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### October events

- 07th - Moon Drive
- 14th - B'Day Party
- 18th - Monthly Mtg.
- 21st - Miatas@Hallett
- 22nd - Moon Drive

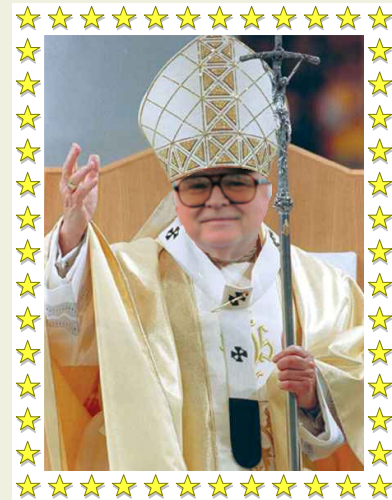
CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOE BOHANNON

I have heard it discussed for several years and those that have done "Deal's Gap" aka "Tail of the Dragon" always seem to tell a story or two about the drive. Sara and I got to experience the drive in late July during a family vacation in North Carolina for a week. It is everything we have been told and then some. Awesome!!! I drove it twice and Sara drove it once. Only saw a few Miatas while we were there but a bunch of motorcycles and a few Mini Coopers. The cycles tend to pass in the no passing zones and one went down in front of us after passing as he didn't realize there was a 90 degree turn once he passed us, so down he went. No major problem but a broken mirror. We were there one week ahead of the annual Miatas at the Gap event. There are even vendors along the way to snap your picture on curves and put them on the internet to order. Every Miata owner should drive the dragon one time.

By the time you read this newsletter, the big event shall have passed. On September 1, 2006, PopaJoe reached the high point of everyone's life, turning the big 70. Sara and I are planning a quiet trip to Muskogee for the annual Blues Festival over Labor Day weekend. Goes from 5 PM to dawn for three days running. It is actually in a very small town southwest of Muskogee and has been going on for a number of years. We usually don't make it to dawn.

### Pope Joe Bohannon 1936 - ????



# HAPPY B'DAY PONTIFF

If you haven't been on a moon drive with Tom Jones, you are missing out. The first one was a full moon drive and we had 15 cars and it was a hoot. Tom only missed one turn. Not bad for a rookie. The new moon drive at the end of August was attended by a small group of seven Miatas. One was sporting a tag from Hawaii. The word is getting around about what a great club we have. More are planned so check the monthly schedule. It is a fun event and starts around sundown. This is just another example of one of our new members coming up with new ideas for drives. Way to go Tom. He led the Baja Chicken Run drive in August and it was also well at-

If you have not signed for the Arkansas Miata Club Hallett event on October 20 and 21, you need to get going. Only 80 cars can enter the performance driving class and they are already half full. \$150 gets you 100 minutes of track time. This year they have a new category called Associate which is \$25.00 and lets you come to the dinner Saturday evening, a tee shirt and chances for door prizes and two drives. NEO is planning to assist by leading a drive and dutch dinner Friday evening and also a Saturday morning drive to Hallett. You can link to their site for an application

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in the link section of our site.

I looked at a few of the web sites of our sister clubs. I noticed that in OKC, their local Mazda dealer only gives a 10% discount, not the 20% we get from Nelson. Show your support by using their service department and/or purchasing a new or used Miata. The new retractable hard-top Miata will debut sometime in September at the dealership. See Brian Whitt for assistance at Nelson's.

The annual election of officers comes up at the October meeting. Mac Young is chairing the Nomination Committee this year. Please let him know if you are interested in running for an office or you want to suggest someone else for an office. We need a few good "men and women" to keep up our growth and outstanding events. I heard the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster is holding out for a BIG signing bonus.

We have many exciting events coming up in September and October so check the schedule and get ready. Hopefully, cooler weather is just around the corner. PopaJoe is getting a new personal car tag so the "Pope Joe" jokes can

come to an end. Remember to keep waving and honking at each Miata you see and keep zooming.

Joe M. Bohannon  
President NEO Miata



**2001 Miata LS For Sale**  
Asking \$12,500.00  
Green / With Beige Interior  
32,000 miles w/ warranty up  
to 70,000 miles remaining  
Contact Adam Meyers / Tulsa  
Pager: 643-2699



### Utica Square 5th Night: Sara & Joe Bohannon

Between the heat and early hour, the turnout for the evening at Utica Square was very low. The Bohannon's, Larry Young & Cyndi McNutt, and Jim Basteri were the only brave souls who ventured out into the heat. We were in the shade and had a breeze which helped. The music was great and some of our group hit the dance floor a few times. Sara and I will plan on doing this again next year in June and hopefully it will be cooler and the time will be set back to 7 PM. Utica Square has an outdoor concert every Thursday at 7 PM

during the summer. Good idea but bad results. We live and learn.



### August 2006 Meeting Minutes: Jan Coody

President Joe Bohannon called the meeting to order and introduced guests and new members. He announced that the election for new officers would be held at the October meeting. A nominating committee was appointed with Mac Young as the chairperson. Leta Arnett and Jack Scott volunteered to be on the committee. Let Mac know if you are interested in holding an office next year. The October meeting is always fun with lots of door prizes to be given away.

