



MiataTalk

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Newsletter for the Lone Star Miata Club

LSMiata.org

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

Facebook: Lone Star Miata Club

Next meeting



6:30 p.m., Sept. 16

(Third Thursday)

Spring Creek Barbecue

3514 W. Airport Fwy

Irving TX 76062

Zoom link also available

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 2021 (LSMCofficers@gmail.com)

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President@LSMiata.org

Secretary

Craig Woolheater

Secretary@LSMiata.org

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Doug Dodgen

Membership@LSMiata.org

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VP@LSMiata.org

Treasurer

Mary Wharton

Newsletter

Julia Kuhn

Webmaster Doug Dodgen

In case you missed it — August

8/19/21, held jointly at Spring Creek Barbecue in Irving and via Zoom, President Sean Bryan, presiding

Birthdays: Stan Beckham, Evelyn Brock, Richard Chitwood, Connie Cox, Myra Matthieu, Jenny Quinlan, Lynda Teasley, Suzanne Wright

Club anniversaries: Sandy Lewis, 1998; Carol Maglione, 2016; Lynn Perler, 2018; Chris Soignier, 2020

Door prizes: Gina Quisenberry, Karen Bryan, Lynn Perler, Brent Kemesh

50/50 raffle collected \$60, \$30 to Brent Kemesh

Texas Miata Challenge

- Shirts and pins for the 2020 challenge have arrived. Contact Bruce Gibson to arrange to get yours.
- The 2021 Texas Miata Challenge has an ice cream theme. You can visit the sites on your own or as part of a club activity. Final deadline to complete your runs and have pics to Bruce Gibson is Oct. 31, 2021. Email is brucegibson5@gmail.com, or you can check in on the website and upload your pictures. Richard Rogers demonstrated how to register your pictures on the club website for the 2020 challenge. Instructions included in the newsletter will also work for 2021 challenge.

Old Business/Past Events:

- Donation button online for North Texas Food Bank
- See the membership forms for returning and new members in the newsletter. (Editor's note: You can also renew online by logging in to your profile on the website. There is a small additional fee to cover the fee PayPal charges the club for using credit cards.)
- Aug. 7: Mid-America Flight Museum Run, led by Craig Woolheater. 17 cars. Tour included plane rides in old military planes with lunch afterward in Mount Pleasant.
- NC group run to Celina, led by Craig Woolheater.

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- Officer positions open: Membership, webmaster, newsletter. Elections will be in November. Bruce will no longer administer the annual challenge after this year.
- Aug. 28: 10 am meeting at Streetside Classics, 5400 Sandshell Dr. Lunch TBA.
- Southlake Centennial Lions – Cars & Coffee monthly meet on 4th Saturday of every month. Facebook group is "Cars and Coffee Southlake."
- Sept. 1: Ice cream meetup, organized by Doug Dodgen.
- Sept. 11: Gasquatch Run to Idabel, OK, led by Craig Woolheater. Gasquatch is a renovated gas station and museum with a Sasquatch theme. Will start from Bucees in Melissa.
- Sept. 18: Laps for Charity, organized by Craig Woolheater. Open to car clubs only at Texas Motor Speedway. \$50 for 5 laps around the track and a picture of your car, with proceeds to charity. The time slot is 8 pm.

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In case you missed it — August, cont.

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- October: State Fair day still possible. They have decided to have a classic car corral after at first saying they wouldn't. Richard Rogers has submitted an application.
- Nov. 7: Dallas marathon run, led by Richard Rogers. The route will wind through Dallas approximately along the Dallas marathon route.
- Nov. 12-14: Miatas at the Sisters, hosted by members of the Bluebonnet Club. YO Ranch in Kerrville is host hotel. Info is on Facebook. Contact Craig Woolheater for more information. He is helping plan activities outside of the runs at the Twisted Sisters.
- Houston Club will host Roundup in 2022. It will be late October or early November and will be announced soon.
- March Miata Madness in Jefferson planned for 2022. Cap will be 60 cars. This year was inaugural event, organized by Craig Woolheater.
- Richard always has club merchandise for sale: door magnets, coffee mugs, pins.

