



In The Breeze



December 2019—January 2020

Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet MX-5 Miata Club

Still Free!

A Big Thank You!

Approximately 15 Bluebonnet members came out early Friday morning to show our appreciation to all the staff at North Park Mazda. We decorated Round Up Style (South Pacific), passed out breakfast tacos and donuts to an appreciative group of 85 sales, service and parts employees. A presentation was made to John Kahlig, General Manager of North Park Mazda, of a signed tarmac photo from the Round Up to demonstrate our recognition and appreciation of the continuing sponsorship and relationship with the Bluebonnet Club.

Thanks to everyone that participated!



General Manager John Kahlig receives his token of our appreciation signed by most of our club members.



David Garza was the lucky winner of our give away!



(Left) Ginny Teefee, Marilyn Hamilton, Sandy Phelps and Betty Hicks sort out the tacos for North Park employees.

(Above) We had lots of volunteers to help serve and greet North Park folks!

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 2016 Meteor Gray

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 2019 Ceramic Metallic

Joseph Williams & Emma Rodriguez
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 1999 10th AE Sapphire Blue Mica

Susan Johnston
 Cuero, TX
 1996 Montego Blue Mica

Daniel Johnson
 San Antonio
 2008 Copper Red Mica PRHT

Kenneth & Kerry Mack
 San Antonio
 1995 Merlot Mica

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Presidents Message

Happy Fall Bluebonnet Club!

We are wrapping up the year with our final official club meeting and officer elections. On December 7th and 8th we'll kick off the Christmas Holidays with two holiday themed runs on Saturday and a Christmas Party on Sunday. Then join the group to see Christmas lights on the 22nd. Check the calendar on BluebonnetMiata.org for details and additional activities. In early January, there will be a planning meeting to schedule dates you would like to lead runs or any weekend trips for the club. What makes our club great is anyone can organize and lead a run, a dinner, some other activity or even a trip. The road is endless when it comes to doing what you want and inviting the club to join you. For guidance, there are resources on the club website, or just ask anyone that has led a run this year. The more the merrier! Have a wonderful holiday season, and I hope to see you on the road or celebrating the season!



Cheryl

Velocity Read

Another month, another issue. And easily my most difficult to do.

While I'll miss being your editor, I truly think passing the job to a younger, more relevant member is about time.

Hey, I'm not going anywhere and I'll be just as active...wait, maybe even more active dedicating my time to offering up runs and events I think you all will enjoy. As always, they'll be in line with that I think you all like and want to go and see or do.

I'll be still doing my Head for the Mountains events, Wildflower runs, Lunar Zoomer dinners, and even the Sundaes on Mondays! But you'll see some new things I'm going to put on the 2020 calendar, things I don't think the club has ever done. Well, not since I joined in 2006 at least.

It's been a pleasure providing you with In The Breeze newsletters for almost 10 years and I can't thank you all enough for your photos and contributions. Those things made my job much easier!

I'm outta here...please do this for me. As Judd Ashmore use to say..."Hug somebody, it'll make you both feel good!"



George Lucas

Princess Diaries

Hats off to all the Volunteer Zoomers!

As we wrap up our monthly meetings of 2019, I am in appreciation for those of you that have given of your time, energy and talents to the Bluebonnet Miata Club. To those of you that have stepped outside your comfort zone and done things you haven't before, I am grateful. For those of you that strived toward a vision you may not have seen clearly, I am thankful. This year, together, we have accomplished a lot and as several transitions are occurring, I want to express my admiration to those that have served and those that are beginning to serve.

When you volunteer to put yourself out there, as said in Theodore Roosevelt's Man in the Arena speech, you are *daring greatly*.

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly..., who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly..."

Thank you, fellow volunteers, for daring greatly! You are what makes this club zoom!

Cheryl Knight

Thanks, Jeff Holbrook



Jeff Holbrook (kneeling in front), has been organizing and hosting our state sponsored Trash Pick Up on our clubs Adopt A Highway section for...well, longer than I've been a member of the club! (13 years!). He's unselfishly dealt with mostly unknown numbers of volunteers and we can't thank him enough for his service to this worthy cause. Please let him know he's an inspiration to all of us!

