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Facebook: Lone Star Miata Group

January meeting

Thursday, Jan. 11
Spring Creek Barbecue
315 State Highway 114W
Grapevine TX 76051-4084
(817) 416-6250

SPRING CREEK
BARBEQUE

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be the second Thursday of each month

Don't forget, members can look up contact information for other LSMC members on the internetcarclubs.com website. Click on the "Club Members Only" button to get to the directory.

Lone Star Miata Club Officers for 2018

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From the President...

This has been a successful year for the Lone Star Miata Club. Check out the Year in Review. Our membership has grown, we have been able to donate to charities, and have had a lot of fun driving our cars. Bruce Gibson has provided great leadership to the club over the past few years, and I am a little nervous in trying to fill those shoes as the new club President in the upcoming year. I am asking for patience until I can get the feel of leading the meetings and working on further growing the club and figuring out how to best provide the membership with a phenomenal experience. Everyone I have met in the club has been extremely supportive.

I am not planning much in the way of changes, but I will be changing the venue of the monthly meetings beginning in January 2018. Although Fuddruckers has served us well, we are outgrowing that space. I have selected Spring Creek Barbecue at 315 State Hwy 114W in Grapevine, approximately 4.5 miles south of Fuddruckers. The meetings will continue to occur the second Thursday of each month and begin at 6:30 PM. There will be additional communication on this change prior to the next meeting on January 11th.

Planning has begun for the 2018 Texas Miata Challenge in October of next year. Bruce Gibson has agreed to be the event Chairman. Several committees have been identified that will be responsible for determining and arranging various segments of the event. Volunteers will be needed to lead or participate on the committees, so if you would like to be involved please let me, Bruce or one of the officers know. We will provide additional information in the January meeting.

We had a fun day running to the Louisiana border early this month while taking in two 2018 Challenge spots. The first stop was at the Pink Pistol in Lindale, and the second was the last remaining Texas International Border Marker on Hwy 31 at the Louisiana border. We crossed the border and had a fantastic late lunch at Big Jake's Place in Logansport LA. We had 10 cars with 18 riders.



Finally, Betty and I want to wish each of you and your family the best for this holiday season. When we think back through the year, all of the good and bad, we all have a lot to be thankful for. May God bless you and have a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Howard Banfield, 2018 President LSMC

In case you missed it — meeting notes

No meeting in December 2017, but we had a great party at Sandy Lewis' home. See you in 2018!

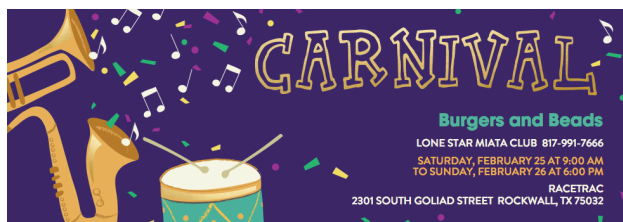


Many thanks to Bruce Gibson for his years as president, presented by incoming president Howard Banfield at the November meeting.



LSMC Year in Review — December 2016





LSMC Year in Review — February 2017

LSMC Year in Review — March 2017



HOST:
Lone Star Miata Club 817-797-5915

Berry-picking Run

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 AT 9:00 AM

7-Eleven
3250 North Goliad Street
Rockwall, TX 75087

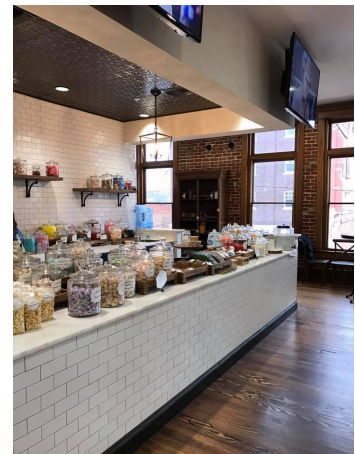
As it turned out, all the berry-picking places were still closed for the winter, so we made a last-minute change to go to Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards in Pittsburg.



