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Facebook: Lone Star Miata Group

**PLANNING MEETING!**  
January 23, 6:30 pm  
Fuddruckers Grapevine  
2001 N. Hwy 121  
Grapevine TX



**SPRING CREEK  
BARBEQUE**

**FEBRUARY MEETING**  
February 8, 6:30 pm  
Spring Creek Barbecue  
315 W. State Highway 114  
Grapevine TX 76051

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

## Lone Star Miata Club Officers for 2018

### President

Howard Banfield  
[President@LSMiata.org](mailto:President@LSMiata.org)

### Secretary

Julia Kuhn

### Membership

Doug Dodgen  
[Membership@LSMiata.org](mailto:Membership@LSMiata.org)

### Vice President

Richard Rogers  
[VP@LSMiata.org](mailto:VP@LSMiata.org)

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### Webmaster

Doug Dodgen

# *From the President...*

We had an above average turn-out for our first meeting of 2018. 41 people braved the cold windy weather to meet and have some great barbecue.

Next week we are having our planning meeting at Fuddruckers in Grapevine at 6:30 pm (January 23rd). We will plan the rides and events we would like to do for the year and select tentative dates. Some of the events we do every year will be repeated again this year, and with your creative juices flowing, we will come up with some new ones. In the past, there may have been some that we decided to do, but never got to them for some reason. We will try to avoid that as much as we can, but keep in mind that the dates we plan will be more tentative the further out we plan. Your ideas and suggestions are key to the fun we can have. Also, your good idea doesn't mean you have to do all the work. We can develop the event with you as the "consultant". Besides the events we normally plan for the year, there are over 20 open weekends just waiting for new ideas.

As you know, the flu season is here and at its peak with an unusual amount of cases in North Texas. If you know of anyone who is ill or under the weather for any reason, please let us know.

Coming up for January/February will be the Cowtown Marathon ride that will be led by John Nagely. The date for this run will be announced soon. Also Doug Dodgen will be leading a run on January 27th. Watch for more information on that event.

It looks like many of our members have been making it to the Texas Miata Challenge spots. Many of you are over half way done, already. Good job. If you haven't already, please upload your pics to the LSMC Internet Car Club site and complete the upload, or send them to Bruce Gibson. If you need help with the upload, please check with Doug. Also, if you are planning to head to a challenge spot, and would like some company, let us know. There may be a few that would like to go.

Our next meeting will be on the second Thursday of next month, February 8th at Spring Creek Barbecue located at 315 State Hwy 114W in Grapevine. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM.

Howard Banfield

# *From the President... club stats*

In going through all the club membership information, I thought it would be interesting to communicate a few statistics. A lot of information for many of the members was missing or incorrect, which speaks to the accuracy of the data. I encourage you to log in to the Internet Car Club LSMC site and update your information.

## Models, 58 cars

|       |    |     |
|-------|----|-----|
| NA    | 6  | 10% |
| NB    | 21 | 17% |
| NC    | 26 | 45% |
| ND/RF | 14 | 24% |

## Car Color (Note that a few records didn't include Car Color)

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Black  | 5  |
| Blue   | 6  |
| Gray   | 5  |
| Green  | 6  |
| Red    | 19 |
| Silver | 6  |
| White  | 8  |

Our membership is located 34 cities and 50 zip codes in North Texas

Average meeting attendance is 33

Over 70 new members were added in the last three (3) years with the highest number, 26, added in 2016.



Officers:  
Mary Wharton,  
Doug Dodgen,  
Bruce Gibson  
(past president  
and Roundup  
chair), Howard  
Banfield, Julia  
Kuhn, Richard  
Rogers

# In case you missed it – January meeting notes

Miata club meeting, Jan. 11, 2018, Spring Creek BBQ Grapevine

First meeting by Howard Banfield, new president. First meeting at Spring Creek, which will be our home for this year, pending any changes. We will generally meet the second Thursday of each month.

## Past events:

- Dec. 2: Run to the Border had 10 cars, 18 people. The trip went to the Pink Pistol and Texas border challenge spots.
- Dec. 9: Christmas party at Sandy Lewis' home.

