



Miata Talk

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July LSMC Meeting!

Wednesday, July 17, 2013



Fuddruckers in Grapevine
2001 Hwy 121 (next to Bass Pro)
Grapevine TX 76051
6:30-9 pm

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From your editor

Don't forget the photo sharing site at <http://lonestarmiataclub.shutterfly.com/>. You have to create a free Shutterfly account to gain access. I know many of you (including me) already had a Shutterfly account, so it should be an easy way for us to share photos of events and "stuff."

When you lead a drive, please download and print participant waivers from <http://lsmiata.wordpress.com/events/>. There is a track waiver and a street/rally waiver, so print the right one. It's a good idea to have maps with your phone number printed on them for a trip. Also be sure to bookmark the home page <http://lsmiata.wordpress.com> to get all the latest information about us.

Janine has cards to leave on Miatae we see out and about. This is a great way to invite them to the club. Pick your cards up from her.

I have included all the upcoming events I know about. If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please let me know. Please feel free to contact me at JuliaKuhn90@alumni.unc.edu.

Julia

Hey, NICE Miata!

If you would like to get together with a fun group of people who appreciate and drive their Miata, then look us up on

**Facebook at Lone Star Miata Club
or at**

lsmiata.wordpress.com

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Miata Meeting Notes

LSMC Meeting
June 24, 2013
Uno Chinese Buffet, Irving, TX

Craig Nelson, President, was en route from out-of-town and would be late so meeting was brought to order at 7:15 pm by Janine Nelson, Treasurer/Membership Officer.

The meeting was largely a recap of the June newsletter.

The drive to Loose Wheels in Denison, organized and led by Bruce Gibson was recapped. There was an excellent turnout with 7 cars and 14 people (if memory serves). It was a great drive through horse country with very nice roads and scenery. Loose Wheels was a fun restaurant with excellent food.

Gerry and Suzanne Sauls filled everyone in on the details of the upcoming trip to Ancient Ovens. There will be a set of items to identify plus trivia questions. Every car that wishes to participate puts in \$5 and the winner takes the pot. Also reminded everyone about the menu and meal cost, and that liquor is allowed, but BYOB. Although we just had the Loose Wheels drive, this is a very popular event and we expect a very good turnout.

Bruce Gibson suggested a drive and evening out at the Brazos Drive-In in Granbury. We've done this drive in the past, but it's been a very, very long time ago so everyone thought this would be a good one to do again.

Richard Rogers recapped the details for our participation at the State Fair, and reminded everyone that there was absolutely no cost except the \$5 per car insurance fee. We had 15 cars participate last year and hope to have even more this year.

People mentioned the various drives and events all over the country. Some like the North Arkansas event are totally booked, but others are extending deadlines to encourage more participation.

Craig covered a few of the highlights regarding club business such as re-registering as a not-for-profit, renewing insurance, and considering some business options that will hopefully save the club some money.

Craig, Charles, Suzanne, David and Richard R. won door prizes. Joe won the 50/50.

There were 15 members in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:00 pm. A few members lingered for conversation and to make another pass at the buffet.

Minutes were written by Craig Nelson in collaboration with Janine Nelson.

Ancient Ovens

Wood-Fired Pizza and Artisan Breads



Ancient Ovens Wrapup by Craig Nelson:

Very BIG thanks to Suzanne and Gerry Sauls for all the hard work and superb job they did in organizing and leading a really terrific "trivia" rally and drive that culminated in a wonderful meal at Ancient Ovens in St. Jo. 13 cars and 28 people in attendance. I'd call that a smashing...uh...resounding (better word!) success! This is the 3rd for them to host this and it has always been a big hit with everyone. It was thrilling to have a lot of new members attend this event, too, and some good friends we don't see often were there as well. Brian was our big winner with 51 questions right on the "points of interest" and "trivia" questions. (I think all of us guys should buy more than 3.4 pair of underwear a year.) For those unable to attend or were unsure, if Suzanne and Gerry are kind enough, and have the time and energy to do this again next year, I highly recommend you join us. This run has terrific scenery, a lot of interesting items along the way and a very pleasant, fun-filled evening with a drive home under the stars that await you. Again, THANK YOU Suzanne and Gerry for a absolutely wonderful afternoon and evening. And the weather just couldn't have been any better!



