

Naturally Topless

October overnight Grand Canyon, Harrison

General Membership Meeting 10-18-2018
Corkys BBQ – Election news among other reports

November 17 Mt. View for JoJo fish dinner

December 1– Cheers Christmas Brunch



The Arkansas Grand Canyon Trip – October 20 and 21 – and the Friday night starter event:

Lots of news: The Grand Canyon event kick-off will begin with the Friday night dinner at Whole Hog at the Wildwood Exit off 67-167 the address is 5701 Warden Road, North Little Rock – Dinner is at 6:30 Friday, October 19 and will include the trip bag distribution and last-minute details and news of the trip.

Out of town hotel for Friday night: Best Western – Sherwood located at 7533 Warden Road – call 501-835-7556 for reservations
We will meet Saturday (October 20) morning at 8:00 a.m. – DoubleBees station on Hwy 5 – exit off 67/167 or meet us at 7:30 in the Best Western-Sherwood on 7533 Warden Road to pick up out-of-towners and parade to DoubleBees on Hwy 5, meeting spots. Trip poker begins at DoubleBees, drivers meeting and quick info updates. Bag distribution for anyone not at Whole Hog Friday night dinner. \$5 to play trip poker (not included in trip charge).

There will be a \$25 per person trip charge that will get you a wonderful all you can eat buffet lunch with drink, a t-shirt and each car will receive a special trip bag in addition to the normal goodies and games.



Open board meetings

Third Thursday each month
Corky's McCain Blvd.

6:15 ish side room off the Bar

General membership meetings:
October 18, 2018

Lunch will be served at the Ozark Café at 11:00 am located on the square in Jasper, AR. Your trip charge includes the buffet lunch and drink, this lunch selection allows us an in and out opportunity saving some time to adequately tour the Arkansas Grand Canyon after lunch. FYI – October is prime leaf-peeping in the Ozarks – we hope to be accommodating about 40 miata people for lunch

The afternoon portion of the leaf-peeping Arkansas Grand Canyon driving event will provide some curvy roads, spectacular views, overlook stops and trip poker, arriving at the quaint Hotel Seville in Harrison, Arkansas in time for a check in and social in the presidential suite – VERY Important:

Call now for your reservation: mention the Arkansas Miata club – base room for quaint queen is \$89 plus tax making the charge about \$110 total. This is prime leaf peeping – make reservation immediately – if plans change and can't go free cancellation until day of trip. (rooms will go fast)

**this is one of the few overnight trips that will make a great day excursion. The trip cost includes the bag O goodies, tshirt and lunch so meet us enjoy the drive and lunch and if possible join us for the dinner portion before heading home. The club has a hospitality suite to gather and socialize before dinner. Make plans to attend – we will need an RSVP and \$\$ for lunch by October 15 and include plans for Whole Hog.

We will meet in lobby of the Hotel Seville at 4:30 for a 5:00 reservation at the Roma Italian – (this meal is order off the menu and on your own, too many yummy options to limit the menu, they guarantee us they can handle our group with individual checks)- please be ready and in the lobby at 4:30s to parade over to dinner.

Announcements and more fun during dinner – trip poker winner revealed.

Following dinner we will be gathering once again in the presidential suite for games, perhaps some poker - \$1 will get you 50 dollars in chips and a 30 minute play limit – most chips at the end of 30 minutes wins the pot. – a little sporting play, other games as well or just a social – bring your favorite beverages and enjoy.

***We still have driver room available and the host hotel for Friday still has rooms. Not sure about the Hotel Seville in Harrison, make a reservation if they still have availability – BUT:

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General Membership meeting Thursday, October 18 – 6:15 pm Corky's McCain Blvd, North Little Rock

A general membership meeting of the Arkansas Miata Club will be held on October 18 at 6:30 PM at Corky's Restaurant located at 2647 Lakewood Village Drive in North Little Rock. At that meeting we will discuss nominations for 2019 club officers, a change in the club by laws and club events for the remainder of the year.

In Accordance with Article 8-Nomination and Elections, nominations for all elected board positions, which consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, be open from October 14, 2018 and close at midnight on October 28. Nominations should be sent to the president Lewis Leslie in writing or by email. His address is 115 S. Johnson Street, Little Rock, AR 72205 and his email is leslie4815@sbcglobal.net.

And other topics of interest to the club may be discussed

This is an abbreviated version of the newsletter – details for JoJo Fish house in Mountain View November 17 and Christmas at Cheers December 1 will be sent under separate email – Kathye P, (your newsletter editor) had a few family and work issues and her back-up (Debbie Wisdom) lost her brother Friday September 28 with the funeral Monday 10-1 and JR Mills (husband) had a heart attack this morning. Resting tonight and will have Heart Cath in am and tests – he is in CVICU Conway Regional – Grand Canyon Still a Go – you really need to join us.!

President's Notes

The Road Less Traveled

By Lewis Leslie

Miatas I Have Owned and Driven: Part 3

The first questions I got from my wife, Susan, after I bought the 2001 Miata was “what are you going to do to this car?” My answer wasn't too far off the truth when I said nothing. I did end up putting a bigger front sway bar on the car. But that was about it. The rest of the work was maintenance items such as a clutch/flywheel and a radiator. Mostly, I just drove it. Jim Baskin, the previous owner, had JR Mills install a Flyin' Miata suspension and a hard dog roll bar. Mazda had done a great job of stiffing the body with extra braces and the 1.8-liter engine put out more horse power than the 1.6-liter engine in the 1992. Eventually, I bought dedicated brake rotors and pads for the track.

This car proved to be the car I had tried to create the first time around with the 1992. It performed well in both on the street and the track and was comfortable to drive for extended periods of time. Lastly, it looked great. It is my opinion that Mazda really got it right in terms of the styling for the second generation (1999-2005) Miata. Personally, I am not a great fan of flip up head lights. The headlights on the second-generation Miata are carefully blended into front of the car. It doesn't look like a frog with the head lights on. The rear seems wider with a slight rear spoiler that adds a class look to the car. The interior of the 2001 is really not that much different from the earlier model, however the materials used in the SE seemed to be a cut above the interior of the 1992. The only detraction was the leather on the driver seat was cracked and worn, as one would expect on a ten-year-old car.

On the track, the 2001 really showed it stuff. On my first trip to Hallett, I was as fast as the 1992. Soon, I had knocked off four seconds from my best time in the 1992 car. Now to be honest, I don't know how much of that was the car and how much was experience on the track. The car certainly inspired me to go faster. It was not as nimble as the 92, but it was more composed when going fast.

Hope to see everyone soon

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, Arkansasmiatclub.com.

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.