



# 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., May 19

(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.

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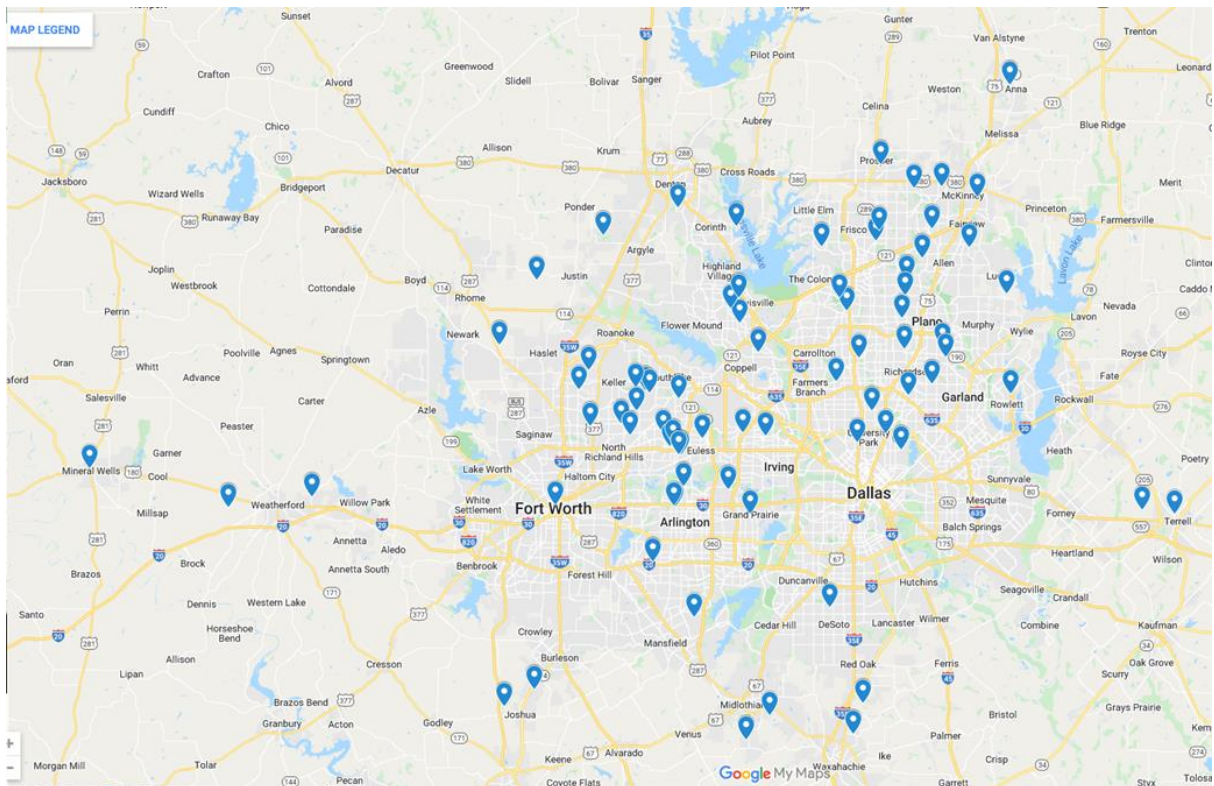
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# President's Message

While we may have not gotten the rainfall we traditionally would receive in the month of April, it gave us prime topless driving weather. Bluebonnets, burgers, and berries were just a few of the highlights that stick out to me from the past month's events we hosted— check out the recaps below if you weren't able to make it out to one of them.

One of the common questions I've been asked is why we host events where we do and if we can do one in their local area of (insert city here) and the answer is yes, of course! Remember that all of our events are hosted by volunteers and it's important to consider the geographical size our club covers and the concentrations of where those members reside, which makes it very difficult to make it convenient for everyone. To give you an idea of where are current club members designate as home on their membership form I've added some pinpoints on the map below.



# President's Message Cont.

I'm also sharing the final results from the survey which was used to capture interest on types of events members are most interested in. You can see the overwhelming amount of interest in half day ride and drives, which has been reflected as the most common type of event we've hosted so far in 2022.

