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 Facebook: Lone Star Miata Group

August meeting

Thursday, Aug 27, 7 pm



Black Walnut Café
 775 North Denton Tap Road
 Coppell, Texas 75019
 (972) 459-9790
 Come early for dinner.

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...

July 31, 2015

July has been a busy month with rides to wineries, musicals, Miata Challenge rides, and a club ride/meeting to Vintage Grill in Weatherford. Although the weather has been hot, many members have been out enjoying Miata rides. Even with the top up rides, Miatas are always enjoyable.

Personally, I love riding the back roads of Texas. I enjoy riding through the many small towns and communities along the way. I may have a destination in mind but I am a tourist at heart, riding and looking for places that I may want to eat at or come back to.

When people ask about the Texas Miata Challenge I always say "It is all about the ride". You own a fun little car, get out and enjoy them.

Speaking of the Texas Miata Challenge we have two people who have finished the 2015 Challenge already. Congratulation Richard Rogers and Terri Campbell for being the first to complete the 2015 Texas Miata Challenge.

Welcome our new members:

Gary and Donna Davis, 2010 Maroon, Corinth; Larry and Cecilia Taylor, 2012 True Red, Frisco; Paul and Diana Freeman, 2007 Blue, Terrell; Rick and Christy Carreno, 2003 Mica Red, Keller.

2016 Miata Have Arrived

If you have not been to a Mazda dealership recently you should stop in to see the 2016 Miata, it is really different. Nine members of the Bluebonnet Club received their Launch Edition of the 2016 Miatas. Classic Mazda has one on display that is already sold, but if you are interested the inside word is Classic has one coming in that is not spoken for yet. If you are interested you will need to move quickly as I am sure someone will put money down on it soon.

Miatas Challenges to Musicals

We had a good ride with a great group, Doug & Yvonne Dodgen, David & Mary Wharton, Mark & Sue Christman, Julia Kuhn, and Ruth & I, on our trip to Turkey, Amarillo, Littlefield, and Lubbock. The temperature was hot, but when you go down into the canyon of Palo Duro State Park, for the Musical Texas, the temperature seems to be about 15° degrees cooler. Doug & Yvonne did a great job planning the trip. Yvonne found a small family owned hamburger joint to eat at on the way up to Amarillo. It pays to have your iPad when traveling. In addition to enjoying a great hamburger, we found out that placing a penny on the table keeps the flies away. I guess you learn something new every day.

We got our picture in Turkey of Bob Wills & the Playboys' bus and headed off to Caprock Canyon State Park. This was a great side tour with great scenery. Caprock Canyon has one of the last remnants of pure Southern Plains bison that once numbered in the millions. We were fortunate enough to have one walk across the parking lot near us and another cross the road in front of us. From here we headed to Amarillo to check in the motel before going to the musical "Texas."

The temperature in the canyon was really comfortable with the sun going down behind the canyon wall. I may not be much for going to musicals or shows but "Texas," being performed in the canyon on an outdoor stage with the canyon as the back drop, impresses me.

In the morning we waited for Julia to drive in from Oregon with her new car. She then got to break it in on the back roads of Texas going with us to Littlefield and Lubbock. There is not much to see between Amarillo and Littlefield unless you are an old farm boy or girl like Ruth and I. The land is flat with several corn fields, feedlots, and dairy farms along the way. As they say in Wisconsin, smell that "dairyaire." Some farmers in Wisconsin say it is the smell of money.

From Littlefield to Lubbock is only about an hour's drive. We found Buddy Holly's museum and took our pictures. Unfortunately the museum is not open on Sundays. By now it was time to eat again so Julia and Yvonne found another place to eat before heading home to Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Red Caboose Winery

Richard and Terri mapped a great ride to The Red Caboose in Clifton. They had a table laid out for us and almost immediately took our orders for lunch prior to getting into the wine tasting. After tasting wines and eating we proceeded to the winery in Meridian for a tour. The owners consider themselves farmers 10 months of the year and winemakers 2 months of the year.

The Red Caboose is a green winery that gets electricity from solar panels and cooling from wells. Water is circulated deep into the ground and then brought up to cool the tanks and facilities. Another interesting fact about the Red Caboose Winery is they have a local artist create the labels for their wine bottles. Just take a look at the labels, they are unique and creative.

