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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. Oct. 16
(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. Please send a picture of yourself to the Editor rprogers5@aol.com to have it added to the Directory.

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TOM MATANO



Respected car designer Tsutomu “Tom” Matano has died at 76 years old on September 20, 2025. Tom Matano held several design-related positions at General Motors and BMW early in his career, but he’s best remembered for designing Mazda sports cars in the 1980s, including the original MX-5 Miata.

Matano was born in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1947. He studied engineering in Japan and moved to the United States in late 1969. His trip across the Pacific was an unusual one: Instead of taking a plane, he traveled across the ocean on a freighter owned by his grandfather’s company. Matano enrolled in the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California, in 1971 and landed a job at General Motors in Detroit shortly after graduating. The sketch that got him hired was “a futuristic-looking rendering of a 1974 Pontiac.”

General Motors later transferred Matano to its Holden division in Melbourne, Australia. His next stop was Munich, Germany, where he worked for BMW and played a role in shaping the 3 Series. He left because he didn’t like the cold weather in Munich. Luckily, his next gig took him to a part of the world where the winters are much milder: Irvine, California, where Mazda’s North American arm operated a design studio.

Armed with talent and a strong work ethic, Matano rose through the ranks in Mazda’s North American division. He started as Chief Designer, later became Vice President of Design and Executive Vice President of Western Operations, and ultimately moved up to Executive Designer and Director. He moved back to Japan in 1999 to work in Mazda’s headquarters and entered the new millennium as head of global design.

September 2025 Meeting Minutes

LSMC September 2025 Monthly Club Meeting: At Spring Creek BBQ.

Date/Time: 08/18/2025, 6:30 pm

Host: Brent Kemish (President)

Discussion

- Meeting came to order around 6:46 pm by President, Brent Kemish
27 Members present.

- Birthdays In August:
 - Betty Banfield
 - Bruce Blackwell
 - Fred Blair
 - Sharon Dodd
 - Mary Hauger
 - Janell Humphires
 - Craig Nelson
 - Rick Rose
 - Jan Shaffer
 - Chris Treusch
 - Melinda Walden
 - Rena Washington

- Club Anniversaries in August:
 - 1993 (32 Years) – Charles Ferguson
 - 2015 (10 Years) – Howard Banfield
 - 2020 (5 Years) – Jeannie King
 - 2024 (1 Year) – Rena Washington

- New Members: Joining in September 2025. Welcome to the Lone Star Miata Club, and please enjoy many activities with us.
 - Brian Crooks – 2009 Midnight Blue
 - Carola Blocke—2010 Black – Name: Barb
 - Carlos Smith – 1997 Black

- Guests: Carlos Smith; from Track Dog Racing
Carola Blocke; Track Dog Friend; Sponsoring the “Tattoos and Car Show” on Oct. 5

September 2025 Meeting Minutes Cont.

- Past Events
 - 2025 Texas Miata Challenge – David and Mary Dixon
 - This Past Year’s challenge - Oct 1, 2024 thru Sept 30 of 2025
 - Theme: Friday Night Lights – 10 of 12 division champion high school stadiums
 - 12th Year of Holding the Challenge
 - Drivers completing all 10 will be recognized at the Oct 2025 Monthly Club meeting
 - Elaine and Fred Blair are the first people to finish the Challenge. Their prize was a ball cap from Gordon HS, and Miata Socks from Moss Miata.
 - How many miles was the challenge? 796 miles; 14 hours; 25 gallons of gas; \$75 to \$80 for food
 - **Ten Miatas** have finished, with **One or Two Miatas** in process.
 - Mon. Sept. 1 – Ice Cream Social at Handel’s Ice Cream in Southlake. Dinner at Jersey Mikes. Hosted by Doug Dodgen. See writeup in this newsletter.
 - Aug. 29 to Sept 1 – BlueBonnet Miata Club hosting Head for the Mountains: Labor Day Weekend! Head for the Mountains West Texas Mountains, Big Bend National Park trail sites, Stargazing party at the McDonald ... Hosted by George Lucas; Bluebonnet Miata Club. See writeup in this newsletter.
 - Sun. Sept. 28 – Miata Mamas Cooking Class at Infused Oil and Vinegar in Dallas; Hosted by Heather & Sandra. See writeup in this newsletter.
- Officer Reports;
 - Membership – Sandy Lewis
 - 127 Members
 - She reminded everyone to hand out the club business cards and the member having the most people join the Club from receiving the card will be given a free membership for the following year.
 - Secretary Heather Graham;
 - Please let Heather know if you are not getting the evites
 - Please report any shady FB posts to the admin
 - Elections are coming up in November and the slate will be presented at the October meeting. We are in need of a Secretary and an Event Coordinator.