Events & Items of Interest

Anyone planning anything? Contact Craig or Julia. Lots of events coming up in other parts of the country.

Contest idea from Bruce Gibson:

I was considering setting up what Ruth and I would call the “Texas Miata Challenge” to all the Texas Miata clubs. We could kick it off at the fall rally and it would go for one year with awards for those completing it handed out at the following year’s rally, or we could just do this internal to our club.

The idea would be to pick 10 locations around Texas that you would ride to in your Miata, take a picture of you, your car, and the specific site (a sign, building, statue, whatever) in the picture. For the first year we may make it simple and pick some of the cities, or historical location, that were listed on the Facebook page.

The locations will be intentionally distributed around Texas so that it may take several weekends to get them all. You can ride in groups or individually. We did something like this with Motorcycles and it was a lot of fun. On long 3 days weekends we would set up rides for a group and hit several locations.

About 30 days before the fall Miata rally, participants would need to send in their pictures to a designated person who would check them and make the list of those who achieved the goal.

What do you think?

Regards,
Bruce & Ruth

Miata day at the State Fair will be Sunday, Oct. 6. See Richard Rogers for details.

CLEAR BLUE SKY RALLY



This road rally will show off some pretty roads in Collin County, and a few in Grayson County as well. To keep you from getting bored on this fun trip, there will be a few course-following tests, designed to see how well you can follow the rules, and to keep you from getting lost if you go the wrong way. Signs and landmarks that you find will tell us which way you went. A few photographs will help you identify some important intersections.

- Rally Day: Saturday, July 13, 2013
- Starting Place: Brandon Tomes Subaru, 1100 S. Central Expy. in McKinney, Texas, 75070
- Registration: 9:00am to 9:45am on Rally Day
- Novice meeting: 9:45am
- Cars leave the start: 10:00am plus your car number
- Length: 120 miles (~4 hours)
- Finish: El Pueblo Restaurant, 1909 Texoma Pkwy, Sherman TX, 75090
- Rally type: GTA (fun run). A clipboard and pencil is all you need
- Route: paved roads in Grayson and Collin County
- Vehicles: Sports Cars, Family Cars, Classic Cars, Antiques, anything with 4 wheels that's street legal is OK in this Rally. Note: "speed" is **not** a factor. Cars built before 1950 get a little extra time
- Rally entry fee: \$25.00. \$5 discount for SCCA Members: \$5.00 late fee if not preregistered.
- Preregister at <http://msreg.us/CBS13msr>, and you will be sent the rules before the event.
- Four classes: First Timer, Novice (<3 rally trophies), General, and Master.

A road rally is not a contest of speed or racing. The challenge is to follow a prescribed course at legal speeds and to read signs and landmarks along the route to find answers to questions supplied by the organizers.

This rally is sanctioned as a Regional Rally by SCCA, and is a part of the National SCCA RoadRally Championship. Sanction Number 2013-RG-41-02.



Tejas Miata Club of Austin Texas
Is Proud to Announce
Heart of Texas Miata Roundup 2013
October 31st → November 3rd

We invite all Miata Enthusiasts to join us as we
Celebrate the Texas Miata Roundup
2013.

This Miata Roundup takes place in the Heart of Texas @
San Marcos, Texas

All registration, hotel, and activity details are available at
The Texas Miata Round Web Site:

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

TejasMiata looks forward to welcoming all for a fun-filled Roundup

Regards,

President: Paul Bellew
Vice President: Paul Wilson
Secretary: Evelyn Brock
Treasurer: Tim Ness
Web Master: Desi Rodriquez

Contact Richard Rogers if you are going and want to caravan.
The link is <http://www.nwamiataclub.com/MitO.htm>

From our neighbors to the northwest:



Invites you to "THE EVENT" of next Summer.

HOT LAVA 2013

September 5 - 8, 2013

Bend, **Oregon** will be the center of fun events and runs.

Bend is the center of **Oregon** where volcanoes, lava flows, and lakes form the background for a unique experience.

