



# MiataTalk

**February 2020 Volume 31, Issue 2**

Newsletter for the Lone Star Miata Club

LSMiata.org

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

Facebook: Lone Star Miata Club

## March meeting

**SPRING-CREEK  
BARBEQUE**

Thursday, March 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](http://internetcarclubs.com) website. Click on the "Club Members Only" button to get to the directory.

### Lone Star Miata Club Officers for 2020 (LSMCofficers@gmail.com)

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# In case you missed it – February meeting notes

2/13/20, SPRING CREEK BARBECUE, 6:30 PM, President Joe Quisenberry, presiding

Guests/New Members: Joe Burns, guest  
Freddie and Dan Helfer, new members, 2009 yellow

Birthdays: Heather Graham, Tom Quinn, Joe Quisenberry

Club anniversaries: Janine Nelson, 23 years; Mary Wharton

Door Prizes: Gina Quisenberry, Mark Christman, Karen Poulson, Mike Maglione, Colleen Hale, Janine Nelson

50/40/10: \$134 total, \$54 to David Wright

## Texas Miata Challenge

The 2020 Texas Miata Challenge sites have been released, and it has a Ghosts and Legends theme. Final deadline to complete your runs and have pics to Bruce is Oct. 1, 2020. Email is [brucegibson5@gmail.com](mailto:brucegibson5@gmail.com), or you can check in on the website and upload your pictures. Several spots are within a day trip from DFW, but only the first 10 on the list qualify for completing the challenge. Richard Rogers has demonstrated how to register your pictures on the club website. Instructions included in the newsletter.

## Old Business/Events:

- Dues are due! After March 30, your name will be removed from the roster if you have not renewed.
- Feb. 1: Former Loose Wheels run, led by Bruce Gibson, 11 cars. Included part of Bankhead Highway. Ate at Tender Smokehouse Barbecue in Celina.
- Officers meeting: budget approved, quarterly Saturday meeting approved

## New business/Events:

- Feb. 15-16: Jefferson trip, led by Craig Woolheater. Can be a 1-day or overnight trip. Will include a challenge stop, drive around Caddo Lake, optional overnight in Jefferson. Sunday will include drive on Highway 49 into Louisiana, up to Arkansas, and lunch in Texarkana.
- Feb. 17: Sundae Monday, led by Doug Dodgen, at Sweet Daze in Richardson.
- March 7-8: Texas Independence Day parade, hosted by Tejas Miata Club. Start time is 7 am in Austin. Optional run to a challenge spot. There is no hotel group block.
- March 14: Aurora Challenge run, led by Betty Banfield. Followed by lunch at Banfields' house.
- March 21: Texas NC Miata group is going to Dynotronics in New Braunfels for a "dyno day." Contact Craig Woolheater for more information.
- March 28: Saturday Club meeting at Streetside Classics in Fort Worth. There will be a short drive and group lunch after the meeting.
- March 29-31: Davis Mountains and Marfa, led by Howard Banfield. Will include a challenge stop and a run on the River Road (Highway 170) from Presidio to Terlingua.
- April 11: Track Dog Swap Meet. Events include product demos, doorprizes. Will occur rain or shine.
- April 11: Berry Run, led by Brian Knopp. Start in Rockwall, with day run to Pittsburg. Lunch in Pittsburg, followed by stop at Efurd Orchards.
- May 9: Club picnic at Parr Park in Grapevine.
- May 16: Steak Cook Off in Hico, led by Mary Wharton. Buy tickets to the event at <https://www.texassteakcookoff.com>.

## News from other clubs

- Feb. 22: Polar Bear Run by Arkansas Club
- April 30-May 2: Miatas at Moab VI. <https://www.utahmiataclub.org/miatas-in-moab-vi>. Registration is full, but there have been a few cancellations.
- Aug. 20-Sept. 2: The Utah club is putting together a group for a Mediterranean cruise that will include Miata drives in Italy using borrowed cars. Contact Bruce Gibson for more information. Cost is \$3195 per person for a 6 day cruise.
- Sept. 24-27: Buggies & Bridges III, hosted by PACE Miata Club, Lancaster PA.
- Sept. 25-27: Miatas at Margaritaville, hosted by Gateway Club, at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Runs planned for Friday and Saturday, with dinner cruise on Saturday night.

