



# MiataTalk

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Newsletter for the Lone Star Miata Club

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

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## Next meeting



**SPRING-CREEK**  
**BARBEQUE**

6:30 p.m., Feb. 17

(Third Thursday)

Spring Creek Barbecue

3514 W. Airport Fwy

Irving TX 76062

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 **2022** (LSMCofficers@gmail.com)

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# New Officer Pictures 2022



President: Brent Kemish

Membership: Sandy Lewis



Secretary: Mark Christman  
and wife Sue

# President's Message

A big thank you to everyone who came out to brave the cold weather for our first meeting of the year in January and got an official in-person introduction to your new officers. It was great to see everyone after the holiday season and I'm optimistic to this year being more "normal" than the past two have been. It's hard to believe February is here - before you know it the weather will be warming up and we'll all have our tops down!

I hope this first message will get everyone thinking of the fun drives, social activities, and events you'd like to see us host throughout this calendar year. Below I have included a list of past events and ideas as examples which have been discussed with varying degrees of interest. I encourage everyone to submit their favorite idea or two (it can also be your own) using [this anonymous survey link](#) (also below) before our February meeting so we can begin work on planning a robust calendar for the membership.

If you're interested and never planned an event before it's OK, we will pair you up with an experienced club member to help ensure we have everything we need for a great event. Remember we are only as successful as you want us to be, so every idea and help to chip in is appreciated!

Lastly as we progress through the year, we hope to announce some exciting initiatives and updates that we are working on to further enhance the membership experience.

Welcome to 2022 and another year of Miata fun. Hope to see you all on the twisties soon!

**Brent Kemish**  
**LSMC President**

### List of potential events/ideas:

- Baseball Game
- Brunch Meeting + Drive
- Car Show
- Challenge Spot Runs
- Co-Sponsored Event -  
Arkansas / Oklahoma
- Dealey Plaza Tour
- Dinner Playhouse
- Dinner Theater
- Dinosaur Run
- Drive-in Movie
- Dublin Run
- Dyno Day
- Events that include local  
wineries
- Fort Worth Marathon  
Ride
- Fossil Rim
- Four Day Weekend
- Glen Rose Pie Run
- Golf Outing
- Ice Cream Social
- Jazz Club
- Jefferson Run
- Karting
- Lake Travis Run, 2 days
- Loco Coyote Run
- Louisiana Run
- Miatas at Hallett?
- Middle-of-the-Week  
Runs
- Mystery Run
- Other Car Club Meet
- Picnic
- PKL Run from Rhome
- Red Caboose Run
- Repeat Other Runs
- Revolver Brewery
- Run to Grumps  
(Granbury/Stephenville)
- Runs to Challenge Spots
- Shiner (Spoetzl) Brewery  
Tour
- Shooting Range
- South Padre Island, 4  
days
- Steak Cookoff in Hico
- Stephenville/Hard 8 Run
- Supper Club
- Tech Session
- Texas Independence Day  
Parade
- Toy Drive and Drive
- Twisted Grandma
- Westcliff West
- Wine Walk in Granbury

### Link to Survey:

<https://forms.gle/1BfS1oKPt51DFmURA>

# At the January meeting we gave out award plaques and passed the gavel.

The Gavel passed from Sean Bryan to Brent Kemish. Thank you to Sean for leading us in 2021



Julia Kuhn  
Master Communicator  
Club Secretary: 2013 – 2018  
Newsletter Editor: 2012 - 2021



Doug Dodgen  
He Made Us Belong  
Membership Officer: 2015 -2021

# In case you missed it — January

01/20/22, held at Spring Creek Barbecue in Irving, President Brent Kemish, presiding

Past President Sean Bryan opened the meeting. He reviewed how the President Elect, Evelyn Brock, from the November election meeting has moved to Austin and resigned from the President elect position. The officers had met on January 13 and appointed Brent Kemish to be President in 2022. Brent agreed to take on the President's responsibilities and assume the office of President. Sean then turned the meeting over to Brent.