Next meeting Sept. 16

Lone Star Miata Club

Policies and Procedures:

1. Dues. Members who do not pay annual dues by March 31 of any year will be removed from the Member list, with an email notice from the Membership officer. On or about April 1 of each year, the Membership officer will notify the President and the Secretary of (a) all members in good-standing as of such date, and (b) delinquent members removed as of such date.
2. Members. Members in good-standing will:
 - a. Be included in the Club email list.
 - b. Participate in all Club events, including meetings, runs, parties and events
 - c. Non-members:
 - i. May participate in no more than two (2) runs.
 - ii. Will not be included in email or Evite lists.
 - iii. May attend Club meetings and participate in 50/50 drawings but not door prizes.
 - iv. May not attend Club sponsored parties or events, provided, that the officers may elect for an event to be open to all Miata owners (e.g., Roundup, State Fair).
3. Runs. Non-members will be permitted to participate in no more than two (2) Club runs. The run leader or a participating club officer will provide each non-member with a membership form at some point in the runs.
4. Runs. Run leaders are required to:
 - a. Notify the President and Secretary of each proposed run, so that the Secretary may communicate it to members and post it on appropriate social media.
 - b. Provide a written run sheet with sufficient details regarding routes, stops, and activities to enable participants to catch up if the group is separated.
 - c. Have a list of all participants and obtain signatures to the liability release from all participants.
 - d. Determine a “sweeper” for the end of the run to ensure the group stays together.
 - e. Determine a mid-point relay person from the sweeper if the run group exceeds twenty [20] cars.
 - f. Determine choke points and locations such as towns where stop lights, traffic, and stop signs can separate the group. Run leaders are responsible for determining a point after such choke points to stop so the entire group can catch up.
 - g. Send a copy of the participant list and liability release promptly after the run (via physical or electronic means) to the Secretary, who will maintain them in physical or electronic form for at least three (3) years
5. Club Events. Only members may participate in non-run Club events when Club funds are the primary source of funds (e.g., picnic, Christmas party).
6. Club Events. Information regarding Club events will be circulated by the Secretary to members via Evite or other appropriate means. References to events on Facebook or other public social media will not include details other than destination and date, with a reference to the Secretary for non-members to express interest.

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 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.



2021 Texas Miata Ice Cream Challenge



Sponsored by 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.

In addition to 10 Ice Cream locations, participants must include a picture of you & your Miata at your favorite Dairy Queen location. After all Dairy Queen is Texas.

Entries with the 11 destinations (including your favorite Dairy Queen) 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, or prints that are no larger than 4"x6" on photo quality paper. Mail or turn entries in to Bruce Gibson by October 30, 2021.

Sites are shown on Next Pages

2021 Texas Miata **Ice Cream** Challenge

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Questions :

Bruce Gibson
1020 Mesa Ct.
Shady Shores, TX 76208
(940) 999-3334
brucegibson5@gmail.com

Phone
Email:

Texas Miata Challenge - 2021

ICE CREAM Y'ALL



(1) **The Magic Scoop**

111 Gilmer Street, Sulphur Springs, TX

Founded in 2016. Owners claim it's the best homemade ice cream in town. Also has baked cookies, brownies, shakes, floats and much more. Visit the see through restroom on the square while you're there.



(2) **Holly Hop Ice Cream**

3404 34th St. Lubbock, TX

Fun, nostalgic place with delicious sweet treats. Lots of flavors to choose from and the place is decorated with Buddy Holly era décor. Enjoy a Root Beer float made the old fashion way.



(3) **The Latest Scoop**

37 W Concho Ave., San Angelo, TX

The family ice cream legacy started in World War I when the grandfather started making ice cream. It's been since passed on to the grandson. All the ice cream and waffle cones are made on site.



(4) **Amy's Ice Cream**

1012 W. 6th Street, Austin, TX

Established in 1984 in Austin. Home of the World Famous Mexican Vanilla Ice Cream. Take a stroll down the famous 6th street & see Austin's quirky ways.



(5) **Henry's Homemade Ice Cream**

3100 Independence Pkwy, Plano, TX

Enjoy your favorite Ice Cream or "build your dream ice cream sundae". They make their own waffle cones for tasty, old fashioned ice cream.





Texas Miata Ice Cream Challenge

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- (6) **Berry Top Creamery**
2370 Nall St, Ste B, Port Neches, TX

Locals claim this is the best ice cream around. And so many flavors to choose from. They also carry sugar free choices.



- (7) **Heritage Creamery**
1125 S 8th Street, Waco, TX

So many unique flavors to choose from. Cool place and great environment. Try out their ice cream cookie sandwich or their brown butter pecan in a crispy homemade waffle cone.



- (8) **Scoopy's Ice Cream Treats**
13313 S. Padre Island Dr. Corpus Christi

Great ice cream on the water. Stop at Snoopys Seafood next door and then head over to Scoopy's for your ice cream treat in a delicious waffle cone.



- (9) **La'Bonita Michoacana**
1418 South St, Nacogdoches

Homemade ice cream along with a selection of hispanic desserts if you're looking for a change. Take the time to visit historic downtown. It's worth the visit.

