

Naturally Topless

Save the Dates: upcoming events

July 14 Breakfast run to Cracker Barrel
August 18 Shortest Drive: The Joint/Argenta
September 15 Drive In movie – Marshall,
October 20th overnight/Harrison
November Mt. View for fish dinner
December 1– Cheers Christmas Brunch



July 14 - breakfast run to Cracker Barrel - early morning run to eat and beat the heat.

Drivers' meeting will be at Starbucks located at Sam Peck and Hwy 10 (Cantrell) at 7:30 – you decide when you need to arrive for coffee and social time. There will be a short drive in and around (preferably on) curvy roads, arriving at Cracker Barrel in Shackleford Crossing at 9:00 for breakfast and social.

Please RSVP if attending the breakfast portion of the day so that we may alert Cracker Barrel staff that we will be there.

Miata2003@sbcglobal.net or text to 501-416-3850 (Debbie)



Open board meetings

Third Thursday each month
Corky's McCain Blvd.

6:15ish side room off the Bar

General membership meetings:

June – September – October 2018

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Located in:

[Shackleford Crossings](#)

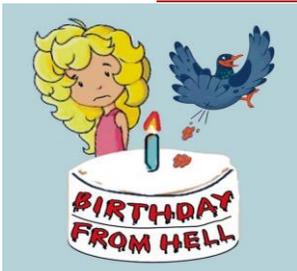
[Address: 2618 S Shackleford Rd. Little Rock. AR 72205](#)

August 18th – Shortest Drive: The Joint/Argenta

We will meet for dinner (location tbd) and then heading to The Joint at 7 p.m. for **Birthday from Hell**.

This show is a brand new Fertle Family comedy! Bridgette Fertle is turning 40 and she's convinced that her quality of life is headed straight downhill. To make matters worse, everyone seems to have forgotten her birthday. Meanwhile, the slow-witted Earl is being inducted into "The High Order of the Little Baby Owls, and Mama Fertle believes she is encountering her late husband Ned.

Please RSVP to activities@arkansasmiaata.com if attending. We will need a headcount for the reserved seating.



Address: 301 Main St, Ste 102, North Little Rock, AR 72114

Time: 7 pm (for show)

Tickets \$24 each, can be purchased on-line

<http://www.thejointargenta.com/> or at the door. First time guests are free

September 15 – Drive-in movie – Marshall

Address: US-65, Marshall, AR 72650
Time: tbd
Cash or check only, no debit/credit
Admission Prices: Adults (ages 12 and up): \$6.00; Children (ages 6-11) \$2.00; Children (under 6): Free

Upcoming events – mark your calendar to save the date:

October 20th and 21st – Harrison

The October event has been changed. We will do the Jasper/Harrison run. We will be leaving on Saturday October 20th and this is an overnight trip. More information to come!

If you have thoughts, suggestions, ideas or opinions, the Miata club board and tour director would like to hear from you.

Board Members for 2018:

President

Lewis Leslie

Vice President

Debbie Wisdom

Assistant Newsletter Editor

Debbie Wisdom 501-416-3850(Cell)
miata2003@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter Editor

Kathye Pecchioni kpecchioni@gmail.com

Treasurer

Geri Wilde

Secretary

Sherry Heiser

Tour Director

J. R. MILLS 501-416-7787
miata2003@sbcglobal.net

Earl Wilde

Website guru – Arkansasmiaclub.com

Activities: Ann Steinmeier -501-920-6712

Membership: Ann Davis

Club Liaison: Fritz Kahley

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, and our website, Arkansasmiaclub.com.

If you have a newsletter or event suggestion, you may email: Miata2003@sbcglobal.net

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.

President's Notes

By Lewis Leslie

Going to Memphis

On Saturday June 16, AMC took a trip to Memphis eat lunch at Leonard's in South Memphis This restaurant was said to be Elvis' favorite barbeque. Going to Memphis, we didn't take the usual I-40 madness with the moving walls of trucks. No, we took the road less traveled, Highway 70, which more or less runs parallel to the interstate. What struck me was the solitude of Highway 70 by comparison to the hectic nearby freeway.

Highway 70 also seemed like a kind of time warp. This was especially true of towns like Carlisle, Hazen and Devalls Bluff. They seem little changed over the last 50 years, when I would travel with my father during the summer in the early to mid 60's. He was a wholesale food broker, who sold to all of the local jobbers, who in turn, kept small grocery stores in business. It was a very different world then- no computers or internet. Telephone calls and automobiles were his way of doing business.

The towns in the 60's had a sleepy quality about them. Now they seem to be just crumbling into dust. Once outside these small towns the real difference of the delta becomes more noticeable. Fifty years ago the landscape was dotted with small, "shotgun" shacks. Called that because it was said you could shoot a shotgun off in the front room and hit everyone in the house. These houses have disappeared and were not replaced. Farming today relies on machinery that doesn't much man power. As tenant farmers left the delta, the shacks were all torn down, leaving only a few larger farm houses. While these observations may seem melancholy, but these changes have been going on since the great depression.

The barbeque at Leonard's was nothing to write home about. But the fifties-style building had photos displayed of some of the famous people who have eaten there. Of course, Elvis seems to be the most prominent person based on the number of photos on display.

We were joined at the restaurant by couple from Memphis, John and Cathy Olmsted. They were driving a new Fiat 124. This is the Italian Miata, has different body styling and a 1.4-liter Fiat turbocharged engine. By the way, they are made on the same Mazda assembly line as the Miata. I must say I was impressed by the styling. The car actually resembles the original 124 made by Fiat.

As we were leaving, we noticed that two vehicles had been broken into while we were eating lunch. Luckily, neither of the cars were in our Miata group. They were a truck and a SUV. The thieves went for size over quality. With that episode, it was time to leave and head back home.