Upcoming Events

I know Doug & Yvonne are working on some additional rides, but if you have something in mind please do not be afraid to ask for help in organizing it. Doug, Richard, and I are more than willing to help. We will be glad to help lay out a route and go with you on practice rides to the destination. The more people we have involved the more different ideas we get and the more fun destinations we find. There is no right and wrong on this, as I stated earlier "It is all about the ride" and finding new places to go to and things to do. (Editor's note: If your drive is to a faraway destination, don't worry about practice runs. Just plan it out and we'll go with the flow.)

Car Show - August 8th

Do not forget to polish up your car so you have it ready for the Cracker Barrel Car Show with the Mustang Club. The show is at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, 889 South Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville, TX 75067-5351.

Head for the Mountains with the Bluebonnet Club - Labor Day Weekend September 4th-7th

Rooms are at the Magnuson Hotel and Suites, 1021 S. White Sands Blvd, Alamogordo NM, 88310, for Sept. 4th, 5th and 6th. Price is \$60.00 +tax per night for a double (2 queens) or a king. Alamogordo is only a short scenic 25 mountain climbing miles from Cloudcroft! If you are going on Thursday, we will be staying at the Hampton Inn on Thursday night. Our rate there is \$104.00. A banquet dinner will be held at the end but you need to RSVP with George Lucas soon. George is also ordering shirts. Mens and womens styles are available.

State Fair - October 4th

Did you clean your car for the car show? If so, then you just need to brush it off for the Texas State Fair. Come enjoy a relaxing day at the Texas State Fair with other member of the Lone Star Miata Club. Richard will have signup sheets at the next meeting and he will be collecting the \$5 insurance fee for each car.

Eureka Springs - October 29, 30, & 31

No signup is planned, but we will put out an Evite to get a guess at how many will be attending. We are meeting at the Hampton Inn in McAlester OK on Thursday night Oct. 29th. On Friday morning, Oct. 30th we will drive the Talimena Trail to Arkansas, up to Fort Smith, then east on I-40 to US23 through the Pigs Trail and on to Eureka Springs, AR. On Friday, Oct 30th, and Saturday, Oct. 31st, we will be staying at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks. On Saturday we will have a joint ride with the NW Arkansas Club to the Little Golden Gate Bridge and the Arkansas Grand Canyon.

Motel Information is below. Ask for the Lone Star Miata Club/Bruce Gibson Block of Rooms. We have a block of 20 rooms at each motel.

Hampton Inn, 711 S. George Nigh Expy, McAlester, OK, (918) 302-3882, \$82 plus tax.

Best Western Inn of the Ozarks 207 W Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72636, (479) 253-9768, \$109 plus Tax

From the list above we should have a full fall schedule with more rides to be defined. Hope you all can come out.

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday August 27, 2015 at the Black Walnut Café, 775 N Denton Tap Road, Coppell, TX 75019, (972) 459-9790.

If you have not been to a Black Walnut Café you will be pleased. When you arrive you go to the counter and order and pay for your meal, similar to what you would do at Fuddruckers or Panera. The difference is you have a lot bigger menu to order from. They have sandwiches, full meal, and appetizers. The meals vary from pasta, chicken, pot roast, steaks, and etc. Check out their menu and location at:

<http://www.blackwalnutcafe.com/locations/dallas-locations/coppell/> Note we are moving the time back 30 minutes to give our members a little more time to get there during rush hour traffic, but come early for dinner if you can.

Miata Meeting Notes

July mtg at Vintage Grill and Car Museum in Weatherford

Old business:

- Ann Anderson is still waiting for her new 2016 ND launch edition.
- Richard and Terrie led a drive to Red Caboose Winery in Meridian and Clifton on July 18. The winery staff was set up for the group and treated them well. The group also got a tour of the winery from the winemaker. They learned that winemaking is mostly farming. Everything at that winery is ecofriendly, with solar panels and recycled water.
- John Nagely led a group in the West Cliff July 4 parade in Fort Worth. It was the 5th annual time. After the parade they took a drive through Fort Worth and had lunch together.
- Doug and Yvonne led a group to Amarillo and Lubbock on July 11 to get some of the Texas challenge locations.

