



In The Breeze



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Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet Miata Club

Still Free!

It Never Gets Old...

Miata Is Always The Answer

The below information is an excerpt from the latest reviews from US News and World Reports in the category of Sports Cars only. -Ed



The 2021 Mazda MX-5 Miata is a top-notch performer that also impresses with its well-built cabin and abundance of standard features. The Mazda does not have an overall score or ranking because it has not been fully crash tested.

Pros Rankings & Research

The 2021 Mazda MX-5 Miata's #2 ranking is based on its score within the Sports Cars category. Currently the Mazda MX-5 Miata has a score of 8.7 out of 10, which is based on our evaluation of 35 pieces of research and data elements using various sources.

Pros:

- Deft handling
- Energetic Engine
- Impressive gas mileage
- Plenty of standard features

USNews	
Overall Rating	
	8.7 out of 10
Critics' Rating:	9.8/10
Performance:	9.2/10
Interior:	5.9/10

Is the Mazda MX-5 Miata a Good Car?

Yes, the Mazda Miata is an excellent [sports car](#). This vehicle may not match the raw power of its rivals, but it claims the highest performance score in the class thanks to its blend of dynamic handling and stellar fuel economy with an animated engine. Not everything about this car is great: The Miata's cabin is tight, and its trunk ranks among the smallest of any new car on the market.

Why You Can Trust Us: 35 Reviews Analyzed

Our goal is to make shopping for your next car as easy as possible. You'll find everything you need to know about this roadster in our comprehensive review. It combines concrete data like mpg estimates, horsepower specs, and cargo space dimensions with 35 professional reviews.

This 2021 MX-5 Miata review incorporates applicable research for all models in this generation, which launched for 2016.

U.S. News Best Cars has been ranking and reviewing vehicles since 2007, and our staff has more than 75 years of combined experience in the auto industry. To ensure our objectivity, we never accept expensive gifts from carmakers, and an outside firm manages the ads on our site.

Should I Buy the Mazda MX-5 Miata?

For a featherweight, fun-to-drive sports car, the Mazda Miata is worth buying, period.

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Welcome Back!

Steve Stiles

New Braunfels

2006 True Red

Don't forget to drop by our sponsor for your new Miata!



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President's Message

Hello fellow ZOOMERS.

Our club has come a long way since we started so many years and 4 generations of Miatas ago.

Summer is finally upon us, and as I am writing this, it is still so green outside – for JULY! This is the peak time for our club activities. As you look at the calendar, you will see a number of weekends still available for runs. I

encourage you to lead a run. If you haven't led a run before, I encourage you to lead one. Guidelines and sample run sheets are available on the website. And don't worry. We don't expect error-free runs. In fact, it wouldn't be a run without at least ONE wrong turn.

I want to bring you up-to-date on a few of the major events and runs. Our Christmas Party this year is set for Saturday, Dec. 4, at Melanie's Bar and Grill in La Vernia. Keep checking the website for more information and updates.

The Annual Miatas at the Gap starts next week – Aug. 5th to the 9th. Many of our club members are going this year, so keep an eye out on the club email for notifications.

Mark Hungerman has been working hard on planning the trip to Arizona Sept. 4-12. Again, check the website and emails for updates.

Our Club secretary, Stephanie Bell-Turner, found a clothing vendor who has shirts, hats and other items available for sale with the club logo.

The vendor has shirts and hats available, and she can embroider the club logo on your own shirts if you like. More updates on that will be forthcoming.

Lastly, our club members are volunteers, and that isn't lost on me. I am very thankful to each of you who volunteer your time to make our club better. Whether you are a club officer, ambassador, leaders in appointed roles such as webmaster, membership director and newsletter editor, run leaders, leaders in the men's and ladies groups, and organize the quarterly trash pick-up, you are all an integral part to keeping this club as successful as it is. Thank you!

Stay cool and safe this summer! "Zoom Zoom" safely.