What types of events interest you the most?	
DFW Area Half Day Ride and Drives (up to 3 hours event/driving)	91%
Regional Full Day Ride and Drives (3+ hours event/driving)	65%
Weekend Trips	61%
Social Events (movies, ice cream, pizza night etc)	48%
Multi-Day Trips (longer than a weekend)	30%
Car Shows	22%
Autocross / Track Day	17%
Parades	13%
Tech Day	9%

Now as we head into planning for June and beyond our calendar is very much open and we're looking for events to schedule. Make your voice heard and reach out to myself via a text/email: [President@LSMiata.org](mailto:President@LSMiata.org) or any of the other officers if you have an event you'd like to host, or if you want to talk through an idea you have for an event.

I look forward to seeing you out at the next club event. Zoom-Zoom!

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

# Janine Nelson Tree Memorial



Visit to the Dalla Arboretum  
for Janine's Tree  
Honorarium

Saturday May 14 at 9:00 am

Meet at:

Dallas Arboretum Gate #1  
8525 Garland Rd.  
Dallas TX 75218



As shown above, the plaque for Janine's tree honorarium has been placed on the tree at the Dallas Arboretum that was selected by her husband Craig. This is a beautiful established Japanese Maple. Our Lone Star Miata Club, Janine's friends and family, and individual Club members have given money to the Arboretum to honor Janine with the plaque for 10 years.

We plan on visiting the Arboretum on Saturday morning May 14 for a photo op at the tree. We can stay for lunch at Lula Mae Slaughter Dining Terrace near the entrance to the Arboretum.

Special Arboretum events for May 14th are The Black Heritage Celebration from 10 am to 4 pm, and beer sampling with Ryan Childers of Oak Highlands Brewery from 2 pm to 4 pm.

We will meet in the Dallas Arboretum Parking Lot at Gate #1 at 9:00 am (note that a pass is not required to drive into the parking lot). We will hand out admission passes and parking passes, and plan on entering the Arboretum about 9:30 am. We will walk to Janine's Tree for a short dedication and pictures around 10 to 10:30 am. We can then return to the Dining Terrace for lunch around 11:00 am. We can stay to enjoy the beautiful Arboretum grounds, or the Black Heritage Celebration, or the beer Sampling. Please plan on enjoying your day at the Dallas Arboretum.

We have a limited number of free passes for the Arboretum, and want to see from the response the Evite how much interest there is in visiting Janine's Tree. If you are a member of the Dallas Arboretum, please help us with free passes. Date would be May 14 at 9:30 am.

# In case you missed it — April

APRIL MEETING 04/21/2022, held at Spring Creek Barbecue in Irving, President Brent Kemish, presiding

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by President Brent Kemish.

New Members: Welcome to the Miata Club, and please enjoy many activities with us

David and Mary Dixon, 2020 Grey

Neal Jones, 2000 Red, Car Name -- Noxi

Birthdays: Nick Allen, Carol Maglione, Brent Martin, Tri Nguyen, Tim roberts

Club anniversaries: Jon and Paula Bodie, 2021; Spencer Pennington, 2021; Richard Rogers, 2006; Stewart Teasley, 2013

Door prizes: Mary Wharton; Lynne Perler; Allen Yeane; Richard Rogers; Heather Graham

50/50 raffle won by Hunter Smith

Texas Miata Challenge

- Sean Bryan ordering pins and T-Shirts for those participants who completed the 2021 Texas Miata Challenge, is in process. We have received our sponsorship check from Denton Mazda.
- 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 – April, 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.) We currently have 119 members, and 1500 members on our FaceBook Page. Sandy has name tags.
- Club Name Badge: The cost for the Club Name tag has been increased to \$15. This will be reflected on the membership application forms.
- Richard always has club merchandise for sale: door magnets, coffee mugs, pins.
- Sandy Lewis has business cards that can be handed out to Miata Owners. Brent Kemish will be making a design change to the Lone Star Miata Club business card.
- Brent's Survey: Feedback shows 87% of respondents like 1/2 day runs of about 3 hours.
- We will also explore having a Saturday Club Meeting.

Prior events:

- Apr. 1: Ice Cream Social at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers led by Doug Dodgen. See details in Newsletter.
- Apr. 9: Bluebonnet and Ellis County Courthouse Run – Led by Brent Kemish. See details in Newsletter
- Apr. 16: Kelly Family Farm Burger Run – Led by Brent Kemiah. See Details in Newsletter
- Apr. 23: Strawberry picking run -- Led by Brian Knopp. See Details in Newsletter
- Apr. 24: Re-Run of the Bluebonnet Run for those that could not make the Saturday Run – Led by Brent Kemish. See Details in Newsletter
- Apr. 30: Loco Coyote Run and Open House for Sean and Karen's new house in Glen Rose – Led by Sean Bryan. See Details and pictures in Newsletter.