September 2025 Meeting Minutes Cont.

- Officer Reports Cont.;
 - Treasurer – Mary Wharton; Nothing new; Dues are paid
 - Vice President – Lynne Perler; no report
 - Lynne Perler; Roundup Chair
 - ALL INFORMATION IS PENDING FINAL CONTRACTS!!! The Roundup will be held October 9-11, 2026 with a **Track Day planned for Thursday, October 8, 2026.**
 - Committee chairs and committee members are very much needed. MOST IMPORTANT is the need for a computer tech person to create the registration forms, etc.
 - Also suggested was an Auto Cross Event on Saturday, October 10, 2026 which may be a fun alternative for those attending.
 - See later in the Newsletter for a detailed write-up
 - President – Brent Kemish
 - Still in need of an Events Coordinator
 - Responsibilities Include: Assist in the planning, organization, and coordination of scheduled events and shall provide such support to coordinators of individual events as may be reasonable required. Maintain the Club website updating information on date, event time, and meeting place.
- Future Events
 - 2026 Texas Miata Challenge theme – “Return to the Mothership”
 - David Dixon shared that the 2026 Challenge is "Return to the Mother Ship" themed, taking participants to Miata Dealerships in a 250 mile radius. This challenge begins October 1, 2025. On November 8, 2025 from 12-4 will be the Kick Off for this new Challenge at Group 1 Mazda in Denton, TX. This includes a visit to the Sky Theater Planetarium at the University of North Texas. The Challenge locations also include the Johnson Space Center, and the Patricia Smith NASA Museum, with restaurant suggestions all along the Challenge locations. See more writeup later in the newsletter. Evite for the Kick Off has been sent out.
 - Wed. Oct. 1 – Ice Cream Social at Gilore’s Scoops Lewisville. Dinner at Arepa’s Street, across the street. Hosted by Doug Dodgen. Evite has been sent out.
 - Sat. Oct. 4 – Texas State Railroad Train Ride; Departing from Palestine Depot. Hosted by Sandra Osborn and Heather Graham. Evite has been sent out. NOTE: You are welcome to go on just the run before the train, If you don’t want to go on the train.

September 2025 Meeting Minutes Cont.

- Future Events (contd)
 - Sun. Oct. 5 10am to 2pm – Ink and Ignition Tattoos and Car Show at Ink Life in North Richland Hills. See flyer later in newsletter.
 - Dan and Amy from Track Dog Racing shared an event coming on October 23, 2025 in Hallet, OK. For the last 23 years they have held a Track Day with coaches and instructors. Maybe LSMC would consider being a part of this annual event.
 - Carola Locke from Track Dog Racing announced an upcoming Auto Crossing event at Burleson High School. Contact her for date.
 - Sun. Oct. 26 9am to 2pm – Car Show/Swap Meet/Tech Day hosted by Zoom Performance in Grand Prairie. Maybe wear Halloween costumes, or decorate your Miata for Halloween. There will be a BBQ Food Truck. No charge for this event. There will be a ballot for voting and anyone can vote. There will be tumblers and T-Shirts for prizes. There will be coffee and donuts in the morning. See flyer later in newsletter.
 - May 7, 2026 -- There is a notice about a Speed and Chill Car Meet with Charity and Parade Laps at the Cresson Race Track. See poster at; <https://app.parkupfront.com/event/8876>
 - Sat. Dec. 13 – LSMC Holiday Party at Sandy Lewis' house. Details to follow.
- Door Prizes
 - Janell Humphries – Candy
 - Tri Nguyen – T-Shirt
 - Sarah Olidia – Spray Wax
 - Lynne Perler – T-Shirt
 - Bobby Carlos – Glass Cleaner
 - Sandy Lewis – Scarecrow Figure
 - Craig Nelson – Candy
 - Terrie Campbell – Quick Wax
 - Brian Crooks – Towel
 - Brent Kemish – Detailer
 - Charles Ferguson – Stool
 - Dan Bookhamer – Wheel Cleaner
 - Sue Corona – T-Shirt
- 50/50 Raffle – \$28 to Sandra Osborn
- Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm.
- Submitted by Lynne Perler and Richard Rogers Newsletter Editor

Messages

From the Editor:

I am writing this just after the Sunday Miata Mamas cooking class. Wanted to wait to include all September events.

