



MiataTalk

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Newsletter for the Lone Star Miata Club

<https://lsmiata.org>

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

Facebook: Lone Star Miata Club

Next meeting



**SPRING-CREEK
BARBEQUE**

6:30 p.m., July 21

(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 website. Click on the "Club Members Only" button to get to the directory.

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President's Message

Summer weather has been out in full force already and we're just heading into July! It's hard to believe we've already hit halfway through our calendar year, but that just means we have more fun to look forward to. For everyone who has either hosted or participated in one or more of our 26 club hosted events this year (14 of those were club runs), thank you! If you haven't yet had a chance to make it out to an event, we hope to see you and your Miata soon.

Our events for the 2nd half of the year include both returning club favorites as well as some totally new events, so keep your eyes peeled to the calendar.

A few notes:

- September 10, 2022 will be our Annual Club Picnic at Parr Park Rotary Pavilion in Grapevine from 11 AM – 3 PM. Be on the lookout for an invite soon and please RSVP, we need a head count for the food the club will be providing. Think of any side dish or lawn game you may want to bring out to the event.
- A Chili Cookoff is happening in the fall, and we'll need participants to cook up their favorite batch of chili to share with the group. Anything goes, we'll leave it up to a vote to pick out the People's Choice.
- October 20-23, 2022 is the Texas Miata Roundup hosted by the Houston Miata Club in College Station. Here's the last update (as of 7/1) from Freddy:

"I have a 2-person team working on website content, and we have 2 people on the ground in College Station (they live there working on tours, Chamber of Commerce info and a restaurant guide). We have contacts for all Hotels, Catering, and the Convention Center/Banquet Hall. With any luck the website will be up next week, but it could possibly be July 15. The website should be open for 2 months and we will cap it at 150 cars."

Our summer and fall calendar is still 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 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.

Wishing everyone happy and safe 4th of July. Zoom-Zoom!

Brent Kemish
LSMC President

In case you missed it — June

JUNE MEETING 06/16/2022, held at Spring Creek Barbecue in Irving, President Brent Kemish, presiding

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by President Brent Kemish.

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

Tim & Jan Roberts, 2016 Ceramic

Guest: Brad Richards, 2019 and 1997

Birthdays: Mary Dixon; Uwe Hale; Lisa Koen

Club anniversaries: Betty Banfield, 2015; Tom & Peggy Quinn, 2016; Rick Morrill, 2016; Jenny Quinlan, 2016; Jeff Myers, 2018; Nick Allen, 2021; Judy Chitwood, 2021

Door prizes: Doug Dodgen; Amy Mackenroth; Joe Quisenberry; Terrie Campbell; Sandy Lewis; Sandra Osborn

50/50 raffle won by Craig Nelson

Texas Miata Challenge

- Sean Bryan has ordered pins and T-Shirts for those participants who completed the 2021 Texas Miata Challenge. 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 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
- 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 104 paid members, and 1600 members on our FaceBook Page. Sandy has name tags.

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In case you missed it — June, cont.

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- 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. NOTE: He now has small door magnets (5X7).
- Brent Kemish has completed the design change to the Lone Star Miata Club business card. The new cards will be available at the July Meeting and at runs or events. There is a space to write your name as “referring member”. See new card layout in Newsletter.
- CONTEST for remainder of 2022; club member who has most referrals by end of year 12/31 on submitted membership forms will WIN free 2023 membership.
- 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.
- Brent has updated the LSMiata.org web site. PLEASE check it out: lsmiata.org.
- We will have a Chili Cookoff in the Fall. To be hosted by Amy Mackenroth.
- There was interest in having a drive with the Oklahoma Miata Club, maybe in the Fall.
- There was interest in going to the Dallas Arboretum in December for the 12 Days of Christmas event

Prior events:

- June 1: Ice Cream Social at Andy’s Frozen Custard in The Colony. Led by Mark and Brent. See details in Newsletter.
- June 18: Chisholm Trail Run To OK Border. Led by Brent Kemish. See details in Newsletter.
- June 25: Just the Miata Ladies, Saturday Brunch. Led by Heather Graham and Sandra Osborn. See details in Newsletter.
- June 26: Happy 100 Year Birthday to Sandy Lewis’ Mom Mary. See details in Newsletter.