Next regular meeting on March 12, 2020, at Spring Creek Barbecue, W Hwy 114, Grapevine.

# 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. 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 are published.

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

If you have not renewed your membership for 2020, please do so ASAP. You will be removed from the club roster and from Evites after March 31. Dues are \$40 for couples who both want to join, and \$30 for singles. Your dues go toward door prizes, club insurance, and supplementing costs for annual events such as the Christmas party and picnic.

## *From your editor*

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 now go to all emails on file. One person responding can change the number of attendees to an event if both people in a couple don't want 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.

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.



## 2020 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 drive to locations 1 through 10, locations 11 & 12 are optional but not required.

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 11, 2020, see address below

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Sites are shown on Next Pages

2020 Texas Miata Challenge Ghosts and Legends

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Questions :

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Shady Shores, TX 76208  
(940) 999-3334  
brucegibson5@gmail.com

Phone  
Email:

## 2020 Texas Miata Challenge

1. Ever since Bragg Road has existed there have been reports of mysterious lights seen along its course. Usually these are either red or white in appearance, and in one instance a mysterious light form is said to have buzzed the occupants of a car, showing that close encounter cases do exist in connection with the location. To reach the Ghost Road, take U.S. 69 at Kountze to FM 326, from there take the turn onto FM 770 which will take you directly to Saratoga. Go through Saratoga and at a right on FM 787 turn, the Ghost Road is not far off the beaten path.



Bragg Road (South end of Bragg Road where FM787 bends left, 1.7 miles North of Saratoga intersection FM 787/770), Picture of Blue Sign.



2. Jefferson was declared the Bigfoot Capital of Texas by town proclamation on February 12, 2018, by the mayor, Carey Heaster Jr. Jefferson has been the host city of the Annual Texas Bigfoot Conference, organized by the Texas Bigfoot Research Center, since 2001.

Jefferson Bigfoot Statue - Located on the South side of E Austin Street, Jefferson, at the entrance to the Port Jefferson History & Nature Center Picture of Bigfoot Statue.

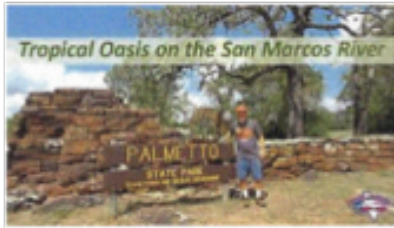
3. Just east of Marfa lies another engaging attraction for visitors to the Davis Mountains area. The Marfa Lights confound thousands of people each year who flock to the site for a chance to see the elusive ethereal orbs suspended in the air with no apparent source. There are many theories about the unexplained phenomenon, from Apache Indian folklore to UFO sightings; however, a scientific explanation has yet to emerge. First documented in 1883, the lights' explanations range from static electricity to swamp gas to St. Elmo's fire or even flying saucers. Although it is elusive, many believe the truth is out there.



Marfa Ghost Lights - Picture of Marfa Lights Viewing Center Sign. Located on US-90 west of Alpine.



