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Newsletter for the Lone Star Miata Club

LSMiata.org

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

Facebook: Lone Star Miata Club

May meeting

SPRING CREEK
BARBEQUE

TUESDAY!

May 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 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...

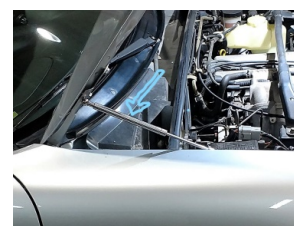
We had a good turnout for our meeting this month with over 35 people attending. Congratulations to Karen Bryan for winning the 50/50 (again).

We had a good run over to Possum Kingdom Lake (PKL). The weather was warm enough for a top-down run, and the rain threatened but held off for the entire day. We started in Rhome and headed west on secondary roads with plenty of curves and some high speeds. The Grill at the Harbor at PKL was ready for us when we arrived and, even with a limited menu for Sunday brunch, everyone had a good time with good food. The group agreed this could be a good lunch stop for a run during the 2018 Texas Miata Roundup. By the way, the current cover picture on the LSMC Facebook page was taken at the restaurant.



There are six (6) months remaining to complete the 2018 Texas Miata Challenge. I hope you are making good progress. When you plan to take off for some of the far-away challenge spots and would like some company, let people know. You might be surprised about how many others might want to tag along (maybe just for the ride). The best thing to do is send Julia information to create an Evite. Remember to get all the pictures taken of you and your car, and send them to Bruce Gibson at brucegibson5@gmail.com, or you can check in on the website and upload your pictures.

Track Dog Racing (TDR) had their annual swap meet on April 14 at their shop in Dallas. This year was a little different in that they did installation demos of a few items such as heat shields and hood lift assist kits. Owner Gary Shuman was nice enough to let me test drive his ND with the new Edelbrock E-Force Supercharger that was designed exclusively for the 2.0L Skyactiv engine (runs around \$5K). Driving it was a blast, and it took 30 minutes to get the grin off my face when I got back.



The weather is finally starting to get warmer. We are planning a few events over the next few weeks, so watch for the invitations.

Our next meeting will be on the second Tuesday (not Thursday), May 8 at Spring Creek Barbecue located at 315 State Hwy 114W in Grapevine. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Howard Banfield

In case you missed it – April meeting notes

MEETING AGENDA

4/12/2018

SPRING CREEK BARBECUE, 6:30 PM

Come to order - Howard

Recognize Visitors and New Members – Howard

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Old Business

- Dues are due – 111 members have joined or renewed. 73 cars.
- 3/18: Possum Kingdom Lake run, led by Howard Banfield.
- 3/17: St Patrick's Day meet at Shannon Brewery – Jack Haley
- Pop-Up Runs, Add them to the website as soon as possible, or send all info to Doug Dodgen

New Business

- 4/14: Track Dog Swap Meet, 9 am.
- 4/14: North Texas Mustang Club car show at Cracker Barrel in Lewisville. Registration starts at 4 pm.
- 4/22: Bluebonnet run to Ennis, led by Doug Dodgen.
- 4/28: Berry Run, led by Brian Knopp.
- 5/5: Club Picnic, Parr Park in Grapevine, 11-3. Meat will be provided. Bring a side or dessert to share.
- 5/10-13: Arkansas Run, led by Bruce Gibson. Make reservations now, Info is on website. First night in Idabel OK. Get there on your own. Drive on Friday to Mountainview, possible dinner w/ NWA. Rides planned for Saturday with NWA club, dinner Saturday.
- 5/12: SCCA Tulip Rally. Information on website. Contact Sasha Lanz at rally@texasscca.org
- 5/19: Steak Cook-Off in Hico, led by Mary Wharton. Buy tickets now.
- 5/8: May meeting at Spring Creek Barbecue, W Hwy 114 in Grapevine. This meeting was changed to Tuesday due to the Arkansas trip.
- 6/2: Blue Ostrich run, led by Richard Rogers. Will include a stop at the challenge site in Gainesville.
- Long-range possible runs: Trains, Planes and Automobiles; Stephenville Hard 8 Run; Loco Coyote Run; multi-day run to Kerrville with Tejas Club.