-Ed

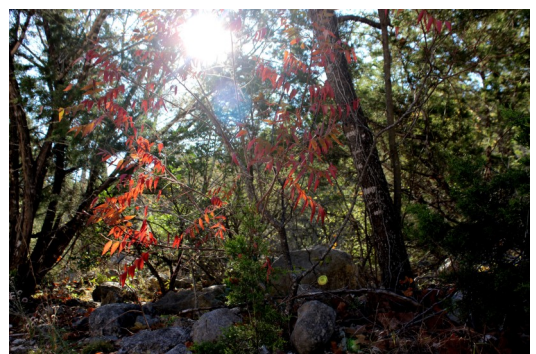
MATS -Miatas At The Sisters

Inspired by Jimbo's upcoming (at the time) run to the Twisted Sisters, Dean Domingue of Kerrville wondered if this couldn't become a regular yearly occurrence. Knowing that Jimbo leads very spirited paced runs, Dean asked if I'd like to lead a more relaxed version of the Sisters. After getting Jimbo's blessing, I agreed to sign on for that task. Dean invited folks from all over Texas via a Facebook page called MATS. The page and the idea quickly grew and before you knew it, more than 40 people vowed to join us! Since I had already had an idea of going to Lost Maples on the Friday of the MATS weekend, I invited early birds to join in on that as well.

Another yearly event is born and next year will again be held in Kerrville at the Y.O. Resort and Conference Center. More on that after the first of the year.

The next two pages include photos from this years offering!

Lost Maples



MATS -Miatas At The Sisters

Twisted Sisters



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Coming in 2020!



Miatas at the Gap



Wildflower Run



Crider's Rodeo Run

Head for the Mountains 10



...and
much
more!
WOLG!

Holiday Hamburger Run Photos



Faust Hotel Brew Pub Photos and Burger Grades/Winner!



Thanksgiving Hamburger Holiday Happening

There was a lot to be thankful for Sunday afternoon for the run. A nice turnout of cars – 16! Clear roads! Fantabulous Fall weather of 70 degrees, sunny, and no wind! This run was the wrap of the Holiday Hamburger Runs for the year and it appears that the Faust Hotel Brew Pub is the overall winner for 2019!! Thanks to everyone for coming out – it was a wonderful afternoon.

FAUST HOTEL BREW PUB – Build Your Own Burger Menu

CATEGORIES	OLD WEST BURGERS	FAT BOY BURGERS	FRONT PORCH GRILL	FAUST HOTEL
<i>BUN FLAVOR</i>	4.00	3.3	3.88	4.52
<i>BUN TEXTURE</i>	4.00	3.45	4.00	4.43
<i>MEAT FLAVOR</i>	4.24	4.1	3.25	4.62
<i>MEAT TEXTURE (COOKED RIGHT?)</i>	na	4.4	3.50	4.67
<i>BURGER AROMA</i>	3.92	3.95	3.25	4.24
<i>VISUAL PRESENTATION</i>	4.27	3.75	4.25	4.52
<i>EXTRAS (lettuce, tomato, onions, condiments, etc.)</i>	4.22	3.8	4.40	4.52
<i>VARIETY OF TYPES OF BURGERS</i>	4.52	4.7	3.81	4.60
<i>SERVICE QUALITY</i>	4.40	4.35	4.25	4.38
<i>SERVICE SPEED</i>	4.31	4.1	3.97	3.76
<i>WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS PLACE TO OTHERS?</i>	4.58	4.1	4.00	4.57
<i>AVG OF RATINGS</i>	4.24	4.00	3.87	4.44
<i>OVERALL RATING</i>	4.28	4.05	3.84	4.64

Bluebonnet Miata Club Ladies Group



For November, the ladies met at the New Braunfels Art League Gallery to view Marilyn Hamilton's amazing work.

