



# NATURALLY TOPLESS

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## ***"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. We will meet at 9:00am, and will plan to leave at 9:30am after a short drivers' meeting.

After a morning drive, we will stop at Salsa's Mexican in Hot Springs (4324 Central Ave.) for lunch, and then those that are interested will continue on to Oaklawn Park Race Track in Hot Springs for an afternoon of watching horse racing (or gambling at the Casino).

Reservations will need to be made 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 ....



## ***NOTICE ! NOTICE ! NOTICE !***

*At a Board Meeting this past week to continue plans for the Bardstown, KY trip, it was decided with current circumstances and the resulting cost of fuel, now may not be the best time to have a long drive.*

*Our reservations for the Bardstown hotel have been canceled, and we are currently planning a week end instead at Nagodoches, TX. We will meet on Friday morning, May 20th at the Benton Starbucks (at I-30 and the Alcoa exit) at 8:30am and plan to lunch at Joe's Crab Shack in Shreveport, LA at 12:45 - 1:00pm. We will play trip poker on the drive.*

*Other plans will include group dinners Friday and Saturday nights, and sightseeing on Saturday. We will need RSVPs as soon as plans are finalized and communicated !*

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

• Drive to Oaklawn	March 19
• Lunch at Mather Lodge	April 23
• Nagodoches, TX Tour	May 20 — 22
• TSD Rallye	June 18
• Mount Magazine / Subiaco Tour	July 16
• Shortest Drive	August 20th

## ***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 Nagodoches, TX.

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 !

We have club sweatshirts available to help keep you warm and cozy ! These are gray, with white club logo, and 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 back in stock: 2 for \$20 ..... if you're interested, bring your money and hit up JR Mills at the next event you attend

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**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**

Well, like they say "...the best laid plans..." !

Due to circumstances beyond our control, and the current situation in Ukraine and the resulting affect on gas prices, the Board has determined that this might not be the best year to renew our plans for a Bourbon Tour of Bardstown, Ky.

Instead, it has been decided that we will meet on Friday, May 20th at 8:30am at the Starbucks in Benton (I-30 access road at Alcoa Exit) with a departure time of 9:00am for Nagadoches, Texas ! We'll make a lunch stop at Joe's Crab Shack in Shreveport, LA.

More details will be made available (as they are finalized) on hotel reservations and other activities. Trip poker will be played on the way to Texas !

Remember, we drive to eat and eat to drive!

JR Mills

**ADDITIONAL 2022 EVENTS**

September 17th Memphis Ribs  
October 15th Tupelo Casino Weekend

November 5th Heber Springs Leaf Peek  
December 3rd Holiday Party

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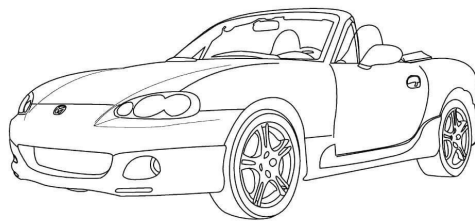
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[www.arkansasmiataclub.com](http://www.arkansasmiataclub.com)

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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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