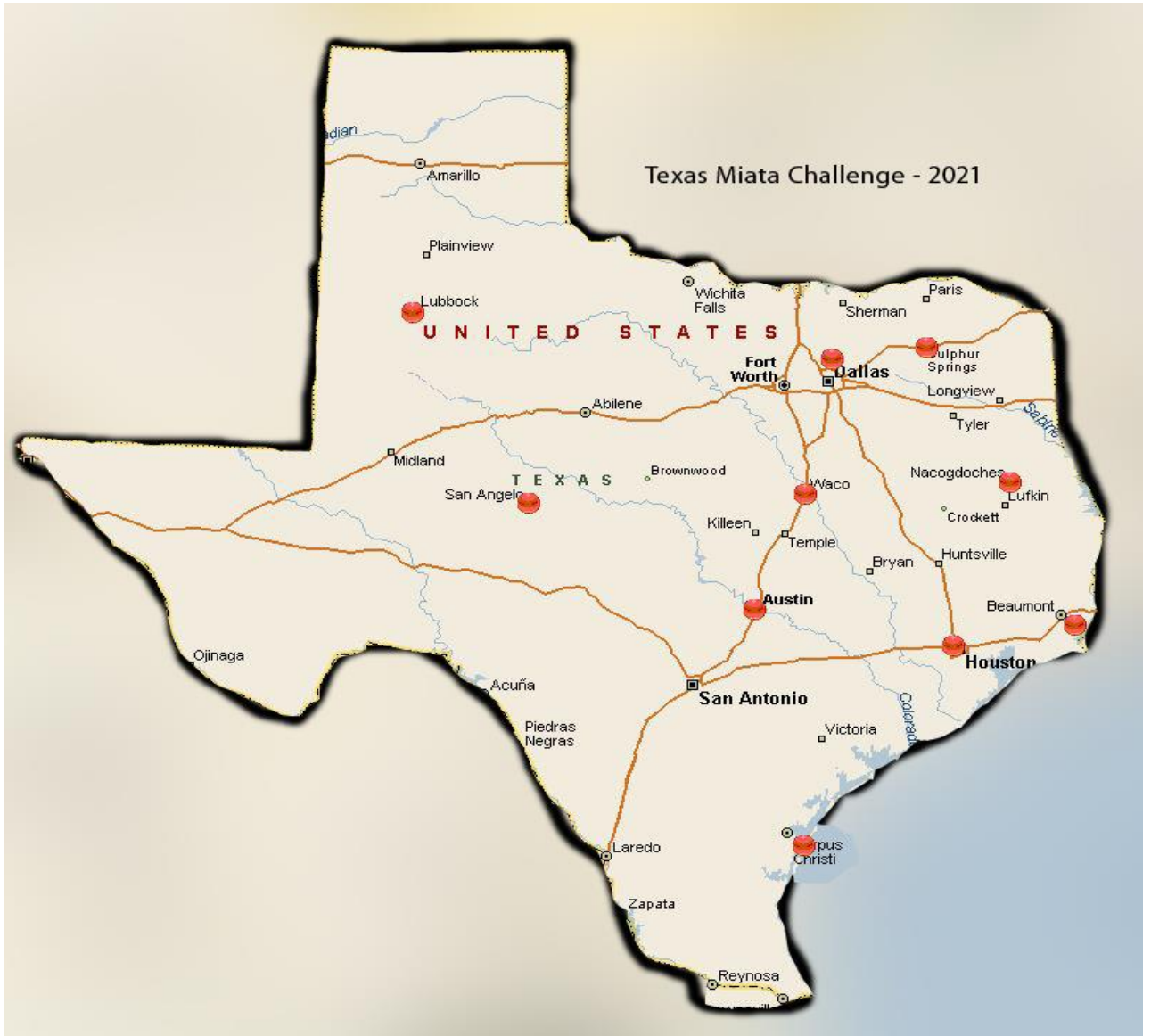


- (10) **Fat Cat Creamery**
1901 N Shepherd Drive, Houston, TX

Delicious Ice Cream, generous servings. Listed in top 10 places to eat ice cream. So many choices from your standard flavors to Mexican Vanilla to Vegan ice cream. Something for everyone.



Map outlining Challenge Spots



2020 TEXAS MIATA CHALLENGE PRESENTATION

Open Browser

Two web sites: ismiaata.org
Click on website:
<http://internetcardclubs.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:

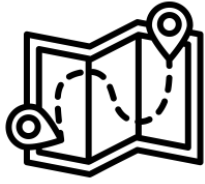
"Upload Comment" to save the comment

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



2021 Shortest Distance Map Rally

Wise Choices ...or Grave Consequences



THE DFW MAP RALLY IS BACK!

AFTER A YEAR OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, IT'S TIME FOR A SHORTEST DISTANCE RALLY!

The Texas Region of the Sports Car Club of America invites you to a fun drive in the country in Wise County, Texas. We give you a map with several waypoints and you visit these specific locations on the map. With this year's theme, locations to be visited are all **cemeteries**. *Make wise choices or face grave consequences!* You determine your route and drive to each location, which will be verified by the Richta GPS smartphone app. The **team who visits all the required landmarks in the shortest distance will win**, and the winners will receive awards. It is not a speed or racing contest. We will send you information on it after you pre-register. Also, we plan to conduct a **Rally School** via Zoom and/or post a **YouTube video** with further guidance.

