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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JOE BOHANNON

There is no question that Fall has arrived and the colors are beautiful.

For those of you that were unable to attend the Arkansas club sponsored event on the 21st of October, you missed a great chance to watch 80 Miata's go Zoom-Zoom around the Hallett track west of Tulsa. There were 113 attendees registered including 19 from the Tulsa area. Tom Jones led three drives during the two days and George Walker assisted with the planning and driver instruction. Arkansas gave us a nice wall plaque for our help and you can see it at the November meeting on the 15th.

As many of you know, the elections were held on the 18th of October and George Walker is the new President. Everyone got a door prize thanks to our many generous supporters of the club. They were George and Carole Walker, Mack and Leta Arnett, OK Miata, Nelson Mazda, B and B Liquor Warehouse, NEO Miata, First National

Bank of Hominy and the new trapeze venue at River Walk in Jenks. The other officers are in the Secretary's report. Thanks to Mac Young and his committee for the slate they selected.

Speaking of George Walker, I had the opportunity to ride with him during one 20 minute session at Hallett. It was the longest 20 minutes of my life. I was worried the door was going to come open on the many turns. George is an excellent driver and I kept asking "how much longer" with no reply.

Sara and I were on a cruise and missed the Full Moon drive in early October led by Tom Jones but I understand we had a good turn out. Sara and I also had to miss the "Its about the color" drive this past weekend to Arkansas led by Earl and Dorothy Larkin. I am sure it was great and was probably at the peak for the trees turning.

Our membership is now

118 cars which translates to over 200 members. Another all time record and keep up the recruiting of new members.

November promises some great events. One is the club annual birthday party is on the 12th. Believe it or not, we are 16 years old. Remember "sweet sixteen"? See article elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

In closing, "PopaJoe" has retired and the 2006 Special Edition with the beautiful black seats is now "RAHORSE", more commonly known as Race Horse.

RAHORSE Bohannon



NEW MEMBERS

BRYAN PASEK
JASON GAMBLE
PIERRE & SHARON SMITH

December Events

- 2nd - Hominy Parade
- 5th - New Moon Drive
- 9th - Christmas Party
- 20th - Monthly Mtg.

CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR CHANGES AND UPDATES!

October 2006 Meeting Minutes: Jan Coody

President Joe Bohannon called the meeting to order and introduced guests and new members. We had a record crowd attending for the annual election meeting. Joe congratulated Jim Naufel on recently receiving the RSVP award.

Vice-President George Walker reported on plans for the Arkansas Club's Hallett Event and went over details for Friday and Saturday. Joe gave a special recognition to Tom Jones and George Walker for all the work they did on planning our club's part of this event.

Secretary Jan Coody would have reported that we have 118 members which include three that joined at the meeting and two that mailed in their registrations. One of them was our first member with a 2007. Treasurer Ruth Will reported that our bank ac-

count was low after the purchase of the membership pins and miniature toy Miatas. We have 31 of the toy Miatas left to sell. Brian Witt from Nelson's Dealership told us that the new retractable hard top was selling as fast as they could get them in.

Mac Young, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the proposed slate of officers and asked for any other nominations from the floor. All of those proposed were unanimously elected. Our new officers are George Walker as President, Ruth Will as Vice-President, Barbara Newman as Secretary, Devinna Smith as Treasurer, Alan Doughty continuing as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, and Bob Huckaby as Tour Director. We appreciate and thank them for taking these positions.

Upcoming trips were discussed begin-

ning with Earl and Dorothy's Fall Foliage tour. Due to a shoulder injury, Mac Arnett will be driving Earl. John Newman is checking on participating in the Sand Springs Christmas Parade rather than doing the Jenks Parade this year. Clara Eulert invited us to be in the Hominy Parade again this year and she is checking on the Pawhuska Parade too. Jim Naufel invited us to the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on November 4th at Hicks Park. Plans for the Miata Birthday Party to be held in Chandler Park were discussed. Jim Sturdivant told us about the Miatas at Moab event in May of 2007. There are already several from our club registered to attend this event.

Over 60 door prizes were drawn, so that everyone attending received something. Thanks to Nelson's Dealership and several of our members for donating all of these gifts.

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 avail-

able 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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Dorothy and Earl's "It's About The Color" Drive: Nom de Plume

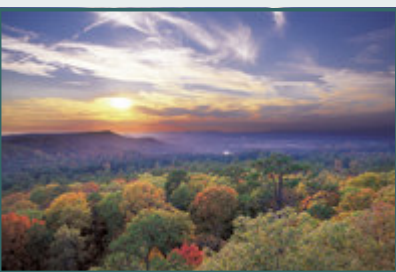
One of the nicest things about our living in Northeast Oklahoma is that we're just a couple of hours from Northwest Arkansas where each year for a short period of time nature puts on a spectacular display of fall color.

Nineteen cars met at McDonalds, and another met us at the rest stop in Siloam Springs, for a total of twenty cars. Nice to see many new members attend. And one lucky member showed up in a brand new '07 with only 47 miles on the odometer.