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4. It's said to be a dark, black thing; a thing that can blend so well into the murky bog that it's virtually invisible. Known locally as the "Ottine Swamp Thing" or simply "The Thing," this alleged cryptid falls somewhere between a Skunk Ape and something far more unexplainable. The creature has long been on my radar, but only recently did I get an opportunity to visit Ottine Swamp and delve more deeply into the details of this intriguing legend. Ottine Swamp itself is a 198-

acre wetland located along the San Marcos River in South Central Texas. It sits on the edge of the small, unincorporated community of Ottine, and is part of the larger Palmetto State Park. Like the park, the swamp offers a unique habitat not typically found in Central Texas. This is due to the presence of dwarf palmetto (*Sabal minor*) and Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), which are more commonly found further east along the Gulf Coast. Sulphur springs – known regionally as "Mud Boils" – were also present in the area until they dried up in the 1970s. But even today, the place oozes with a spooky, primordial atmosphere like a forgotten remnant of the Jurassic age. During daylight hours, it would not seem surprising if a dinosaur walked out of the thick palmettos. As nightfall approaches, the swamp takes on an even more mysterious appearance as the pointed fronds of the alien plants crouch among shaded bogs of standing water.

Palmetto State Park- Ottine Swamp thing, Your Friendly Neighborhood Bigfoot, Picture of Sign.

5. During the 1896–1897 timeframe, numerous sightings of a cigar-shaped mystery airship were reported across the United States. One of these accounts appeared in the April 17, 1897, edition of the Dallas Morning News. Written by Aurora resident S.E. Haydon, the alleged UFO is said to have hit a windmill on the property of a Judge J.S. Proctor two days earlier at around 6am local (Central) time, resulting in its crash. The pilot (who was reported to be 'not of this world', and a 'Martian' according to a reported Army officer from nearby Fort Worth) did not survive the crash, and was buried 'with Christian rites' at the nearby Aurora Cemetery. (The cemetery contains a Texas Historical Commission marker mentioning the incident.)



Aurora Fly Saucer Crash - Picture of the Historical Marker located on cemetery road off Hwy-114 west of US-287, or the Aurora Sign, Spaceship, and Alien at the entrance to town. The grave marker may have been stolen.



6. The White Sanitarium (aka the Old Insane Asylum, aka Hotel California) is one of the most notorious haunts in Wichita Falls. For years, people have claimed to have heard voices coming from within and there have even been reports of apparitions wandering the grounds. On one account, a group of ghosts were spotted playing cards in the old recreation room. The sanitarium has proven to be a hit for ghost hunters. In 2008, local ghost hunters T.R.I.P.P. Paranormal Research spent some time at the asylum and captured some EVP's (electronic voice phenomena) as well as chilling footage of

what appears to be flying insects in the room, except the crew claims there were no insects present at the time.

The White Sanitarium, 508 Olen Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301, picture of the Sanitarium from the street in front of the building. This is a private residence now but they do allow pictures.

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7. Just a block from the Hood County Jail Museum, a tour stop at the Granbury Opera House reveals a local link to one of the worst crimes of 19th-century America. Originally built in 1886, the theater was renovated four years ago as the new home of the Granbury Theatre Company. Inside, twin curved staircases lead from the redesigned lobby to the balcony level, where there's one particularly notorious seat. The seat reportedly belongs to the ghost of John Wilkes Booth, the actor and Confederate sympathizer who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. According to local actors who work in the Granbury Opera House, the haunted seat sometimes folds down on its own accord.



Granbury Opera House, 133 E Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048, picture of the Opera House.



8. The Devil's Backbone Tavern, built on the site of an ancient Indian campground, is widely believed to be haunted. An entire Civil War battle is said to have occurred on the Devil's Backbone limestone ridge. "Oh, there are ghosts, I guaran-goddamn-tee you," said Robert Kelly, a tavern regular who said he sometimes sees shadowy figures on a steep nearby ridge called the Devil's Backbone, for which the tavern is named. Stretching from Wimberley to Blanco, the ruggedly scenic area known as Devil's Backbone resulted from an earthquake that

occurred in the region more than thirty million years ago. The powerful earthquake helped separate the land into two different regions, the Edward's Plateau to the west and the lower Gulf Coastal Plains to the east.