## Upcoming events:

- Dues are due! \$39 for couples, \$30 for singles. Contact Doug Dodgen if you are unsure of your status.
- If you have an idea for a ride but aren't sure how to go about it, talk to Doug Dodgen or Howard Banfield. You don't have to plan alone!
- February: Fort Worth Marathon ride, led by John Nagely. Details TBA.
- April 13-15: NW Arkansas is discussing a joint ride with our club in April.
- Oct. 11-14: The 2018 Miata Roundup will be hosted by Lone Star. Bruce Gibson is roundup chair. The hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn in Granbury. The link is on our website. We will also have a block at the Holiday Inn, but it has not been booked yet. We have reserved Motor Sport Ranch in Cresson on Saturday, Oct. 13, and track day will be available for an additional charge. Details will be made available as plans are finalized. There is plenty of space on various committees to help out. Please contact Bruce to serve on a committee.
- October 2019: Road trip to Massachusetts.

Financial report: \$6500 in bank. Of that total, \$2000 are reserve funds; \$2500 is seed for roundup.

Birthdays: Heather Graham, Mark Christman, Doug Dodgen

Wedding anniversary: Craig and Janine Nelson

Door prizes: Craig Nelson, Julia Kuhn, James Chaney, Mark Christman, Betty Banfield, Carol Maglione

50/50: There was some question about the legality of the drawing. The treasurer determined that we could continue. 10 percent will go back to the club, as determined in the elections. This month \$132 collected, Joe Quisenberry winner.

## Old business:

- The planning calendar is on the website. Keep in mind dates and events are VERY FLUID and subject to change. Evites will contain finalized information when event leaders make it available to Julia Kuhn. Event information is also listed on the main page of the club website.
- Texas Miata Challenge. Locations are posted on the website and are listed in the newsletter each month. Richard Rogers has coffee mugs, tote bags, trading pins, and rectangular door magnets for sale. Bruce has round door magnets.
- Craig Woolheater has a Facebook page for NC owners.
- Several things will cause an RF battery to drain when the car is turned off. Don't forget to turn off the cruise control and unplug your phone.

Miata family: Howard Banfield had successful heart surgery.

Next monthly meeting will be at Spring Creek BBQ Grapevine on Feb. 8.

# Roundup update



We have a website! Check it out at <http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataRoundup2018.aspx>. Details will be posted there as they become available. Julia has also created a Facebook event, where we can post comments and photos.

Bruce Gibson will be seeking lots more help as the time approaches.

# Events & Items of Interest

## Don't forget the LSMC website

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

Doug Dodgen maintains our 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. You will no longer get a PDF directory of members. 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](http://www.LSMiata.org) blog 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 31. Dues are \$39 for couples who both want to join, and \$30 for singles. 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 print participant waivers from <http://lsmiata.org/events/>. It's a good idea to have maps with your phone number printed on them for a trip. Also be sure to bookmark the blog page <http://lsmiata.org> and the 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 event 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.



## 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

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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

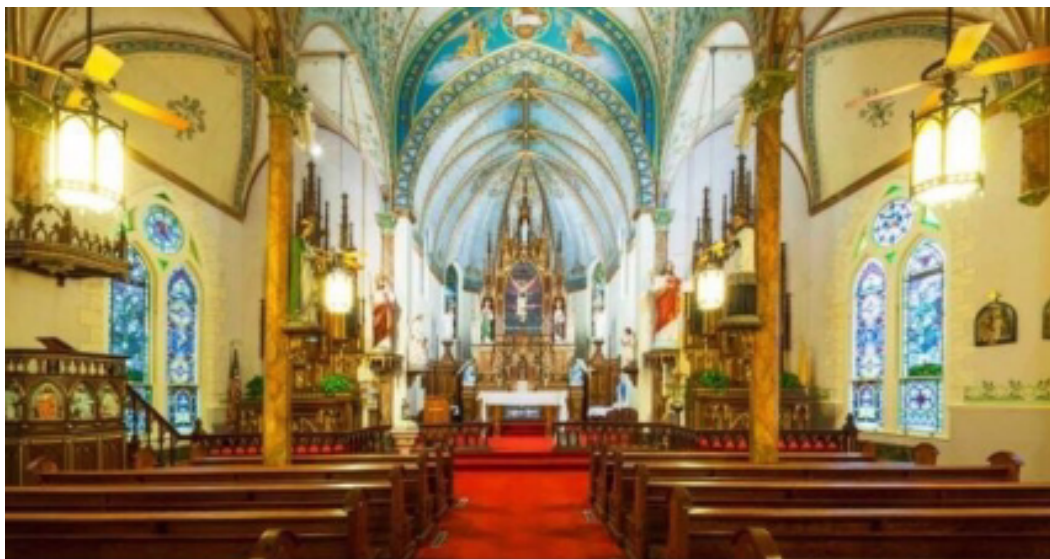
Sponsored by the Lone Star Miata Club and Classic Mazda