New business:

- There will be a weekend trip to the coast to do more challenge locations. Watch for information.
- Cracker Barrel car show hosted by the North Texas Mustang Club is coming up on Aug. 8. Lone Star is the invited club for the month. We have won prizes in multiple categories in the past. Judging is by participants in the show. Registration starts at 4 pm.
- Labor Day weekend is the Bluebonnet Club's Head for the Mountains trip. Richard Rogers is staying in Lubbock on the way and has plans to visit McPherson Winery. Contact him if you want to join his group for the trip to New Mexico.
- State Fair day on Oct. 4. Join us in the corral. We can bring in anything we want. See Richard Rogers for more details. He will have sign up sheets at the next meetings in August and September. Cost will be \$5 per car to cover insurance.
- Bruce is leading a trip to Eureka Springs AR on Halloween weekend. They are staying in McAlister OK on Thursday. The Northwest Arkansas Club will be leading us on a run on Saturday.
- Janine is looking to step down from being an officer, after many years of service. Mary Wharton will be taking over as treasurer next month. Doug Dodgen will take over membership/registration. Elections are coming up in November, so think about nominations or volunteering.

Door prizes: Mary Wharton, Marsha Goodge, new member Christy Carreno, Bill White, Mike McGrew, new member Larry Taylor, David Goodge, Richard Rogers, Ruth Gibson, Vicki Heernans, Ann Richardson
50/50: Betty Banfield

New members: Rick and Christy Carreno, 2003 Mica Red "Rosy"; Paul and Diana Freeman 2007 Blue; Larry and Cecilia Taylor, 2012 True Red, joining us from the Bluebonnet Club

Birthdays: Russ Brown, Richard Anderson, Don Moody, Sean Bryan, Tom Walker, Stan Beckham, Charlie Hoffman, Lorraine Moody, Tildon Peacock

Anniversaries: Mary and David Whartons, Sean and Karen Bryan, Mark and Sue Christman; and we celebrate the recent marriage of Robert Savage and Kathy Livigni.

Fourth of July Parade

John Nagely led a ride after the July 4th Parade in Ft. Worth. After winding around TCU and Forth Worth we went to Joe T Garcia's for lunch. We had over 10 cars and about 20 members show up for the parade. Yvonne was so kind as to take pictures and post them on Facebook. Thanks John for putting this together.





Saturday morning July 18, 2015 was clear and sunny. It was hot, but not too hot. Seven Miatas met at the QT Station in Alvarado for a drive to the Red Caboose Tasting Room and Deli in Clifton Texas, and then on to the Winery in Meridian. This meant enjoying the back roads around the Lake Whitney area. Even with the top down, as long as we were going over 60, the wind kept us cool enough.

We left the QT Station about 10:30 am and headed west on Hwy 67. We quickly turned left onto County Road 810, an interesting narrow road with no center stripe. Then it was a turn onto FM 3136 heading toward Cleburne. After a turn and short drive on FM4, we turned onto FM 3135. Interesting that there was no sign for the road before the turn. We made a turn onto TX-171 and drove into Osceola where we headed west on FM 934. Here we had roller coaster hills and a sharp turn rated at 20 mph. We finally headed south on FM 933 to the town of Whitney. After Whitney, we headed west on TX-22 where we had a quick pit stop at the Valero station. We kept on TX-22 across the Lake Whitney Dam and headed southwest on FM 219 to Clifton. We went through Clifton to get to the Red Caboose Winery Tasting Room and Deli.

Even though the main Red Caboose vineyards are north of Clifton outside of Meridian, there were some good sized grape vines growing around the Deli. The vines were green, and the grapes looked like they were getting ready for picking. After some pictures, we made it inside to pleasant coolness. And a long solid wood table set with wine glasses, menus, and wine tasting lists. What a glad warm welcoming feeling. The Deli staff of Genette, Charlotte, and Elaine set about getting us seated and taking our lunch orders. Then Elaine was explaining the wine and pouring samples. Meanwhile Charlotte was making our lunches. When the food arrived, we had some wonderfully different wines to taste with the meal. Terrie and I bought a bottle of their Texas Malbec which had just been released that week. It is a good solid red wine from the signature grape of Argentina that we enjoyed with our soup and sandwich after the tastings. The deli also has a gift shop where some of us were able to find some good purchases.