Upcoming events:

- May 1: Ice Cream Social at Culvers Custard in Flower Mound led by Doug Dodgen
- May 14: Special visit to Dallas Arboretum to enjoy Janine's Tree Honorarium. Led by Richard Rogers. See details in Newsletter. Evite has been sent out.
- May 21: Hico Steak Cookoff run and wine tasting, led by Mary Wharton. Go to <https://www.texassteakcookoff.com/> for information and tickets.
- May/June: Possible run to Fossil Rim.
- July 30 – 31: Miata Reunion 2022 See details in Newsletter.
- Oct. 20-23: College Station; Houston Club will host Roundup in 2022. Details soon.
- March 24-26, 2023: March Miata Madness for 2023. Hosted by Craig Woolheater

Next meeting May 19

# Freddy's Custard Ice Cream Social

April's Ice Cream Social took place at Freddy's Homemade Custard in Euless. A number of hungry people came early to eat their famous smashed burgers. About 20 members ended up visiting and trying the very smooth custard that Freddy's is known for. Submitted by Doug Dodgen.



Mark and Sue are heading out after some good tasting Custard.



Doug & Yvonne (our hosts), Fred, Terrie, Jeanie & Friend Terry, Brent, Julia & Brian, Lynne

# Freddy's Pictures Cont.



Lynne & Fred, Dan & Denise



Sue, Brian & Julia, Bruce & Ruth



Jeanie & Friend Terry, Alan & Betty Wilson



Past President Bruce Gibson and Current President Brent Kemish



# Bluebonnets and Ellis County Courthouse Run

What a fun and memorable day (4/09/22) in and around Ennis today! The weather could not have been more pleasant to see and smell all the bluebonnets which were out and plentiful in the area. We had a great turnout of Miata's, thanks for those who joined me.

Along our 107 mile trip we intercepted a bicycle road race, stopped for a photo opportunity, snacked on kolaches, saw a dozen different types of animals out and about, swung by the Ellis County Courthouse to check off everyone's 2022 Texas Miata Challenge, and ate some good Italian food at Tuscan Slice.

Submitted by Brent Kemish.

Attendees were: Richard Rogers, Terrie Campbell, Mark & Sue Christman, Heather Graham & Doug Long, Brent Kemish, Chris & Sandra Osborn, Joe & Gina Quisenberry, Gerry & Suzanne Sauls, Hunter & Jennifer Smith, Chris Soignier, Tri Nguyen, Mary Wharton, Zac & Francis Dickerson, Yusef & Tina, Dave Thomas



Let's have a driver's meeting at QuikTrip before heading out to see Bluebonnets and ending in Waxahachie classic Italian and Pizza.

# Bluebonnets and Waxahachie Run Cont.



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At Tuscan Slice for Homemade Italian Cuisine from a wood burning oven.



Gerry & Suzanne, and Mary



Yusef & Tina, Hunter & Jennifer



Mark & Sue, Joe & Gina, and Terrie



Zac & Francis



Heather & Doug,  
Chris & Sandra,  
Brent, and Tri

# Kelly Family Farm Burger Run

Today's run (4/16/22) started in Allen and we explored some backroads up into Princeton, Blue Ridge, and Leonard before heading back to Parker for lunch through Celeste and Farmersville. It was great to see a turnout of 8 cars show up on a holiday weekend for a drive.

The sky looked like it wanted to rain at any moment all morning, but the weather held off and we had the entire drive under mostly cloudy skies with temperatures in the mid 70's.

We did have one mishap with a club members tire from a pothole 8 miles from our destination, but luckily she had run-flats on her car (tire would not hold air) and was able to find a tire shop with a replacement available and make it there safely with help from another member – thank you Chris Osborn.

The rest of us continued on and made a stop for lunch at Kelly's Family Farm Burger Stand. For those who haven't been and are happen to be in the area I recommend stopping and giving them a shot, the burger was delicious. Submitted by Brent.



Staging at the Quik Trip: Mary, Brian, Chris O., Kay Gregg, Mark, Brent



Now that's a real Miata curve coming up.