Upcoming events:

- July 1: Ice Cream Social at Cow Tipping Creamery at The Star in Frisco. Dinner at Whalburgers next to the Creamery. Led by Doug & Brent.
- July 4: Westcliff July 4th Parade. See flyer in Newsletter. Lunch location TBD. Led by Richard Rogers
- July 30 – 31: Miata Reunion 2022 See details in Newsletter.
- Sept 10: Miata Club Picnic; 11:00 am to 3 pm at Carr Park Pavillion in Grapevine.
- Oct. 20-23: College Station; Houston Club will host Roundup in 2022. Details soon.
- Oct. 30: Dallas Marathon drive. Led by Richard Rogers
- Dec. 17: Miata Club Christmas Holiday Party. Will be hosted by Sandy Lewis at her house.
- March 24-26, 2023: March Miata Madness for 2023. Hosted by Craig Woolheater

Next meeting July 21

New Club Business Card

Cards will be available at upcoming meetings and events. Write in your name and hand out to Miatas that you see out and about.



*Lone Star
Miata Club*





lsmiata.org



Hello Miata Owner!

Did you know that there is an active club in the DFW area?



Referred By:

www.lsmiata.org

Upcoming Regional Events

7/30/22	Regional Event: Miata Reunion 2022 - Birmingham, AL	Jul 30-31; Birmingham AL Miata Reunion is a Miata-centric event that allows drivers to enjoy the track and interact with other Miata enthusiasts from all over North America. The 2022 Miata Reunion will be held over the weekend of July 30-31 at Barber Motorsports Park. Lone Star Miata Club will be represented in club corral with Brent going.
8/4/22	Regional Event: 2022 Miatas At The Gap XXVI	Aug. 4-7: Fontana Dam, NC. MATG is THE longest running Miata gathering in the country. Located in the midst of some of the greatest driving roads in the country, we are one of the largest gatherings of Mazda Miatas and owners in the US. Ground Zero for the event is the Fontana Village Resor located in the middle of Miata driving paradise. The main attraction for the Miata enthusiast is the legendary Tail of the Dragon. Being in close proximity to other options like Wayah Road, the Cherohala Skyway, Moonshiner 28, Devils Triangle TN, Six Gap in Georgia, and Diamondback 226A means endless hours and days of driving bliss. https://www.gapmiatas.com/
10/6/22	Regional Event: 2022 Surf 'N' Safari - San Diego Miata Club	Oct. 6-9: El Cajon, CA 92019 The San Diego Miata Club welcomes Miata owners and enthusiasts from all over the world to the fifth Surf 'N' Safari regional event. This four-day event in beautiful east San Diego county promises food, fun, and prizes. Meet old and new friends, drive excellent Miata roads, and have fun in perfect convertible weather. Each of our previous Surf 'N' Safari events have hosted many participants representing over 25 Miata clubs from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia! Surf 'N' Safari 2022 is moving to a new host Golf Resort that will greatly enhance your enjoyment of our wonderful back county roads. http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns22/index.html
10/20/22	Regional Event: 2022 Texas Miata Roundup - Houston Miata Club	Oct. 20-23: College Station; Houston Miata Club will host Roundup in 2022. Share Update From Freddy
11/11/22	Regional Event: 2022 Miata's at The Sisters - MATS	Nov. 11-13: Kerrville. 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 10-13, 2022. Call 830-257-4440. Miatas at the Sisters rate is \$xx.xx / night. https://www.facebook.com/groups/545707852901296/

State Fair Classic Corral Update

For the past 11 years (except 2020 due to COVID) we have been pleased to display our Miatas at the State Fair of Texas in the Classic Car Corral. However 2021 was the last year per Kelly's below email. There have been many fond memories, and here's hoping you had the chance to be part on the Classic Car Display.

Dear Lone Star Miata Club,

For over 20 years automobile lovers and fair guest have enjoyed the Classic Corral at the State Fair of Texas. In that time, we have hosted antique cars and trucks from all over the world, as well as vintage wooden boats, motorcycles, and law enforcement vehicles. We've enjoyed every minute of it.

However, the time has come to say farewell to this Fair tradition and starting 2022 we will not host the Classic Corral. This is to be a transitional year for this area, so in the future we plan to add seating and entertainment for our guest. Unfortunately, like everywhere, land has become a premium commodity and we are in short supply.

I want to say thank you for all you brought to the Fair and I wish you all the best.

Kelly Pound

Director of Exhibits



Andy's Custard Ice Cream Social

Had a great turnout of Miata's at the June Ice Cream Social at Andy's in Frisco on Wednesday, June 1st. It was awesome to get to meet and see so many new faces from surrounding DFW Miata groups come out and join this Lone Start Miata Club hosted event for conversations and ice cream. We had the parking lot completely packed at one point and people had to use the grass as an overflow. The last few of us left Andy's just after 10 PM.