We were relaxed and comfortable as we left the deli and drove into Clifton to visit a popular antique shop, the Bosque County Emporium. This is one of the best antique shops I have seen, being very clean and well laid out. And it has the old fashioned country flair.

We then headed north on FM 1991 toward Meridian and the Red Caboose Winery and Vineyards. FM 1991 is a fun curvy road, and by now, we had our tops up and the A/C on. At the vineyards, we saw many rows of established grape vines and some new vines only a year old. The vineyards are 18 acres and growing. We finally made it to the winery, where the winemaker himself, Evan McKibben, gave us a very informative guided tour. Evan is very personable and has been making wine there for about 9 years. Even though they are still young, they will be making about 6,000 cases of wine this year. After years of bottling by a hand assembly line, he talked about their recent purchase of an automatic bottling machine which would help them in their expansion. We saw the huge stainless steel tanks where the grape juice is fermented and the oak barrels where it is aged. The barrel aging room is quite cramped, and we could see where they are adding on to make more room for the complete winery. Not only is it a winery, but also a venue for weddings and parties. The back patio cools down in the evenings, where they have live bands. The patio looks out over the vineyards, and is quite relaxing.

All in all, it was a pleasant drive with our Club being welcomed at both the tasting room and deli in Clifton, and the winery in Meridian. Those joining us on the drive were; Richard and Terrie, Doug and Yvonne, David and Marcia, Bruce and Ruth, Betty and Howard, John and Lois, and Bob and Kathy.





July meeting/drive from Texas Motor Speedway to Vintage Grill



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 _____

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Events & Items of Interest

Out of state rallies

- August 7-9

<http://ottawamiata.net/C2M2-2015/>

Canada's Capital Miata Meet, \$150 due before March 31, 2015

- Sept. 14-18

<http://www.miatasplaymusiccity.com/home.html>

Nashville, TN

Upcoming plans – Save these dates

8/08	Cracker Barrel Car Show
9/03-05	New Mexico drive (Head for the Mountains) with the Bluebonnet Club
10/04	State Fair
10/29-31	Eureka Springs drive
11/08	Dallas Marathon Drive

Richard Rogers

Miata Challenge runs

Julia is planning a Miatas at the Coast trip for Labor Day weekend. If you aren't going with the Bluebonnets, consider coming with us. We'll hit the challenge sites in Corpus Christi, Lockhart, San Benito, and Port Arthur. Watch for an Evite.

We're also taking a trip to Turkey and Ozona on Aug. 15-16. If you haven't hit those sites and want to tag along, please contact Julia directly. There will NOT be an Evite for this trip.



Car Show



Old Country Store
Directions: 35E @ Fox Avenue Exit
889 South Stemmons Freeway
West Side Frontage Road
Lewisville, TX.
Phone: (972) 436-6813

Second Saturday Cruise Nights at Cracker Barrel

**Hosted by North Texas Mustang Club
April through November**

2015 Show Dates

April 11th

May 9th

June 13th

August 8th

September 12th (Registration starts @3:00pm)

October 10th (Registration starts @ 3:00pm)

November 14th (Registration starts @2:30pm)

No show in July

Show Classes:
Visiting Club
Muscle Car/ Pro Street
Truck—Stock
Truck—Custom
'50's & Older Car
'60's Car
'70's Car
'80's/ '90's Car
'00 & Newer Car
Convertible
General Motors

Mopar

Open

Mustang Classic '64 -'78

Mustang Fox/Gen 4 '79 - '04

Mustang '05 - '09

Mustang Late Model '10 - Newer

Specialty Mustang:

(SVT, ROUSH, SALEEN,
SHELBY)

Under Construction

19 Classes for Cars and Trucks

Cracker Barrel Manager's Choice award

Guest Club Participation Award

All Cars, Trucks, and Clubs Welcome

**Entry Fee Only \$15.00
(Spectators are Free)**

Participant Judging! Awards for all Classes!