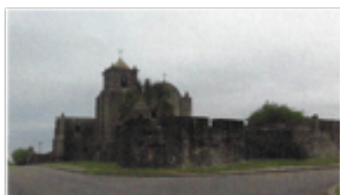
The Devils Backbone-The Most Haunted Stretch of Texas Highways, Farm Roads 12, 165, 2325, and 32, along with U.S. Highway 281. Picture of Devil's Backbone Tavern.

9. Every great hotel must have its ghost, and the Hotel Galvez has one who has been around at least a half century. According to Jan Johnson (a fifth-generation Galvestonian and the author of Walking Historic Galveston), the Galvez ghost could be a bride-to-be-named Audra. Legend has it that was about twenty-five years old and stayed in Room 501. Then tragedy befell her.

Hotel Glavez & Spa, 2024 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77550.



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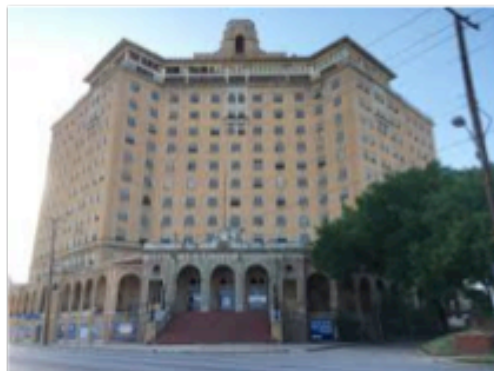


10. Near the south bank of the San Antonio River, a fortress stands out against the local backdrop of anaqua trees and warm blue skies. Through two revolutions, countless skirmishes, and untold hours of everyday life in times gone by, Presidio la Bahia has stood on this spot since 1749. Now serving as a museum, church, and occasional hotel, La Bahia holds centuries of history both on its grounds and beneath them, in forms

ranging from monuments in honor of its heroes to mass graves of the unknown departed. Although the cannons on its parapets have long been silent, many believe that the hundreds of souls to leave this plane on the grounds of La Bahia have left behind a goodly number of unquiet stragglers.

Presidio La Bahia, 217 US-183, Goliad, TX 77963, Picture of the building.

### Other sites of Interest - Optional/Not Required



'Those of you that don't believe, I'm glad you're on this tour', Angela Morgan tells a crowd of about 150 ghost-seekers one Saturday night a couple of weekends before Halloween. 'Because as long as you're taking photos, at the very least you're going to leave here with orbs, apparitions, fogs, mists.

Baker Hotel, Mineral Wells. Picture of Baker Hotel

The Goat Man of the Lake. The Island Monster. What else would you name a 7-foot-plus tall being that could hurl car tires like they were mere child's play toys and appear sailing from the treetops to land with full force on the hood of passing cars? So goes the legend of the Lake Worth Monster.

Lake Worth Monster (aka Goat-Man) Picture of sign in Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge







# 2020 TEXAS MIATA CHALLENGE PRESENTATION

Open Browser

Two web sites: [Ismiaata.org](http://ismiaata.org)  
Click on website:  
<http://internetcarclubs.com/clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx>

Or go directly to:

Internet Car Clubs site (set Bookmark)

Note that at the "Ismiaata.org" website:

Click on Newsletter "202001" to see good write of Challenge sites.

At Internet Car Clubs site; See Events:

First Event is "Challenge"

Click on "Select"

Click on "Additional Information"

See: 2020 Texas Miata Challenge Page

(Good idea to bookmark page)

Can click on "Official Entry Form"

"Map"

Login to register and Check In

"Login" Button at Top Right Corner

Enter email and password

After Login:

Click on: "Sign Up" to register

Click on: "Show Details" (to check in and upload Photo and enter comments)

Note: Look for location in Google Maps to see where each challenge site is located.

