



# NATURALLY TOPLESS

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## **TECH SESSION OPENS THE 2025 SCHEDULE ! SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th**

**1:00pm**

**SHERWOOD TIRE PROS  
8203 AR-107 (JFK BOULEVARD)  
SHERWOOD, AR**

Join us for the afternoon, as Chris Edens leads us in learning more about the car we love to drive!

This year we're looking forward to seeing the 'new' Bob, what Chris as done to the former NA of JR Mills. Hopefully we'll also see the Edens' race cars !

We usually end the session retiring with one of the local watering holes to quench our thirst and feed our bellies, as well as relating our Miata stories .....

**POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE**



## **ANNUAL POLAR BEAR DRIVE / MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th 9:00am**

The annual Polar Bear Run will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

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

**DRIVING TOPDOWN IN  
THE NATURAL STATE**



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### Special Dates of Interest:

• Tech Session	January 18
• Polar Bear	February 15
• Drive to Oaklawn	March 22
• Toad Suck Bucks	April 19
• Shangri-La on Lake Ouachita	May 17
• Crystal Bridges and Baseball	June 6—8
• Brewery Run	July 19

**DUES ARE DUE FOR 2025 !!**

It's that time again, that dues (\$ 30) are due for the coming year. At the Board Meeting in September, a full calendar of events was scheduled for 2025; and payment of dues will help us to schedule, plan, and execute these events. Also discussed were at least one overnight trip, and the possibility of tShirts for Club members.

We are still planning on member name badges for all paid members, and hope to have them available by the June over-nighter to Rogers and Bentonville.

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 !!

Dues can be paid directly at one of our events, or sent by check. The membership form is available on the website.

Send your checks for \$ 30 to:

Arkansas Miata Club  
1 Juego Way  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909



At the Board meeting held in September, the Board discussed the membership situation and evaluating the continued minimum membership involvement and volunteerism for Board positions or activities.

It was decided that for the current year a list of nominations for positions would be recommended, but that it needed to be understood that more members need to

be involved going forward, as the past Board members have served their terms, and others need to step up.

The following positions were decided on:

- President..... John White
- Vice-President.....Debbie Wisdom
- Secretary.....Kathye Pecchioni
- Treasurer.....Geri Wilde
- Membership.....Geri Wilde

The following appointments were made:

- Newsletter/Web.....Earl Wilde
- Tour Director.....JR Mills
- Activities .....Beth Camp

*Short for "Mazda eXperimental", the MX name was first used in 1981 for an out-there concept styled by Italian design house Bertone. Debuted at the Tokyo motor show, the MX-81 Aria was based on the contemporary 323, but had a wedge-shaped body designed by Marc Dechamps with a wedge-shaped body and large glasshouse*

*If you believe various internet sources, "Miata" is derived from the Old German word "miete" which means "reward" or "prize". But "Miyata" is also a Japanese surname - there's a company with that name that makes bicycles - and that means "rice paddy of the shrine".*

**DRIVE TO OAKLAWN / DAY AT THE RACES**

**9:30am**

**MARCH 22, 2025**

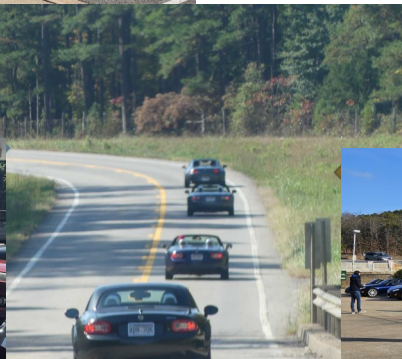
In March, we will be meeting on Saturday morning, March 19th at the Starbucks in Benton, on the I-30 service road just east of Alcoa Road.

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 ....



**ADDITIONAL 2025 EVENTS**

August 16th Shortest Drive  
September 18th Bardstown Trip  
October 15th Mount Magazine

November 15th JoJo's Catfish & Leaf Peek  
December 6th Holiday Party

## ***Business Tagline or Motto***

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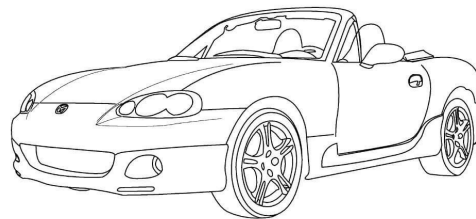
***We're on the Web !***  
***www.arkansasmiatclub.com***

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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@arkansasmia.com.

***New Members:*** You may register to join our club at www.arkansasmia.com. 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 \$ 30.00 per year



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