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 Facebook: Lone Star Miata Group

January meeting



Saturday, Jan. 24; 9:30 am

Classic Mazda, Denton/
Loose Wheels, Denison



Leave at 9:30 am for a ride to Loose Wheels; meeting at end of the ride

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....

December 21, 2014

Twas was the night before Christmas and the Miata Club President is finally getting his newsletter article out. Pardon Julia as it is my fault for newsletter being late.

Some of us enjoyed a dinner and fellowship at Genti's Pasta & Pizza restaurant December 6. The restaurant just opened in their new location on the night before so they were having some problems of their own. One issue was they still did not have a liquor license so everyone had a free glass of wine.

Doug Dodgen has been busy planning road trips for us, thanks Doug. Doug has not had a chance to make the Loose Wheels ride so that is near the top of his list. More details will be forthcoming on these trips and they are contingent on weather cooperating.

Lone Star Miata Possible Runs for 2015

- January
 - 17 – Hico for breakfast
 - 24 - Loose Wheels – meet at Classic Mazda at 9:30 AM, meeting will be held at Loose Wheels after lunch
- February
 - Cocoamoda Chocolate Restaurant in Calvert
 - 21 or 28 Daffodils are blooming in Gladwater
- March
 - 14 or 21 Miata Challenge Run South (Corpus Christi – San Benito)
 - Mid Texas Miata Challenge Run (Acton – Abbot – Lockhart)
- April
 - 11-12 (about) Bluebonnet Run to Ennis
 - 22-26 2015 Miata Roundup
- May
 - 23-25 Miata Challenge run to Ozona and on to Big Bend area (Memorial Day weekend)
- June
 - 13-14 Nacogdoches Blueberry Festival
- July
 - 18-19 North Texas Miata Challenge Sites (Lubbock – Littlefield – Turkey)
- August
 - 15-16 Miata Challenge run to Port Arthur
- September
 - 4 – 7 Bluebonnet Club trip to New Mexico
- October
 - Texas State Fair
 - 31-1 Eureka Springs Fall Trip
 - Crescent Hotel = Haunted

If you have any places you would like to go or meeting places such as 96° West Winery in Wylie please email me or Doug.

Do not forget to log in to the Texas Miata Challenge and add pictures of the location you have been to. The web site is:

<http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataChallenge2015.aspx>.

I look forward to 2015 and the rides that have been tentatively laid out. I hope we can make 2015 a great year for LSMC. I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Best Wishes for Happy Holidays and Wonderful 2015

Regards,

Bruce W. Gibson, President LSMC



Membership renewal

Hi Everyone,

I truly hope your Christmas, Holidays, and Hanukkah were wonderful. It is that time again at the stroke of midnight your 2014 Lone Star Miata Club is over. It is time to start a new year that I hope will be full of adventure. 2014 was a very good year, and if you didn't make it to Roundup you really missed something. The Roundup committee worked very hard and pulled it off without a hitch. Who says you have to have curvy roads like the Twisted Sisters to have fun? Our drives were great, and who knows? Maybe a couple of them will show up in 2015 on our drives. Our January meeting will start the year off on a Saturday. Hope to see many of you there. I'm sure you noticed the attached file. It is your renewal form. You can print it out or I will have some available at the meeting. Please get your 2015 dues back in. You don't want to miss out on this year.

Happy New Year.

*Zoom Zoom,
Janine Nelson
Lone Star Miata Club
Membership/Treasurer*

Miata Meeting Notes

November meeting on 11/13/14 at El Dorado Mazda in McKinney

Thanks to Mark Johnson at El Dorado for inviting the club. Thanks to everyone for helping the Roundup be a success. We made \$400 from Roundup; \$3059 is in the LSMC account. A charity donation will be made to American Heart Association at the end of the year.

Old business

- Richard Rogers and Terrie Campbell led 11 cars on the Dallas marathon ride. They started at Pioneer Plaza. The route changed since last year and included Deep Ellum, Lower Greenville, West Village, Lakewood, and the Dolly Parton hills at the southwest end of White Rock Lake. The Hunt bridge was not on the race route, but the drive went over the bridge. Lunch was at El Fenix downtown.

New business

- Christmas party at 6 pm on Dec. 6 at Genti's in Corinth. Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys For Tots. There will be no gift exchange.
- Eagles Canyon Raceway is hosting a track day on Dec. 6. Cost is \$50 plus an unwrapped toy.
- Next year's Roundup will be in Kerrville April 23-26, hosted by the Bluebonnet Club.
- A trip to Eureka Springs is planned for next year in October. The Dodgens and the Gibsons went last weekend for a trial run and had a great time. They found some fun roads they want to share with us.
- It's not too early to renew your membership for next year. See the information at the end of the newsletter, or contact Janine Nelson.
- The Texas Rangers are hosting a Car Club Day on April 12. They will let cars park together and will have discount tickets for the game. Details to come as we get them from the Rangers.
- We need a Loco Coyote run.

Don Moody fell and tore his rotator cuff, broke a rib, and injured his leg. The club is sending flowers, and our thoughts go out to Don and Lorraine.

Door prizes: Stewart Teasley, Suzanne Sauls, Doug Dodgen. 50/50: Doug Dodgen.

