRIVE 9	10	11	12
13	14	15	CLUB MEETING 16	17	18	SCAVENGER HUNT 19
20	21	22	NEW MOON DRIVE 23	UTICA SQUARES 24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		