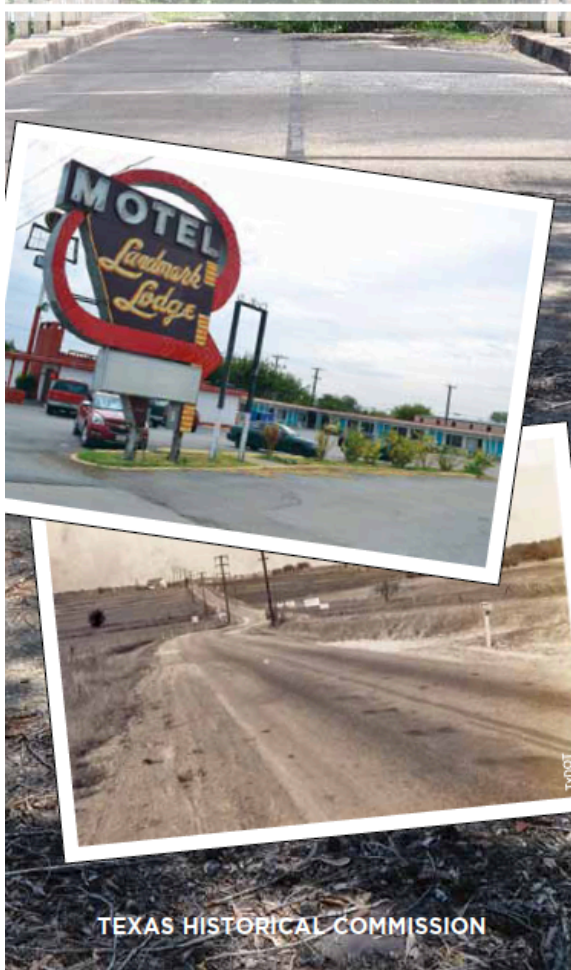
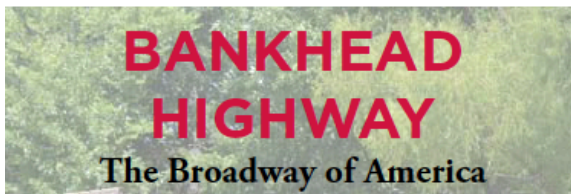
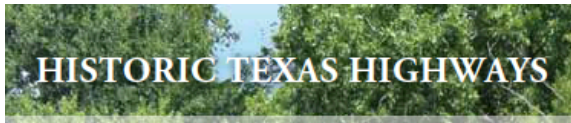
LSMC Year in Review — March 2017



The Mercantile as seen on the TV show Pioneer Woman was the destination for this trip.



LSMC Year in Review — April 2017



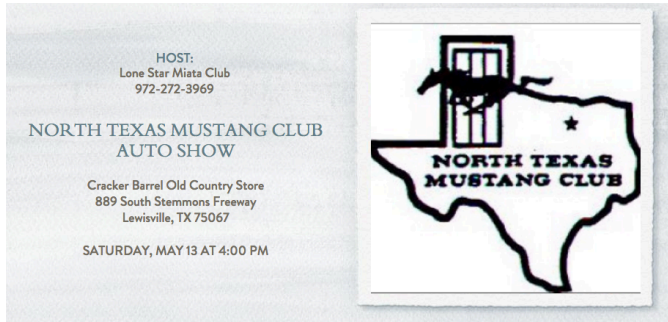
LSMC Year in Review — April 2017



LSMC Year in Review — April 2017



LSMC Year in Review — May 2017



May 13, 2017 was a beautiful day for a car show, sunny and warm. We had eight Miatas at the Cracker Barrel in Lewisville for their monthly car show sponsored by the North Texas Mustang Club. Car owners were Bruce Gibson, Richard Rogers, Terrie Campbell, Lisa Koen, Uwe Hale, Heather Graham, Lou Drescher (a former member), and Donnie (a friend of the Mustang Club). All were impressed by the beautiful showing of Miatas. All eight of us won awards, and Bruce got the Club award for our participation. Thanks to all for detailing their Miatas and bringing them to the Show.