New Members: Lana Cline; Amy Mackenroth, 2021 Deep Crystal Blue Mica, Car Name – Duchess; Brent Martin, 2006 Orange; Tim Roberts, 2016 Ceramic White

Birthdays: Richard Browning, Mike Heermans, Lynne Perler, Peggy Quinn

Club anniversaries: Barbara and Steven Boyd, 2015; Mark and Sue Christman, 2015; Doug and Yvonne Dodgen, 2013; Ruth Gibson, 2015; Colleen and Uwe Hale, 2015; Mike and Patty Juniper, 2021; Lynda Teasley, 2016

Door prizes: Sandra Osborn, Terrie Campbell, Sean Bryan, Lynne Perler, Allen Yeane, Mark Christman

50/50 raffle won by Mike Maglione

## APPRECIATION PLAQUES

Plaques were presented to Julia Kuhn and Doug Dodgen in appreciation for their service to the Lone Star Miata Club. See pictures in the newsletter.

## Texas Miata Challenge

- Sean Bryan will be ordering pins and T-Shirts for those participants who completed the 2021 Texas Miata Challenge. They will be available soon.
- Gerry Sauls will take over for 2022. Pins will be awarded but T-shirts will be available by purchase only. As previously, Denton Mazda (formerly Classic Mazda) will partially sponsor.
- The 2022 challenge sites with a courthouse theme have been posted on the website (<http://internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataChallenge2022.aspx>). Send entries to Gerry Sauls.
- 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 Gerry Sauls is Oct. 31, 2022. Email is [gcsauls@gmail.com](mailto:gcsauls@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 have been updated for the 2022 challenge.

## Club Business:

- Donation button online for North Texas Food Bank

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# In case you missed it – January, cont.

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- See the membership forms for returning and new members in the newsletter. Completed forms to be given to Sandy Lewis, Membership Officer. (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.)
- There was discussion on the need for updating the Club Web Site. Nick Allen offered to help with this effort.
- Richard always has club merchandise for sale: door magnets, coffee mugs, pins.
- Doug Dodgen and now Sandy Lewis has business cards that can be handed out to Miata Owners.

Prior events:

- VP Richard Rogers reviewed the Club events for 2021. See list in Newsletter.
- Nov. 20, 2021: Autumn Harvest run through Melissa and McKinney, led by Brent Kemish. Lunch at San Miguel Grill. Included Ida Highway and R and C Dairy Shop.
- Dec 1, 2021: Ice Cream Social at the Yard Milkshake Shop in Frisco. Led by Doug Dodgen.
- Dec 11, 2021: Miata Club Christmas Party at Sandy Lewis' house in Lewisville.
- Dec 18, 2021: Tupps Brewery run led by Brent Kemish. Some of the same great roads from the Harvest run, with lunch and brew at Tupps.

Upcoming events:

- JANINE NELSON Tree Honorarium: See details in newsletter about individual donations. Club Treasurer Mary Wharton will send our Club charity donation and any additional donations to the Arboretum on Feb 18, after the February Club Meeting.
- Jan. 22: Wine and cheese and chocolate run, led by Doug Dodgen. (Ed. Note; See writeup later in newsletter.)
- Mar. 5: Texas Independence Day Parade with the Tejas club.
- March Miata Madness in Jefferson planned for 2022. Cap will be 60 cars. Organized by Craig Woolheater.
- May 21: Hico Steak Cookoff run, led by Mary Wharton.
- Houston Club will host Roundup in 2022. It will be late October or early November and will be announced soon.

Next meeting Feb. 17

# State Fair Christmas Card from [bigtex.com](http://bigtex.com)

Thank you for your participation and support to the 2021 Classic Corral.

We wish you Happy Holidays and a great 2022!

