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# September meeting



Tuesday, Sept. 23

688 Freeport Parkway  
 Coppell, TX 75019  
 972-471-5462

Check your mailbox/  
 Facebook for Evite info

Guests/new members welcome.  
 Please see info about joining at the end of the newsletter.

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# From the President...



Bruce Gibson and Yvonne Dodgen picked up their new 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary cars on Sept. 12. Come to the next meeting for a look at the “twins.”



Thanks to Classic Mazda of Denton for their support of LSMC



September 14, 2014

We had a lot of fun at 96 West Winery in Wylie during our last meeting. If you have not been there take a Saturday or Sunday afternoon ride to visit them. The address is 103 N. Ballard Ave., Wylie, TX 75098, and phone number is (972) 442-7838. We plan to make a return this fall and hopefully have a meeting on their patio.

August & September have been busy months. Several members spent the Labor Day weekend in the Alpine/Big Bend area. From the pictures and stories it sounded like a great trip. Thanks go out to the Bluebonnet Club for inviting LSMC along.

Just prior to the last meeting Ruth and I were in Wisconsin, with the Miata and trailer, visiting our families.

The Labor Day weekend my brother, his wife, Ruth, and I all went to Houston for Wisconsin versus LSU football. Unfortunately it did not turn out well for Wisconsin fans but we had a great time and got to see NRG (aka Reliant) Field. Also unfortunately, my brother sold his 2010 Miata prior to taking delivery of his new one so we had to use Ruth's Ford Edge for the trip.



We returned from Houston on Sunday. On Monday I cleaned the Miata up and packed for Miatas at Mazda Raceway in Laguna Seca (Monterey area), California. It was a long drive, by myself, but I really enjoyed the trip. Meeting all the Miata people, seeing the 2016 Miata, driving on Mazda Raceway, and helping get the cars in position, as shown in the picture below, was a lot of fun. The best part was talking to all the Miata people during the weekend. By this time you should have received a link to the Autoweek article that has all the details of the weekend. Of particular interest to me was I saw at least 2 different people wearing the Miata World II t-shirts and the group leader for the group I was assigned to also mentioned she was at Miata World II. She was from Seattle, Washington.



When I first saw this picture I was with one of the other volunteers who was helping get the cars parked and we were both excited to see how well it worked out. The layout was actually surveyed in the day before. Stacks were put in at the corners and a tape line was run between the stakes to outline the letters. Our job was to fill in cars around the tape. It would have been easy had it not been on a sandy, dirty hill.

After all this I was ready to get home and tired of motels and wanted to get home to see my new car. I left Sunday morning at 1:00 AM PDT (3:00 AM CDT) and drove just over 24.5 hours, covering 1758 miles, and got home at 3:30 AM CDT. The next morning I went to Classic Mazda and a delivery truck arrived shortly after me with my car. What a pleasant surprise.



Yvonne & Doug and Ruth & I picked up our cars on Saturday. John & Donna Barshinger, who took delivery on theirs the week before, also met us at Classic Mazda. I want to thank David and Mary Wharton for stopping by and taking pictures of the event. Classic Mazda was very gracious with a gift bag for each of us as well.

Now it is back to work and focusing on the Fall Roundup. Remember the Roundup is scheduled for October 23 through October 26. The number registered has been steadily rising and the last I checked we had nearly 87 people and about 50 cars. We are hoping for 75 cars and 150 people.

We still need volunteers for the following task and we will have signup sheets at the next meeting:

- Lead and drag on rides
- Help at Eagles Canyon Raceway (instructions will be provided by Track Dog Racing)
- Staff the registration table
- Banquet Setup
- Stuff goodie bags
- Etc.

We also have the State Fair coming up on Sunday October 5, 2014. If you have not signed up please see Richard Rogers.

With fall coming there ought to be some good weather for topless rides.

Bruce Gibson,

President

# Miata Meeting Notes

Aug 23, 1:30 at 96 West Winery in Wylie

Bruce thinks the anniversary cars are in California. But Mazda is keeping information close to the vest.

## New business

- Head for the Mountains with the Bluebonnet Club will be Labor Day weekend.
- California 25th anniversary event. Google "25 years of Miata" to find t shirts online.
- Miata challenge pictures are due Oct. 1 to Bruce.
- State fair day is Oct. 5. Come to Gate 6 at the fair at 8:30 to set up base in the corral. We have room for 30 cars. Food and mimosas welcome. Bring chairs and tents if you want. See Richard Rogers for details. The cost is \$5 for insurance. State fair entrance is free. The corral closes at 6 pm. You can park for free on the fairgrounds and re-enter the fair if you want. If you don't sign up ahead of time, Richard can get you in on the day of the fair.

