



# NATURALLY TOPLESS

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***DRIVING TOPDOWN IN THE NATURAL STATE***

## ***November 17th—Mountain View***

We will meet in the parking lot behind the Starbucks at Hwy 107 (JFK) and North Hills Blvd at 8:00 a.m.. Lunch will be at 11:30. This will be a Poker run—\$5 to play.

Lunch at Jo Jo's Catfish Wharf Restaurant on the scenic White River. Great views, great food!

You can view the menu at <http://www.jacksresort.com> and their phone # is 870-585-2121.

## ***Christmas Party—December 1st***



This year's Christmas party will be held on December first. Please bring a gift (no more than \$20), you can bring 1 gift person or 1 gift per couple (choice is yours).

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Shell at Hwy 10 and Chenal for a quick drivers meeting and a short drive will begin at 9:30. Meet at Cheers in Maumelle at 11:00 a.m..

<http://www.cheersmaumelle.com/>

Cheers in Maumelle

1901 Club Manor Drive

Maumelle, AR 72113

501-851-6200

***Save the date: Upcoming Events***

**December 1st** Cheers Christmas Brunch

**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

***Article 6—Proposed Revision*****Article 6-Meetings**

General Membership Meeting shall be held no less than four (4) times per year at a place to be determined by the Board of Directors. General membership meetings shall be open to all members and shall be announced to the general membership no less that (2) two weeks in advance. General membership meeting shall be run pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order. The Annual Membership meeting and election of the officers shall be held in December at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Miata Club, Inc.

**Proposed Article 6-Meetings**

General Board of Directors Meetings are open to all members of the club. If a sensitive matter arises, the Board of Directors may go into executive session to the discuss the matter, at the end of any Board meeting. Decisions made in executive session shall be announced at the next Board meeting. All Board meetings shall be run pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order. The Annual Membership meeting and election of the officers shall be held in December at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Miata Club, Inc.

**Articles, Thoughts, invites:**

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

***President's Notes  
By Lewis Leslie***

***Miatas I Have Owned and Driven: Part 4***

Sometimes I see something to buy and I think to myself, I must act now. Most of the time I am rational and will delay the decision, while I think about it. Several things influenced my decision to buy the silver 2013 Miata that I now own. One, was a \$2000 drop in the price of the car. Another was how it was equipped: Power hardtop; Sport suspension with torsen limited-slip rear end; and the color-silver. But lastly, I was two days out surgery and the influence of the anesthesia and the painkillers had a rather disorienting effect on my thinking. So quiet contemplative thinking went out the door. Impulse buying had arrived and was king in my head.

Truth be known, I had seen this car and had driven it a month before, but I hadn't really acted on it. It did check all the boxes, but the 2001 was a great car that had been very reliable and still had a big place in my heart. But the impulse to buy won out. If I ever have surgery again, I am going have Susan hide the checkbook from me for about six weeks. That is about how long it took me to regain clear, rational thinking after the surgery.

Anyway, I bought the car and once I was cleared by the doctor drive, I found that I had actually made a good decision. This Miata was very composed on the road. It has good pick up when you stomp the gas pedal. The power hardtop worked like a charm and it seems quieter than a soft top. To tell the truth, I not much of a convertible kind of person, so I was really ready for hardtop on a Miata. Remember, my first Miata had a hardtop and I rarely removed it

With this car my vision of the Miata had expanded to include not only a daily driver that I can take to the track, but a car I could comfortably drive long distance. That influenced my decision to sell my trailer and go back to driving the Miata to the track. This simplified track trips a great deal. No more loading and unloading the car from the trailer. Just changes brakes and tires throw clothes and equipment in the back of the Maita and go. The tires I use on the track now have a dual purpose- to allow me both drive to and from the track and serve my track tires.

So far this has turned out well. I did modify the suspension, get a new exhaust system, tune the engine and have a real roll bar installed. I also want to thank Chris Edens for the work he did on the car during the last year. While most of the work was straight forward, the roll bar required some real fabrication on his part.

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**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. 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.*

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