| No | Name of Location                                                | Address                                                                      | City/Town       | Zip   | Recommended                                                                         |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | East 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 Potal                                                  | 520 E Hubbard Street                                                         | Udall           | 75772 |    |
| 3  | Pelano Pete                                                     | Edickerson Blvd/N Main Street                                                | Fort Stockton   | 79735 |    |
| 4  | James Avery                                                     | 145 Avery Road                                                               | Kemville        | 78028 |    |
| 5  | Medal of Honor Park                                             | Honor Blvd                                                                   | Galveston       | 76340 |   |
| 6  | Walburg German Restaurant (Mercantile)                          | 1777 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)        | Baytown         | 77705 |  |

Doug Dodgen is planning a run for Jan. 27 to Tishomingo OK. He's working on the details. Hopefully Ole Red (Blake Sheldon's place).



John Nagely plans to again lead a ride along the Fort Worth Cowtown marathon route sometime in February.



**MAY**  
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# Painted Churches - A Tejas / Bluebonnet Adventure

James Felps · Event for Tejas Miata Club

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🕒 Saturday, May 5 at 7 AM

📍 Seguin, Texas  
Seguin, Texas 78155

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Don't have alot of info as of yet; basically joining up with the Bluebonnet Club out of San Antonio and cruising with them. Lunch at Black's BBQ!

Stay Tuned :)



## WHAT IS MIATAS AT THE GAP?

Simply put, MATG is THE longest running Miata gathering in the country. Located in the midst of some of the greatest driving roads in the country, we are one of the largest gatherings of Mazda Miatas and owners in the US.

### Who?

Attendees range from Miata newbie to 20+ year veteran and their vehicles from stock to Excocet/track rat and all forms in between. They come from all walks of life and some even come from other countries to attend each year. The cars were meant for these roads and the area doesn't disappoint.

### Why?

Miata, MX-5, Eunos Roadster, whatever you call it, the Mazda Miata is the most popular sports car ever made. With more than 1,000,000 built since 1989 and fans and enthusiasts the world over love to come together to enjoy great driving roads, make lasting friendships, and enjoy being a part of the greatest group of car enthusiasts around.

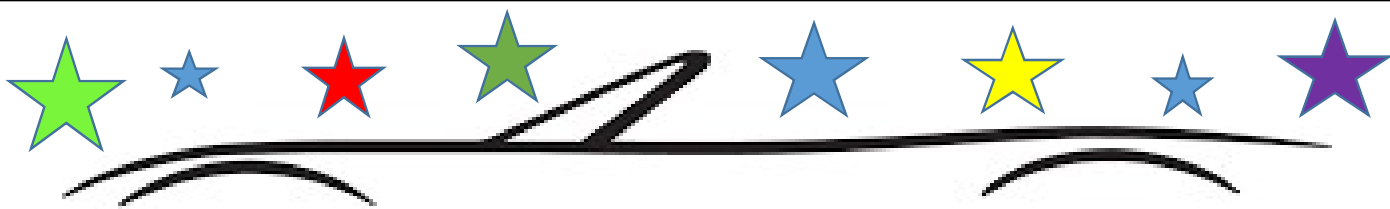
### Where?

Ground Zero for the event is the Fontana Village Resort (link, map) located in the middle of Miata driving paradise. The main attraction for the Miata enthusiast is the legendary Tail of the Dragon. Being in close proximity to other options like Wayah Road, the Cherohala Skyway, Moonshiner 28, Devil's Triangle TN, Six Gap in Georgia, and Diamondback 226A means endless hours and days of driving bliss.

### Other Details

We have vendors for all types of Miata upgrades, a tent with event t-shirts and commemorative dash plaques, a schedule of organized drives, and the infamous beer and wine swap on Saturday night. There is also a General Store nearby to keep you fed and hydrated for your driving adventures while providing a great meeting point.

Go to  
[Gapmiatas.com](http://Gapmiatas.com)  
for more  
information



# **SAVE THE DATE**

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**OCTOBER 12 – 14, 2018**

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## **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.*



## Embroidery

Embroidery is available at Panda Embroidery in Grapevine and at Embroidery Plus in Grapevine Mills mall. The club logo is on file at both stores, so you can take any item you would like to have embroidered.



## *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.

## 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**

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

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

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

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| DATE    | AMOUNT | CHECK  | CHK. TO | D-BASE  |
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