## Roundup Oct. 23-26

Registration is \$60 each, which includes a t shirt, track day at Eagles Canyon Raceway, banquet, and more. The track day was underwritten by Classic Mazda. Thanks to them for helping us get sponsorship from corporate Mazda as well. Contact Bruce for volunteer opportunities. On track day, there will be runs for those who don't want to stay at the track all day, but those runs will leave from the track.

New members: Lee ann Nichols, 2002 blue; Stan Holden, 2013 black soft top.

Door prizes - Brenda Porter, Janine Nelson, Ann Anderson, Lee Ann Nichols, Sandy Lewis, Stan Beckham 50/50 - Ruth Gibson

Merchandise - tote bags, shirts, coffee mugs, pins, door magnets. See Richard for pricing.

Birthdays: David Wharton, Ruth Gibson

Anniversaries: The Gibsons



Brenda and  
Bill Milum,  
Lee Ann  
Nichols, and  
Stan Holden



# Events & Items of Interest

## 2014 Texas Miata Challenge

Drive to each of the 10 designated points in Texas

Take a picture of you, your Miata, and the specified item at each destination

Each picture must include a date stamp on the picture

If both driver and co-pilot are participating, both must appear in the picture

Entries with all 10 destinations will receive a specially designed pin and certificate

All pictures must be no larger than 4x6 prints on photo quality paper

Mail or turn entries into Bruce Gibson by October 1, 2014

Awards can be given out at the Annual Miata Roundup

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1. The Country Store in Castell (picture of the store)
  2. The Fulton Mansion in Rockport (picture of the mansion)
  3. The Lajistas Trading Post (picture of the trading post)
  4. Prisoner of War Camp in Hearne or Camp Hearne Visitors Center (picture of the visitor's center)
  5. The Stonehenge Replica on the Campus of UTPB in Odessa (picture of the replica)
  6. Devil's Rope (barb wire) Museum in McLean (picture of the museum)
  7. Ysleata del Pueblo in El Paso (picture of the building)
  8. Lt. Richard Dowling Statue in Sabine Pass (picture of statue)
  9. Dwight Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison (picture of the home)
  10. Snow's Barbeque in Lexington (picture of the building)

**Time is running out! Entries due Oct. 1.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

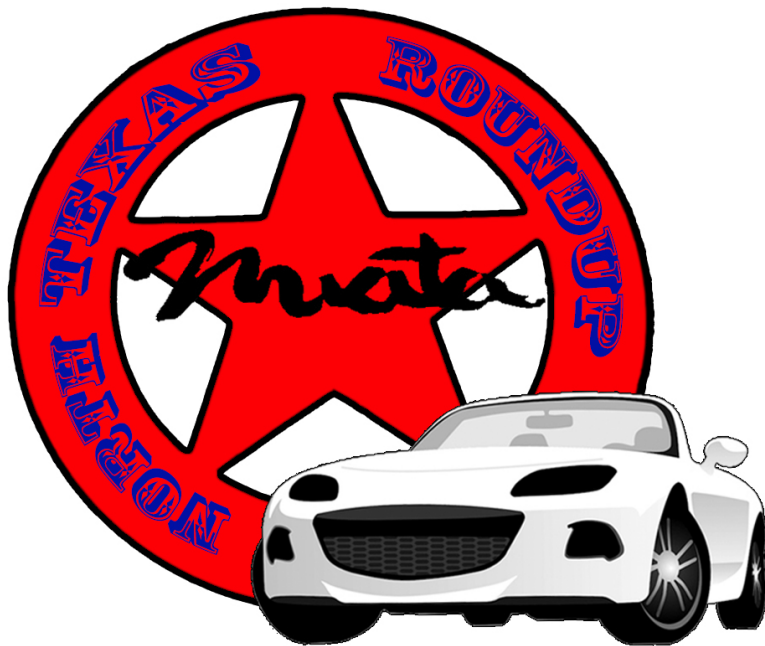
Questions: Call or Email Bruce Gibson  
Phone: (616) 745-1363  
Email: BruceGibson5@gmail.com

# Roundup is coming!

## Oct. 23-26

The North Texas Miata Roundup is now accepting registrations on the website!!! We would love to have 100 percent participation from LSMC, and we will need volunteers to make everything run smoothly.

<http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/NorthTexasMiataRoundup2014.aspx>



**MIATA 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
2014**



## TOUR TO THE TOMBSTONES RALLY

**THIS SATURDAY!**



You're invited to join us for the next Texas Region SCCA Road Rally on September 20th. We will tour Rockwall, Hunt, and Collin Counties, and visit a number of cemeteries, many of them designated historic. Course following will be easy. All roads are paved, except short sections leading to cemeteries.