Kelly Pound – Director Exhibits State Fair of Texas



# 2021 in review: What we did together

## LONE STAR MIATA CLUB EVENTS 2021

Event	Date
Greenwood Crocery Run & Dinner (Craig W.)	1/23/2021
Nocona/Muenster Run; Cars Museum & Lunch (with Tejas) (Bruce)	3/06/2021
Meridian; Catcus Grill Waco Challenge Heritage Creamery (Sean)	3/20/2021
Mid America Flight Museum Mt Pleasant Run (Craig W.)	3/26/2021
March Miata Maddness; Jefferson Car Show (Craig W.)	3/27/2021
March Miata Madness Caddo Lake plus Run (Craig W.)	3/28/2021
Sulphur Springs The Magic Scoop Ice Cream Challenge (Craig W)	3/28/2021
Henrys Homemade Ice Cream Social (Doug)	4/7/2021
Lubbock Holly Hop Ice Cream Challenge Run (Richard)	4/10/2021
San Angelo The Latest Scoop Ice Cream Challenge Run (Chris O.)	4/11/2021
Ice Cream Social Cauldron Ice Cream (Doug)	5/05/2021
Miata Club Picnic Parr Park Grapevine (Sean)	5/08/2021
Hard 8 Bar-B-Que with Tejas Club (Craig W)	5/16/2021
Run from Buc-ee's to Hanks with Texas NC Miatas (Craig W.)	5/22/2021
Greenwood Crocery Run & Dinner (Craig W.)	6/12/2021
Westcliff Neighborhood "July 4th Parade" (Richard R)	7/03/2021
Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Hutchins TX (Craig W.)	7/10/2021
Ice Cream Social; Braum's Ice Cream Grapevine (Doug)	8/02/2021
Mid America Flight Museum for Plane Rides (Craig W.)	8/07/2021
LSMC Saturday Meeting Streetside Classics Ft. Worth (Sean)	8/28/2021
Ice Cream Social, Azucar Ice Cream Bishop Arts (Doug)	9/01/2021
Gasquatch Run to Idabel OK (Craig W.)	9/11/2021
Miata Night at Keller's (Craig W.)	9/15/2021
Laps For Charity – Texas Motor Speedway (Craig W.)	9/18/2021
Pizza Dinner Social, Rosati's Pizza Lewisville (Doug)	9/28/2021
11th Annual State Fair of Texas Classic Car Corral (Richard)	10/03/2021
Ice Cream Social, Handel's Homemade Ice Cream (Doug)	10/06/2021
9th Annual Dallas Marathon Run (Richard)	11/07/2021
Miatas At The Sisters Hosted by the Bluebonnet Club	11/13/2021
Janine Nelson Celebration of Life LSMC	11/13/2021
Denton Mazda Christmas Toy Drive (Sean)	11/18/2021
North Texas Autumn Harvest Run (Brent)	11/20/2021
Ice Cream Social, Yard Milkshake Shop (Doug)	12/01/2021
Christmas/Holiday Party (Sandy)	12/11/2021
Tupps Brewery Run (Brent)	12/18/2021

Plus the 2021 Texas Miata Ice Cream Challenge  
 Plus LSMC Meetings at Spring Creek Barbeque in Irving and on Zoom

# Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate

Over 40 people with 23 cars braved the sub-freezing temperatures on January 22nd to come out for the Cheese and Chocolate and Wine Run. I wanted to add Coffee to that list, but the Sledge Distillery was never open during my test drives, BUT when we drove by the gate was open so we all turned around and went in! It turns out that they were NOT open but they took care of us anyway, allowing us to use the restrooms and even opened their store so we could buy coffee and distilled items. Some people even got a free taste! Kudos to Sledge for being so nice. We will have a run their again in the spring or summer when they are fully open.

After we passed Sledge, we went down the famous Paluxy Hwy (Hwy51) south of Granbury and enjoyed the curves. Due to the frigid temperatures, I opted not to do the planned river low water crossing that we generally do in this area, but another time we will. When we got to the end of the road at Hwy 67 we broke right and went to Stephenville where the Veldhuizen Cheese Farm is located. Steven, the owner, was there and gave an interesting talk on what makes his cheese so much better than anyone else's. (Hint: Natural aging and unpasteurized=better texture, taste and color.) Everyone loaded up.

