



# NATURALLY TOPLESS

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## DRIVING TOPDOWN IN THE NATURAL STATE

### NO DUES FOR 2017 !!

At the January, 2017 Board meeting, there was an in-depth discussion of where the Club is currently, and what we tried to do in 2016.

After talking about the affect on our members, it was decided that anyone with a current membership (paid their membership dues in 2016) would be exempt from paying dues in 2017.

We appreciate our members, and realize that although our intentions were the best our members did not receive value for their 2016 dues.

Those that did not pay dues in

2016 will be expected to pay in 2017, if they intend to receive the newsletter and any other club benefits which may be given to members.

We will be having member name badges made for all paying members, and are planning to have them available at the first event of the year (Polar Bear Drive and Membership Meeting).

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 !!



### ANNUAL POLAR BEAR DRIVE / MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th 9:00am

The annual Polar Bear Run will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017.

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 9:00am, and be gassed and ready for departure at 9:30am.

Please bring your scarves, wool caps, heavy jackets and mufflers

for a jolly romp through the Pularski, Perry, and Saline County countryside, 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).



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#### Special Dates of Interest:

• Polar Bear	February 18
• Spring Forward	March 11
• Daylight Savings Time	March 12
• Brewery Tour / Ballgame	April 8
• Breakfast Drive	May 20



**MEMBERSHIP MEETING / FEBRUARY 18th, 2017**

At the January Board meeting held on January 10th, the Board discussed the membership situation and evaluating the continued lack of 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 nominees were decided on at the Board meeting, and will be presented to the General Membership meeting, with possible additional nominations at that time. A vote will then occur to formalize the Board for the 2017 year.

The nominees to be presented by the Board are:

- President.....JR Mills
- Vice-President....Lewis Leslie
- Treasurer.....Geri Wilde
- Membership.....Geri Wilde

The following appointments were made:

- Newsletter.....Earl Wilde
- Tour Director.....JR Mills

**SPRING FORWARD DRIVE / MARCH 11th**



Saturday, March 11th will be the last day on Central Standard Time, before we "spring forward" to Daylight Savings Time for the summer.

To commemorate the day, we will be driving the roads of Pulaski, Perry, Faulkner and other counties to enjoy the sunshine and get ready for one

more hour of it starting the next day !

We will be meeting at the Shell Station at Chenal Parkway and Hwy 10 in West Little Rock at 10:30am, and will leave at 11:00am.

A culinary delight like you've never experienced !! We'll plan to be at Toad Suck Buck's in beautiful downtown (??) Toad Suck, Arkansas around 3:30pm. We'll

have dinner and everyone can decide what they'd like to do for the rest of the evening.

There might be music on the patio in the evening, and we'll only be 15 minutes from Conway and their nightspots.

Can't drive with us ?? Meet us there .... 18 Roaring River Loop (off of Hwy 60), Conway, Arkansas.

**CLUB LOGO ITEMS**

News from the keeper of the Club merchandise !

The new tShirts will have the club logo on the back, with the crest on the front showing the Arkansas Miata Club along with the 25th Anniversary. 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 \$ 5 each.

Club car magnets are also available: 2 for \$20 ..... We've currently got plenty of sets available, so if you're interested, bring your money and hit up a Board member at the next event you attend

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

*tShirts are available in many sizes, in blue w/white, black w/white, red w/black, or pink w/white*

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME / DIAMONDBEAR BREWERY TOUR**  
**2nd QUARTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING / APRIL 8th, 2017**

In April, we will be meeting on Saturday afternoon, April 8th at the Diamond Bear Brewery for a tour, munchies, and a membership meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we will be heading down the street to Dickey Stephens Stadium, where we'll watch a game between the Arkansas Travelers, and the Corpus Christi Hooks.

Dinner will be at the ball

park, where hot dogs and beer will be abundant !!

For those unable to make the brewery tour and membership meeting, the baseball game starts at 6:10pm.

See you there !!

Hope to see the Arkansas Miata Club in the lights on the stadium scoreboard during the evening ....



**TIP OF THE MONTH**

MIATA TIP OF THE MONTH: Do you know the best way to take care of the [zipper on your 90-97 Miata's rear window](#)? When opening your top, you should always unzip the window before lowering it to protect the sensitive plastic window from being damaged. If you already do this, great! However did you know that there is also a way to help protect your zipper from damage? It's im-

portant to unlatch your top to relieve the tension before unzipping or zipping your rear window. And when you are raising the top, stop just short of latching it and zip up your window first. That way, you don't zip the window in under tension. Hopefully many of you are already doing this, but we've seen enough fellow Miata owners who don't...so we hope this helps!

The original Miata soft top received high praise, for its one-handed ease of operation, and its good weather protection.

Development Chief Takashita, used to hose down his own Miata and would shoot a high-pressure stream of water at the top and windows. He declared the new car's top must seal against such abuse !

***"...Development Chief Takashita, used to hose down his own Miata..."***

**MAY 2017 DRIVE FOR BREAKFAST**

Plans are being made for an early morning drive on May 20th, which will end in Aplin, AR for breakfast at the Nimrod Volunteer Fire Department.

Plan on poker during the drive, and then a late morning run home after a full breakfast at the firehouse !



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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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