Taking a break at the rest stop: Terrie, Mark & Sue, Chris O., Brian (Julia hidden), Kay, Dave & Mary 12

# Kelly Family Farm Burger Run Cont.



Ordering Burgers at Kelly's; Julia & Brian, Kay, Brent, Terrie



Enjoying Burgers at Kelly's; Brent, Brian & Julia, Kay, Sue



Sue and Mark waiting for their Burgers



Cherry and Rick enjoying Burgers and another wonderful year together

# Berry Picking Run

Today (4/23/22) we went on a trip out to east to Pittsburg and took the scenic route starting from Rockwall and then through Quinlan, Emory, and WInnsboro. Along the way we crossed 4 different lakes before stopping at Herschel's Restaurant for some lunch (the chicken fried steak was tasty) before ending the day just down the road at Efurd Orchards. Efurd had a huge variety of canned and bottled items for sale at their market, along with plenty of fresh fruit, veggies, and homemade ice cream. Thank you to Brian for leading and navigating the run as copilot, with Julia behind the wheel!

It's April and everything is turning Green. A Great drive through East Texas.



The old Efurd Delivery Truck



We ended with Lunch at Herschel's Restaurant

# Bluebonnets and Ellis County Courthouse Re-Run

Bluebonnets were still out and about in the Ennis area on our run today (4/24), but looks like the peak was last week. There was a larger variety of other wildflowers sprinkled in on our journey compared to the run on 4/9. Still a great run and ride on a mostly overcast day, and there were only 2 bicyclists on the entire 107 mile trip to pass.



Bluebonnets were still in bloom for our Miatas doing the Bluebonnet Re-Run



Setting up for Texas Miata Challenge photos at the Ellis County Courthouse in Waxahachie

# Loco Coyote Run and Sean & Karen's Open House

What a great run down to Glen Rose today (4/30/22) We had excellent weather, windy roads, and great food at the Loco Coyote (Aussie burger was top notch). There was a great turnout - 17 Miata's in total. Thank you to Sean for leading the run and hosting everyone at his gorgeous house afterwards with ice cream and beverages. Can't wait for the next time we do this run.



A drone shot of Sean's new house. Those are his woods (a little) behind the house.



Enjoying Ice Cream and Brownies in the Dining Room. Nick, Chris S., Brent, Neal, Sandy, Sandra, Betty.



Dishing up some Ice Cream in the Kitchen. Terrie, Sue, Mark, Karen (Our Hostess), Robert R.



Betty's great pic of Miatas on the run.



# Loco Coyote Run Cont.



Getting ready for a great run to Loco Coyote



Waiting for our tables at Loco Coyote  
Karen, Howard, Betty, Chris O.



Above: Brent, Neal, and others



Left: Denise and Dan Arras



Above: Sandy, Terrie, Tri, Chris S., Jeff

Chris O., Sean and Karen (our run leaders and hosts), Betty and Howard,  
David and Mary, Mark and Sue, Sandra.

# Loco Coyote Run Cont.



Waiting for our tables at Loco Coyote;  
Sandy, Cheri and Robert Raith



Talking Miatas of course; Chris S., Brent, Dave,  
And some Miata Friends.

# Miata Reunion 2022

**Miata Reunion July 30-31, 2022 Barber Motorsports Park \*\*\*\* Registration is open!\*\*\*\* General Admission is only \$25 per person.**

Hello Miata Club Members!

Miata-Only Track Time is a hot ticket at this event so please log on to <https://miatareunion.com/> and make sure you have all of your information ready--the 2019 event sold out!

**Not interested in track time? We've got lots of other fun experiences for you over the weekend!**

\***Clubs Village** in the main paddock: a dedicated area in the paddock to get your group/club together in one spot to show off and check out the Miatas of other clubs around the country (included in GA entry).

\***MossMiata Car Show**: Saturday afternoon, winners receive trophies and prizes incl seats at the Sat Banquet. Winners will be displayed at the Museum entrance! (incl GA entry)

\***Flyin' Miata G-Force Challenge**: three timed laps on a professional skid pad, no roll bar or experience required (a helmet is), top G gets a prize from FM (incl in GA entry).

\***On-Track Parade Laps and Group Photo**: on Saturday, with video (incl in GA entry).

\***JZilla Car Control Clinic** on Saturday: on smaller track with instruction (no roll bar req).

\***MossMiata Sunday Cruise**: Sunday afternoon, limited to 50 cars (incl in GA entry)

\*Discounted entry to the World-Famous Barber Vintage Motorsports **Museum** (\$18/2-day, \$12/1-day).

\***Formal Banquet**: Saturday evening INSIDE the Museum! Featuring guest speakers Tom Matano and Norman Garrett (ticket price \$84).

\***Vendor Alley**: all weekend in the main paddock, with all the top Miata parts and service vendors you love.

We dug out a video from our 2010 archive just for a fun trip down memory lane: <https://youtu.be/DAoYUY-Op7s>.