Note that Heather and Sandra have a first class train ride on the Texas State Railroad for Saturday, October 4th. Before the train, there will be a run to Palestine. The train ride is from 11am to 3pm, and includes lunch. NOTE: You are welcome to go on just the run and not the train ride if you like. Let Heather and Sandra know in your response to the evite.



Our new member Carola Bloke is hosting a Tattoos and Car Show on Sunday Oct 5 at Ink Life DFW in North Richland Hills. See the flyer later in the newsletter.

And on Sunday, October 26, Zoom Zoom Performance will be hosting a Car Show/Swap Meet/Tech Day. They are now located at: 2100 E Main St B, Grand Prairie, TX 75050. This is being coordinated with our member HL Humphries. He sent me the flyer, which is in this newsletter. Check the minutes for more details.

We had our Club meeting for September on the 18th. Sandy Lewis took some pictures that I included in this newsletter.

Looking ahead to December, Sandy Lewis has again offered to host our Yearly Christmas/Holiday party at her house in Lewisville. This is always one of the big events for the year. Thank you Sandy for opening up your house for us.

Also be sure to check out the 2026 Texas Miata Challenge Kick Off Event on Sat. Nov. 8. We will begin by taking pictures at Group 1 Mazda in Denton. This is one of the challenge spots. Then we go to the Planetarium at UNT with their show "The Hot and Energetic Universe". Tickets are only \$8 (\$5 for Seniors) and can be purchased after Oct. 10. Contact the Planetarium at 940-369-8213. Their web site is: <https://astronomy.unt.edu/sky-theater/index.html>

Richard Rogers Editor

2026 TEXAS MIATA ROUNDUP IS COMING!

The Lone Star Miata Club is excited to host the upcoming state roundup and we need YOU! It takes a village to put on something of this size so please be generous with your time and energy.

The Roundup will take place from Friday, October 9 til Sunday, October 11, 2026. Please save the dates!!

We are currently looking for folks to chair and/or work on the following committees (the chairs of these committees will create a Steering Committee) please designate whether you would like to serve as the chair or be a committee member.

- **Chair: Lynne Perler**
 - Recruit volunteers and oversee all aspects of event
- **Treasurer: Mary Wharton**
 - Maintain all monetary aspects of the event
- **Need:**
 - Medical on call
 - Mechanic on call

Committees:

- **Lodging**
 - Contact and maintain partnership with headquarter lodging.
 - Find for reference, alternate lodging
- **Food**
 - Any food other than headquarters supplied food
 - Suggestions for places to eat when on runs
 - Suggestions for places to eat Thursday and Friday nights for chapter dinners
- **Runs:**
- Recruit people to lead runs, 3 per day:
- Friday, 10/09/26
 - Spirited Run
 - Casual Run
 - Sightseeing Run
- Saturday, 10/10/26
 - Spirited Run
 - Casual Run
 - Sightseeing Run

- **Hospitality:**
 - Supply and maintain food and beverage for a Hospitality room at headquarters hotel
 - Act as Ambassadors of the event, helping with information, directions, directing traffic in the parking lot staging areas for runs, etc.
- **Registration**
 - Set up and oversee event registration
 - Create and maintain lists for runs
- **Swag Bags and Door Prizes**
 - Contact and collect donated items for hospitality gifts for attendees
 - Put bags together and distribute at registration
 - Collect items for door prizes and have at roundup
- **Tee Shirts**
 - Work with Roundup committee to design tee shirts
 - Work with vendor for distribution of shirts
- **Track Day-Chair: Chris Soignier**
 - Contact and organize a track day for those wanting to participate on Friday 10/09/26
- **Publicity & Documentation**
 - Maintain communication about the event through social media, posters distributed to Mazda dealerships, anywhere interest would be raised
 - Take pictures, make videos, etc DURING Roundup and post on social media
- **Closing Reception and Banquet**
 - Oversee food and entertainment for the reception and banquet on Saturday, 10/10/26

Please contact Lynne Perler of your interest in any of the areas:

lynnefp17@yahoo.com

Please be sure to include:

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Committee(s) preferred

Chair or Committee Member

ZOOM ZOOM!!

