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DRIVING TOPDOWN IN THE NATURAL STATE

TOAD SUCK BUCK'S DRIVE AND DINNER

SATURDAY, April 19th

1:00pm

PARKING LOT

MARYLAND AVE and JFK BLVD (HWY107)

The April event is a return event this year, with an afternoon drive ending in an early dinner at Toad Suck Bucks, 11 Roaring River Loop, Houston, AR 72070.

We will meet at 12:30 pm at the corner of Maryland Ave and JFK Blvd (Hwy 107) in Sherwood, right across from the Casey's Service Station. The drive will begin at 1:00.

We will play poker en route, so if you're interested bring \$ 5 for each person wanting to join in

Dinner will be around 4:30pm and directions for those who wish to skip the drive and meet at the restaurant will be on Facebook and the website.

Come hungry for great food and conversation after the drive !

Dinner prices will be in the range of \$10—35



DUES ARE DUE FOR 2025 !!

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



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Special Dates of Interest:

• Toad Suck Bucks	April 19
• Shangri-La on Lake Ouachita	May 17
• Crystal Bridges and Baseball	June 6—8
• Brewery Run	July 19
• Shortest Drive	August 16
• Bardstown Trip	September 18-21
• Mt. Magazine	October 15

***JOURNEY TO SHANGRI-LA
SATURDAY, MAY 17***

9:00am

SHELL STATION, HWY 10 and CHENAL PKWY

Maybe it was Vic Dana in the 60s, or the Lettermen with their ballad, or the Kinks with their song !

“...each kiss is magic that makes my little world a Shangri-La” or “....you can go outside and polish your car. Or sit by the fire in your Shangri-La ...”

Whichever is your memory, we want to make it come true on the May Arkansas Miata Club drive !

Webster defines Shangra-La as “...a remote usually idyllic hideaway....”

Now that sounds like the interior of my Miata as we're zipping down country roads and around curve after curve

We'll meet on Saturday morning, May 17th at the Shell Station on Hwy 10 and Chenal Parkway. After a cruise through the Arkansas countryside, we'll end up at Shangra-La, a premier destination for relaxation, adventure, and unforgettable memories. And we'll have a wonderful lunch together at the Shangri-La Café – comfort food with a view in Mt. Ida. Nestled within the lodge and restaurant, they serve up delicious home-cooked meals and desserts that will make you feel right at home. And no visit to Shangri-La Café is complete without a slice of their famous homemade pie. Baked fresh daily, these pies are legendary among locals and visitors alike. Once you take a bite, you'll understand why people say, “Stick a fork in that pie to save it for me!”

***“Take Me Out To The Ballgame in Rogers !”
Friday, June 20th to Sunday, June 22nd
Trip to Rogers and Crystal Bridges Museum***



Our June plans take us back for a week end in Rogers, Arkansas

The weekend will include a ball game of the Northwest Arkansas Naturals, the minor league baseball team that is based there, and plays at Arvest Ball Park. The game will be against the Amarillo Sod Poodles !

JR Mills will need a accurate number sometime in mid-May, in order to reserve seats. Plan on a price of about \$ 15 per ticket.

Please let him know by eMail (miata2003@yahoo.com, by text (501) 416-7787, or by leaving a message on the Fa-ceBook invite for the game

We'll be driving up on Friday, attending the Saturday evening game (with fireworks !) and returning to the Little Rock area on Sunday

Possible sidetrips to Crystal Bridges Museum, Oark Café, etc. More details will be available in the May newsletter, at the beginning of May.

Mazda Museum to Open April 1st After Partial Renovation - Upgraded to Offer a More Unique Mazda Experience -

HIROSHIMA, Japan – Mazda Motor Corporation (“Mazda”) undertook a partial renovation of Mazda Museum, which is located on the site of our Hiroshima headquarters. The museum offers visitors a glimpse of the automobile industry, showcasing historic vehicles and exhibits portraying Mazda’s history since our establishment. Set to resume full access to the public on April 1, Mazda Museum first opened its doors in 1994 and has been welcoming approximately 50,000 visitors each year. This partial renovation expanded exhibits and displays in the hope of offering visitors a more immersive experience so they may better grasp Mazda’s appeal, our journey, and the vision we have for the future.



The partial renovation preserved the museum’s standing exhibits while making the following updates to offer a more engaging experience.

- Our latest concept car the MAZDA ICONIC SP and other exhibits have been put on display to express Mazda’s vision of how the future will unfold.
- Stereophonic sound has been added to enhance the depiction of motorsports historical events. Visitors are now able to experience the attraction that draws people to these competitions thanks to a realistic recreation of the sound of cheers, excitement, and the MAZDA 787B engine as we achieved our first victory at the 59th 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1991.
- A new exhibit has been arranged displaying a motorsport vehicle that runs on bio-diesel fuel, allowing visitors to get a feel for Mazda efforts as we take up the challenge to go carbon neutral.
- Visitors can now appreciate the innovative way that the company has manufactured vehicles over the years to become the Mazda that we are today with an exhibit displaying a disassembled automobile embodying our proprietary SKYACTIV. Starting from scratch, we reworked the fundamental technology that makes a car the machine it is so that we may offer both driving pleasure and outstanding environmental and safety performance. Mazda provides uplifting experiences both emotionally and physically to enrich life-in-motion for those we serve in Hiroshima, Japan and around the world.

ADDITIONAL 2025 EVENTS

September 18—21
October 15th

Bardstown Trip
Mount Magazine

November 15th
December 6th

JoJo’s Catfish & Leaf Peek
Holiday Party

Business Tagline or Motto

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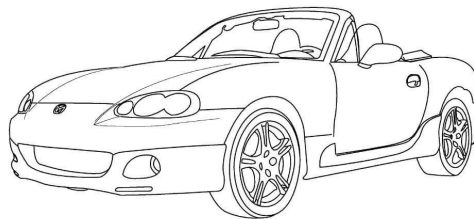
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We're on the Web !
www.arkansasmiataclub.com

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.

New Members: You may register to join our club at www.arkansasmiata.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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