Dash Plaques for the first 50 Registered!

Door Prizes. 50/50 Raffle, Great Food.

Music and Lots of Fun!!!

Bring the Family

Registration: 4:00 to 6:00 PM Awards: 7:30PM

Visit our Website at www.ntmc.org

NTMC Hotline (817) 595-6900



Louisburg Cider Mill & Country Store
14730 K68 Highway,
Louisburg KS 66053-8223

Aug. 22 – We will have an all day run to Louisburg Cider Mill in Louisburg, KS. They use a 2,000 year old cider & rootbeer making method! YUMM! We will leave from Cracker Barrel in Springfield at 9:00 a.m., first stop at the truck stop in Collins, MO, at 10:00 a.m. where we will meet up with Lonnie & Janice; then on to Paola, KS, where we have lunch reservations at The BBQ Shack, 1613 E Peoria St, Paola, KS 66071 (913) 294-5908. This place was featured on Diners, Drive-ins and Dives with Guy Fieri! We are excited to check them out.

It will be about an hour's drive to Collins; then another 2 hours to the restaurant. The cider mill is nearby.





Head for the Mountains

Good news! I have secured rooms in Alamogordo, only a short scenic 25 mountain climbing miles from Cloudcroft! While rooms are really high (literally) in Cloudcroft and Ruidoso during the "high season", things are different in Alamogordo. There are also many attractions there and as I said, we'll be driving up to the mountains and through the Mescalero Indian reservations on most of our runs while there!

The weather in Alamogordo can be quite warm, but I can assure you, when you get up into those mountains, the temps fall fast!

I've blocked off 30 rooms at the Magnuson Hotel and Suites, 1021 S. White Sands Blvd, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 88310 for September 4th, 5th and 6th. Price is \$60.00 +tax per night for a double (2 Queens) or a King. If you want a suite, the price is \$99.00 +tax.

Call for reservations using "Head for the Mountains" as the event name and ask for **Brittany**. Their direct number is **(575) 437-2110**. Call now and reserve your room! Rooms will go fast because this year we'll be joined by members of the Lone Star Club (DFW Metroplex), Tejas Club (Austin) and possibly the clubs in New Mexico, Oklahoma and even California!

Thanks to Judi Privett, we already have a logo pictured below and will be on our t-shirts. Barring any price raises, I plan on the shirts being the same price as last year, \$16.50 each or 2 for \$30.00. Let me know if and when you want to place your order.

I hope you all join in and ***Head for the Mountains*** with us!

George Lucas, Bluebonnet Miata Club

Passport to

TEXAS

SEPT. 25
TO OCT. 18
FAIR PARK • DALLAS



Hey All,

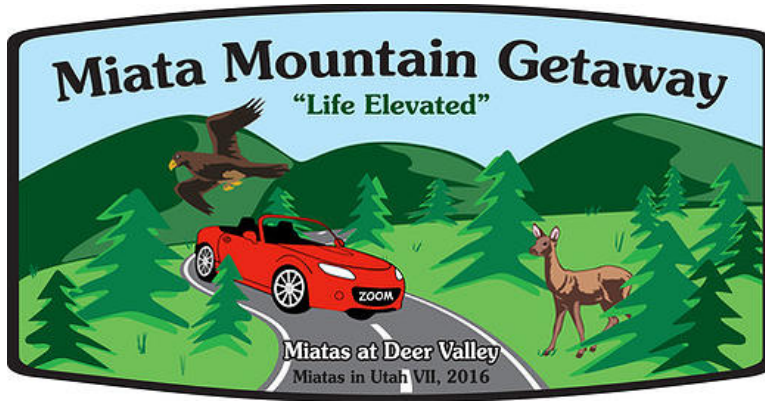
Just got the email from Kelly that we DO have our second Sunday for the State Fair. The theme this year is "Passport To Texas"

I assume we will be in the front corral. The Corvette Legends of Texas will be in the other Corral.

YES, Sunday, October 4, (second Sunday).

We have not received the documents yet, but I'm sure we will have to buy insurance, so we will be asking attendees for \$5.00.

