



# NATURALLY TOPLESS

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## **ANNUAL POLAR BEAR DRIVE / MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th 9:00am**

The annual Polar Bear Run will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2021.

We will be meeting at the Shell Service Station at Chenal Parkway and Hwy 10 in West Little Rock. Participants will meet at the station at 8:30am, and be gassed and ready for departure at 9:00am.

Please bring your scarves, wool

caps, heavy jackets and mufflers for a jolly romp through the Pulaski, Perry, and Saline County countryside, TOP DOWN!

We will end up at one of Benton's fine dining establishments, La Hacienda, for brunch and a membership meeting. For those that would prefer to just attend the meeting, meet us at La Hacienda at 11:30am (17401 Inter-

state 30 So, Benton, AR 72015 (501) 776-9959).

### **DRIVING TOPDOWN IN THE NATURAL STATE**



## **"BLAME IT ON THE HORSES" DRIVE 9:30am MARCH 19, 2022**

We will be meeting on Saturday morning, March 19th at the Starbucks in Benton, on the I-30 service road just east of Alcoa Road.

After a morning drive, we will stop at the Oaklawn Park Race Track in Hot Springs for a afternoon of watching horse racing.

Lunch will be on each person's own at the Park !!

Reservations will need to make in advance if you are interested in Grand Stand seating indoors (\$5 in advance, and we'll reserve a

block of seats for the Club. The Outdoor Apron Area does not require reservations and is free of charge—first come, first serve.

Hope to see the Arkansas Miata Club in the lights on the racetrack scoreboard during the afternoon ....



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### **Special Dates of Interest:**

• Polar Bear	February 19
• Drive to Oaklawn	March 19
• Lunch at Mather Lodge	April 23
• Kentucky Bourbon Tour	May 19—22
• TSD Rallye	June 18
• Mount Magazine / Subiaco Tour	July 16

## ***DUES ARE DUE FOR 2022 !!***

It's that time again that dues are due for the coming year. At the Board Meeting in December, a full calendar of events was scheduled for 2022; and payment of dues will help us to schedule, plan, and execute these events. Also, were discussed that at least the overnight trips may have tShirts for the participants.

We will again be having member name badges made for all paying members, and are planning to have them available for the May tour to Bardstown, Ky.

So membership will get you a club pin, the club window sticker, eMail distribution of the newsletter, and a nice name badge with lanyard so we'll know who everyone is !!

We are currently experiencing issues with our PayPal account, so dues will have to be paid directly at one of our events, or sent by check. The membership form is still available on the website.



## ***CLUB LOGO ITEMS***

News from the keeper of the Club merchandise !

Prior to the Polar Bear Run, we have club sweat-shirts available to help keep you warm and cozy these are gray, with white club logo. They are available for \$ 15. And if you let us know ahead of the event that you want one, we'll have them available that morning !

We still have lots of pins and stickers left ! If you are a new member, hit me up at the next event you attend as they are free. If you're already a member, you can still get extras at a nominal price.

Club car magnets are also available: 2 for \$20 ..... We've currently got plenty of sets available, so if you're interested, bring your money

and hit up JR Mills at the next event you attend

Contact Earl at (501) 804-3939, or JR at (501) 416-7787



**DRIVE TO PETIT JEAN / LUNCH AT MATHER LODGE**

**9:00am**

**APRIL 23, 2022**

In April, we will be meeting on Saturday morning, April 23rd .

A morning drive will take us to the top of Petit Jean Mountain, where we'll have lunch at the newly remodeled Mather Lodge.

Lunch will be on each person's own at the restaurant !! Enjoy a delicious meal of classic Southern cuisine in the rustic warmth of Mather Lodge's main dining

room. Large windows frame the view of rugged Cedar Creek Canyon. This recently renovated portion of Mather Lodge mirrors the 1930s Adirondack-style architecture of the original portions of this historic mountain lodge built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and expanded by the Works Progress Administration.

Most luncheon choices are under \$10.

After lunch, you will be free to enjoy the many trails and sights to see on the top of Petit Jean.



**PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Good morning ! And isn't it a lovely morning ? The snow and ice are almost melted, the birds are chirping and the sun is shining on all of us here in Miataland.

Hope everyone is ready for our annual Polar Bear Run, the February event for the Club. Advance weather forecast shows warm(ish) temps, and the route should be free of freezing precipitation. Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces ! The schedule for the rest of the year is elsewhere, so I wont bore you all with details. Suffice to say, we have som egreat new and old events on tap for your driving pleasure.

Remember, we drive to eat and eat to drive!

JR Mills

**ADDITIONAL 2022 EVENTS**

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|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| August 20th    | Shortest Drive        | November 5th | Heber Springs Leaf Peek |
| September 17th | Memphis Ribs          | December 3rd | Holiday Party           |
| October 15th   | Tupelo Casino Weekend |              |                         |

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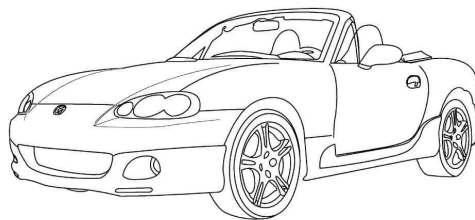
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[www.arkansasmiataclub.com](http://www.arkansasmiataclub.com)

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**Facebook:** For up-to-the-minute events information, member input and other stuff, visit our Facebook page at Arkansas Miata Club Group. You may also consult the newsletter, which is published monthly and uploaded to the Facebook page, as well as the web page.

**Change of Address & Member Info:** Be sure to keep your contact information and particularly your email address up-to-date; you don't want to miss anything! Submit your email address, snail mail address, new car info and any other contact information changes to the Membership Officer at [membership@arkansasmiata.com](mailto:membership@arkansasmiata.com).

**New Members:** You may register to join our club at [www.arkansasmiata.com](http://www.arkansasmiata.com). Print and complete the membership form, or use the online form with PayPal. You may eMail also to [membership@arkansasmiata.com](mailto:membership@arkansasmiata.com). You also can download the printable form, fill it out and mail it together with your check to the club address or bring your completed form and dues at the next club event. Be especially careful in printing your email address to ensure we record it correctly so that you will receive the newsletter and club announcements. Dues are \$ 24.00 per year



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