Click on: "Check In"

Click on: "Choose File" to upload Photo file

Click on: "Upload" to do the upload

Enter optional comment and Click on:

"Upload Comment" to save the comment

Note that your own comment can be edited

Photo Image: To see large image of Photo:

Right Click on image and select: "Open image in new tab"

Do the same for each Challenge Location and Enjoy exploring the  
GHOSTS & LEGENDS of Texas

**Miatas in Moab VI:**

**April 30 – May 2, 2020**

**REGISTRATION FORM**



Please print out and mail registration form and fee of \$140.00 per person to: **Make check to Utah Miata Club, c/o Jim or Margie Newson (Secretary/Treasurer) 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, UT 84010. Phone: 801-295-4563 Email: [sec.treasumc@icloud.com](mailto:sec.treasumc@icloud.com).** The registration fee will increase to \$150 per person on December 31, 2019. The event registration fee is fully refundable until February 29, 2020.

**Event Hosted at: Red Cliff's Lodge, Mile 14, Hwy. 128, Moab, Utah 84532, phone 435-259-2002 Toll Free: 1-866-812-2002 [www.redcliffslodge.com](http://www.redcliffslodge.com). Mention "Miatas in Moab, hosted by Utah Miata Club". Book your Hotel Room Now!**

Fill form out completely: **Mail with check or money order to above address.**

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies have option of getting Men's style \_\_\_ or Ladies Style \_\_\_ shirt. Please check ("X") on which style .

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (X) cell \_\_\_ home \_\_\_ work: \_\_\_\_\_

Miata Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Miatas? \_\_\_\_\_

Attended before?: Moab I: \_\_\_ Moab II: \_\_\_ Moab III: \_\_\_ Moab IV: \_\_\_ Moab V: \_\_\_ Bryce: \_\_\_ Deer Valley: \_\_\_

Where are you staying? \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, April 30, Check-in & Evening Social/Dinner. Friday & Saturday May 1-2: Drives and activities with Photo Shoot and Car Show on Saturday afternoon. Dinner Banquet and Program Saturday evening, May 2nd. Note: Registration Fee includes participation in all activities and drives at the event. Fee includes Dinner Social Thursday, Event Dinner and Program (Saturday night, whether you eat or not) & includes dinner, taxes, and gratuity, Event Logo T-Shirt, Event Pin, Goodie Bag with Mazda and logo items, printed handouts, event schedule, prize give-away drawings, etc. All attendees must sign a general Liability Waiver at Check-In (Req. by Utah Club and MNAO). Details posted on Utah Miata Club Website: [www.utahmiataclub.com](http://www.utahmiataclub.com). More details will be posted closer to event.

# Miatas at Margaritaville

September 25-27, 2020



We're excited about this new, regional Miata event. More than 20 Miata Clubs have expressed interest in joining in the fun. The Margaritaville Resort, located on the Lake of the Ozarks, is a fabulous resort offering something for everyone to enjoy. Located in the heart of the Missouri Ozarks, the surrounding area provides many great sights to see and twisty hills for driving our great roadsters.

Check back often as we continue to add additional details about this great regional Miata event. <https://miatasatmargaritaville.com>

Vendors are welcome. If you'd like information about vendor or sponsor opportunities, e-mail [president@gatewaymiataclub.com](mailto:president@gatewaymiataclub.com).

**ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE NOW!**

Call the Resort at 800-826-8272 and use the Group Code "MIAT" or Book on-line at <https://www.margaritavilleresortlakeoftheoarks.com>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "GROUPS AND CONFERENCE CLICK HERE" button. Then enter Group Code "MIAT" and complete your reservation.

You will also need to make an Event Registration when registration opens on this site in March.



# Buggies & Bridges III

## Miatas Return to Amish Country

September 24-27, 2020

Sponsored by the PACE Miata Club

### EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2020

Please print out this form, complete and mail with payment

Registration fee includes welcome bag, arrival banquet dinner, PACE drives and closing breakfast. (There may be additional fees to some of the destination drives/events)

Note: We use CB radios. Will you be arriving on Wednesday, September 23, 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Attendee #2: \_\_\_\_\_

(This is how your name will appear on your Name Tag.)