Richard Rogers



Miatas at Deer Valley, 2016 June 22-25, 2016 by Mike Bailey
MIATAS MOUNTAIN GETAWAY 2016 - LIFE ELEVATED

We are calling our event the "Miata Mountain Getaway" with "Life Elevated" as a Slogan which is a play on a Utah Slogan that has been around since Utah hosted the Winter Olympics. This will be the Utah Miata Club's first major event in Northern Utah. Many of you have been to our 5 Miatas in Moab events since 2003 in Southern Utah and our last event in 1214 at Bryce Canyon, also in Southern Utah. Northern Utah has a lot of scenic roads and interesting attractions. We will take and guide you on many of them to experience these fabulous roads yourself. We anticipate this to be one of the Premier Miata Events anywhere in the country in 2016, at a Premier Event Location so be sure to plan to come!

The dates for our Miatas in Utah VII event will start on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, thru Saturday, June 25, 4 nights, checking out Sunday the 26th. Registration Fee is \$125.00 per person from now until Dec. 31, 2015. Rate increases to \$145.00 per person on Jan. 1, 2016. Be sure to Register NOW for discounted rate and then book your room. Be sure to mention "Miatas at Deer Valley" event when booking rooms.

We have two major Resort Hotel properties in Deer Valley for accommodations and activities for this event. Our Host Hotel Venue Resort; The Chateaux, Deer Valley is located at the top of Deer Valley Mountain next to Stein Eriksen Lodge, a sister property with the same owners. These resorts are 4 Star and 5 Star properties respectively. The Lodges of Deer Valley is our other Resort Hotel property for accommodations. The Lodges are located further down the Deer Valley Mountain at the base of Snow Park. The ambience of this resort property is the same as it is at The Chateaux. Both properties feature fine dining restaurants, swimming pool & hot tubs, and other deluxe amenities including a small store at The Lodges. The rooms for accommodations will feature lodging options of Hotel Rooms, Studios (unlike what your opinion or experience of a "Studio" room may be). One-Bedroom Suites as well as Two and Three or Four Bedrooms Suites which can be combined to allow more couples to "share" rooms or suites next to each other, that come complete with full size gourmet kitchens, dining room and living rooms with big screen TV's and full bathrooms. We will have links on our website to the hotels for booking and reserving your rooms as well as registering for the event. The Chateaux: Phone 877-288-2978. The Lodges at Deer Valley: Phone 800-424-3337.

Keep posted each month for updates on Miatas in Utah VII, Miatas at Deer Valley on our club website: www.utahmiataclub.com. We also have an active presence on the Miata.net Forum on events for the Southwest Region for this event. We have a "Miatas in Utah Facebook" page which is dedicated to this event.

See you in Northern Utah in June 2016 Zoom – Zoom

This information and links to registration are available at <http://www.utahmiataclub.org/#!mountain getaway/cwrq>.





You are invited to join the 2015 rally season. The schedule looks like this:

09/12/2015	Rally 4, Clear Blue Sky Rally
10/03/2015	Rally 5, Children's Book Run
10/24/2015	Rally 6, Great Pumpkin Rally
12/05/2015	Rally 7, Tour to the Tombstones

One of our committee has volunteered to do a Winter Rally early in 2016, so our season will start a little earlier next year.

The Texas Region rally committee wants to thank you all for your support, whether it was just one event around the turn of this century, or several just last year. In 2013 the Texas Region SCCA Regional Rally Program was declared the "Best Rally Program" in the entire club, and just last year, statistics showed we were the largest SCCA rally program in the country. We couldn't have done that without you!

Sasha Lanz
DFW SCCA



CLEAR BLUE SKY: PRIME TIME

AN SCCA NATIONAL GTA ROAD RALLY

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Clear Blue Sky refers to our hope for a beautiful day for a drive in the country. You will start in Decatur, take about a 135-mile drive on the beautiful paved roads of Wise County, many in the LBJ National Grasslands, and return to Decatur. **Prime Time** refers to the type of questions we will ask you about the Numbers identifying the roads that you encounter as you drive. We may ask which road numbers are prime numbers or which are evenly divisible by a specified prime number. A calculator is recommended. We will provide a list of Prime Numbers. To keep you on your toes, we will present you with some opportunities to take scenic off course loops. In this case we may ask you what road(s) you travelled on, if you saw a specified road, or in which direction you turned. We will score you on how well you answer questions and follow the proper course.