We would have easily had over 30 Miata's come out in total during the evening if it wasn't for the rain that happened earlier which meant some showed up in their OTM's. Submitted by Brent Kemish.

LSMC attendees were: Richard & Terrie, Mark & Sue, Brent, Mike & Carol, Lynne & Fred, Joe & Gina.



Chisholm Trail Run To OK Border

Fun run today June 18 up towards the OK border with some wide open roads and sunny skies. Heat index hit over 100 and it got to feel a bit toasty during the run, but that's why there is air conditioning. 14 Miata's made the 148 mile trek which included driving through a car show. The lunch at Pellegrino's Italian Ristorante was really good and a great way to cool down after a spirited drive. Thanks again for all who came out, especially all of our guests.

Submitted by Brent Kemish.

Attendees were: Tri Nguyen; Brent Kemish (run leader); Richard Rogers & Terrie Campbell; Mark & Sue Christman; Amy Makenroth & Mother Patty Dunkel; Mike & Myra Matthieu; Roger & Carol Ann Kipp; Chris & Laura (daughter) Osborn; Joe & Gina Quisenberry; Zac Dickerson; Kay Gregg & friend Kathy; Layne Parrish; Cody Jared (visitor); and Christian Minth (visitor).



Let's have a driver's meeting at the Quik Trip parking lot before heading out to drive some fun roads and have lunch at Pellegrino's Italian Restorante in Sanger.

Chisholm Trail Run To OK Border Pictures Cont.



Getting settled for a good lunch. Unknown friends; Terrie; our visitors, Cody, Christian, and Layne; Zac; Brent; Tri; Patty (Amy's mom) and Amy;



Neal Jones joined us at Pellegrino's, with Mike & Myra on his left.



Sue and Mark; Roger and Carol Ann.

Just the Miata Girls for Brunch At the True Food Kitchen

Ten Miata Ladies joined with Heather and Sandra Saturday morning June 25 at True Food Kitchen in Plano. They enjoyed sharing stories, discussing future plans, eating delicious food, and sampling some fun brunch cocktails! One of their prime topics was what other outings could the Ladies do together? Watch for future events! Attendees were: host Sandra Osborn; Kay Gregg; Gina Quisenberry; Julia Kuha; Elaine Blair; Mary Wharton; Terrie Campbell; Sue Christman; host Heather Graham; Lynne Perler.



This calls for a toast. Raise your glasses to the Lone Star Miata Club Ladies.



Let's dig in at True Food Kitchen in Plano

Happy 100 Birthday Mary

On Sunday, June 26, Sandy Lewis had a 100 year birthday party for her mom Mary. The party was attended by Lone Star Miata Club members, Jaguar Club members, 7-11 friends, neighbors, other friends, and many family members. Mary had three children that were all at the party, with Sandy being the youngest. The children had four grandchildren, that were all at the party. The grandchildren had ten great-grandchildren, of which nine were at the party. So far, the great-grandchildren have had four great-great-grandchildren, that were all at the party. What an amazing milestone for Sandy's Mom.

Sandy has invited our Miata Club to have our Christmas Party at her house. So, we will be happy to see her and her mom again in December.



The front yard at Sandy's house.



Sandy and her mom Mary. A wonderful 100 years.

Happy 100 Birthday Mary Cont.

Sandy says, “Mom had her 3 children, 4 Grand Children, 9 of 10 Great Grandchildren, and 4 Great—Great Grandchildren!” Works out to five generations.



Westcliff July 4th Parade Flyer



Join the Fun - Westcliff July 4th Parade

- Decorate your car with flags and more
- Parade starts at 10AM; Staging: 9AM
- Corvette, Jeep & Volkswagen clubs join in
- Meet Up: First Congregational Church, 4201 Trail Lake Dr, Fort Worth
- After the parade there will be food, live music and lots of fun for everyone at the church parking lot, all for FREE.
- Parade / celebration duration: 3 hours
- <http://westcliffneighbors.com/>
- Email: westcliffneighbors@gmail.com



Westcliff
Neighborhood Association 

We will meet at First Congregational Church; 4201 Trail Lake Dr, Fort Worth at 9 am for staging and decorating our Miatas with Flags and Streamers. The latest word is we CAN throw candy for the kids.