Shirt Size (Circle) S M L XL XXL 3XL      Shirt Size (Circle) S M L XL XXL 3XL  
MENS / WOMENS      MENS / WOMENS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

MIATA CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Miata Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Miata Color: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have already made your Hotel Reservation, please provide Hotel

Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

LIABILITY STATEMENT: By signing this registration form, you are hereby notified that the PACE Miata Club does not provide insurance for this event. You agree that you will not hold the club or any of its officers liable for any accident/injury to you or your passenger. You are further stating that your Miata is legally registered in your home state and carries the insurance required by that state.

Driver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Cost: \$189.00 USD per person

Make checks payable to: PACE MIATA CLUB

Mail to: PACE Miata Club  
c/o Fred and Sue Stauffer  
935 Kendale Road  
Red Lion, PA 17356

More information at

<http://www.pacemiataclub.org/buggies-bridges-iii>



## ***SURF 'N' SAFARI 2020 -- OCTOBER 8 - 11***

The [San Diego Miata Club](#) welcomes Miata owners and enthusiasts from all over the world to the fifth Surf 'N' Safari regional event. This four-day event in beautiful east San Diego county promises food, fun, and prizes. Meet old and new friends, drive excellent Miata roads, and have fun in perfect convertible weather. Each of our previous Surf 'N' Safari events have hosted many participants representing over 25 Miata clubs from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia! Surf 'N' Safari 2020 is moving to a new host Golf Resort that will greatly enhance your enjoyment of our wonderful back county roads.

[About](#)

[Local Attractions](#)

### **Registration Fees**

Prior to March 1, 2020: Single person: \$179 Dual: \$349.  
After March 1: Single person: \$189 Dual: \$369

Includes: Thursday reception, Friday Night BBQ dinner, Saturday Night Party and all driving events, souvenir program, embroidered bag, hospitality suite and FUN.

*All event regalia will be on preorder basis only and can be ordered on the registration form.  
A second form can be sent if you can not make a decision just yet.*



Questions? [Email Surf & Safari 20](#)

### **Where**

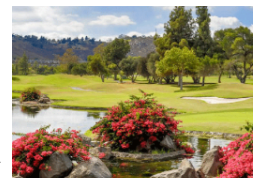


3007 Dehesa Rd  
El Cajon, CA 92019  
[Resort Website](#)  
800 457-5568  
[619 442-3425](#)

**Special Room Rates:**  
\$129 for Thursday night  
\$159 for Friday & Saturday nights  
Use code **2020 San Diego Surf N Safari**  
Only 79 rooms for these discounted rates.

*Please do not book through a third party reservationist as it impacts the group as a whole.*

Singing Hills Golf Resort is NOT the Sycuan Casino.  
The resort is located a few miles from the casino and offers the close and cohesive vibes we are desiring.  
Everywhere you turn at the resort, there will be Miata friends from far and near.



### **San Diego Weather**

The weather in October in east San Diego County is generally in the 70s during the day and mid-50s in the evening. We have experienced higher temperatures in mid-October and some showers.

Information available at this link

<http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns20/index.html>



# **SURF 'N' SAFARI 2020 REGISTRATION**

San Diego Miata Club  
October 8 to 11, 2020

Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan

Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell) #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Car Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Edition \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fees:**

Prior to March 1, 2020      Single person: \$179    Dual: \$349

March 1 to sold out        Single person: \$189    Dual: \$369

Cancellation policy: Processing fee: \$25. No refunds after August 1, 2020. Contact us for exceptions.

Complete registration fee:    Single \$179 \_\_\_\_\_    Dual \$349 \_\_\_\_\_    Total \_\_\_\_\_

Includes Thursday reception, Friday Night BBQ dinner, Saturday Night Party  
And all driving events, souvenir program, embroidered bag, hospitality suite  
and FUN!

**Event Regalia:** **NOTE: All regalia will be on preorder basis only.**

Your order will be delivered at Registration. T-shirts and sweatshirts  
will have Surf N Safari logo on back and left front shoulder.