Pictured, Rear, left to right, are Pamela Stivers, Betty Hicks, Marlene McPeck and Sandy Phelps. Pictured in front are Margaret Swartz, Marilyn McCullen, Marilyn Hamilton, Delia Voss, Barbara Thompson and Beverly Turner. Afterwards, the ladies lunched at the Huisache Grill in downtown New Braunfels.

Do YOU know what this is?



Bluebonnet Miata Club

HOME CALENDAR ▾ GALLERIES ▾ BLOG NEWSLETTERS MIATA ROUNDUP ▾ FORUM CONTACT ▾ INFO ▾ SHOP ▾  

Silly question, you say? Think again. Above is the banner to our website. Seems simple enough, right? Well, lots of us go there to mostly look at the calendar. Good thing to do, for sure! And, I'd guess some go to see the photos taken by many of us that go on runs. And we understand that not everyone can go on runs and our website is a great place to see what you missed!

But those are only a couple of things in our amazingly feature-rich website. Trust me, I've been to other club's websites and they're not even close to being in the league of the site Judi and Don Privett provide for us. A thankless job for sure, they do it because they're dedicated to our club. Hey, we all have different levels of dedication and that's just fine. In fact, those that find it difficult to come out to runs or events, well, our website is for YOU! Go check out the forums where you can find exchanges of ideas on modifications of our Miatas as well as just plain ol' chat about Miatas in general.

I mean, look up at that banner, it says it all! So many things to see and do on our website! Check it out! And while your there, remember Judi and Don's labor of love...for you, an important member to our club.



Register right away! The Bluebonnet Miata Club Christmas Party is on December 8th at 11 am.

Join your fellow Zoomers for a wonderful Brunch with a "pay as you go" bar. Start planning your attire to participate in the **Crazy Christmas Sweater Contest!** Think categories like *Ugliest Sweater*, *Most Lit Sweater*, *Cutest Sweater*, etc. There are several categories and prizes! PS, you don't have to wear it the *whole* time (no telling what the weather will be).

There will be an optional **Gift Exchange**. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift. It's always a lot of fun. [Here are the guidelines:](#)

Gift Value: \$15 to \$20

Type of Gift: *Consumables are good (*things that can be used up – most of our members don't need more tchotchkes - think candles, food, alcohol, hot chocolate, car cleaner products, etc.*) *Miata related products are good too. *Gifts you would be proud to attach your name to.

Note: this is not a White Elephant exchange – no crap or junk from your closet please!

I hope you can join us as this will be our last large group opportunity to break bread together, get to know each other a bit better, and have a fun time.

Cheryl

Please Visit our Sponsors!





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San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.bluebonnetmiata.org>

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and click on the membership tab.*

Check your mailing label for your renewal date.

Please renew your membership promptly!

Remember When?



Vintage George and Marilyn. She's was on to me from the get-go. 2006 Statewide in Kerrville.

Upcoming Runs and Events

- Saturday, December 7, Burnett Live Nativity Scene Run, led by David and Dorothy Wood. Details soon on our websites calendar!
- Sunday, December 8, Club Christmas Party, organized by Cheryl Knight, se further details in this issue of our newsletter.
- Thursday, December 12, Lunar Zoomer dinner at Aldaco's Mexican Restaurant, hosted by George Lucas. Dinner at 7, but come early to imbibe and greet! Aldaco's is located at 20079 Stone Oak Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78258.
- Friday, December 13, BBMC Ladies Event, Brunch and Christmas Shopping in Boerne, details not available at press time.
- Saturday, December 14, Camp Verde Christmas Open House Run, led by George Lucas. Meet behind the Whataburger at Bandera Road and Loop 1604. Meet at 9:00 a.m., depart at 9:30 a.m. for an exhilarating jaunt down Park Road 37, Hwy 16 and over to Camp Verde General Store for Christmas shopping, free treats and you can get your picture on Santa's lap! Don't miss this traditional event!
- Thursday, December 19, BBMC Ladies Bunco night! Details not available at press time.
- Sunday, December 22nd, Christmas Lights run, led by Stephanie Turner. Details not available at press time.

*Happy Holidays
and
Safe Zooming!*