When we stopped in Siloam Springs for a scheduled rest stop, the Bedingfields locked themselves out of their car, and the Ducketts who had driven over to meet us at the rest area had a dead battery, so both caught up to the group later on, honing in on our location using their cell phones.

Trying to predict the peak of fall color is difficult and Earl and Dorothy had timed it perfectly. The temperatures recently changing from unbearably hot to hot apple cider crisp, bringing on beautiful fall weather and brilliant displays of fall colors, and with nearly 200 species of hardwood trees, Northwest Arkansas has one of the most colorful autumns anywhere, with the vibrant shades of red, orange and yellow.

As we've come to expect of them, Earl and Dorothy led us down one beautiful



ery and many curves. Every year people flock to the area to take in the fall foliage, to catch a glimpse of nature's splendor, so some amongst us were frustrated that we had foliage viewing Sunday drivers holding us back, but many were just as happy to slow down and enjoy what seems to be the most color we've experience in years.

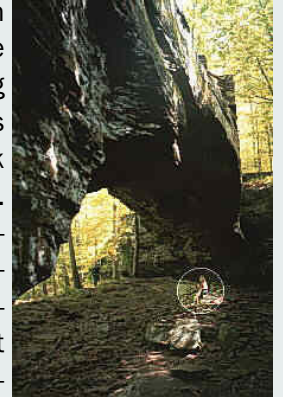
South of Jasper we stopped at a wooden tower with four flights of stairs providing the energetic amongst us a



we had lunch at the Cliff House Inn & Restaurant. The spectacular view overlooking the Buffalo River Valley, the Grand Canyon of the Ozarks, is reason enough to stop at the Cliff House. All seating is on a long porch and every table is near the windows that overlook the valley. The reason for staying is their down-home cooking, and to die for desserts. The just like Grandma used to make homemade strawberry and blackberry cobbler were soooo good, but their specialty is the "Company's Comin' Pie" with meringue, pecans and pineapple, the official Arkansas state pie, and can only be found at Cliff House.

After lunch we visited the Alum Cove Natural Bridge Recreation Area where we walked off our lunch taking the

0.4 mile round trip hike to view the 130 feet long and 20 feet wide natural stone arch, which is one of the most outstanding natural features of the Ozark Natural Forest. The trail was sensational with colored leaves falling to the forest floor. Most everyone enjoyed the one hole unisex outdoor potty with no toilet paper.



After a full day of twisties Earl headed for home, some needing to get home, a few not wishing to drive in the dark, etc.. Some folks stopped in Springdale at the AQ Chicken House for dinner, voted the best restaurant in Northwest Arkansas, and some folks stopped in Tontitown at Mary Maestri's, a real dining experience.

Thanks to Earl and Dorothy for providing us with such a wonderful day. Earl and Dorothy know how to make a drive into an event. And thanks to Brad and Jan and Bob and Janis for being sweep.





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NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA MIATA CLUB

NOVEMBER 2006 EVENTS



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Full Moon Drive

- ◆ Braum's at 12106 S Memorial, Bixby
- ◆ 7:00 PM
- ◆ Snack - 15-20 min./Drive - 45-50 min.

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"NEO MIATA BIRTHDAY PARTY"

The sixteenth birthday party for NEO Miata will be on Sunday, November 11, 2006 beginning at 2 PM. There will be no drive associated with the event. Joe Bohannon (lame duck president) and Mike Myer (immediate past president) are handling the details with Mack Arnett bringing the cooker and Earl Larkin bringing firewood for the fireplaces.

The club will furnish meat, condiments, plates, cups, forks, etc.. All you need to bring is what you want to drink and a side dish and serving utensils to share with others. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. We will also have birthday cake for everyone. Some may want to still bring a desert. The main meat will be hamburgers and hotdogs.

The location is Shelter 1 which is on the upper level of Chandler Park on your left after going into the park. There is a lower level to the right but do not go down to this level. Come west on West 21st Street to Chandler Park which is three or four miles west of the river. Some of us will be early so look for other Miata's.

This is always a great event and a chance to mingle with other members during the party. Since the event is in a large shelter, the event will take place rain, snow or shine. Questions, contact Joe Bohannon at 744-5696 work or 355-5187 home. See you there.

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7-8:00 PM : MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Hominy Christmas Parade: December 2nd

Join us in Hominy for "A Candy Christmas" Christmas Parade. NEO Miata members are invited to meet for refreshments and car decorating at the First National Bank in Hominy @ 11:30 a.m., Saturday, December 2. We are to line up for the parade at 12:30. Parade actually starts at 1 pm. The Hominy Chamber of Commerce does permit candy to be thrown from our cars and the children really liked it last year. We hope you can come. Please let Clara and Larry Eulert know your plans at the November meeting.

November 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 FULL MOON DRIVE	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 CLUB BIRTH- DAY PARTY	13	14	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18
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