Off to Hico we went next to the Wiseman Chocolate store. Another opportunity to load up was not missed. Most of us went around the corner to the Eis Sandwich shop for some really good food, including their fantastic potato salad!

At the end, we went a few more blocks and ending up at the Silver Spur Winery in Hico. They had set aside a tasting table for us and many took advantage of the opportunity to find out what they had available.

Submitted by Doug Dodgen



Sledge Distillery



Relaxing at Veldhuizen Cheese Shop



Picking out special chocolates at Wiseman House Chocolates



Hearing from the owner about Veldhuizen Cheese



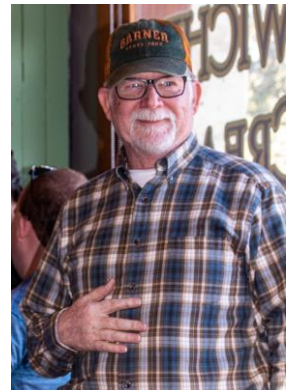
Rest stop at Sledge Distillery



Taking it easy after some great Chocolate purchases



At Silver Spur Winery, a toast to another great run



Run Leader Doug at EIS Sandwich Shop

## 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.

# Janine Nelson Tree Memorial

At the January Club meeting we talked about how you could donate an extra personal donation for Janine's Tree Honorarium at the Dallas Arboretum.

In general there are two ways. One is to give a donation to our Club Treasurer Mary Warton to be added to the Club charity donation to the Arboretum. This would be an anonymous donation as your name would not be visible. The other way is to donate directly to the Arboretum and label your donation as being for Janine's Tree. See details below.

We plan on sending the Club charity donation along with any extra donations to the Arboretum on February 18, the day after the February Club meeting. If you do want to give something extra, please give it to Mary by February 17 (Club meeting date), or send it directly to the Arboretum by that date also.



How to give directly to the Dallas Arboretum.

This method would provide your name identify so that you would receive an acknowledgement from the Arboretum and Craig Nelson (Janine's husband) would be notified of your gift. In this case you would be able to use your donation for tax purposes. This method is detailed in the below email from Elizabeth Greenwood, the development manager at the Dallas Arboretum. She is very easy to talk with, and I encourage you to call her if you wish to make an individual donation directly to the Arboretum for Janine's Tree.

FROM ELIZABETH:

Please feel free to forward my contact info to anyone interested donating to the Janine Nelson tree at the Dallas Arboretum. My office hours are Mon-Thurs, 9-2:30. Donors can call me directly with a credit card number, mail a check to the address below, or make a tribute gift online. Thank you so much for your generous support!

Elizabeth Direct line: 214-515-6612

Development office mailing address:

The Dallas Arboretum

Attn: Elizabeth Greenwood

8617 Garland Rd. Dallas TX 75218

**\*\*PLEASE be sure to enclose a note or write on the check: Tribute gift for Janine Nelson Memorial Tree**

Email address: [egreenwood@dallasarboretum.org](mailto:egreenwood@dallasarboretum.org)

Online giving:

<https://reservations.dallasarboretum.org/MembershipAndDonations.aspx?TributeOnly=True>

**\*\*PLEASE be sure to comment: Tribute gift for Janine Nelson Memorial Tree**

Elizabeth Greenwood

Development Manager

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# 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!](http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx)

If you have not renewed your membership for 2022, 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.



## Sweetheart Ride

### Road Rally

Sunday, February 20, 2022



The **Texas Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA)** invites you to join us at Logan's Roadhouse near I-20 exit 409 in Weatherford for Jerry White's annual Valentine's Day themed road rally. It will be about a 90 mile drive on some of the scenic hard surfaced country roads in the Brazos River Valley in Parker, Hood and Palo Pinto Counties. **No prior rally experience or SCCA membership is necessary.**

The challenge is to see how many correct puzzle solutions (many with a sweetheart theme) you can find based on signs and objects along the rally route. Think of it as a visual scavenger hunt.

