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DRIVING TOPDOWN IN THE NATURAL STATE

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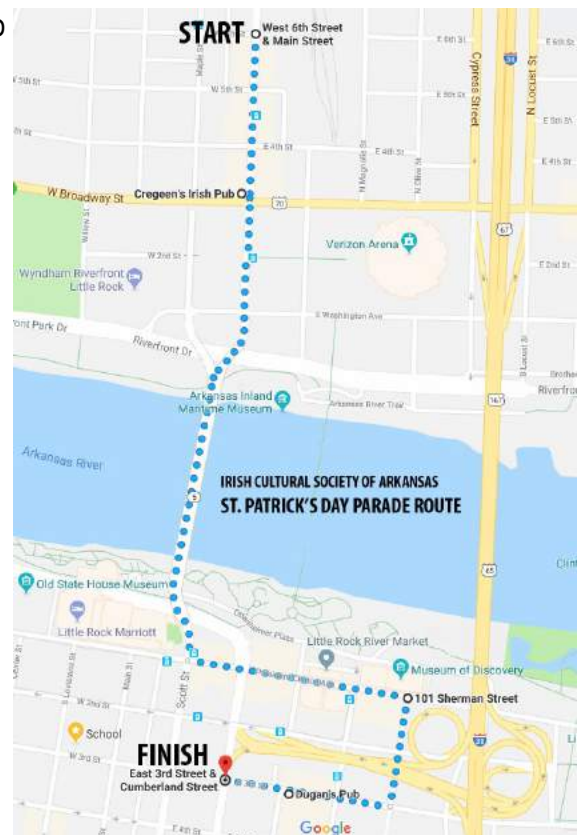
March 16th—Little Rock St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Little Rock St. Patrick's Day parade will be March 16th. The parade begins at 1 pm. We will meet at 11 a.m. at 6th and Main in North Little Rock. We will decorate the cars when we meet and we will have some additional decorations for everyone. Decorate your car and yourself and join the fun! Green painters tape works great to help keep the decorations on.

Parade website: <https://www.irisharkansas.org/parade>

Toad Suck Bucks—April 13th

The April event is an afternoon drive and then dinner at Toad Suck Bucks, 11 Roaring River Loop, Houston, AR 72070. Come hungry for great food and conversation after the drive. Look for more information will be provided in the next news letter!



Save the date: Upcoming Events

March 16th—St. Patrick's Day Parade

April 13th—Toad Suck Bucks

May 4th—Picnic at Burns Park

Open board and General membership meetings

Third Thursday each month; Corky's McCain Blvd—6:15ish side room off the Bar

2019 Dues are \$24 per car. Dues are due now.

If you have not already paid, we have multiple ways available to make payment. You may pay directly on our website, by pay pal, or by mail. If mailing, please send to:

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Articles, Thoughts, Pictures, and Invites:

It is the Board's intent to publish a monthly newsletter as close to the 1st of each month as *humanly* possible! If you have a thought, an article or an invite, please email the editor at kpecchioni@gmail.com by the 25th of each month.

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***Past events
February 16th—Polar Bear Run***



President's Notes
By Lewis Leslie

March Notes

First let me apologize for missing a couple of columns. Susan and I have been remodeling a house, getting the house we currently live in ready for sale, packing and throwing out junk and finally, trying to prevent legislation that will negatively impact on our pensions. Winter is usually a time I can use to write a half dozen columns that can be used later in the year, when we like to travel. All of that said, I think the columns will be a bit shorter and maybe fewer until things settle down.

On February 16th AMC held its first event of the year, the Polar Bear Run. We had eight cars, which is down from our usual turnout of 15 to 20. It was a cold, threatening day, so that could be expected. Before you ask, yes, we all had our tops down. JR Mills, led us along a lot of the same route we have followed in years past with one notable exception. We went up the South side of Petit Jean State Park, turned east and ended up in Oppelo, where we turned South and headed towards Benton. It was an unexpected diversion, that I really enjoyed.

Jim Wells, drove his new metallic blue 2019 RF Miata on the Polar Bear. It is a beautiful car and if you haven't heard, this year's Miata engine has an extra twenty-six horse power and a lot more torque. Joe Solomon, also bought an almost identical car to Jim's. Joe's 2013 Miata, had a close encounter with a deer a few weeks ago. While the car wasn't totaled, it was badly damaged. Joe had driven Jim's car and decided not to fix his old car but take the insurance money, sell his 2013 and apply all of that money on a new 2019.

He let me drive it on the day he picked it up. It does have a noticeable increase in power and a lot of amenities that improve on the driving experience. His particular model, the RF, is like a small GT car with a nice targa hard top that automatically folds neatly behind the seat when a button is pushed.

Next month on March 16th, AMC will participate in the North Little Rock/Little Rock St. Patrick's Day Parade. This has become an annual event for our club. It is fun to run the gauntlet of thousands of screaming people. We start early "decorating" our cars and taking pictures. It is one event every year, where you Miata drivers with an automatic transmission have a real advantage over us people with a stick shift. I bet the manual drivers put 10,000 driving miles on the clutch since it is a constant stop-and-go event. Come out and be seen in your beautiful Miata. Literally, the more the merrier.

2019 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Notes
February 16th, 2019	Polar Bear Run	Meet at Starbucks on Hwy 10 (Sam Peck and Cantrell) at 8 a.m.
March 16th, 2019	Little Rock St. Patrick's Day Parade	
April 13th, 2019	Toad Suck Bucks	
May 4th, 2019	Picnic at Burns Park	Shelby Smith Pavilion Time: TBD
June 8th and 9th, 2019	Bentonville, Ball game, and Crystal Bridges	Overnight
July 13th, 2019	Brunch (location TBD)	
August 17th, 2019	The Shortest Drive/The Joint	Hognado
September 21st, 2019	I-30 Speedway	
October 12th and 13th, 2019	Eureka Springs	Overnight
November 16th, 2019	Stuttgart Museum and AR Post	
December 7th, 2019	Christmas Party— Cheers, Maumelle	