LSMC Year in Review — May 2017



LSMC Year in Review — May 2017



LSMC Year in Review — June 2017



HOST:
Lone Star Miata Club 817-680-8922

7TH ANNUAL FUN RUN TO ANCIENT OVENS

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 AT 4:00 PM

Roanoke
Roanoke, TX



LSMC Year in Review — June 2017



LSMC Year in Review — July 2017



LSMC Year in Review — July 2017



Loose Wheels, Texas

4716 Poed Rd. • Denton, TX • 76201 • 903-464-589 • www.LooseWheels.com

HOST:
Lone Star Miata Club 940-367-3572

LOOSE WHEELS DRIVE

Rising Sun Cafe
3101 Unicorn Lake Boulevard
Denton, TX 76210

SATURDAY, JULY 1 AT 8:00 AM

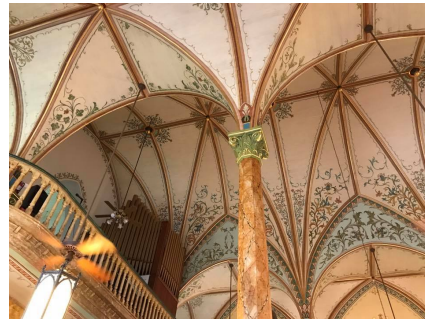
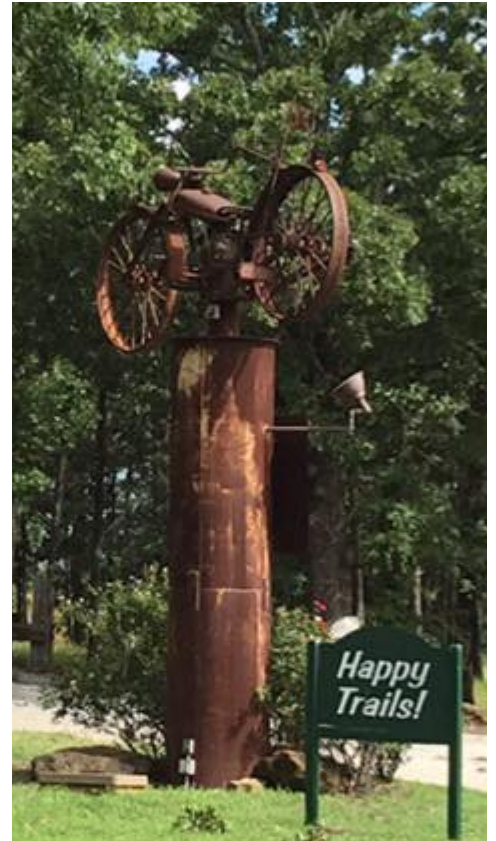


Painted Churches tour

Host:
Lone Star Miata Club
940-367-3572

When:
Saturday, July 15 at 12:00 PM
to Sunday, July 16 at 6:00 PM

Where:
Schulenburg Chamber-Commerce
818 North Main Street
Schulenburg, TX 78956



LSMC Year in Review — August 2017



GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE RUN

HOST:
Lane Star Miata Club
817-797-5915

WHERE:
Dallas
Dallas, TX

WHEN:
Saturday, August 19 at 9:00 AM
to Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 PM



LSMC Year in Review — September 2017



LSMC Year in Review — October 2017



Sunday, October 15 began cool and damp. But as the Miatas began arriving at the State Fair of Texas, the day got drier and warmer. We put up five pop-up canopies, and got chairs and picnic tables set up. It became one of the best days for our Miata display at the Classic Car Corral.

We had 41 Miatas for the display, consisting of our Lone Star Club cars and Miatas from guest owners that helped to fill up the corral. It was great having guests from Track Dog Racing, Metroplex Miatas, and others.

The morning began with Michigan cherry coffee and mimosas. There were doughnuts, apple fritters, quiches, fresh tiramisu cake from Mike Maglione, fruit kabobs from Yvonne Dodgen, a baked egg casserole from Mark Christman, kolaches, and more. What better way to enjoy our coffee than with a LSMC coffee mug? Of course we grazed on this wonderful food spread all day long. Then there was also the Fair food, the classic Fletchers Corny Dog, and new items like Deep Fried Fruit Loops and Fernie's Fried Texas Sheet Cake.

We got out of the corral often to enjoy the Fair itself, seeing the new cars, driving the new Chevys, and sampling the craft beers and Texas wine. But the best part was being with club members and our special guests from the larger Miata community in our own private display area for the day.

Richard Rogers



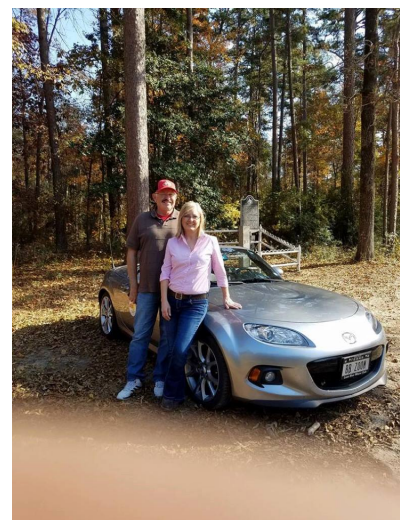
LSMC Year in Review — October 2017



LSMC Year in Review — November 2017



LSMC Year in Review — December 2017





2018 Texas Miata Challenge



Sponsored by the Lone Star Miata Club and Classic Mazda

Drive to each of the designated points in Texas.

Take a picture of you, your Miata, and the specified destination.

If both driver and co-pilot are participating, both can appear in the same picture or a picture of each person, your Miata, and the destination. Group pictures are also allowed as long the picture clearly shows all participants and all their cars.

Participants must make any 10 of the designated destinations.

