

Arkansas  
Miata Club

Special points of  
interest:

August 19—  
"Shortest  
Drive" (watch for  
details !)



# Naturally Topless

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***"Queen For A Day" Drive  
Saturday, July 29th  
8:30am, 9:00am departure time  
Tinseltown Parking Lot  
17314 I-30 W, Benton, AR***

The drive for July sets us in a new direction, covering some roads not previously traveled in the Southwest corner of Arkansas. Come and join us to tour the Ouachita Mountains .....

We'll meet Saturday morning, July 29th, in the parking lot of the Tinseltown Theater on the I-30 service road in Benton (use the Congo Exit 118 coming from either direction, and then the north Service Road to gain access). The new Benton Starbucks is open for much needed morning caffeine !

We will play poker on the drive down, so bring your \$ 5 if you care to join in ....., Lunch will be at the destination, and prices range \$ 7 to \$ 15 for a meal. After a refreshing lunch, we'll make a short trip down the road, then head towards the Little Rock area, making a mid-afternoon ice cream break on the way back.

**ANNUAL SHORTEST DRIVE  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th  
6:00pm  
SKINNY J's,  
ARGENTA DISTRICT, 314 N. MAIN ST.,  
NO. LITTLE ROCK, AR**

**The August Performance at The Joint**



**BIRTHDAY FROM HELL** - Bridgette Fertle is turning 40 and she's convinced that her quality of life is headed straight downhill. To make matters worse, everyone seems to have forgotten her birthday. Meanwhile, the slow-witted Earl is being inducted into "The High Order Of The Little Baby Owls" and Mama Fertle believes she is encountering her late husband, Ned.

**JUL 28 - AUG 26**

Our August event will be on Saturday, August 19th, and will be our annual Shortest Drive ....

We will have an early dinner in North Little Rock's River Argenta District, at Skinny J's (314 N. Main Street), and then cross No. Main Street to The Joint, where we'll see the original show "Birthday From Hell". For those that have attended previously with us, everyone will attest to the great evenings we've had at The Joint.

The show is at 8:00pm, and we'll plan on being there at 7:15—7:30pm.

Tickets are \$ 30 a person, and must be reserved by calling the Box Office at (501) 372-0205. Tell them you are with Arkansas Miata Club, and Vicki Farrell will make sure you are seated with the group. You can then pick up your own ticket at the box office before the show.

The website for The Joint is [www.TheJointArgenta.com](http://www.TheJointArgenta.com) ..... There is info there about the show, and a menu for coffee and drinks.

## **DUES ARE DUE FOR 2023 !!**

***It's that time again that our annual \$ 24 dues are due for the current year. Membership will get you a club pin, the club window sticker, eMail distribution of the newsletter, and a nice name badge (in the near future), so we'll know who everyone is !!***

***We are no longer able to offer PayPal payments, so dues will have to be paid directly at one of our events, or sent by check to the address on the back page until we find a suitable replacement method and have it installed. The membership form is still available on the website.***



***We have club sweatshirts available to help keep you warm and cozy ! These are gray, with white club logo, and are available for \$ 10. And if you let us know ahead of an event that you want one, we'll have them available that morning ! We currently have 1 SMALL, 2 LARGE, and 2 2XL.***

***We also have tShirts available from the February Polar Bear Event for \$ 15 each .... These are a special print, and these are the last available. We have 1 SMALL, 2 MEDIUM, 4 LARGE, 1 XL, 3 2XL, and a 3XL.***

***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***

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



# The 2023 Texas Miata Challenge



***Murals Across Texas is the theme for this year's Challenge. You are asked to drive to nine designated locations and one of your choosing around the state and take a picture of you, your Miata and the specific mural.***

***Participating in the Challenge is a fun way to see parts of the state you may not have thought of going to. Invite other members of your club to go with you, or strike out on your own. Whichever way you choose, you get to drive a Miata across Texas!***

***Take a picture of you, your Miata, and the specified item at each destination. (Or get as close as you can with the car!) If both driver and co-pilot are participating, both must appear in the picture, or there can be a picture of each of them separately. Entries with 10 destinations will receive a specially designed pin. T-shirts will be available for purchase also. Pictures must be submitted either electronically emailed or printed as 4x6 prints on photo quality paper. Mail or turn entries by October 31, 2023.***

***Mail 4x6 prints to: Gerry Sauls, 5421 Rocky Mountain Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76137 or email to Gerry Sauls at: gesauls@gmail.com***

***So get out and drive your Miata around our beautiful state! Take your pictures and also take time to explore the area around the challenge site. It is not just about being there and getting a t-shirt, but also about driving our fun cars to new locations and getting a chance to see what else is there. Post comments about the interesting things you find or good places to eat below, so others can check them out when they are there!***

***For more information and to register: <http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataChallenge2023.aspx>***

# ***The 2023 NWA Miata Club Photo Challenge***

## **ARKANSAS TRAVELER PHOTO CHALLENGE 2023**



WELCOME TO THE 2023 ARKANSAS TRAVELER PHOTO CHALLENGE!