- Start and finish at: Logan's Roadhouse, 325 Interstate 20E, Weatherford, TX 76086.
- Registration/Check-In: 11:00am – noon. Wrap-up by around 6:00 pm.
- Vehicles: Sports cars, family sedans, pickup trucks, SUV's and anything else with 4 wheels that's street legal. **Speed is not a factor.**
- Optional: Get photographed making a splash through a ford
- At least two people (a driver and a navigator) are required in each car
- Rally entry fee: regular SCCA Members \$25; Weekend Members \$35 (includes membership fee).

All entrants must preregister – **no same-day registration allowed** – and you are advised to preregister as early as possible. Go to MotorsportReg.com: <http://msreg.com/SRRR22msr> .



## Sweetheart Ride

### Online Rally School

10:30am Sat., Feb. 12, 2022



Everyone is invited to the **Sweetheart Ride Online Rally School**. We will introduce you to basic rally concepts and review the General Instructions for the **Sweetheart Ride Road Rally**.

**Rally School Day is Saturday, February 12th.** The "classroom" **instruction will be conducted via Zoom session**. Class begins at **10:30 am** and should run for about an hour and a half, including time for Q&A. We plan to record the Zoom session and share information on how to access it after the Rally School.

The school will also go over and demonstrate the technology you will be using during the Rally – the Richta Competitor GPS smart phone app to help navigate the course and a Google Form for entering puzzle solutions in real time on a smart phone, tablet or laptop. When you register, we will send information on how to download the app and Google Form and also directions for a very short test course where you can go see how these tools work.

**There is no charge for this event.** You must preregister on MotorsportReg.com: <http://msreg.com/SRRR22RSmsr> .

# 2022 Texas Miata Courthouse Challenge



Sponsored by Classic Mazda & the Lone Star Miata Club



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. Sites are shown on next pages. Entries with all 10 required destinations will receive a specially designed pin. T-shirts will be available for purchase. Pins will be presented at the Texas Miata Roundup or mailed after the Roundup. Pictures can be submitted by email, online, or in prints that are no larger than 4"x6" on photo quality paper. Mail or turn entries in to Gerry Sauls by Oct 31, 2022, see address below.

## 2022 Texas Miata Courthouse Challenge

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Questions :

Gerry Sauls  
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Ft Worth, TX 76137  
(817) 680-8922  
[gcsauls@gmail.com](mailto:gcsauls@gmail.com)

Phone  
Email:

# 2022 Texas Miata Courthouse Challenge

## 1. Bexar County Courthouse

One of San Antonio's claims to fame is its historic architecture (hello, Alamo), and if you walk through the downtown area, you'll see all sorts of spectacular examples of this. Yet if you've stuck to the River Walk area, you've probably never seen the Bexar County Courthouse. Built in 1896, the courthouse looks like a reddish-orange medieval European castle. Rounded arches, two towering pillars, and all the architectural flair of the Romanesque Revival style combines with red sandstone to create one of San Antonio's most spectacular buildings.

*City: San Antonio*



## 2. Caldwell County Courthouse

Many of Texas' courthouses showcase the finest elements of European architecture while also taking advantage of local materials to create something a community could be proud of. There are few better examples of this than the 1894 Caldwell County Courthouse. Limestone walls accented by red sandstone are capped by mansard-style domes and an intricate clock tower that sports a bright orange Lone Star on each side.

*City: Lockhart*



## 3. Coryell County Courthouse

Drive about 40 miles west on Highway 84 from Waco and you'll reach the small town of Gatesville, home to one of the prettiest courthouses in Texas. Coryell County's courthouse has a rough limestone façade accented by red sandstone, four red-domed towers, and pearl-white Greco-Roman statues that stand in front of an ornate clock tower. Yet the most impressive characteristic just might be the bright reddish-orange columns that stand above the three-arched entryway.