## 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](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.

# 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 :

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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*



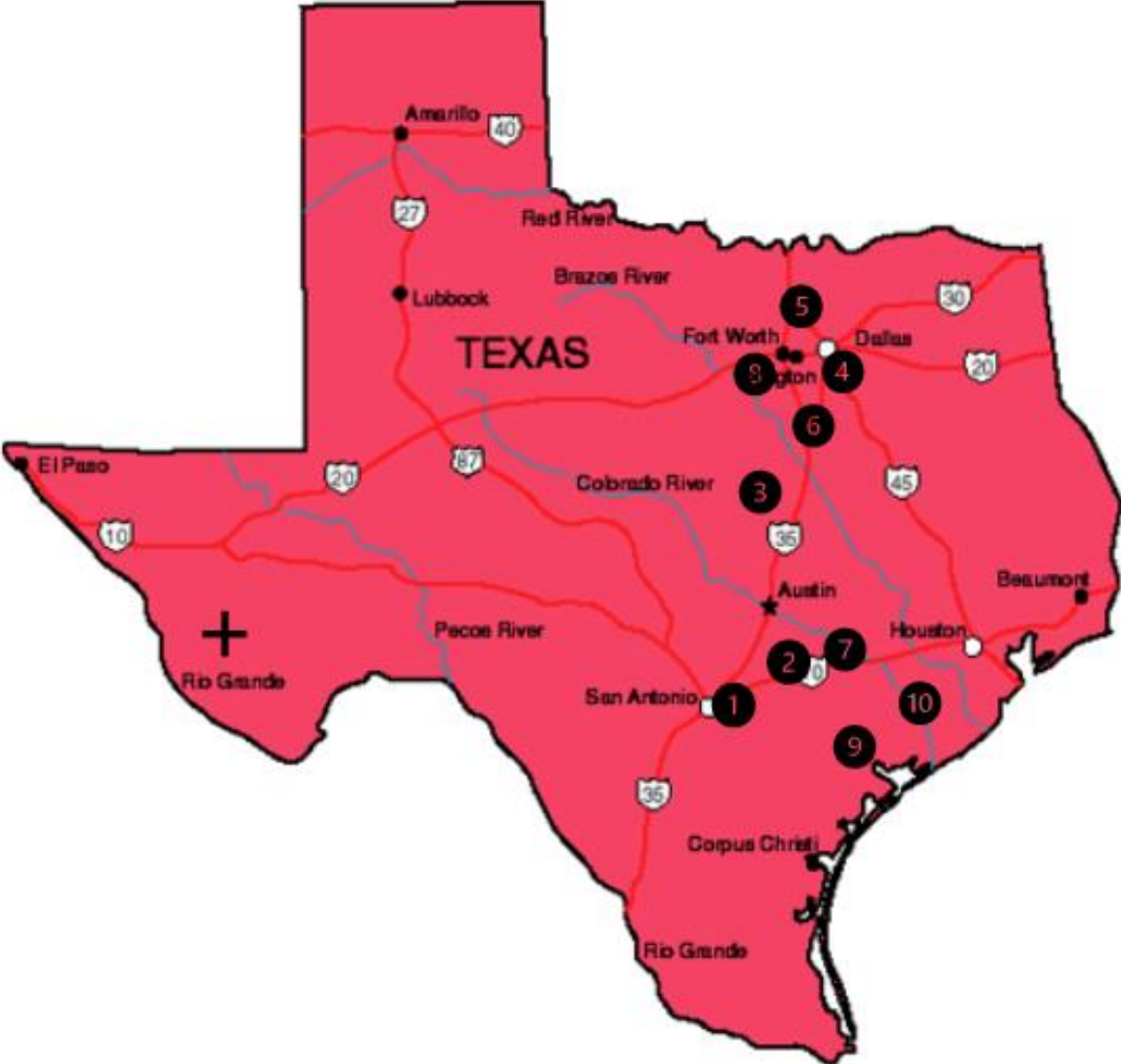
### Bonus: Presidio County Courthouse

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:       Ismiata.org  
Click on website:  
<http://internetcarclubs.com/clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx>

Or go directly to:  
Internet Car Clubs site (set Bookmark)  
Note that at the "Ismiata.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
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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 \$15 per nametag (price is higher if purchased later). Dues for new 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 <a href="mailto:Membership@lsmiata.org">Membership@lsmiata.org</a>
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DATE	AMOUNT	CHECK	CHK. TO	D-BASE
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