You will be able to zoom on the twistiest highway across the Cascade Mountain Range: McKenzie Pass.

Visit Obsidian and Lava flows. View the volcanoes: Three Sisters, Mt Bachelor, Mt Jefferson, Mt Washington, Broken Top, Mt Hood.

Meet new friends and Miata Zoomers!!

Registration and additional details will be published on :
<http://www.mthoodmiata.org>

Set your calendar for a trip to beautiful Central Oregon.

Links to FUN!

http://www.digplanet.com/wiki/Broken_Top
http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/entry/view/mckenzie_pass/
<http://www.oregonphotos.com/pagethirty-Z.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paulina_Peak



HEARTLAND MIATA CLUB OF GREATER KANSAS CITY
MISSOURI & KANSAS
NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR
"ROMP THROUGH THE ROCKIES II" AUGUST 1-4, 2013 !!!
Invitation To:
Romp Thru The Rockies II
With The Heartland Miata Club
Of Greater Kansas City
August 1st- 4th: 2013

Welcome! Once again, The Heartland Miata Club of Greater Kansas City is hosting "Romp Thru The Rockies II" Event. Yes, this is our second time.

This event will be held in Avon, Colorado which is approximately 8 miles from Vail, Colorado. Arrangements have been made @ The Comfort Inn Vail/Beaver Creek, Colorado. They are really excited about hosting our Miata Event.

Here are the basic details:

- 1) Single/Double Occupancy: \$85.00 + \$5.75 resort service fee per room per night + 12.4% tax; Prices Effective: July 26th-August 10th, 2013.
- 2) Free Deluxe Complimentary hot breakfast every morning including waffles + coffee 24/7
- 3) Refrig/Micro wave/Coffee pot in every room.
- 4) Beautiful Heated Out Door Pool/Hot Tub
- 5) Thursday 'Meet N' Greet'/ Driver's Meeting in the Lobby . Spirits okay providing they are discrete in lobby area.
- 6) Thursday Dinner Reservations, Italian Cuisine, \$11 per person (includes Tax + tip) @ A Restaurant Across the street from the resort. (You MUST RSVP with HMC for reservations!)
- 7) BBQ Saturday Night @ the pool. They will provide a BBQ grill. HMC will provide food. BYOB!!!
- 8) Registration Fee: \$15 per single or \$25 per couple: That includes Saturday night BBQ dinner + an event pin per Miata.
- 9) Minimum of 2 car washing stations with buckets and rags (bring your own soap!)
- 10) Designated parking for our Miatas.
- 11) Event T-Shirts Available per the registration form.

NOTE: Individual guests will call to make their own reservations, 800-423-4374, or 970-949-5511, and mention "The Romp thru the Rockies II Event". At the time of booking, callers will be advised of the credit card guarantee required and of the two week cancellation period. Cancellations received after 7/15/13 will be charged one night's room fee. The Comfort Inn will hold the group block until 4:00PM Friday, 6/28/13. At that time all unreserved guest rooms in our group block will be released for sale to third parties. Thereafter, additional reservations for your guests will be accepted for the group dates on a space-available basis. In order to qualify for the above, you MUST Register with The Heartland Miata Club of Greater Kansas City.

Tooiresh@hotmail.com Attn: Deborah

Registration Forms will be sent via email upon request.

FOR SALE!



DON'T FORGET TO SEE OUR VICE PRESIDENT, RICHARD ROGERS, AND GET YOUR DOOR MAGNETS AND LOGO PINS!

Both items are excellent quality and only require a very reasonable donation. I think you'll find them well worth the money.

Richard orders the magnets in batches. If you don't want to wait for the next batch, be sure to purchase them when he has them on hand.

Richard also can order coffee mugs and T-shirts with the club logo.



Mugs are available for about \$12, and shirts are available for around \$10. Contact Richard for details.

Pins are still \$2 each or 10 for \$15. Richard also has door magnets to show off when we drive as a group.