2018 Texas Miata Roundup

- Monthly Planning Meeting is Tuesday (4/17) at Doug Dodgen's home
- Committee Updates
- Miscellaneous Committee, David & Marsha Goodge
- Financial Committee, Mary Wharton
- Events and Scheduling Committee, Mark Christman & Gina Quisenberry
- Vendor's Committee, Bruce Gibson
- Registration Committee, Doug Dodgen
- Rides & Track Day Committee, Howard Banfield
- Banquet Committee, Mike Maglione

Web Page / APP Updates (if any), Doug Dodgen

Door Prizes: Carol Maglione, Stewart Teasley, Terrie Campbell, Janine Nelson, David Beene
50/50 Drawing: \$114 collected, \$46 to Karen Bryan

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 created a Facebook event, where we can post comments and photos.
- Howard plans to hold monthly planning meetings with committee members as the event approaches.
- Committee leaders are as follows: Miscellaneous, David and Marsha Goodge; Financial, Mary Wharton; Events and Scheduling, Mark Christman and Gina Quisenberry; Vendors, Bruce Gibson; Registration, Doug Dodgen; Rides and Track Day, Howard Banfield; Banquet, Mike Maglione.
- Emmett Murphy, owner of Mazda of Mesquite, spoke at the club meeting about his role as a coach for track day.
- Doug is working on the registration website. Mike will be talking to vendors in Granbury next week.

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 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 as 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

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Address _____

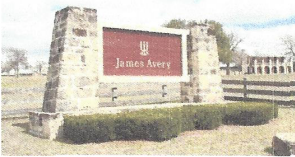
City _____ Zip _____

Questions:

Bruce Gibson
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(940) 367-3572
Phone
Email: brucegibson5@gmail.com

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 Gallaway, TX on FM-31, at the Louisiana Border on Hwy 765	Gallaway		
2	The Pink Pistol	100 E Hubbard Street	Lindale	75771	
3	Paisano Pete	Edickson 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	



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Pancake Meet: Ida Highway

Public · Hosted by Pancake Meet

Sunday, April 22 at 9:15 AM - 12 PM

CVS

2600 Sam Rayburn Hwy

Melissa TX 75454

Ok guys this is the big one! This month we are taking the cruise down to the infamous Ida Highway!

Beginning in Melissa, we will take the usual New Hope/Blue Ridge route before breaking at the scenic Westminster Downtown. From there we will make our way up north through Tom Bean before breaking once more at the Whitewright Exxon. The following strip consist of the tight corner packed Ida Highway through Whiterock before ending at Settlers park in Sherman.

For those unfamiliar with this cruise, the very exciting and fun 697 Road in Whiterock is compiled of over 20 corner to corner nonstop action. Beginners beware!

So get those cars ready as this is a lengthier cruise up north but worth every thrilling corner!

Meeting: CVS. 2600 Sam Rayburn Hwy, Melissa, TX 75454

1st Break: Big Slicks Bar. 106 W Houston St, Westminster, TX 75485

2nd Break: Exxon. 702 TX-11, Whitewright, TX 75491

Ending: Old Settlers Park, Sherman, TX 75090

Feel free to pm me (Adrian Zambrana) with any questions and see y'all there!
ALL MAZDAS WELCOMED!



HOST:
Lone Star Miata Club 817-797-5915

BERRY-PICKING RUN

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 AT 9:00 AM

7-Eleven
3250 North Goliad Street
Rockwall, TX 75087

We will meet at the 7-11 at Dalton Rd & N Goliad St in Rockwall. They have Exxon gas and snacks, so fuel for car and driver is available. Meeting time is 9 am - 30 minutes for socializing, paperwork and driver meeting has us pulling out at 9:30 am.

I recommend bringing a cooler and some cold-packs to bring your fresh produce home.