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB EVENTS 2025

Date	Event
Jan 2	Ice Cream Social; Duck Duck Scoop Ice Cream with dinner at the Bangkok Thai Street Food Restaurant, both in Fort Worth. Doug Dodgen
Jan 11	Miata Mamas; Watertower Theater & Happy Hour. Saw the play, "The Play That Goes Wrong". Sandra Osborn
Feb. 1	Ice Cream Social; Dessert Lab in north Dallas. Dinner at Jersey Mike's Sub Shop. Doug Dodgen
Feb. 2	First Run of 2025; The Groundhog Day run from Sanger to Decatur. Led by Perry Brulotte
Mar. 1	Ice Cream Social; TIFA Chocolate and Gelato in Euless. Dinner at Potbelly Sandwich Works. Doug Dodgen
Mar. 2	Wood and Time Smokehouse BBQ Run; Brent Kemish
Mar. 21–23	March Miata Madness; Car Show and Runs in Jefferson TX. Organized by Craig Woolheater. Not a LSMC event.
Apr 1	Ice Cream Social: Freddy's Custard and Burgers in McKinney; Doug Dodgen
Apr, 5	Laps for Charity 2025; This event was cancelled due to weather, and has been rescheduled for Sat. June 7, 2025. Craig Woolheater
Apr. 12	Barnhill Vineyard in Anna Outing; Music of Chicago Tribute Authority Band. Sandra Osborn and Heather Graham.
Apr. 26	LSMC Club Picnic; At Parr Park in Grapevine. Food from Austin's BBQ. The April Club meeting was at the Picnic. Brent Kemish.
May 1	Ice Cream Social; Mad Mike's in Hurst with dinner at Tacusa Tacos N Pupusas. Led by Doug Dodgen
May 3	Miata Mamas Celebrate Women Brunch at True Food Kitchen in Plano. Led by Sandra Osborn.
May 31	Brent and Kourtney's wedding celebration party in Rockwall. Hosted by Kourtney's family.
June 1	Ice Cream Social: Cream & Crepes Cafe with dinner at Haystack Burgers and Barley. Led by Doug Dodgen
June 7	Laps For Charity at Texas Motor Speedway. Proceeds to Speedway Children Charities. Craig Woolheater couldn't make it, so led by Mark Corona.
June 14	Mary's Café Run; Drive in country west of Ft Worth; Lunch at Mary's; Led by Gerry Sauls
June 21	Miata Mamas Swirl & Sip at Cassaro Vineyard. All were welcome; Led by Sandra Osborn.
July 1	Ice Cream Social: Original Rainbow Cone in Hurst. Dinner at Soulman's BBQ. Led by Doug Dodgen
July 4	City of Irving 4th of July Sparks & Stripes Parade. Lunch at Potbelly Sandwich Shop. Led by Mark Corona.
July 26	Miata Mamas Candle Making Class at Rocky Creek Candle Company in Fairview. Lunch at Gloria's Latin Cuisine. Hosted by Sandra Osborn and Heather Graham.

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB EVENTS 2025 (Cont.)

Date	Event
Aug. 1	Ice Cream Social at Bazaria Gelato and Frozen Yogurt in Plano. Dinner across the street at Arby's. Led by Doug Dodgen.
Aug. 2	Beat The Heat Drive to Breakfast at Heather's in Rio Vista TX. Led by Jeff Myers.
Aug 29 - Sept. 1	Bluebonnet Miata Club hosting Head For The Mountains. Not an LSMC event.
Sept. 1	Ice Cream Social at Handel's Ice Cream in Southlake. Dinner next door at Jersey Mike's. Led by Doug Dodgen.
Sept. 28	Miata Mamas Cooking Class at Infused Oil & Vinegars in Dallas. Hosted by Sandra Osborn and Heather Graham.

