

Important Run Information:

During the registration process you will be issued a badge. **YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR BADGE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL EVENTS.** There will also be a schedule of events inside your badge holder.

Once you have your badge and have signed the Event Waiver you will receive your SWAG (stuff-we-all-get) Bag and will have the opportunity to register for any of the organized drives throughout the weekend.

What to do, what to bring and what to expect while attending the Roundup.

Guided runs are limited to 15 cars per run. You will sign up for runs during the registration process which starts at 5:00 pm on Thursday. Selection is on a first-come, first-served basis so you may wish to review what is available before you arrive.

Each of the runs will be offered several times. There are full-day runs and half-day runs to choose from. Sleep in and do an afternoon run; get up early and go on an all-day run. Choose the destination you would like to visit and then pick an open time that the run is being offered.

Facilities are often few and far between in the Missouri Ozarks. Be sure to begin the run with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder. Bring water, snacks, head cover and suntan lotion. Don't forget your camera and bring an FRS two-way radio. Some runs will have multiple pit stops and lunch. Short runs may not have any pit stop and some runs may go over an hour without a pit stop.

Our backroads feature one-lane bridges, loose livestock, deer and other wildlife, possible loose gravel along the shoulders, blind hilltops and curves, fantastic scenery, "twisties" and rollercoasters, roadkill and the occasional oncoming vehicle. We will use two-way radios to keep you posted on what's ahead. Radios will operate on Family Radio Service (FRS) channels.

For [Self-guided runs](#) you will get a map and driving directions so you can do those any time you desire.

If you have a smart phone, you can download the runs and get turn-by-turn directions played through your Miata's stereo if your phone connects to it. Instructions on how to use the RideWithGPS app for the event will be provided.

Run Guidelines.

The goal is to have an enjoyable day driving your Miata. Everyone's fun will be enhanced by following these simple guidelines.

Rules of the Road

- Use common sense and be courteous. Ozark drivers appreciate that!

- Do not tailgate. It is up to each driver to establish a safe following distance.
- Each driver is responsible for knowing the established traffic laws.
- Our line of cars should not dominate the road. If others are trying to pass us, let them.
- Pass when only legal and safe. Do not pass on double yellow lines or on curves.
- If traffic is flowing slower than the posted limit, stay with the traffic flow.
- If road conditions warrant, slow down.

Being a Good Run Participant

- Arrive at the starting point on time
- Be ready to leave on time with a full tank of gas and a Miata that is in mechanically sound condition.
- If you are going to meet the group enroute or leave the group before the end of the run, notify the run leader in advance. We feel responsible for you and are concerned when we cannot find you.
- It is suggested that you utilize an FRS radio, set to channel 11-0, in order to receive important info during the run.
- The lead Miata will establish the pace for the group. **Do not drive faster than your comfort level. *Positions at the rear are best for you if you wish to go slower.***
- When making a turn, wait (safely) at the corner for the car behind you to be sure they know where to turn.
- Keep the car in front of you in visual contact before each road change. If you find yourself falling behind, the pack will wait for you at the next turn. The Tailgunner car will insure that you do not get lost.
- When we are making a turn and there are two turn lanes, or when we are driving straight through an intersection that has two lanes, use both lanes. Once through the turn or intersection, merge back into a single line.
- Passing other members should not be done unless you receive a wave by from the driver in front.
- If you are not feeling up to par, tell the leader. We will find someone to drive for you.
- If you want the group to stop, flash your lights or use your FRS radio. If the car behind you flashes its lights, flash yours until the leader pulls over.
- **Don't drive unsafely to keep up.** Remember, you are the one in control of your Miata. Do not drive beyond your limits.
- This is a fun run, not a race. **So drive safely and "Have Fun".**

What To Expect From Your Run Leaders

- Most runs will have a Run Leader (sets the pace, gives the directions), Relay (in larger runs, transmits between Leader and Tailgunner), and Tailgunner (is the last car in the run – assures everyone makes the route and arrives at the destination).
- The Tailgunner will give the "clear" signal to the Leader after each road change or traffic control before accelerating to run speed. In the absence of a "clear" signal from the

Tailgunner, the leader will, when safe, pause the run to ascertain what happened and/or let the Tailgunner catch up.