Joe was contacted to see if the club would be interested in purchasing some small red toy Miatas for \$3.25 each, with a minimum order of 50 cars. Our logo could also be put on them. Suzanne Young would like some for the Nelson display. A motion was made and carried to purchase the cars.

Joe had a good report on the health of Brenda Myers which we were all glad to hear, but she is still undergoing treatments. We also need to remember Larry Parker, who is also battling cancer.

There is going to be a recall of some of the new Miatas manufactured between December

22nd and February 15th, due to a defect in the airbags. You can go to Miata.net and check the serial numbers. There will be recall notices sent out by the factory in the near future.

Tom Jones discussed the Arkansas Club's Hallett Event on October 21st in Vice-President George Walker's absence. There are 47 signed up and 25 associates making it about half full. Everyone that plans on going needs to sign up soon. Remember that our club is hosting a Friday night dinner and drive and a Saturday morning breakfast and drive.

The Hare and Hound Rally on August 19th and the Moon Drive on August 23rd were discussed. There is also a high speed touring event at Hallett on August 26-27th.

Secretary Jan Coody reported that we have 112 members including the 3 who joined at the meeting. She read a thank-you card from Pam Chronister for flowers sent to John's funeral. She also told us about a Car Show on the Jenks pedestrian bridge on August 19th. Treasurer Ruth Will reported that we have \$774.95 in our bank account.

Brian Witt from Nelson's Dealership said that the new power retractable hard top Miata will be here the third week in September. He said that the top does not intrude into the trunk space when retracted. He also invited us to participate in the Harley-Davidson Poker Run that benefits the Tulsa Area United Way. It will be held on Saturday, September 16th and begins at Myers-Duren Harley-Davidson at 4848 S. Peoria from 9:00 to 11:00 and ends at Joe's Crab Shack from 12:00 to 3:00.

Upcoming trips were discussed beginning with Earl and Dorothy's Fall Foliage Drive on October 28th for one day only. Gale Roop went over plans for the Kansas City week-end trip on September 16th, where there will be many interesting events and tours. John Newman asked us to begin thinking about which Christmas Parades we were interesting in participating in besides the Jenks Parade. We were reminded of the upcoming Rhythm and Blues at Utica Square on Thursday evening, August 24th.

Door prizes were drawn that were donated by Nelson's and we adjourned to the parking lot.

Article Title: Reporter

# SPACE

# AVAILABLE



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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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# NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB

## SEPTEMBER 2006 EVENTS



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### Full Moon Drive

Braum's at 1308 S Garnett (N of 15th) 7:30 PM  
Snack - 15-20 min./Drive - 45-50 min.

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### "Kansas City" - Gail & Sam

We are going to Kansas City!!! Trip will be led by Sam & Gail Roop 665-1869. Dates are September, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th. We will leave from the McDonalds @ 129th E. Ave and I-44 in East Tulsa. Drivers meeting @ 6:50 AM, Leave for KC @ 7:00 AM. Don't forget to bring an FRS radio for communications between cars (Ch5).

#### Things you need to do NOW!!!

1. Call the Savoy Hotel @ 1-800-728-6922 & get a room for the evening of the 16th. Prices are \$85, \$99 & \$140 depending on what kind of room you want and if they are still available. They only have 22 rooms total!
2. Make reservations for the trolley for 5:00 PM Sept 16th. 1-800-234-1854. The trolley is non-refundable and costs \$10 per ticket plus \$2 handling for using a credit card and they only take VISA and MasterCard. You can only make reservations at that number between 8 AM and 5 PM business days Monday thru Friday. What we will be doing:
  1. Drive to KC via straight roads.
  2. Visit Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. (cost is \$3 per adult) Info...
  3. Haunted Atchison Trolley Ride. (you may have seen a program on the Travel Channel about Haunted Atchison).
  4. Lunch somewhere.
  5. Staying in the beautiful historic Hotel Savoy circa 1888. (Art Nouveau, Neo-Classic or Victorian design).
  6. Dinner somewhere.
  7. Crooked ride along bluffs over looking the Missouri River (3 or 4 miles).
  8. Brief visit to Union.
  10. A wonderful breakfast in the Savoy Hotel (Included in the room price).

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7-8:00 PM : MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

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### New Moon Drive

- Braum's at 2806 S Harvard (N of 31st) 7:00 PM
- Snack - 15-20 min./Drive - 45-50 min.

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### Tom Mix Days

Dust off the Stetson and polish your spurs, time for the Tom Mix Festival in Dewey, OK. Tom Mix served as sheriff of Dewey for a time before making it big in Hollywood, along with assorted other accomplishments. We will have lunch at Kaffe Bona which is attached to the Linger Longer antique store and the VFW will be serving Indian Tacos. A parade at 2:30 followed by horse rides, shoot outs, people dressed in period costumes, a Tom Mix look a like contest, live music and more. There is the Tom Mix Museum which has an air conditioned theatre and across the street the restored, 1890's hotel. Both worth visiting.

We will gather at the McDonald's at 129th and I-44 with drivers meeting at 10:45 and departing at 11:00. Approximately a two hour drive to Dewey, chow, then the festivities. I am working on assigned parking for the little cars so we can stay together with minimal walking.

# SEPTEMBER 2006



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