Handell's Ice Cream Social – September 1, 2025

Labor Day was a time to party! The Lone Star Miata Club sent a contingent to Big Bend to accompany the Bluebonnet Club on their Trip To The Mountains. Another group of 20 club members and guests met at Handell's Ice Cream in Southlake on September 1st to celebrate in a cooler place with cooler treats. One person (Sean Bryan) actually participated in both events!

The pre-ice cream dinner was supposed to be the Viet Street Food shop in Southlake but they changed their mind about being open on the holiday. Jersey Mikes came through and kept 10 Miata members and guests from starving. A gaytime was had by all!
Submitted by Doug Dodgen and your editor.



Dinner at Jersey Mike's: Cyndi Barker and Connie McIlvain



Yvonne and Doug Dodgen; Betty Banfield



Howard Banfield; Howard's sister Vickie; Sean Bryan; Terrie Campbell

Handell's Ice Cream Social Cont. – September 1, 2025



Most of the group on Handell's Patio. The member on the right is Sean Bryan. He attended both the Head For The Mountains event and our Ice Cream Social.



Our hosts Yvonne and Doug Dodgen



Howard Banfield and his sister Vickie

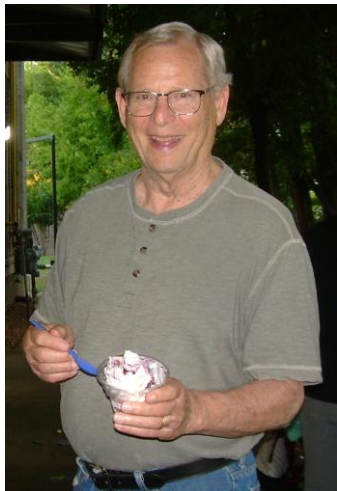


Taking over one of the picnic tables: Teri Franklin; Suzanne Sauls; Sean Bryan; Mark and Sue Corona; Sandy Lewis

Handell's Ice Cream Social Cont. – September 1, 2025



Sharon Dodd



David Dixon



Perry and Melissa Brulotte



Suzanne and Gerry Sauls



Sandy Lewis; Teri Franklin



Sue Corona; Terrie Campbell; Richard Rogers; Mark Corona

Head For The Mountains – Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2025



Pecos River



Fred and Lynne



Marfa Lights Festival

Head For The Mountains Cont. - Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2025



Sean, Lynne, Mary



Lynne Perler, Fred Johnson



Mary, Fred, Lynne, Sean at Terlingua Restaurant



Lynne Perler, Fred Johnson



Pictures from the September Meeting taken by Sandy Lewis – September 18, 2025



New member Brian Crooks;
Mary Wharton



Sandra Osborn holding the
winning 50/50 ticket; Charles
Ferguson (member for 32 Years)



Two long time members;
Craig Nelson 28 years; Sandy
Lewis 27 years



David Dixon presenting the 2026
Miata Challenge



Lynne Perler and Fred Johnson



Richard Rogers; Dan Bookhamer; Carlos Smith and
Carola Blocke (new members); Janell and HL
Humphries



Sandy Lewis with her door
prize

Pictures from the September Meeting taken by Sandy Lewis Cont. - September 18, 2025



Allen and Gail Yeaney



Above: Amy Bookhamer Track Dog Owner; Sandy Lewis



Left: Tri Nguyen; Bobby Carlos



Left: Dan Bookhamer Track Dog Owner; HL Humphries; Carlos Smith with Track Dog); Carola Blocke, Tattoos and Car Show.

Pictures from Mamas Cooking Class – September 28, 2025



Lynne Perler; Heather Graham



Sandra Osborn



Terrie Campbell; Cyndi Barker



Vera Gibbs



Rena Washington



Door Prize,
won by Terrie
Campbell

Pictures from Mamas Cooking Class Cont. – September 28, 2025

And now the Appetizers



Cranberry Pear Mango Chutney



Fried Goat Cheese with Grapefruit & Honey Reduction



Chef Michelle's Creamy Hummus



Sweet Potato Crostinis



Spanakopita



Some of the members brought their Miatas. Terrie Campbell; Rena Washington; Cyndi Barker; Lynne Perler

Ink Life DFW Tattoos & Piercings presents

Ink & Ignition

Tattoos and Car Show

Ink Life DFW 5208 Rufe Snow Dr NRH, TX 76180

Oct. 5, 2025 10am-2pm

TRUCK DOG
racing.com

LA CONCHITA

CAR SOUNDS

INK
LIFE
DFW
Tattoos & Piercings

ZAR



Join us for our 2nd annual car show and charity tattoo event. We will have \$50 car and dog themed tattoo flash available benefitting

The Duke and Oliver Foundation.