Craig Martin, President



From the Editor

Gosh, where did the month go? It seems only a month ago we had a meeting. Wait...I should be used to that now. Well, I'm not...but I'll get back into the swing of things.

Our calendar is filling up, albeit slowly. Lots of fun gatherings, but not many "runs" Please, don't be shy, step up and we'll follow you on your favorite roads and to your favorite dining spot! Or, just a run. Or, just food...whatever, we're anxious to follow you anywhere!

Did you know that every Friday evening there is a gathering of ALL kinds of cars at Biff Busby's on IH35 at Toepperwein? If you want to meet your Miata friends there, let us know, we'll join you! It's lots of fun. There is a \$5 entry fee to get on the lot, but that \$5 will be good toward dining at Biff Busby's there in the parking lot of the shopping center. See you there!

Photographers wanted! If you're hosting an event or leading a run, please try to arrange for someone on that run/event to take some photos for the newsletter! Also, if you write something about that event, send it to me, please!

Keep on Zoomin' out there!

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George Lucas, Editor



Marilyn Hamilton Wins Again!

Our own club member, Marilyn Hamilton, won First Place in the Texas Show at the New Braunfels Art League! **Congratulations!!!**



Some of Marilyn's other work



BBMC Ladies Group



The Miata Ladies had a delicious lunch at Hatch 5 in Bulverde. After our yummy lunch, Marilyn Hamilton taught the ladies alcohol ink on tiles at the Bulverde Activity Center. These Miata ladies are very creative!!! Beautiful tiles!!!

-Marilyn Hamilton



Men's Breakfast Club

Our men go to the fanciest places in town for breakfast....like

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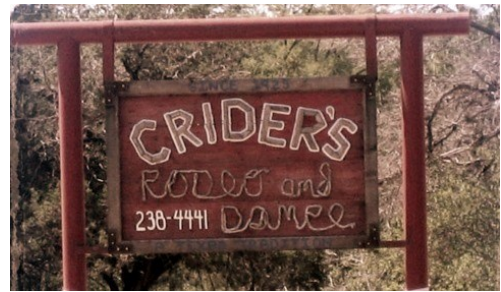


Paul and Judy Faulkner had a wonderful reception celebrating 50 years of marriage at the Mission Valley Church recently. Congratulations!!!



Thanks to all that came out for a fun run in the hill country around Kerrville, had a great lunch at the Bent Rim Grill in Leakey, they later on that evening we took in an old fashioned

Rodeo in Hunt, Texas! What fun! Wish you all had been there!



LET'S RODEO



WE WANT YOU



Did you know our club has a portion of TX1863 that is part of the Texas Adopt a Highway program? Yep, for as long as I've been in the club, many of our members show up once a quarter and picks up trash along that stretch of highway. I say many...but sadly, that's the past. We used to get upwards of 20 volunteers in our club out there helping keep our highway clean! But, lately, well, our turnout has been pretty disappointing.

Won't you come out and help us? Believe it or not, it's fun, you get to know other members and after we finish, we go on down to Grumpy's Café for delicious breakfast and great fellow ship. We NEED MORE FOLKS! It'll make you feel good, honestly!

-George Lucas, Editor



Did you know...

that each month we meet on or near the night of the full moon for dinner? Why, we've been doing that for nigh on to 11 years! Great food, great company and we want you to join in!

While we've been to over 100 area restaurants, we know you probably have a favorite you might want to share. Does it have patio dining so we can see the full moon? That's about the only requirement.

So, let me know and I'll do the rest and we'll all go to YOUR favorite eatery!

Call or text me with your favorite restaurant!

George Lucas, 210-846-1944



We met at Fralo's Pizza this past weekend and had a great time! Join in!



Why Is The MX-5 Called ‘Miata’ In North America?

By “Op” Ed Polansky

Cars aren’t always called the same thing in different countries/regions. But why is the MX-5 called a Miata? It starts with the original “NA” MX-5/Miata. It was originally sold under three different names.