Rally Day is Saturday, September 20, 2014. Registration opens at 9:00am at Rockwall Dodge, at 970 E. I-30, Rockwall, TX 75087, phone 469-698-2100. First car out about 10:00. The finish will be at Spring Creek Barbecue in McKinney.

You will be directed to a number of area cemeteries. At each one you will record the name, and answer questions from signs or tombstones.

This is an SCCA GTA (Games, Tours, Adventures) rally. This is not a timed event, except that you do have an overall amount of time to finish the event. This time will be generous so there will be no reason to speed. Any kind of street-legal four-wheel vehicle with at least two people who can read in the car may enter.

The Rally Fee is \$20.00 for SCCA Members, and \$25.00 for non-members. There is a \$5.00 late fee if not preregistered here. There are four classes: First Timer, Novice (<3 rally trophies), General, and Master. The Rallymaster is Liz Witt.

You will want to do online registration (here at MotorsportReg.com) because then you will be mailed the rally rules a few days before the event.

**Texas Region SCCA ([www.texasscca.org](http://www.texasscca.org)) is affiliated with the Sports Car Club of America ([www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org)). With nearly 50,000 members, and with Regions all over the US, the club offers car related activities in a broad range of automotive events.**

**This is the fifth event in the 2013 Texas Region SCCA Championship RoadRally Series. This rally is sanctioned as a Regional Rally by SCCA, and is a part of the National SCCA RoadRally Championship. Sanction Number 2014-RG-41-05.**



## Annual Car Show/Fundraiser



**13th Annual Show**

this year on 9/20/14

**Beautiful location in downtown  
Ft Worth, TX.**

**This show is a lot of fun with  
great live music, entertainment,  
vender booths and of course  
custom and classic cars.**

**Prostate cancer screenings will  
be available on site and as always  
our goal is to raise awareness  
about our organization and cause!**

**Click Cowtown Car Show above for more details!**

John Nagely mentioned this event earlier in the year. Please check the website if you are interested in attending this event benefiting prostate cancer research.

<http://www.cowtowncruisinforacure.org/>

# HEAD FOR THE MOUNTAINS 4



Members of LSMC joined the Bluebonnet Club for a trip to Alpine TX and the Davis Mountains. Members who went were Bill and Brenda Milum, Phillip Shows, Yvonne and Doug Dodgen, Jim and Brenda Porter, and Julia Kuhn and Brian Knopp. Not pictured is Sean Bryan. Picture of the Milums below was taken by Garry Byerly of the Bluebonnet Club.



© Garry Byerly



# Miata celebrates 25 years



## 25 Years of Miata: Miatas at Mazda Raceway

Thanks to everyone who made this event a success

### We did it: 1934 cars!

The dust has settled (literally!) on a very successful event. I wanted to send out a final quick note of thanks to everyone involved in making this event the tremendous success it was. I need to thank all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time, spending countless hours to ensure everything went off as planned. I'd also like to specifically thank Lisa and Keith, who spent countless hours over the past 9 months of planning and organizing. And on behalf of our entire group I'd like to also thank the team at Mazda North American Operations – without your fantastic support this event would not have been possible.

For those of you who have been asking for some specific numbers of the event, the [Autoweek](#) article does an excellent job of summarizing and adding some background color.

High resolution versions of the photos and video from Friday are now available on the [event website](#). We are also working on getting the links to the photo mosaic and video interviews done by the Mazda team.

The final thank-you goes out to all of you. When all is said and done, it was your patience, cooperation and fantastic attitude that made this event happen -- thank you!

Rick and the Miatas at Mazda Raceway team

This is like our Texas challenge from Bruce, only bigger. Check out the details at <http://www.mossmotors.com/2014challenge/>. Thanks to Doug Dodgen for calling attention to this nationwide challenge.



## Get In... Lets Go!

Welcome to the 2014 Motoring Challenge, where adventure, fun, and the entire North American continent beckons you onward. It's a Challenge of travel and discovery—those who have sharp eyes, a camera and love for road trips have a chance to win prizes, including a \$1,000 Moss Gift Certificate! How to Play:

1. Print out and read the Motoring Challenge Guide, and keep it with you on your travels.
2. Click the banner above to register.
3. Earn points by taking photos near the qualifying signs/destinations listed on the last page of the Challenge Guide. Each of your photos are to include the following:
  - o Yourself or a traveling companion when possible
  - o Your car—eligible vehicles are those supported with Moss parts
  - o The cover of the 2014 Motoring Challenge Guide
  - o Proof of your location such as signs or identifying landmarks

You can keep track of your points with our My Points+ feature found in the menu above.

[2014 Motoring Challenge Guide PDF](#)

# *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." We also share photos on Facebook, so join us at the Lone Star Miata group.

When you lead a drive, please download and print participant waivers from <http://lsmiata.org/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.org> 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 [newsletter@LSMiata.org](mailto:newsletter@LSMiata.org).