Oh! And there's coffee and tacos...

Bring your ride... Get some ink!

Miata Monster Mash



TRACK DOG
RACING.COM



Track Dog
214 340 9797



Sunday Oct 26 9am
Zoom Performance
2100 E Main St B
Grand Prairie TX 75050

Car Show
& costume contest

214 677 0008



Tech Day & Swap meet

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 2025, 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 Sandy Lewis; Membership Officer, 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.

2025 TEXAS MIATA CHALLENGE

Open Browser; go to web site:

<http://ismiota.org> After website opens;
Hover Mouse Over "EVENTS CALENDAR" for Drop Down Menu
Hover Mouse Over "Texas Miata Challenge"
Choose "2025 Texas Miata Challenge". This will open the Challenge website.
Click on "2025 Texas Miata Challenge Guide" for a detailed download

Note: For a list of Challenge Sites, when at the "ismiota.org" website:
Hover over "NEWSLETTERS"
Select 2025; February 2025 Newsletter to download a copy of the "February 2025 Newsletter" for a good write up of Challenge sites.
The Challenge Sites will also be in the current LSMC Newsletter.
Remember to send (email) your challenge pictures to David Dixon at:
ismc2020ND@gmail.com

There is also the internetcarclubs web site (designed by Doug Dodgen) where challenge pictures can be posted:

<http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataChallenge2025.aspx>

At Internet Car Clubs site;
Click on: "Log In" to enter your ID and Password. Check with Doug Dodgen if needed: Doug's phone number is: 817-991-7666

After Login (On the Texas Miata Challenge Page):
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
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS TEXAS CHALLENGE for 2025



2026 Texas Miata Challenge *Launch Party*

“Return to The Mother Ship”

Date: November 8, 2025, Saturday

Arrival: Group 1 Mazda, 5000 S. I-35, Denton, Texas

Time: 12:05pm for Challenge pictures. Then caravan to

Where: Sky Theater Planetarium at University of North Texas

Address: Environmental Sciences Building, Rm #150, 1704
W. Mulberry, Denton, Texas

Show Time: 1:00 pm Doors open at 12:40 pm, close at
1:05pm

Showing: “The Hot and Energetic Universe”

Contact: Sky Theater@unt.edu or 940-369-8213 (**make
reservations and buy ticket(s) in advance** only 100 seats)
<scroll down to parking and the maps>

Parking info: street parking and Visitor parking Lot 5

Admission: \$8 per person, Can purchase after October
10, 2025

THEN: TBD where to go after and toast the Launch!

RETURN TO THE MOTHERSHIP(S)

2026 TEXAS MIATA CHALLENGE

Presented by

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB

Reasons for completing the challenge:

*See where to purchase your next new Miata

*Learn more about Texas

*Eat in local eateries

*Something to tell your Grandchildren

*Beats staying home

*Fresh Air is good for your health

**Become a member of an exclusive group of finishers

And own the 2026 Texas Challenge PIN

Instructions

1. To complete the Challenge, drive to 10 of the 12 Mother Ship locations designated, take a picture of you and your Miata.

2. EMAIL your pictures to lsmc2020ND@gmail.com. Or POST to the Lone Star Miata Club Facebook page. Questions answered by the Challenge Coordinator at lsmc2020ND@gmail.com. When posting indicate the number and location.

3. The Challenge starts October 1, 2025 ending September 30, 2026. To be counted in the Challenge, the pictures need to be posted or emailed by September 30.

Participating in the Challenge is a fun way to see parts of Texas you may not have thought of going to or exploring. Think about inviting others to come along on the Challenge. Should you go with a group, a single Miata picture of you and your Miata is appreciated. Remember, all the Mother Ship cities have great restaurants as well as Things to Do.

4. Those who complete the Challenge will be recognized at the Lone Star Miata Club October 2026 club meeting.

Dealers are aware of your visitations. By mentioning you are with LSMC you could be recognized.