Classifieds:



Premier Designs

High Fashion Jewelry

Peggy Chaney

Designer

1016 Magnolia Drive
Carrollton, Texas 75007

(972) 839-3811

(972) 245-3184

Pchaney41@yahoo.com



MAZDA of MESQUITE

Hosted LSMC on

May 17, 2011

Suzy Bangs

Zoom-Zoom Specialist

15900 LBJ Freeway
Mesquite, TX 75150

972-686-6200

sbangs@mazdaofmesquite.com

Hawaiian style Miata shirts (modeled by Craig) are available at Thompson-Automotive.com.



From our Facebook page and Wordpress site:

Patrick Linthecome

I just had to put my 93 miata to sleep she blown a head gasket anybody needs some parts or wanna buy it inbox me

Helene Cronin

Selling my Miata. :(Less than 50,000 original miles. \$6900

<http://dallas.craigslist.org/dal/cto/3901744466.html>

Bill Durning

Hello Group!!

My youngest daughter is wrapping up college. So I am looking to re-establish my relationship with two-seated sport cars. (Most fun I had was in my 1970 Opel GT.) Would like to get involved with the club....but I need to find a Miata first! Would prefer to buy from (or be coached by) an established enthusiast. Can someone help?!

Mike Starratt:

[07/01/2013 at 12:12 pm](#)

Does anyone in the club have any soft top locks for sale ??

(Please contact Mike via the Wordpress site, lsmiata.wordpress.com, or at Msyankee3229fw@gmail.com.)

Julia Kuhn

I have wheels and tires for an NA vintage 1991-1995. Make offer. Proceeds will go to the club.



FYI

LSMC Logo Stuff

Contact our Vice President, Richard Rogers at VicePresident@lsmiata.com for LSMC Logo merchandise being offered through the club. You also can buy merchandise at Panda Embroidery, 351 East Huggins, Grapevine, TX 76051 (817-488-4151). Panda can embroider items in a thread color of your choice including one that matches your Miata!

Newsletter Submissions & Distribution

Ads, announcements, articles, trip reports and other contributions to the newsletter are **encouraged**. Email submissions to Editor@lsmiata.com. Attachments may be in .pdf, .txt, Word or WordPerfect format. Pictures may be in any of the usual formats such as .gif, .jpg, png, etc. If I have any problems with document or picture format, I will contact you. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, artwork, layout, etc. I'm just pleased to receive input and will take care of the editing and cosmetics! Also, if you find something interesting online, please send me the link. Input is welcome anytime, but must be received prior to the publishing deadline (usually the first of the month) to be in the next issue.

NOTE: If you want the newsletter sent to more than one email address, your secondary driver, or anyone else, please send your name (so I know you're a member) and the email address(es) to Editor@lsmiata.com.

ANOTHER NOTE: Member in Good Standing (you've paid your dues) may submit ad copy or info on their business. Does **not** have to be a Miata- or car-related business, but it must be **your** business. Others may advertise, too, for a fee. Contact the President@lsmiata.com for details.

Two-Way Radios

For more fun on drives, if you don't have a two-way radio, get one. Without one, you miss out on a lot of chat and decision making as to stops, etc. Most importantly, should you get separated from the group or have car trouble; it makes it much easier for us to find you and assist you! LSMC uses GMRS/FRS radios for better range and reception. An operating license is not required when used in the FRS range.

Stuff for Sale and Announcements

LSMC permits all members in good standing to place a free ad or event announcement in the LSMC Newsletter. The item should relate to the Miata or Club activities. This includes activities hosted by other clubs, Car-related events of general interest are also welcome. Contact the editor at Editor@lsmiata.com to place an ad or announcement.

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@lsmiata.com. A form also is available on our website. Just click 'Membership' and select the text 'update' to update your information.

Blogsite and Facebook

Check out our **blogsite** at www.lsmiata.wordpress.com for various information. For up-to-the-minute events information, member input and other stuff, visit our **Facebook** page at Lone Star Miata Club. You may also consult the newsletter which is published more or less monthly.

Membership Notes...



Membership Dues...2013 is here!

Your 2012 LSMC membership expired midnight, December 31, 2012. **PLEASE RENEW!!** Annual dues are **\$30.00**. Complete the renewal form included in this newsletter. The form also is available from me at the monthly meeting. Make checks payable to Lone Star Miata Club. Please fill out the renewal form ***completely even if no information has changed***, and return it along with your check to the address below or give it to me at the monthly meeting. After March 31, 2013, add \$5 late fee. If your dues are not paid by the April 2013 meeting, your name and number are dropped from the membership roles.