THE IDEA BEHIND THIS CONTEST IS TO HAVE A REASON TO GET OUT IN OUR MIATAS AND TRAVEL OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE AND SEE SOME THINGS WE MIGHT NORMALLY MISS IN OUR DAILY TRAVELS. EACH YEAR WE WILL PICK A THEME FOR THE PHOTO CHALLENGE, THIS YEAR IT WILL **COUNTY COURTHOUSES** IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE STATE. HOPEFULLY YOU WILL SEE DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE STATE THAT YOU MIGHT NOT NORMALLY TRAVEL TO AND BE ABLE SEE HOW DIVERSE ARKANSAS REALLY IS. FOLLOWING ARE THE RULES OF THE CONTEST, IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE, TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR MIATA IN FRONT OF THE CHALLENGE SPOTS THEN SEND THEM IN.

THE PRIZES FOR COMPLETEING THE CHALLENGE WILL BE AN ARKANSAS TRAVELER CERTIFICATE AND THE JOY OF BEING OUT ON THE ROAD SEEING NEW THINGS. WE WILL BE WORKING ON A T-SHIRT THAT ONLY THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE CAN PURCHASE. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OUR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

SO LETS HIT THE ROAD AND BECOME AN "ARKANSAS TRAVELER"

PARTICIPANTS WILL DRIVE TO EACH DESIGNATED ARKANSAS TRAVELER PHOTO CHALLENGE LOCATION, 1-10, IN ANY ORDER AND TAKE PHOTOS.

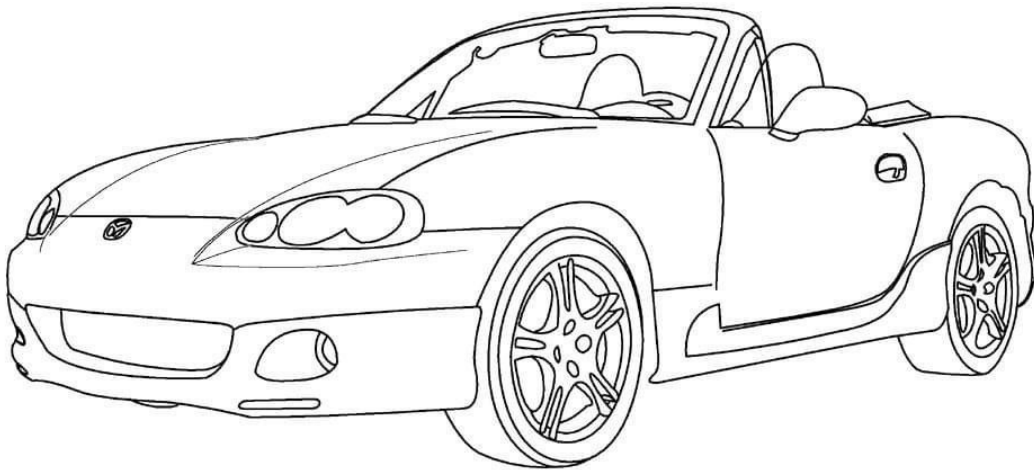
TAKE A PHOTO OF YOU, YOUR MIATA AND DESIGNATED COURT HOUSE IN SAME PHOTO, IF BOTH DRIVER AND CO PILOT ARE PARTICIPATING BOTH CAN BE IN SAME PHOTO.

TO COMPLETE CHALLENGE YOU CAN TRAVEL SOLO OR GET GROUPS TOGETHER TO SHARE THE FUN, SOME OF THE CHALLENGE SPOTS CAN BE PICKED UP ON OUR REGULAR DRIVES AND EVENTS.

YOU CAN EMAIL THE PHOTOS WHEN ALL ARE COMPLETED OR EMAIL AS YOU GET THEM, YOU CAN EVEN SHARE THEM TO OUR FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM PAGES TO SHARE THE FUN WITH OTHERS

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**MUST BE RECIEVED BY DECEMBER 1, 2023**





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**"Driving Top Down in the Natural State"**

**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@arkansasmiaata.com](mailto:membership@arkansasmiaata.com).

**New Members:** You may register to join our club at [www.arkansasmiaata.com](http://www.arkansasmiaata.com). Print and complete the membership form. You may eMail also to [membership@arkansasmiaata.com](mailto:membership@arkansasmiaata.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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