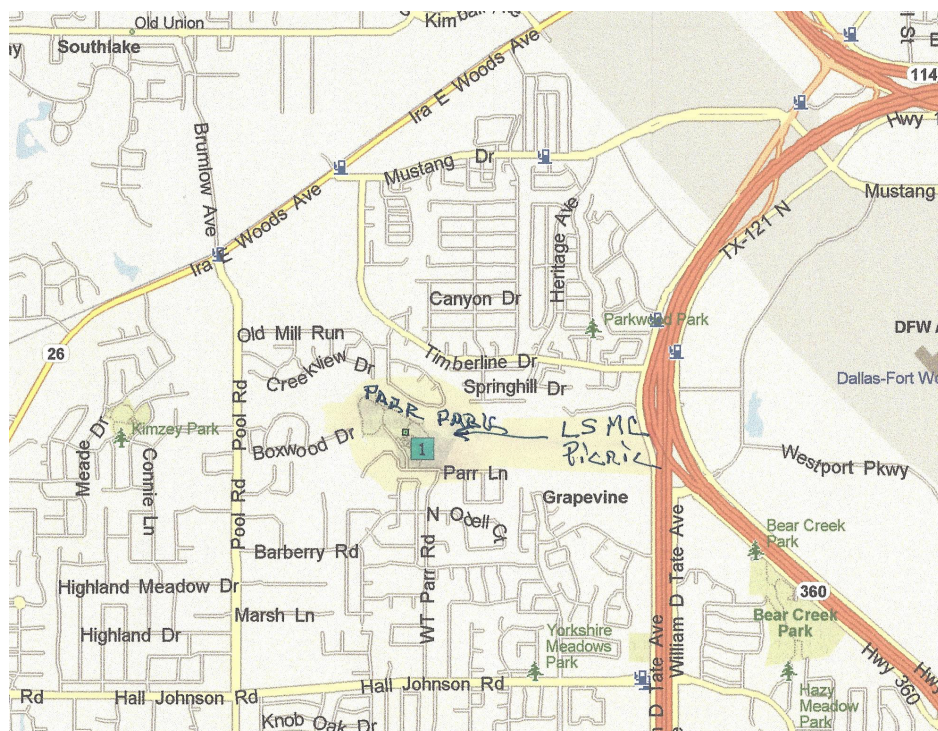
Brian Knopp



Join your Lone Star Miata Club at Parr Park Pavilion for the third annual club picnic on May 5. This is a MEMBERS ONLY event.

Barbecue to be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Electricity is available. Picnic tables are also in the pavilion. Bring your own drinks, lawn chairs, games, etc. Please accept the Evite if you plan to attend so we may get an accurate head count.

Attached is a map to Parr Park in Grapevine where the LSMC picnic will be held. Take Hall Johnson west off of William D. Tate Avenue. The turn right on WT Parr Road and follow it to the end where it meets Parr Park.





Texas Region SCCA's 2018 Tulip Time Rally



You are invited to join us for the next Texas Region SCCA Road Rally, to be held in May. We will tour Collin County, a little bit of Fannin County, and visit a number of cemeteries. Course following will be easy. All roads are paved, except some short sections leading to and inside cemeteries.

Rally Day is Saturday, May 12. Registration opens at 9:00 am at Spring Creek Barbeque, 1993 N Central Expy, McKinney, TX 75071. The finish will be there as well. First car starts at 10:31 am.

You will be directed to a number of area cemeteries. At each you will record the cemetery name(s) and answer questions from signs or tombstones. We also ask a few questions for you to answer as you drive between cemeteries. You will never be looking for more than one thing between instructions.

This is an SCCA GTA (Games, Tours, Adventures) rally. The course is about 90 miles on public roads at legal speeds. Any street-legal, four-wheel vehicle with at least two people who can read in the car may enter.

The Rally Fee is \$20.00 for SCCA Members, and \$25.00 for non-members. There is a \$5.00 late fee if you are not preregistered at MotorSport.reg. Go to msreg.com/TTR18msr to preregister now. There are four classes: First Timer, Novice (<3 rally trophies), General, and Master (optional class: no trophies given). The Rallymaster is Sasha Lanz.

When you register at MotorsportReg.com, we will add you to the rally mailing list, so that we can send you the rally rules a few days before the event.

Texas Region SCCA (www.texasscca.org) is affiliated with the Sports Car Club of America (www.scca.com). With over 65,000 members, and with Regions all over the United States, the Club offers car related activities in a broad range of automotive events.

This is the second event in the 2018 Texas Region SCCA Championship RoadRally Series. This rally is sanctioned as a Divisional Rally by SCCA, and is a part of the National SCCA RoadRally Championship.

Sasha Lanz
Texas Region SCCA - Rally Chair
rally@texasscca.org
www.texasscca.org/rally



Mary Wharton will be leading us to the Texas Steak Cookoff in Hico on May 19. Get your event tickets at <https://www.texassteakcookoff.com>



8th annual fun run to Ancient Ovens on June 9, 2018

Details to come. Payment must be made in advance. ALL SEATS are \$24 per person, whether you eat or not. NO REFUNDS, so if someone buys in and then can't make it, I'll do my best to find a replacement.

Ancient Ovens serves a 4-course dinner buffet style. It's BYOB – so bring your ice chest with ice and adult beverage of choice. Iced tea and water is provided. Check out their web site at www.ancientovens.com.

Details of the drive will be worked out later.

Any questions or comments , just send them my way!

Gerry and Suzanne Sauls
gesauls@gmail.com
817-680-8922



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
for more
information



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!



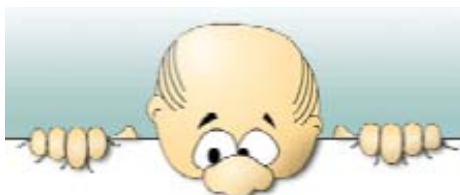
Richard can also order coffee mugs and T-shirts with the club logo. The logo can be positioned anywhere on the shirt, in small or large size.

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



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 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

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

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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