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***

DALLAS / FT. WORTH

# FOR SALE!



***DON'T FORGET TO SEE OUR VICE PRESIDENT, RICHARD ROGERS, FOR ALL CLUB LOGO ITEMS!***

*Items are excellent quality and only require a very reasonable donation.*

*Richard orders the magnets in batches. They are great to show off when we drive as a group. Magnets are \$15 for a set of 2. If you don't want to wait for the next batch, be sure to purchase them when he has them on hand.*

*Pins are still \$2 each or 10 for \$15. Great for trading with other groups!*



*Richard can also order coffee mugs and T-shirts with the club logo. The logo can be positioned anywhere on the shirt, in small or large size.*

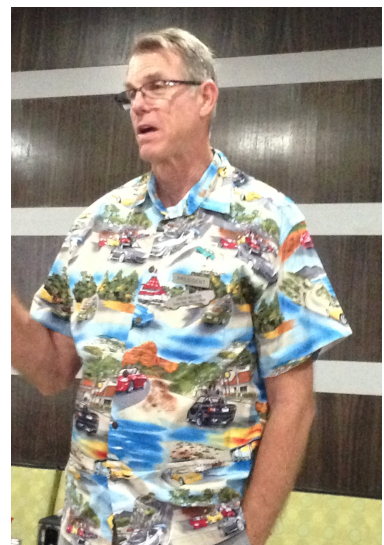
*Mugs are available for about \$12, and shirts are available for around \$10-15. Contact Richard for details.*



# Classifieds:



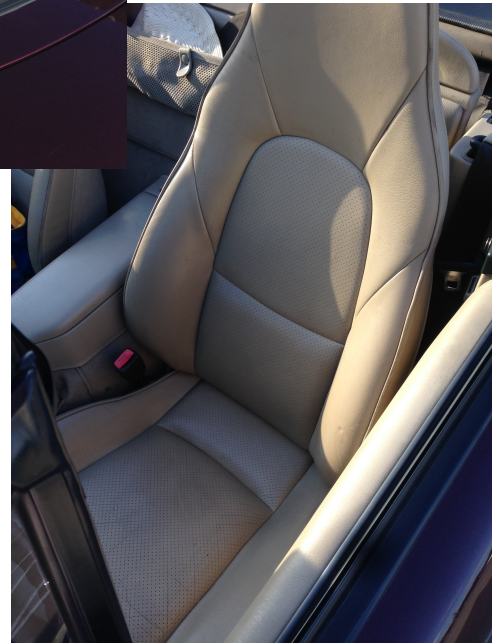
Hawaiian style Miata shirts (modeled by Craig Nelson) are available at [Thompson-Automotive.com](http://Thompson-Automotive.com).





# TRACK DOG RACING.COM

Julia's 2000 SE Mahogany Mica sports a "new" used top and seats from a 2003 car that had been totaled at 17,000 miles. Thanks, Track Dog, for the makeover!





## LSMC Logo Stuff

Contact our Vice President, Richard Rogers at [VP@lsmiata.org](mailto:VP@lsmiata.org) 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 [Newsletter@lsmiata.org](mailto:Newsletter@lsmiata.org). 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 [Newsletter@lsmiata.org](mailto:Newsletter@lsmiata.org).

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.org](mailto:President@lsmiata.org) 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 [Newsletter@lsmiata.org](mailto:Newsletter@lsmiata.org) 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.org](mailto:Membership@lsmiata.org). 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 [lsmiata.org](http://lsmiata.org) for various information. For up-to-the-minute events information, member input and other stuff, visit our **Facebook** page at [Lone Star Miata Group](https://www.facebook.com/LoneStarMiataGroup). You may also consult the newsletter, which is published more or less monthly.

## Membership Notes...



### Membership Dues...2014 is here!

Your 2013 LSMC membership expired midnight, Dec. 31, 2013. **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, 2014, add \$5 late fee. If your dues are not paid by the April 2014 meeting, your name and number are dropped from the membership roles.

### New Members

You may register to join our club at <http://lsmiata.org/join>. 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.org](mailto:Membership@LSMiata.org). 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, 2014, 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**SECONDARY DRIVER:** \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

(apt #, number, street) \_\_\_\_\_

(city) (ST) (zip)

HOME: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS #1:

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS #2:

\_\_\_\_\_

Club notices and correspondence will be sent to all email addresses listed. *(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)

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	AMOUNT	CHECK	CHK. TO	D-BASE
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**LONE STAR MIATA CLUB**

**NEW MEMBER FORM**

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(apt #, number, street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (ST) (zip)

HOME: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDITIONAL MIATAS: \_\_\_\_\_

(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 30<sup>th</sup> are prorated. 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.org](mailto:Membership@lsmiata.org)

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