Premium polo shirts and hats will have embroidered logo on front only.

**Please clearly mark size(s)**

|   |              |             |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| T-shirt Mens; XS, SM, MED, LG, XLG                      | \$20 X _____ | Total _____ |
| T-shirts Mens: 2XL through 4 XL                         | \$25 X _____ | Total _____ |
| T-shirt Womens: SM, MED, LG, XLG                        | \$20 X _____ | Total _____ |
| Hooded full zip sweatshirts: SM, MED, LG, XLG, 2XL, 3XL | \$50 X _____ | Total _____ |
| Polo Shirt Mens: SM, MED, LG, XLG,                      | \$40 X _____ | Total _____ |
| Polo Shirts Mens: 2XL through 4XL                       | \$45 X _____ | Total _____ |
| Polo Shirts Womens: SM, MED, LG, XLG                    | \$40 x _____ | Total _____ |
| Baseball style cap, adjustable                          | \$22 X _____ | Total _____ |

GRAND TOTAL DUE \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your registration including signed release form (page 2) and check payable to **San Diego Miata Club** to the address below. Registration will be accepted on first come/ first served basis.

**Surf N Safari 2020 San Diego Miata Club**  
**11385 Avenida del Gato**  
**San Diego, CA 92126-1239**

**Questions? Call Registrar at (619)517-5346.**



## Required Release Form

I agree, as a condition of my participation and in consideration thereof, to be solely responsible for any damage or injury to third parties or to myself resulting from anything connected with Surf N Safari 2020. I agree to fully indemnify and hold San Diego Miata Club, its officers and representatives harmless for or in any claim, loss, damage, injury or liability which may be asserted against them by me or by any third party as a result of my activity. The foregoing covenants of exculpation and indemnity are intended to be and are complete, general and without restriction and include but are not limited to negligence (active or passive) or willful, reckless or wanton activity. I further agree that a licensed driver will operate my vehicle and that the driver will comply with all applicable provisions of the California Vehicle Code. I further warrant that I carry automobile liability insurance on the vehicle to be used in the above named event, that meets or exceeds all California statutory requirements and liability insurance will be in full force and effective on the date of the above named event. I also agree that I will not participate in the above named event under the influence of any alcoholic beverages or drugs that would impair my ability to operate my vehicle. I acknowledge that any images taken during the event that contains my image can be published without further notice or compensation.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-driver Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please Email us at [sns20@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:sns20@sandiegomiataclub.org) and tell us you are coming!



HOTEL INFORMATION:

**IN ORDER TO GET THE SPECIAL RATE FOR SURF N SAFARI 2020**, please call the Reservations Department directly at (800) 457-5568 or (619) 442-3425. Request the "2020 San Diego Surf N Safari event" rate of \$129 for Thursday night, \$159 for Friday and Saturday nights (or reference group code 5081254). Please do not book through a third party reservationist as it impacts the group as a whole.

PLEASE NOTE: Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan is NOT the Sycuan Casino. The Resort is completely separate and will offer the close and cohesive event vibe we desire. Everywhere you turn at the resort, there will be Miata friends from near and far. There are a maximum of 79 rooms available. **Don't delay making your reservation. We expect to sell out quickly.**





SAVE THE DATE  
OCT 31 - NOV 1, 2020  
ROAD ATLANTA

Watch this space! We'll be publishing further details soon. In the meantime, please make sure to get on our email list so you don't miss any information.

<https://miatareunion.com>

QUESTIONS?

Email: [info@miatareunion.com](mailto:info@miatareunion.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/MiataReunion/](https://www.facebook.com/MiataReunion/)

Forum: [Miata.net](https://www.miata.net)

# 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.*



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## 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, \$40 for couples. After March 31, 2020, 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 \$40 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  |
| RENEWED | PAID   | NUMBER | TREAS.  | UPDATED |
| _____   | _____  | _____  | _____   | _____   |