- In Japan, it was actually the ‘Eunos Roadster’. Apparently, the name ‘Miata’ being too similar to that of a bicycle company which risked legal issues for copyright infringement.
- In the UK, it was sold as the “Mazda MX-5”.
- In North America, it was sold as the “Mazda MX-5 Miata”, which is where the “Miata” part of the name comes from.



But why the addition of “Miata” in North America?

One theory is that at the time, European/UK buyers were more accustomed to seeing vehicles named on an alphanumeric basis. This was in keeping with Mazda’s own approach to vehicle naming, which has historically (and continues to be) alphanumeric in nature, e.g. RX-7, CX-5, 626, 929 and so on.

However, at the time the Miata/MX-5 launched, American consumers were generally more accustomed to cars with a “proper name”, and it is for this reason that the Miata moniker was added.

Over time, Mazda made attempts to drop the Miata name from the MX-5 in North America. It is theorized that part of the reason for this was to combat the stigma of the MX-5 being a “girl’s car” or “hairstresser’s car”. The MX-5 nameplate sounded more masculine, and so Mazda was keen to drop Miata.



Despite Mazda’s best efforts, the Miata name has stuck in the United States and Canada because that’s what Mazda called the car when they launched it, and the popular name has stuck ever since.

Despite Mazda’s attempts to drop the name, it remains the “Miata” in the hearts and minds of Americans and Canadians (and in the Bluebonnet Miata Club).

Source: GarageDreams.net

Upcoming Runs and Events

August

Saturday, August 7th, hosted by Dan and Betty Hicks, their annual Lazy Bones Run. Meet at the Valero in Berheim on FM 3351 and Hwy 46. Show time is 9:30 a.m. and Go time is 10:00 a.m. Routes include Edge Falls, Crabapple, Old Blanco, Chimney Valley Cranes Mill, Rebecca Creek, and 311/3158 roads. Destination for lunch is Old West Burgers.

Monday, August 9th, 7:00 p.m. Sundaes on Monday, hosted by George Lucas. We'll meet at the EZ's on Bitters near 281 N. Come early for their famous burgers or brick oven pizzas! Fantastic salads too!

Saturday, August 14th, Bat Cave Run, led by George Briscoe. Come on a short but exhilarating run up to the Old Tunnel Bat Cave to watch literally thousands of bats emerge and fly overhead. It's a very exciting event and this is a run that has been on our schedule for over 20 years. Don't miss it! More details will be on our website, bluebonnetmiata.org.

Thursday, August 19th, Ladies Bunco, hosted by Beverly Turner. Buckle up for some wild fun as the ladies play bunco and who knows what else. Details of this event will be disclosed on our website. Visit bluebonnetmiata.org for more information.

Friday, August 20th, 9:00 a.m., Men's Breakfast Club, hosted by George Lucas. Well, the Whataburger was a hit. Free coffee for seniors and tasty breakfast treats along with great company and story telling seem to be a good combination! Let's meet at the Whataburger on Loop 410 at Broadway. See you there!

Tuesday, August 24th, Monthly Meeting, Craig Martin, president presiding. 6:30 p.m. for dining, 7:30 p.m. meeting starts promptly! Location is BIG'z Burgers, 1604 between Huebner and NW. Military Hwy.

Friday, August 27th, Miata Ladies lunch at the Garden Tea Room, hosted by Cheryl Knight, located in the Craftiques Mall, 2375 NW Military Hwy. Meet at 11:00 a.m. (RSVP required, look for email mid August)

Many upcoming weekends are available for runs or events of your choosing! Plan something, it's fun!

Lead a run, organize an event, we'll follow you anywhere!

Please contact George Lucas, your newsletter editor, with details of your run or event so that it will be entered into the Newsletter! Thanks!

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Remember When?



David and Margaret Swartz, 1990's

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