- When passing through a congested area, we will stop to regroup as soon as safely possible before any turns are made.
- When stopping to allow others to catch up, they will pull completely off the road and turn on the emergency flashers.
- Should there be an emergency reason to pull over (illness, car troubles, etc.), the Tailgunner will stay with you until help is secured or the problem is resolved. Should this happen, the Relay car will take over duties as Tailgunner.

Get Ready!

Two-way Radios

At 2020 Miatas at Margaritaville, we will be using two-way radios to communicate during the run. The Lead Driver will be calling out upcoming turns, traffic signals, hazards, lane changes, pit stops and points of interest. The Tailgunner and Lead Drivers will stay in communication. Others on the run are free to chime in with anything of interest. (Uhh! the red NC up front...your blinker is on!)

Our club always uses two-way radios for both safety and convenience. Cobra, Motorola, and Midland make compatible radios that can be found in most box stores, camping, hunting and fishing stores. Look for any model that operates on Family Radio Service (FRS) frequencies.

During the event there will be multiple runs all leaving from Margaritaville in a relatively short period of time, and each run will operate on a different frequency or channel. As a club we typically operate on Channel 11, but for the event we may use other channels over the weekend. Please take the time to learn how to change the operating channel on your radio. If you are familiar with how to change channels, please help those who may not have the experience. Make sure your voice activated microphone is turned off! The Runsheet for your chosen run(s) will designate the assigned channel and the Lead Driver will verify each car is on the proper channel.

Important for all attendees,

As you begin your journey to Margaritaville, please have your tires inspected very thoroughly. Having a flat, or worse a blowout, on a run so far away from cities can be time consuming. Also, with some of the curvy roads we have, you don't want a low tire causing you to go somewhere the Miata wasn't designed to go... (*Off Road, through fences, off a steep drop off!*)

So check your tires or have a tire shop do it for you so that we can all enjoy these wonderful roads together and without any mishaps!

P.S. Also check the pressure in your spare!

Glossary of Miata Radio Terms.

Lead

The car at the front of the line leading the run. Gives directions over the radio. Drives with lights on.

Tailgunner

The car at the rear of the line. Radios to lead when turns or maneuvers are completed. Drives with lights on. Remains behind if a car is forced to drop out of the line.

Line

All the cars in between the lead and Tailgunner. No lights on unless directed otherwise by the leader.

Gap

A space between cars in the line. Kept to a safe but minimal distance to allow the line to remain intact.

OTM

Other Than a Miata. Any vehicle that has entered the line typically due to too large of a gap or the line broken up by traffic lights and stop signs.

Oncoming

Any vehicle coming in the opposite direction to the line while on a narrow road, blind turn or hill, or when a passing situation arises. Typically called out over the radio by the lead as a safety precaution.

Side Traffic

Any vehicle entering the line from a side road or driveway.

Jogger, Runner, Bicycle

Any person on the roadway that may pose a risk.

Alligator

Generic term for any debris, road kill or a hazard in the roadway.

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Cars in the line driving side-by-side. Useful when passing through a small town or area of congestion where the line can be easily broken up by stop signs, traffic lights and/or side traffic.

Radio

Any two-way radio operating on FRS frequency. The lead will announce the channel to be used on the run during the drivers meeting. Used by all drivers/passengers to alert others of situations.

Drivers Meeting

A discussion prior to the run to give instructions to all the drivers and passengers. Maps and/or directions may be distributed. Insurance release forms signed by all.

Pit Stop

A scheduled break while on the run. Typically spaced at one-per-hour of driving.