Entries with the 10 destinations will receive a specially designed Pin & T-shirt.
Shirts and Pins will be presented Texas Miata Roundup or mailed after the Roundup.
Pictures can be submitted electronically, online, or prints that are no larger than 4"x6"
on photo quality paper.

Mail or turn entries in to Bruce Gibson by September 15, 2018, see address below

Sites are shown on Next Page

2018 Texas Miata Challenge Odd & Ends

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

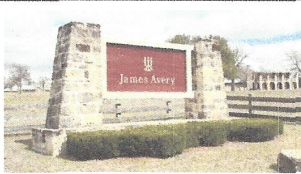
Questions:

Bruce Gibson
1020 Mesa Ct.
Shady Shores, TX 76208
(940) 367-3572
brucegibson5@gmail.com

Phone
Email:

2018 Texas Miata Challenge - Odds & Ends

Sponsored by the Lone Star Miata Club and Classic Mazda

No	Name of Location	Address	City/Town	Zip	Recommended
1	Last Remaining International Boundary for the Republic of Texas	17.3 Miles east of Galloway, TX on FM-31, at the Louisiana Border on Hwy 765	Galloway		
2	The Pink Pistol	100 E Hubbard Street	Lindale	75771	
3	Paisano Pete	Ediscenkson Blvd/N Main Street	Fort Stockton	79735	
4	James Avery	145 Avery Road	Kerrville	78028	
5	Medal of Honor Park	Honor Blvd	Gainesville	76240	
6	Walburg German Restaurant (Mercantile)	3777 FM 972	Walburg	78673	
7	The Big Tree	Goose Island State Park, 202 S. Palmetto Street	Rockport	78382	
8	Texas A&M Bonfire Memorial	Traditions Plaza	College Station	77843	
9	National/WASP WWII Museum	210 avenger Field Road	Sweetwater	79556	
10	Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown	Lamar University, 5550 Jimmy Simmons Blvd (formerly University Drive)	Beaumont	77705	

Events & Items of Interest

Don't forget the LSMC website

<http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx>

Doug Dodgen has been working on the website to make it the best place to check information about the club. He has added the yearly calendar so you can plan for upcoming rides. Keep in mind that dates are subject to change. Members can log in and modify their contact information as well as add a profile picture. If you have questions about editing your information, please contact Doug. The main page of the Lone Star Miata Club part of the website contains a link to our www.LSMiata.org Wordpress site where links to newsletters will continue to be published.

Check us out at <http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx>!

If you have not renewed your membership for 2018, please do so ASAP. You will be removed from the club roster and from Evites after March 30. Your dues go toward doorprizes, club insurance, and supplementing costs for annual events such as the Christmas party and picnic.

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. 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> and the new website at <http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx> to get all the latest information about us.

A note about Evites...

Evites go to one per car/couple so as to reduce confusion in responses. The person responding can change the number of attendees to an event, but having one Evite eliminates the need for both people in a couple to respond. ALL members should be getting emails generated by the website, and all members can access the Evites from the website events listing and, in most cases, from Facebook (members only events are not publicized on Facebook).

If you are not getting emails generated from the website, please see Doug Dodgen to verify your membership information. If you need help accessing Evites from the website, please contact Doug or Julia for instructions.

Evites always contain the phone number of the person leading the drive/event. If you have questions or are running late, please contact that person.



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 12 – 14, 2018

TEXAS MIATA ROUNDUP - 2018

**Hilton Garden Inn
Historic Granbury, TX**



Hosted by:



The Lone Star Miata Club of North Texas is thrilled to be hosting the 2018 Roundup. We have enthusiastic members ready to make this a great experience for everyone. **STAY TUNED.....**

Classifieds:



FOR SALE!



DON'T FORGET TO SEE OUR VICE PRESIDENT, RICHARD ROGERS, FOR 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. Bruce also has round magnets for sale.

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.





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.

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Time to renew your membership! Annual dues are \$30 for singles, \$39 for couples. After March 31, 2018, 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:

Doug Dodgen
Lone Star Miata Club

508 Chaffee Drive
Arlington TX 76006

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)

Landline: (____) _____ Driver Cell: (____) _____

Driver email:

Copilot email:

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

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

NEW MEMBER FORM

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

EMAIL ADDRESS #1: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS #2: _____

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

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

COLOR: _____ YEAR: _____

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 \$39 per year for couples, \$30 for singles . 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:

Doug Dodgen
Lone Star Miata Club

508 Chaffee Drive
Arlington TX 76006

For more information, please contact:
Doug Dodgen
Membership Chairman
817-475-7004
Membership@lsmiata.org

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