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DRIVING TOPDOWN IN THE NATURAL STATE

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Bentonville, Ball game, & Crystal Bridges Overnight June 8th &

The June event is an overnight trip to Bentonville for a baseball game and Crystal Bridges. We are staying at the Sleep Inn, phone number is 855-545-8646 JR has a few extra tickets if you decide you want to attend.

We will be meeting at Starbucks on Cantrell at Sam Peck at 8:00, be sure to bring **\$5 for trip poker**. We will be attending the ball game at Arvest Ballpark Saturday night; tickets to the ball game are \$10.00 each Dinner will be ball park favorites. Sunday we will head to Crystal Bridges in Bentonville for a great time. If you have not RSVP'd and decide you want to go call or text JR cell number -501-416-7787



July 13th— Cracker Barrell and short drive

The July event is a Saturday morning Brunch at Cracker Barrell – meet at 7:00 at Starbucks on Hwy 10 and Sam Peck for a short drive. We will meet for brunch at Cracker Barrell on Shackleford at around 10:30 a.m.

Save the date: Upcoming Events

June 8th and 9th—Overnight—Poker Run (\$5). Meet at 8 am on Saturday at Starbucks on Hwy 10 and Sam Peck. Must RSVP by May 9th.

July 13th—Brunch at Cracker Barrel

Open board and General membership meetings

Third Thursday each month; Corky's McCain Blvd—6:15ish side room off the Bar

2019 Dues are \$24 per car. Dues are due now.

If you have not already paid, we have multiple ways available to make payment. You may pay directly on our website, by pay pal, or by mail. If mailing, please send to:

Geri Wilde; 1 Juego Way; Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Miata for sale

2001 Mazda Miata LS, Pure White with Tan interior and top, 5 speed, Bose CD Sampler, Front and Rear Mud Guards, Rear Spoiler, Roadster Sport muffler, Katzkin leather seat covers, Tein coilover suspension, 15" Konig Ultra Lite Racking wheels with 205/50ZR15/xl BFG BW A/S SS g-Force tires plus original 16" wheels with tires. Excellent condition Price \$4,950. One owner, garaged.

Please contact Danna Erwin at jayerwin@hotmail.com

Articles, Thoughts, Pictures, and 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 kpecchioni@gmail.com by the 25th of each month.

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President's Notes for June 2019

RIP Nikki Lauda

Nikki Lauda, three-time Formula One Champion, died on May 20. He suffered from severe lung disease resulting in a double lung transplant last August. In January of this year, he contracted the flu, and never recovered. He was 70 years old.

While Nikki won 25 Formula One races along with his three Championships, he was probably most famous for the 1976 Championship battle with James Hunt, which he lost at the last race by a single point. Lauda had come back that season from a terrible wreck that nearly killed him and left him with horrible burns on one side of his head. While missing several races, he still led the Championship until the conclusion of the last race. The Lauda/Hunt fight for the Championship has been the subject of several books, documentary films and a major movie, *Rush*, in 2013, that was directed by Ron Howard.

After his career as a racing driver, he became an airline owner and, most recently, a non-executive chairman for the Formula 1 Mercedes team, instrumental in bringing in British driver Lewis Hamilton, who has won five world championships.

As a driver, he had the uncanny ability to set his car up to get the maximum performance at a given racetrack. When he was hired by Ferrari for the 1974 season, Ferrari was at low point in its history, having not won a race since July 30, 1972. He turned the team around, winning twice in 1974 and placing fourth in the Drivers Championship. The next year, 1975, he scored five wins, and won both the Driver's and Constructor's Championship. He would win both Championships again in 1977.

After abruptly retiring from racing in 1979, he returned with the McLaren team in 1982, winning twice that year. In 1984 he again took the Driver's Championship from his team mate, Alain Prost, by a mere ½ point. The two easily ran away from other teams for the Constructor's Championship.

Over the last few years, Nikki could be seen on television in the Mercedes garage sitting beside Toto Wolf, the team director, during races. He always seemed relaxed, but focused on the racing. He will be missed by many fans of the sport.

2019 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Notes
February 16th, 2019	Polar Bear Run	Meet at Starbucks on Hwy 10 (Sam Peck and Cantrell) at 8 a.m.
March 16th, 2019	Little Rock St. Patrick's Day Parade	
April 13th, 2019	Toad Suck Bucks	2 pm at Shell on Hwy 10
May 4th, 2019	Picnic at Burns Park	Shelby Smith Pavilion Time: 10 a.m. Short drive; lunch at noon
June 8th and 9th, 2019	Bentonville, Ball game, and Crystal Bridges	Overnight RSVP by May 9th
July 13th, 2019	Brunch at Cracker Barrel	8 a.m. at Starbucks on Hwy 10 and Sam Peck
August 17th, 2019	The Shortest Drive/The Joint	Hognado
September 21st, 2019	I-30 Speedway	
<i>*October 12th and 13th, 2019</i>	<i>Eureka Springs</i>	<i>Overnight</i>
November 16th, 2019	Stuttgart Museum and AR Post	Grand Prairie Agricultural Museum
December 7th, 2019	Christmas Party—Cheers,	