*City: Gatesville*



## 4. Dallas County Courthouse

Speaking of stunning sandstone structures, the (former) Dallas County Courthouse is a true architectural gem in Big D's downtown. The magnificent Romanesque Revival structure has rounded conical towers, arched windows, a massive clock tower, and four terra cotta wyverns perched on the roof. Step inside and you'll see more than 100 colorful stained-glass windows and a grand staircase that has been restored to how it appeared in 1892. The courthouse is the Old Red Museum today and is a great place to go if you want to learn about North Texan history and culture.

*City: Dallas*



## 2022 Texas Miata Courthouse Challenge

### 5. Denton County Courthouse

The state of Texas is full of beautiful courthouses (more than we can capture in this list), few are more eye-catching than the Denton County Courthouse. Four ogival roofs placed on the corners of the courthouse are replicated on the central clock tower, which features a dome inspired by the Florence Cathedral. Meanwhile, the rough limestone façade features Roman-style columns, triangular pediments, and arched entryways. Today, the structure is home to the Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum, a repository of local history that's well worth a visit when you're in Denton.

*City: Denton*



### 6. Ellis County Courthouse

Ellis County's impressive courthouse a complex and captivating structure that is one of the most photographed buildings in Texas. Set within Waxahachie's charming downtown square, the nine-story-tall pink granite and red sandstone courthouse can be seen from some distance away. Get up close and your eyes can feast on all the details, such as the floral patterns carved into the stone at the top of the columns, or the pyramidal roofs.

*City: Waxahachie*



### 7. Fayette County Courthouse

Although it was common practice to use multiple types of stone to create an appealing design, Fayette County's courthouse takes it to another level. Blue sandstone walls are accented with red sandstone and limestone, a combination that creates a checkerboard pattern across the exterior. Look closely and you'll see a ton of other intricate details, including a bald eagle carved on a five-by-14-foot slab of stone. The main entryway is framed by short sandstone columns, an aesthetic reflected on the clock tower.

*City: La Grange*



### 8. Tarrant County Courthouse

With its pink granite walls, Roman-style columns and pediments, and an attention-grabbing copper-domed clock tower make Tarrant County's courthouse look as if it should be a state capitol. That's no accident, as it was modeled after the Texas State Capitol building in Austin. Located just a short walk from the Trinity River in downtown Fort Worth, the courthouse is notable for being one of the first buildings in the Southwest built with a steel frame. Come check out the courthouse, then pay a visit to one of the many restaurants or bars in downtown Fort Worth.

*City: Fort Worth*



## 2022 Texas Miata Courthouse Challenge

### 9. Victoria County Courthouse

On first glance, you might think the Victoria County Courthouse is an ancient castle built by an eccentric European prince. However, this three-story civic building was constructed in 1892 by the same architect who crafted the Fayette County Courthouse (J.R. Gordon). Arched windows and doorways, triangular roofs, and other small details set this courthouse apart, while a five-story clock tower stands on the east side toward the town square.

*City: Victoria*



### 10. Wharton County Courthouse

Nestled in the center of Wharton's quaint town square stands a courthouse that looks as if it was plucked from a French city. A white clock tower will capture your attention but look further and you'll notice how the green mansard roofs and triangular towers complement the tan brick façade. Snap a few shots of the building, then check out the shops and restaurants in Wharton's town square. If you time it right, you can even catch a comedy, drama, or musical at the historic Plaza Theatre.

