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Newsletter for the Lone Star Miata Club

LSMiata.org

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

Facebook: Lone Star Miata Club

July meeting

SPRING CREEK
BARBEQUE

July 12, 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.

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From the President...

We had a good turn-out for our meeting this month with over 34 people attending. Congratulations to Terrie Campbell for winning the 50/50.

Time is getting short 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). Contact Julia Kuhn if you want an Evite created. 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.

Registration is on-going for the 2018 Texas Miata Roundup, and we are continuing to get Miata owners from all over the US signed up for the events. Go in now and register. We need more volunteers to help out with various functions, so please contact Bruce Gibson or me if you are interested in helping. Also, if you have already registered, you can go back to the registration site and register for the track day if you want to do that.

The Westcliff West Independence Day Parade is coming up on July 4th. It is a fun time where we decorate our cars at the meeting place, the First Congregational Church at 4201 Trail Lake Drive in SW Fort Worth, then on to the parade. It will be followed by a lunch at Fred's Restaurant.

We are planning to do a run to Loco Coyote on July 7th. This is different than the June 30th date mentioned in the meeting. We will start from Benbrook and head to Granbury. Once there, we will follow the planned route we will use for the roundup.

Mesquite Mazda is offering an exclusive deal for LSMC members on their in-stock 2017 MX-5 cars. If you are interested in purchasing a new Miata, I recommend you check out these five cars they have in stock. Thanks to Emmett Murphy for making the offer.

Richard advised us that we are in for the Texas State Fair again this year. We are looking at, possibly, the Sunday before the Roundup, October 6th, but still needs to be confirmed.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday July 12th at Spring Creek Barbecue located at 315 State Hwy 114W in Grapevine. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Howard Banfield, president

In case you missed it – June meeting notes

June 14, 2018 at Spring Creek Barbecue, Grapevine

General

- Visitors and New Members: Jeff and Perry Myers
- Birthdays: Lisa Koen
- Club Anniversaries: John Nagely, Brenda Porter, Jenny Quinlan, Tom Quinn, Betty Banfield

Old Business

- 5/5: Club Picnic, Parr Park in Grapevine. 5/10: Arkansas Run, led by Bruce Gibson had 11 cars from Lone Star and 3 from Kansas City who joined the Northwest Arkansas club in Mountainview.
- 5/19: Texas Steak Cook-Off, led by Mary Wharton had 14 cars, and Mary's friend Cindy arranged parking in Hico.
- 6/2: Blue Ostrich Run, led by Richard Rogers had 8 cars. It was hot but dry. The group got snacks at Fishers in Muenster to take to the winery.
- 6/9: Ancient Ovens, led by Gerry Sauls had 8 cars.

New Business

- 7/4: July 4 parade in Fort Worth, organized by John Nagely. Meet at church, decorate cars. Bring candy and dog biscuits to throw for spectators. Lunch after parade.
- 6/30: Loco Coyote Run, led by Howard Banfield. (This has been changed to July 7 since the meeting. Watch for an Elite.)
- 9th Annual State Fair gathering, organized by Richard Rogers. The corral has been moved. Location TBA. Don't know date yet, but requesting the Sunday before Roundup weekend.
- Literal Wine and Cheese run, led by Doug Dodgen. Date TBA
- Other possible upcoming runs: Trains, Planes and Automobiles; Stephenville Hard 8 Run; Multi day run to Kerrville with Tejas Club
- Pop-Up Runs, Add them to the website as soon as possible, or send all info to Doug Dodgen.
- Watch your mailbox for announcements about ice cream socials. The next one will be June 25.

Texas Miata Roundup

- Hilton rooms were full, but Bruce called and got a few more rooms open. Rooms are also available at Holiday Inn and Best Western.
- Roundup fee includes rides, banquet, and T-shirt. If you want a golf shirt, you can substitute for \$10 (you will not get a T-shirt). Friday barbecue is optional for extra fee. Track day is extra \$85 (or track only is \$125, without Roundup benefits). Currently 68 people registered.
- Next planning meeting is Tuesday (June 19) at the Dodgens' home. (Note: this meeting has already occurred since the general meeting. Next planning meeting is July 10.)

Miscellaneous

- 40/60 Drawing: \$106 raised, \$42 to Terrie Campbell
- Door prizes: Mark Christman, Peggy Quinn, Craig Nelson, Terrie Campbell, Karen Bryan, Betty Banfield, Suzanne Sauls

Next general meeting will be July 12 at Spring Creek Barbecue, Grapevine.

Roundup update



- We will be continuing to add information about the events as they get locked in but we have identified when the Track Day will happen, what the banquet meal will be (steak and chicken), details about the optional Friday night BBQ dinner, and some of the rides. Come on down and sign up at <http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataRoundup2018.aspx>
- If you have not yet made your hotel reservations get 'em while you can.

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

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

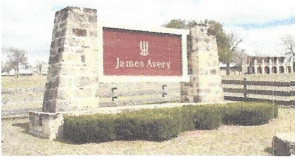
Questions:

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2018 Texas Miata Challenge - Odds & Ends

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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	



JUN
24

Pancake Meet: New Hope Run

Public · Hosted by Pancake Meet

Sunday, June 24 at 9 AM

RaceTrac

1004 E. University Drive, McKinney TX 75069

Next pancake meet is right around the corner!

We will be hitting the usual New Hope & Altoga area except this time we will be looping the area in both directions.

After the loop, we head for a break at our favorite liquor store in Anna to let the cars cool off. Then, another sprint down to Lucy's off the square in Celina.

This is a longer run so come prepared!

Temperatures are rising so be sure to show up early! We will be leaving the RaceTrac at 9:45am SHARP!

The more Mazdas, the merrier! Feel free to ask any questions about the route. And see y'all there.



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!



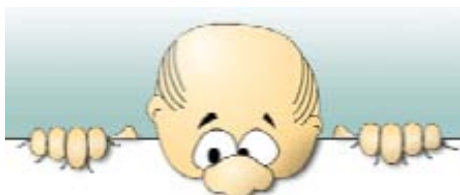
Richard can also order coffee mugs and T-shirts with the club logo. The logo can be positioned anywhere on the shirt, in small or large size.

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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