After the Parade, we will go to the Pot Belly Sandwich Shop for lunch.

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 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 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 :

Gerry Sauls
5421 Rocky Mountain Rd
Ft Worth, TX 76137
(817) 680-8922
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



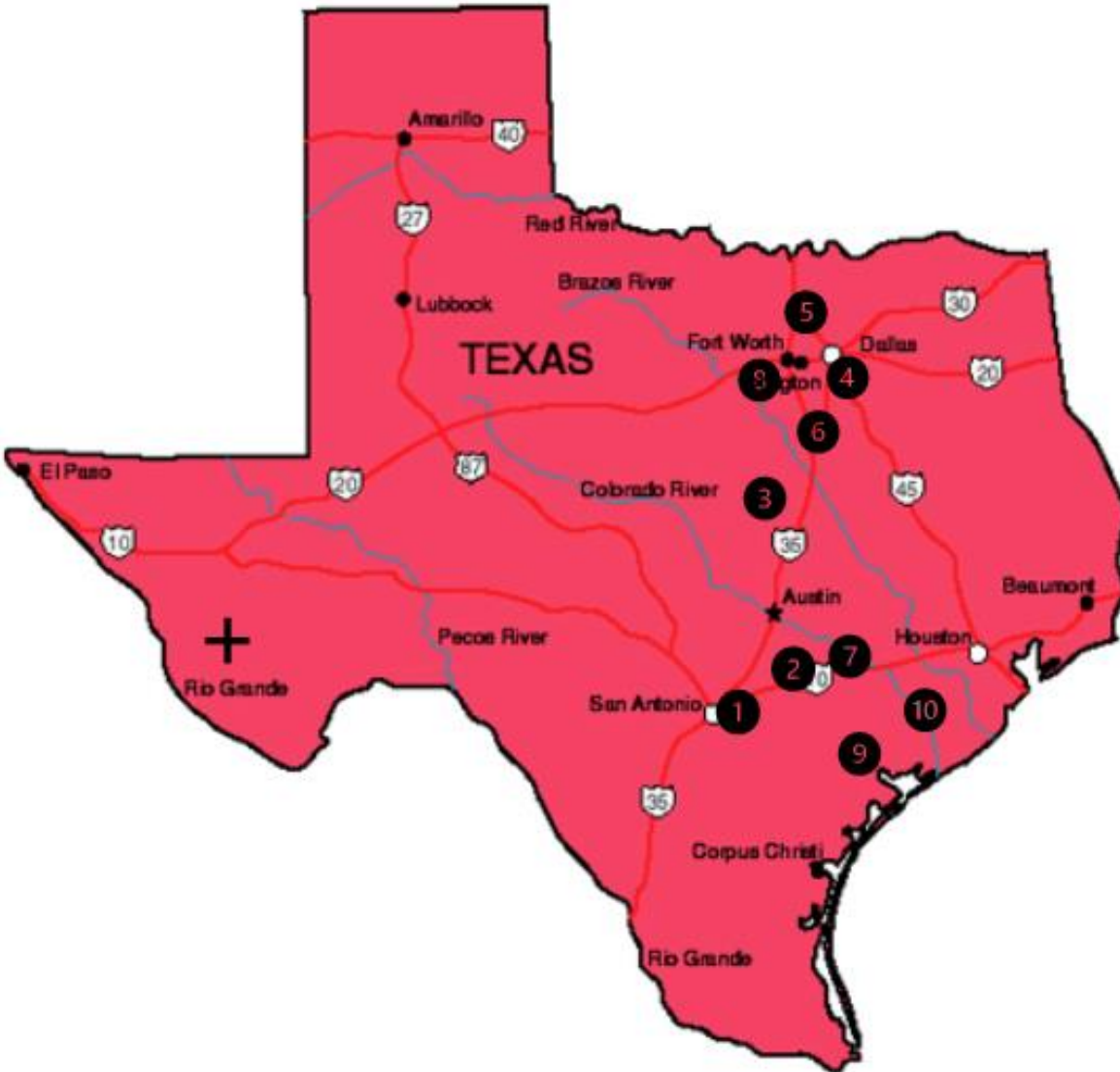
Bonus: Presidio County Courthouse

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: 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 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, 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

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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 30th are prorated. Please make checks payable to: Lone Star Miata Club

Return this form and your check to:

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For more information, please contact: Sandy Lewis Membership Chairman 214-676-5043 Membership@lsmiata.org

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