*City: Wharton*



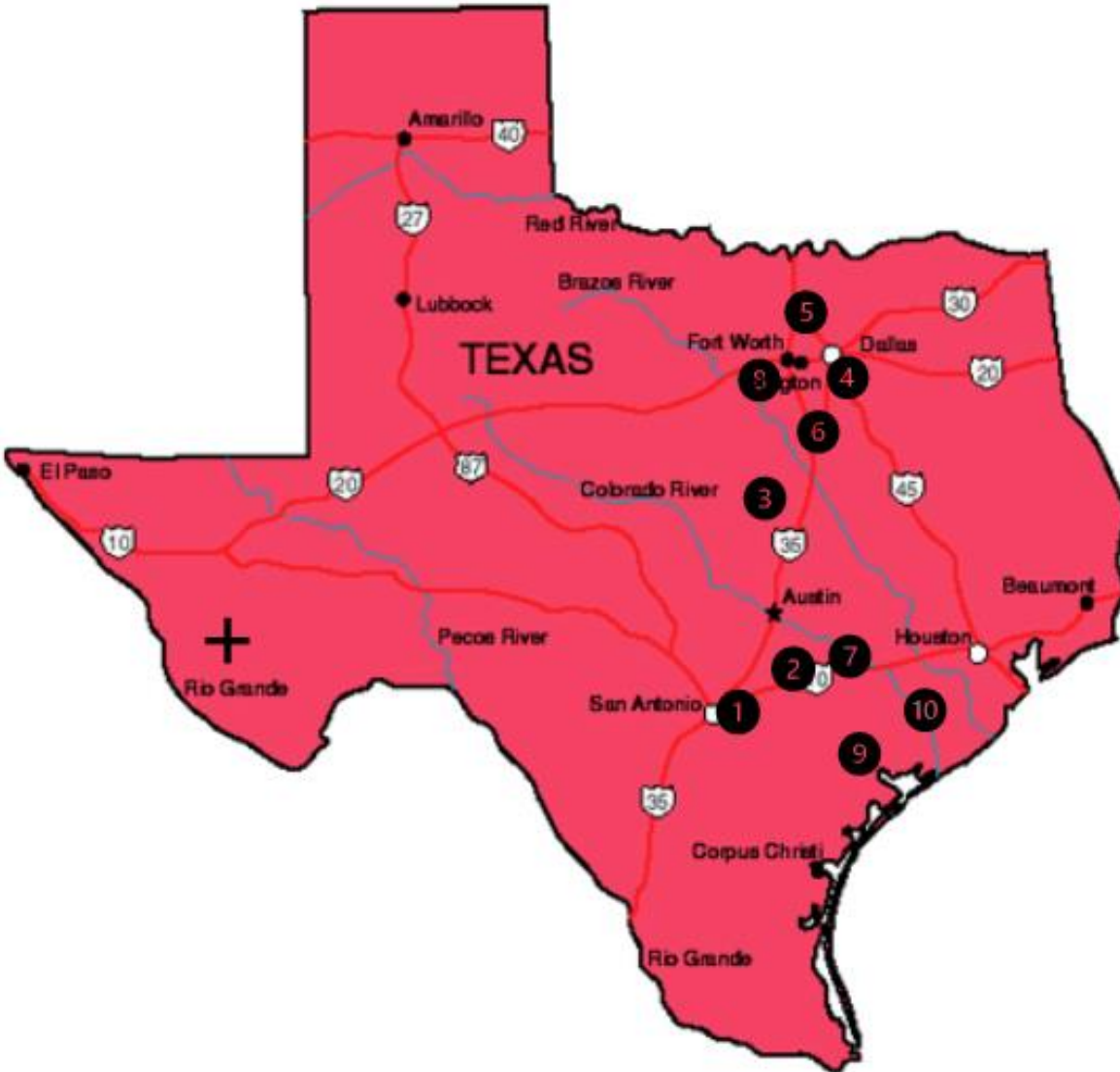
### Bonus: Presidio County Courthouse

Off to West Texas we go for the last courthouse in our list: the Presidio County Courthouse in the small town of Marfa. Aesthetically, the 1889-built courthouse shares some traits with other Second Empire-style structures in Texas. Bright blue mansard roofs slant over pavilions that project from the four corners of the building. The massive white clock tower at the top is an attention-grabber, but what makes this building stand out is its salmon-painted stucco walls that cover the original brick.

*City: Marfa*



# 2022 Texas Miata Courthouse Challenge



## 2022 TEXAS MIATA CHALLENGE

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 "202201" to see good write up of Challenge sites.

