

Arkansas Miata Club

Special points of interest:

- Leaf Peek and JoJo Lunch — November 11
- Holiday Party — December 2



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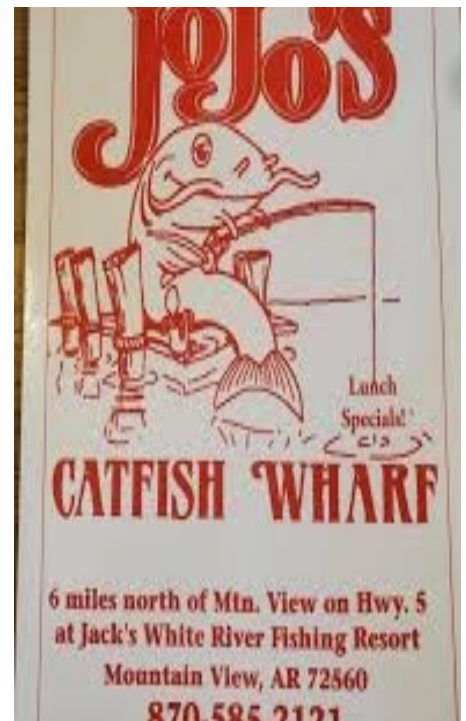
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"LEAF PEEK AND JOJO'S LUNCH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 9:00am SYLVAN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST PARKING LOT, NO. LITTLE ROCK, AR

Along with the Polar Bear Run, one of the favorite drives of the Arkansas Miata Club each year has been the fall drive up to Mountain View, to see the colors in the Ozarks and to enjoy a great catfish lunch at Jo-Jo's Wharf at Jack's Fishing Resort on the White River at Sylamore Creek.

We'll meet Saturday morning, November 11th in the parking lot of Sylvan Hills Church of Christ at Maryland Avenue and Hwy 107 (JFK Boulevard) in North Little Rock at 8:30am, with a drivers' meeting at 8:50am and departure by 9:00am. We will play a game of poker on the way, so bring your \$ 5 to participate in the game !

JR Mills will lead us through the backroads of the Ozarks and past Greer's Ferry and Heber Springs to Mountain View, AR where we'll stop for lunch at JoJo's Catfish Wharf just north of town. Lunch will be the individual's responsibility, from the menu.



After lunch, we'll separate and return routes will be up to you ! Stop in Mountain View and see who's playing at the Court-house, or stop in Heber Springs and do a little shopping at the Ozark Country Market.

COMING UP !!

**"HOLIDAY PARTY LUNCH" at Cheers In
Maumelle**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

11:00am



This year's Christmas party will be held on December 2nd at 11:00am. Please bring a gift (no more than \$20); you can bring 1 gift person or 1 gift per couple (choice is yours).

<http://www.cheersmaumelle.com/>

Cheers in Maumelle

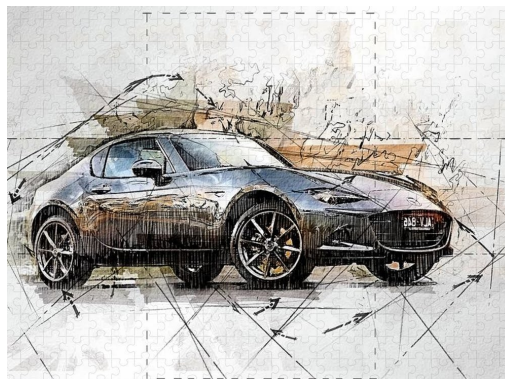
In November, we look for nominations for our officers for the coming calendar year. The Holiday Party will include election of the 2024 Arkansas Miata Club Board. Per the bylaws, the nomination process opens the 1st of October and runs for a minimum of 30 days.

At the October Board meeting, the current Board recommended the following for our 2024 officers:

President John White
Vice-President Debbie Wisdom
Secretary Kathi Pecchioni
Treasurer Geri Wilde

If you have other nominations, please see them to JR Mills at miata2003@yahoo.com.

The President will then appoint the additional positions to serve on the Board: Membership, Tour/Tech Director, Newsletter Editor, Sponsorship Liaison, and Activities. With nominations open, please eMail thoughts regarding a nomination for any of the positions. Nominate someone, or yourself !



As part of the October Board Meeting, a calendar of activities was discussed for 2024

The following is a tentative calendar:

January 20th Tech Session

February 17th Polar Bear Drive

March 23rd Toad Suck Bucks Drive and Dinner

April 20th RoundTop TSD Rallye

May 18th Overnight Trip (Destination TBD)

June TBD

JulyTBD

August Shortest Drive / The Joint in Argenta

September TBD

October Overnight Trip (Desination TBD)

November 9th Leaf Peek / JoJo's Catfish Wharf

December 7th Holiday Party

If you have any suggestions, please let one of the Board members know !

We 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

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Are You Ready to Plug In ?

(from Road & Track Magazine)

Mazda recently announced sweeping electrification plans, aiming to have all models feature some form of electrification by 2030. Yes, that means the Miata will be electrified, too.

The company confirmed to *Road & Track* that it intends to electrify its iconic two-door roadster. Check your expectations, though, because "electrify" is a nebulous word. It doesn't mean that a fully electric Miata will be here by the close of the decade. Instead, it means that the Miata will have some percentage of its power come from an electric motor.

"Mazda is seeking to electrify the MX-5 Miata in an effort to have all models feature a form of electrification by 2030," a spokesperson from Mazda said in a statement to *Road & Track*. "We will work hard to make it a lightweight, affordable, open two-seater sports car in order to meet the needs of customers."

On the conservative side, that could mean a 48-volt "mild-hybrid" integrated starter-generator set-up. That system—used in cars like the Mercedes E450 or BMW 540i—uses a small electric generator to run the cars high-voltage electronics, provides some assistance in getting the car rolling from a stop, regenerate power, and allow the engine to turn off while coasting or stopped. These systems significantly improve efficiency and can be used as a torque fill in performance applications, but the electric motors never power the car alone.

A more conventional hybrid also would satisfy the electrification component. Think Prius, where the car can travel small distances on electric energy stored in a small battery pack charged exclusively by braking or power from the internal-combustion engine. A plug-in hybrid could also be possible, but they tend to be heavy. The same problem plagues pure EVs. That gives us reason to doubt that the Miata will pivot toward a powertrain where the majority of the propulsion comes from a battery. Keeping weight in check is essential to the mission of the Miata, a fact Mazda knows well.





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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@arkansasmia.com.

New Members: You may register to join our club at www.arkansasmia.com. Print and complete the membership form. You may eMail also to membership@arkansasmia.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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