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, every attempt will be made to minimize the risks of exposure to the virus. **Ultimately, it is your responsibility to assess the risk to you, comply with applicable COVID-19 guidelines and make the decision on whether or not to participate.**

- Rally Day: Saturday, August 28, 2021
- Check-in/Registration and Starting Place: **The Horny Toad Café & Bar**, 5812 I-35, Denton, TX 76207.
- Check-in/Registration opens at 9:30 am on Rally Day. Check-in/Registration will close at 10:00 am.
- After registration, you will receive your instructions for conducting an odometer calibration run (in order to normalize all of the entrants' odometers), which ends at **Catfish O'Harlies** (see below)
- At the end of the odo check, you will receive your maps and instructions for plotting your route
- Take 30 minutes to determine your route from maps provided. No GPS/electronic aids permitted here. You may use any public road you wish in your attempt to log the shortest distance on your odometer. Depending on your chosen route, you may encounter short stretches of unpaved road, though we think the shortest-distance route will be all paved
- Cars leave the official start (**Catfish O'Harlies**) whenever ready, in any order. First car out ~11:00 am.
- Length: as short as you can make it in miles, probably about 3½ hours in time
- Finish: Catfish O'Harlies, 2019 US-287, Decatur, TX 76234.
- Classes: First-timer, Novice (3 rally trophies or less), General, and Master (an optional class: no trophies). GPS and other electronic aids welcome in any class once you're on the road.
- At least two people (a driver and a navigator) are required in each car; contact rally@texasscca.org if you have a minor child (<18) in the car, as a form will need to be signed
- Vehicles: anything with 4 wheels that's street legal is OK in this Rally. Note: speed is **not** a factor.
- Rally entry fee: regular SCCA Members \$25.00; Weekend Members \$35 (includes membership fee). A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed to anyone not preregistered on MotorsportReg.com.
- Rally Master: John Poulos.

Registrants will be emailed the rally rules a few days before the event. We encourage entrants to pre-register at least a few days in advance. The Rally Committee reserves the right to limit entries. Pre-register at MotorsportReg.com: <http://msreg.com/DMR21msr> or the QR code:



Texas Region SCCA (www.texasscca.org) is affiliated with the Sports Car Club of America (www.scca.org). For more information on the RoadRally Series, visit www.texasscca.org/rally



We regret to inform you that we have decided to cancel Miata Reunion 2021.

We understand that this will be disappointing news for many. The Miata Reunion team, sponsors and vendors, and other supporters have been working hard for several months toward making the next Miata Reunion a success for all participants.

Our primary goal has always been to ensure the best possible all-around experience for everyone participating in or involved with the Miata Reunion. Unfortunately, we recently became aware of aspects affecting this event that made it clear those expectations were not going to be met, so after careful consideration we concluded that canceling this year would be in everyone's best interests.

The good news is that we have secured Barber Motorsports Park for Miata Reunion 2022 on July 30-31, 2022!

We are in the process of putting together all the supporting info and will be updating the website soon.

If you registered and paid for General Admission or Track Days, we offer you two options:

1. Leave your existing registration in the system to carry over to the 2022 event, or
2. We will issue you a full refund.

In either case, please contact us with your decision via info@miatareunion.com.

(As we haven't yet solidified plans for the Saturday Party, we will be issuing a full refund to everyone who paid.)

Barber Motorsports Park is a world-class facility that will enable us to have a fantastic event together. For the track drivers, we're pleased to announce we'll be working closely with our friends at Jzilla Track Days for that aspect of the event.

On-line registration will open at 9am Pacific time on March 5th.

We look forward to seeing you for Miata Reunion 2022 at Barber Motorsports Park.

The Miata Reunion Team

QUESTIONS?

Email: info@miatareunion.com

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

Forum: Miata.net

Miatas at the Sisters



The 2020 weekend will be Nov 13 & 14 to drive the Twisted Sisters, one of the top ranked drives in the country. Fall is a beautiful time of year to cruise with the top down and enjoy the colors. To really enjoy the colors, we will have shorter runs on the twisty back roads around Kerrville.

Small groups can plan their own runs to visit the areas attractions like Fredericksburg, Comfort, Luckenbach, wineries / breweries, Camp Verde, and many more.

You can now make reservations at the YO Ranch Hotel For November 12-15, 2020. Call 830-257-4440. Miatas at the Sisters rate is \$93.00/ night.

Reserve on line using this link:

reservations.travelclick.com

Y.O. Ranch Hotel & Conference Center

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, \$40 for couples. After March 31, 2021, 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

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 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

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

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