At Internet Car Clubs site; See Events:

First Event is "Challenge"

Click on "Select"

Click on "Additional Information"

See: [2022 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

FOR EACH CHALLENGE SITE:

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 any Miata Driver Photo:

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

Do the same for each Challenge Location and Enjoy exploring the  
TEXAS COURT HOUSE CHALLENGE for 2022

# 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 \$17 for a set of 2. If you don't want to wait for the next batch, be sure to purchase them when he has them on hand. Bruce also has round magnets for sale.*

*Pins are still \$2 each or 10 for \$15. Great for trading with other groups!*



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

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



## Embroidery

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



## *LSMC Logo Stuff*

Contact our Vice President, Richard Rogers at [VP@lsmiata.org](mailto:VP@lsmiata.org) for LSMC Logo merchandise being offered through the club. You also can buy merchandise at Panda Embroidery, 351 East Huggins, Grapevine, TX 76051 (817-488-4151). Panda can embroider items in a thread color of your choice including one that matches your Miata!

## *Newsletter Submissions & Distribution*

Ads, announcements, articles, trip reports and other contributions to the newsletter are **encouraged**. Email submissions to [Newsletter@lsmiata.org](mailto:Newsletter@lsmiata.org). Attachments may be in .pdf, .txt, Word or WordPerfect format. Pictures may be in any of the usual formats such as .gif, .jpg, png, etc. If I have any problems with document or picture format, I will contact you. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, artwork, layout, etc. I'm just pleased to receive input and will take care of the editing and cosmetics! Also, if you find something interesting online, please send me the link. Input is welcome anytime, but must be received prior to the publishing deadline (usually the first of the month) to be in the next issue.

NOTE: If you want the newsletter sent to more than one email address, your secondary driver, or anyone else, please send your name (so I know you're a member) and the email address(es) to [Newsletter@lsmiata.org](mailto:Newsletter@lsmiata.org).

ANOTHER NOTE: Member in Good Standing (you've paid your dues) may submit ad copy or info on their business. Does **not** have to be a Miata- or car-related business, but it must be **your** business. Others may advertise, too, for a fee. Contact the [President@lsmiata.org](mailto:President@lsmiata.org) for details.

## *Two-Way Radios*

For more fun on drives, if you don't have a two-way radio, get one. Without one, you miss out on a lot of chat and decision making as to stops, etc. Most importantly, should you get separated from the group or have car trouble; it makes it much easier for us to find you and assist you! LSMC uses GMRS/FRS radios for better range and reception. An operating license is not required when used in the FRS range.

## *Stuff for Sale and Announcements*

LSMC permits all members in good standing to place a free ad or event announcement in the LSMC Newsletter. The item should relate to the Miata or Club activities. This includes activities hosted by other clubs, Car-related events of general interest are also welcome. Contact the editor at [Newsletter@lsmiata.org](mailto:Newsletter@lsmiata.org) to place an ad or announcement.

## *Change of Address & Member Info*

Be sure to keep your contact information and particularly your email address up-to-date; you don't want to miss anything! Submit your email address, snail mail address, new car info and any other contact information changes to the Membership Officer at [Membership@lsmiata.org](mailto:Membership@lsmiata.org). A form also is available on our website. Just click 'Membership' and select the text 'update' to update your information.

## *Blogsite and Facebook*

Check out our **blogsite** at [lsmiata.org](http://lsmiata.org) for various information. For up-to-the-minute events information, member input and other stuff, visit our **Facebook** page at [Lone Star Miata Group](https://www.facebook.com/LoneStarMiataGroup). You may also consult the newsletter, which is published more or less monthly.

**LONE STAR MIATA CLUB**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Time to renew your membership! Annual dues are \$30 for singles, \$40 for couples. After March 31, 2022, 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:

**Sandy Lewis**  
**Lone Star Miata Club**

2025 Briarcliff Rd  
Lewisville TX 75067

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:

**Sandy Lewis**  
**Lone Star Miata Club**  
2025 Briarcliff Rd  
Lewisville TX 75067

For more information, please contact:  
Sandy Lewis  
Membership Chairman  
214-676-5043  
[Membership@lsmiata.org](mailto:Membership@lsmiata.org)

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DATE	AMOUNT	CHECK	CHK. TO	D-BASE
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