Presenting a **National** road rally means that top cars get double points in the race for the National GTA Rally championship. Attention local entrants: few cities offer as many rallies as we do, so you have a good chance to win a national trophy. Two members of our rally committee have done so in years past.

- Registration will be at La Quinta Inn & Suites at 1405 South Hwy 287, Decatur, TX 76234, (940) 627-9603. Ask for “Sports Car Club of America rally” for the group rate. Registration will be open from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Friday in the hotel meeting room, and will reopen Saturday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. First car out will be at 10:01 am, with others at 1 minute intervals.
- We will finish at Catfish O’Harlie’s restaurant on US287 in Decatur, in their banquet room.
- Any four-wheel, street legal vehicle with two people who are old enough to read is eligible to enter. Cars built before 1945 may get a little extra time to complete the course.
- Entry fee: \$25.00. SCCA members get a \$5.00 discount. Preregistration is at MotorsportReg.com, and is highly recommended. The shortcut is msreg.com/CBS15msr. Online registration closes at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 10. Those who register on September 11 or 12 will pay a \$5.00 late fee.
- We will email the event rules to all who preregister, starting the two weeks prior to the rally.
- The image at the top of this screen is from the original Clear Blue Sky Rally, which ended at a vintage aircraft facility. There are no connections to aircraft this year.

This will be the third event in the 2015 Texas Region SCCA Championship Road Rally Series.

For more information on the Road Rally Series, visit www.texascca.org/rallytime

This rally is sanctioned as a National GTA Rally by SCCA, and is a part of the National SCCA Road Rally Championship. Sanction Number 2015-NG-41-03.

Registration ends in 11 days on August 12, 2015 11:59 PM CDT

SUMMER SIZZLER

PRESENTED BY THE HOUSTON REGION SCCA
AUGUST 14-16, 2015 AT MSR HOUSTON

Join the Houston Region SCCA for the Summer Sizzler at MSR Houston. The action-packed event features a Friday and Saturday PDX and Club Races on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday night, stay for the Cooldown in the Clubhouse featuring ice cream, finger foods, beer, and good times.

If you have questions regarding the Club Races, please contact Sydney Davis at 713-628-8337. If you have questions regarding the PDX, please contact Kent Carter at 832-541-8538.

Entry and supps are coming soon.

Event Costs:

Divisional Saturday or Sunday Only- \$235

Divisional Saturday & Sunday- \$410

Second Entry per race day- \$125 (A second entry is defined as another entry on the same day for the same driver, but different class. For example, HP & FF)

PDX Friday (6 sessions)- \$150

PDX Saturday (3 sessions)- \$75

PDX Friday & Saturday: \$200

SCCA Temporary Weekend Membership*- \$15

*PDX participants are required to be SCCA members, for at least the weekend.



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.



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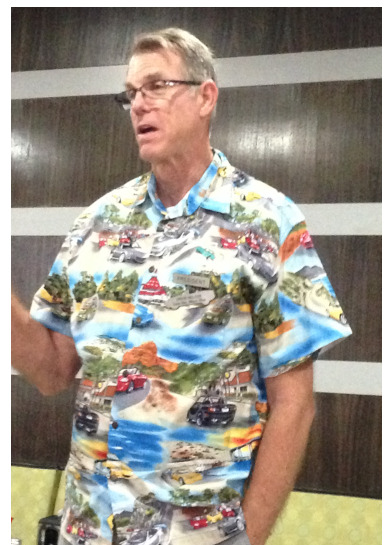


Tim Moran just had new 225/45-17 tires mounted on 2014 Miata wheels. He has 4 stock 2012 Miata NC wheels.

One of them barked a curb and is VERY slightly out of true. It generates a slight steering wheel "shimmy" when on the front, but is OK on the back. The other 3 wheels are OK. All of the wheels are in wheel boxes with the lug nuts.

I'd like to see if anybody needs any of these or know anybody who does? I don't need or want 'em. They might make a good wheel for a spare tire. I HATE to just throw them away. Contact Tim at timoran@verizon.net.

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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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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