Guest: Greg Lawson, 2008 marble white with black top

November birthdays: Lois Nagely, Kendra Docktor, Joe Love, Charles Ferguson, Mary Wharton, Margie Beckham, Jim Porter, Brian Knopp.

If you want to get a Texas shirt embroidered with the club logo, you can buy the shirt online or at Cavenders and take it to Panda embroidery in Grapevine.

The January meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 24.

2015 Texas Miata Challenge

Lone Star Miata Club

Drive to each of the 10 designated points in Texas

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

Each picture should include some form of date identification such as a date stamp

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

Entries will all 10 destinations will receive a specially designed Pin & T-shirt

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

Mail or turn entries in to Bruce Gibson by October 1, 2015, see address below

Awards will be given out at a Roundup or your club meeting

1. Buddy Holly, Picture of Statue at Buddy Holly (Located in West Texas Hall of Fame)
1824 Crickets Ave., Lubbock, TX



2. Selena Quintanilla-Perez, Picture of Mirador de la Flor Memorial,
500 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX



3. Waylon Jennings, Picture of Waylon Jennings Blvd Sign, Littlefield, TX



4. Freddy Fender, Picture of Freddy Fender Memorial
San Benito Memorial Park, N Sam Houston Blvd, San Benito, TX



5. Janis Joplin, Picture of Historical Marker at childhood home
4330 32nd Street (originally call Lombardy, in Griffin Park), Port Arthur, TX



2015 Texas Miata Challenge

6. Bob Wills, Picture of Texas Playboys' Bus
Turkey, TX



7. Willie Nelson, Picture of Willie Nelson Road sign
Abbott, TX



8. Black's Barbeque, picture of the building
215 N Main Street, Lockhart TX



9. Elizabeth Crockett, Picture of Burial site & Monument (second wife of David Crockett)
Texas' Smallest State Park (.01 acre), Acton Cemetery



10. David Crockett, Picture of Monument to defender of the Alamo
Ozona, TX City Park



Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Questions:

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Events & Items of Interest

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Hico, TX 76457
254-796-4839

Breakfast in Hico, Chocolate for Dessert Saturday, Jan. 17



Join us for an early morning run to Hico to eat breakfast at the Koffee Kup. Afterwards, we will walk across the street to the best chocolate shop in Texas to shop for dessert at Wiseman's Chocolates.

The fun will not end there! Next, we drive 10 more miles down the road to Dublin to visit the old Dr Pepper bottling plant, where they still bottle a good selection of other flavors, all of which can be sampled at the soda counter!

Plan to meet at the QT half a mile south of I-20 on 377 in Benbrook (southwest Ft. Worth) at 8AM (so we can get there by breakfast, so arrive a few minutes early) If you want, you can go directly to Hico to meet us by 10:30 AM at the Koffee Kup. (They stop serving breakfast some time between 10:30 and 11AM!)

It is about a two hour drive each way and we will be taking about two to three hours for all the stops, so we should be back in DFW in mid-afternoon.

Save The Date!
APRIL 23-26

Miata Enthusiasts
from far and wide...
are you ready for the

**biggest
blowout**

in Texas State Miata
RoundUp history?



Join us as we celebrate the Bluebonnet Miata Club's
20th Anniversary
as we host the
2015 Texas Miata Round Up
April 23-26, 2015
in... where else... Kerrville, Texas!

Our host hotel is where it all started, the Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Resort.

The Texas Hill Country has literally the best roads in Texas,
including the famous Three Twisted Sisters!

We'll have runs and events all weekend for everyone
as well as a FunCana and special prizes.

Including a Friday evening 20th Anniversary reception
and a Saturday evening banquet!

You won't want to miss this one!

Contact Rohm Thompson or Cheryl Knight at
2015ROUNDUPCHAIR@bluebonnet.org for questions and details.

Or you can visit www.texasmiataroundup.com or www.bluebonnetmiata.org
for updated information as it is released!

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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." 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.

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.

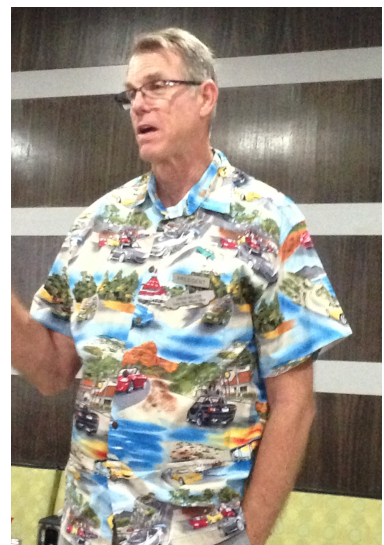
Mugs are available for about \$12, and shirts are available for around \$10-15. Contact Richard for details.



Classifieds:



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





LSMC Logo Stuff

Contact our Vice President, Richard Rogers at 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. 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.

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 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 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. 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 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...2015 is here!

Your 2014 LSMC membership expired midnight, Dec. 31, 2014. **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, 2015, add \$5 late fee. If your dues are not paid by the April 2015 meeting, your name and number are dropped from the membership roll.

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. 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, 2015, 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 roll. 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** -----

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LONE STAR MIATA CLUB

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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. 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

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