

Naturally Topless

Save the Dates: upcoming events

April 21: Arkansas Grand Canyon (Jasper)

May 5 Bull Shoals Ferry Ride with brown bag picnic

June 16 Memphis run for fun and BBQ

July 14 Breakfast run to Cracker Barrel

August 18 Shortest Drive: The Joint/Argenta

September 15 Drive In movie – Marshall,

October overnight Ft. Smith

November Mt. View for fish dinner

December 1– Cheers Christmas Brunch



Saturday, April 21: (Jasper)

We will be meeting at the McDonalds, Hwy 9 exit, Morrilton, Arkansas at 9:15 for a brief meeting, road discussion – radio distribution – poker cards (bring \$5 to play), winding and curvy roads are on the agenda as well as the vista of the Arkansas Grand Canyon. A trip of this magnitude cannot be embarked without a trip to the Jasper Square and *the Cafe* for a 12:15 lunch (for those meeting us for lunch).

Your Miata club board has selected this event as an Arkansas Miata Club Memorabilia free t-shirt event. We need an RSVP by Monday, April 9, to allow sufficient design and printing notices. You may collect your t-shirt one of two ways: first, join us at Corkys for the club board meeting, Thursday, April 19 at 6:15 and second, you attend the event and pick your t-shirt up at the driver’s meeting in Morrilton Saturday morning.



**A Great Big Thank you to
Clyde and Carolyn Kapp – and the Monroe Miata Club**



Open board meetings

Third Thursday each month
Corky’s McCain Blvd.

6:15 ish side room off the Bar

General membership meetings:
June – September – October 2018

Many thanks to Clyde and Carolyn and all those that joined us on the trip to Monroe, and all the new friends we have made, hope to see each and everyone of you at an upcoming Arkansas event – you are always welcome to travel with us.

Oh and a special note to Suni, we did not actually lose John, we just misplaced him for a short while.

Upcoming events – mark your calendar to save the date:

Un-official gathering – Opening day at the Dickey Stephens ball park – Thursday April 5, game starts at 7:10 several of us have tickets in or close to Section 105 – behind 1st base – Hope to see you there.

May 5: Bull Shoals Ferry Ride with brown bag picnic- Meet at 8:30 at the Sports Academy parking lot, Wildwood Exit off of 67/167. We will have a short drivers' meeting and prepare to depart on a fantastic road adventure. The Ferry at Bull Shoals, if history serves me correctly, is the last remaining Ferry operating in Arkansas. Although the ferry at Bull Shoals basically goes nowhere of interest that makes it especially interesting for the Arkansas Miata Club, in that we often pick the road less traveled. (Hahahahaa). Brown bag lunch picnic (bring your own picnic lunch and drinks). The ferry ride to nowhere actually takes to a beautiful park for a picnic if you have room, bring your lawn chair, there are tables for dining and a little social time – we have only done this ride once before but it proved to be an event that should be done annually.

June 16: Memphis run for fun and BBQ – Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning, June 16 **meeting location change: meet at commuter lot – Prothro exit off of I40 (commuter lot visible next to entrance ramp)** for a trip to Memphis and world famous bbq, Yum-Yum.

Poker run - bring \$5 to play. (best natural hand wins – play with 7 cards drawn along the way – pick your best 5 cards)



Address: 5465 Fox Plaza Dr, Memphis, TN 38115

JR is open to ideas for afternoon site seeing – a trip down Beale, the Zoo, a brew pub, Graceland, we can pick and travel as a group or we can split off and do and see as we wish – if you have a suggestion email

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Save the date for July 14 - breakfast run to Cracker Barrell - early morning run to eat and beat the heat.

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President's Notes

The Road Less Traveled

By Lewis Leslie

Our country has one of the best interstate highway systems in the world. You can drive to either coast in a few days. Freeway speed in rural areas averages 70 miles an hour or better. Major cities are a few hours away for many of us living in Arkansas. All because of our Interstate system. But this highway system proves BORING to much of us.

After you settle in for a long drive, you will realize the next 4-8 hours are going to last forever. Any experienced driver is up to the task of driving on the freeway. But at the same time there is very little stimulus, other than the scenery. Even the scenery can be pretty mundane. Think of driving west toward Colorado on I-70. BORING!

Boredom affects all of us in different ways. Some of us get sleepy. Some of us turn up the music or talk on the phone. Worse, some read books or text while they drive. But there is a cure for all for this, GET OFF THE INTERSTATE.

Not only is Arkansas blessed with very fun and challenging two-lane highways, but you own a car that will increase the fun factor several times over. That is right - the Mazda Miata. Be it a 1990 or a 2018 model, every Miata is perfect match for the roads we have in the Ouachita and Ozark Mountains. With all that said, on April 21 the Arkansas Miata Club will be taking a trip to the Arkansas Grand Canyon in Newton County. No, it is not as deep as the real Grand Canyon, however it is very beautiful. We will also be taking Hwy 123 called the "Little tail of the Dragon". To get there we will take I-40, but that is only a means to an end. Meet at the McDonalds in Morrilton at 9:15 on April 21 and enjoy one of the best drives in our fair State.

We have had tremendous club participation so far this year both during the driving event and the board meetings.

Also check us out on face book.

If you have a newsletter or event suggestion, you may email:

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Articles, Thoughts, invites:

It is the Board's intent to publish a monthly newsletter as close to the 1st of each month as *humanly* possible! If you have a thought, an article or an invite, please email the editor at miata2003@sbcglobal.net by the 25th of each month.