New Members

You may register to join our club at <http://lsmiata.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/lsmcapplication.jpg>. Print and complete the membership form. ***Please do not use the renewal form.*** You may email me. When I receive your information via our blogsite, I will email you the membership instructions. You also can download the printable form, fill it out and mail it together with your check to the address below or bring me your completed form and dues at the next club meeting. Read the form thoroughly and provide all the information requested. If you send me a hard copy form, ***please print clearly*** so that all your information and your email address will be correct in the club database. Be especially careful in printing your email address to ensure we record it correctly so that you will receive the newsletter and club announcements. If an item doesn't apply or you don't want to provide the information, put 'N/A'. Please do not leave any of the spaces blank. Dues are **\$30.00** per year. The amount varies according to when you join. If you join after January, the dues are prorated; please contact me for the correct amount. If you want name badges, be sure that the name on the form is the name you want on the badge! If you would like to see them before you buy, when you come to a club meeting, several members have them and will be glad to show them to you.

Changes in Information

Important!! If your contact information changes, especially your email address, please email your updated information to me at Membership@LSMiata.com. If you don't have email access, give your changes to me or a club officer at a meeting, or call me/mail them to me at:

Lone Star Miata Club
334 Pebblebrook Drive
DeSoto, Texas 75115
(972) 223-3416

Thank you! ~ Janine Nelson, Membership Officer

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Time to renew your membership! Annual dues are \$30. After March 31, 2013, add \$5 late fee. If your dues have not been paid by the April meeting, your name and number will be dropped from the membership roles. Make checks payable to **Lone Star Miata Club**. Please **complete** this form, **even if no information has changed**, and return it along with your check to:

Janine Nelson
Lone Star Miata Club
334 Pebblebrook Drive
DeSoto, TX 75115-2910

Please provide the following information. To avoid errors, **please print legibly.**

PRIMARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date _____ / _____
(month) (day)

SECONDARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date _____ / _____
(month) (day)

ADDRESS: _____
(apt #, number, street)

_____ (city) _____ (ST) _____ (zip)

HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS #1: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS #2: _____

Club notices and correspondence will be sent to all email addresses listed, but the newsletter will be sent **only** to the address specified: Email address #1: ____ ...OR Email address #2: ____

(Please advise if you have not been receiving the Newsletter and/or emails.)

YOUR MIATA'S NAME (if it has one): _____

COLOR: _____ YEAR: _____

ADDITIONAL MIATAS:

_____ (Color) _____ (Year) _____ (Name)

_____ (Color) _____ (Year) _____ (Name)

Please list additional cars and any additional information on the back of this form.

THANK YOU! ~ Your Membership Officer

----- below for club use only -----

DATE RENEWED	AMOUNT PAID	CHECK NUMBER	CHK. TO TREAS.	D-BASE UPDATED
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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(month) (day)

SECONDARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date ____ / ____
(month) (day)

ADDRESS: _____
(apt #, number, street)

(city) (ST) (zip)

HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

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(Color) (Year) (Name)

Please list additional cars and any other information on the back of this form.

Did a member of this club tell you about our club and if so, who? _____

Annual membership fee is \$30 per year. If you want to purchase a club nametag, add \$10 per nametag (price is higher if purchased later). Dues for members joining after June 30th are prorated. If joining July 1st through September 30th, \$18.75. If joining October 1st through December 31st, \$12.50, or \$2.50 per month if you also pay your dues for the following year.

Please make checks payable to:

Lone Star Miata Club
 Return this form and your check to:
Janine Nelson
Lone Star Miata Club
334 Pebblebrook Drive
DeSoto, TX 75115-2910

For more information, please contact:
 Janine Nelson
 Membership Chairman
 972-223-3416
Membership@lsmiata.com

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DATE RENEWED	AMOUNT PAID	CHECK NUMBER	CHK. TO TREAS.	D-BASE UPDATED
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