Mothership locations

*Metroplex

Mother DEALERShips

1. Town North Mazda 35 Miles	307 S. Central Freeway	Richardson	1 Hour
2. Hiley Mazda 15 Miles	601 NE Loop 629	Hurst	.5 Hour
3. Hiley Mazda 30 Miles	308 North Burleson	Burleson	.75 Hour
4. El Dorado Mazda 40 Miles	2150 North Central Expressway	McKinney	1 Hour
5. Group 1 Mazda 39 Miles	5000 I-35 East	Denton	1 Hour

*Out of Metroplex

Mother DEALERShips

6. Herb Easley Mazda 115 Miles	1125 Central Expressway	Wichita Falls	2 Hours
7. Varsity Mazda 210 Miles	3000 South Jack Kultgen Exp	Waco	4 Hours
8. Garlyn Shelton Mazda 140 Miles	5420 Midway Dr.	Temple	2.5 Hours
9. Velocity Mazda 130 Miles	1930 W. Southwest Loop323	Tyler	2.5 Hours
10. Gorman McCracken Mazda 160 Miles	800 Hwy 31 East	Longview	2.5 Hours

MOTHER SHIP HISTORY ADVENTURES

**11. Patricia Smith NASA Museum 375 Sabine Street, Suite B Hemphill 4.5 Hours
263 Miles ***

***. Tues – Sat 10a to 5p, admission \$8 “Remembering Columbia” crashed in East Texas, February 1, 2003**

**12. Johnson Space Center 1601 E. NASA Parkway Houston 5 Hours
300 Miles ****

**** Check Web site spacecenter.org/visito for admission info**

Note: All Time and Miles are one way calculations from Colleyville, Tx

Restaurants outside the Metroplex that we enjoyed while Returning to the Mothershp

Wichita Falls Casa Manana, home of the red taco

Waco Terry Blacks BBQ

Temple Mexicano Bar and Grill

McKinney Square Burger

Tyler Bodacious BBQ

Hemphill Fisherman’s Gallery really in Many, La.

Houston Gaido’s Seafood really in Galveston

Town North-Richardson



Hiley Mazda-Hurst



El Dorado - McKinney



Herb Easley - Wichita Falls



Group 1- Denton



Gorman McCracken - Longview



Velocity - Tyler



Hiley - Burleson



Varsity - Waco



Garlyn Shelton - Temple



Hemphill



Classifieds:



FOR SALE!

DON'T FORGET TO SEE OUR VICE PRESIDENT, LYNNE PERLER, FOR CLUB LOGO ITEMS!

Items are excellent quality and only require a very reasonable donation.

Lynne orders the magnets in batches. They are great to show off when we drive as a group. Magnets are \$17 (or current price) for a set of 2. If you don't want to wait for the next batch, be sure to purchase them when she has them on hand.

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



Lynne 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 Lynne for details.



Embroidery

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



LSMC Logo Stuff

Contact our Vice President, Lynne Perler 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. If your dues have not been paid by the April meeting, your name and number will be dropped from the membership roll. The Club accepts cash, checks made payable to **Lone Star Miata Club**, and PayPal under **membership@lsmiata.org**. Please complete this form only with any **changes from the previous year**, and return it 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*) _____

Primary Cell: (____) _____ Secondary Cell: (____) _____

Driver email: _____

Copilot email: _____

Club notices and correspondence will be sent to all email addresses listed.

(Please advise if you have not been receiving the Newsletter and/or emails.)

YOUR MIATA'S NAME (if it has one): _____

COLOR: _____ YEAR: _____

ADDITIONAL MIATAS: _____
(*Color*) _____ (*Year*) _____ (*Name*) _____

Please list additional cars and any additional information on the back of this form.

THANK YOU! ~ Your Membership Officer

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

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

LONE STAR MIATA CLUB
NEW MEMBER FORM

Please provide the following information. To avoid errors, *please print legibly.*

PRIMARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date ____ / ____

SECONDARY DRIVER: _____ Birth Date ____ / ____

ADDRESS: _____
(apt #, number, street)

(city) (ST) (zip)

PRIMARY CELL: (____) _____ SECONDARY 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. Dues for new members joining after June 30th are 1/2 of the annual dues; \$20 for couples, and \$15 for singles. The Club accepts cash, checks made payable to: **Lone Star Miata Club**, and PayPal under **membership@lsmiata.org**.

Return this form and your check to:

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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

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