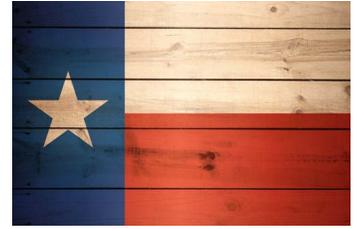




In The Breeze



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Still Free!

CAR AND DRIVER

2021 Mazda MX-5 Miata



Calling the 2021 Mazda MX-5 Miata an automotive icon is no overstatement, as its heritage stretches back more than 30 years and its cheerful driving demeanor has always been its strongest character attribute. The Miata's four-cylinder engine delivers just enough power to make it feel spunky and its chassis is delightfully balanced—perfect for zipping through curvy sections of road. Both a soft-top convertible model and a power-folding hard-top called the RF are offered, so with either one buyers are treated to fun in the sun. The Miata's cabin is tight for two and cargo space is limited, but it wasn't made for road trips; it's designed for spirited sunny-drenched drives and track days. The fact that it remains one of the cheapest ways to get

Fuel Economy and Real-World MPG

Chalk up another "W" in the Miata's column for its light weight. With such a small amount of car to haul around, the 2.0-liter engine manages relatively high EPA fuel-economy numbers of 26 mpg city and 35 mpg highway (with the automatic transmission) and outperforms them in the real world. On our 200-mile highway fuel-economy test route, a soft top Grand Touring model delivered 36 mpg and a hardtop RF Club managed 37 mpg, both equipped with Mazda's excellent six-speed-manual transmission.

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2016 Artic White

Welcome Back!

Art and Debra Mudge

Junction, TX 1999 Twilight Blue Mica

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President's Message



Hello members and friends.

We have ZOOMED through many things together as a club, and coronavirus was another challenge we needed to survive through. And we made it!

There is something different about connecting over a video call versus actually meeting with people and having a good time together with friends. I am very grateful to Cheryl Knight for keeping us going through the pandemic with our ZOOM Meetings.

Texas lifted its statewide mask mandate on March 2. A week later, Texas businesses of all types were allowed to open to 100% capacity, including Big'z. And here we are! It's been a real treat for me to see so many people out attending the runs and all the fellowship that follows, and I'm looking forward to our live monthly meetings again. We won't be socially distanced during the meetings, but if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, by all means do so. No one will criticize you for doing it.

As I said in my email last month announcing that we would once again conduct live meetings, our strength lies in being together with each other in these times. Being together helps our club to grow, and we learn new things from each other as we grow.

I am thankful to Big'z for having us back again in a wonderful meeting room. And as we ease into this post-pandemic period, let's all remember to stay safe in all that we do.

Craig Martin, President

From the Editor



Well, I had my "FTE" column written when I started this edition of *In The Breeze* several weeks ago. Things have changed significantly lately. I've resumed editorial duties of the club's newsletter and recently reconnected with North Park after a hiatus from being the club's "connection". I'm thrilled to say not only have I met some new folks at North Park, but have also visited with some of the veterans there.

The good news is that management has allowed us to restart the newsletter as a printed publication! I don't mind telling you I believe this is a really good thing. If you get a chance, stop by the dealership and thank them for their support. It means a lot to them to see BBMC folks stopping by.



Of course, with that turn of events, it means I need to be at my best to bring you all the latest news from Mazda, reports of past runs and events as well as publishing what I know to be upcoming events. I've included in this issue updates on the Men's Breakfast Club, the Ladies Group get togethers and will do my best at getting the other gatherings like Sundaes on Mondays, Lunar Zoomer dinners, and, of course out next meeting dates posted!

I hope you all enjoy this newest return of *In The Breeze*.

ZOOM ZOOM

George Lucas, Editor

Polansky Picnic Pursuit

Well, even though we didn't have a picture-perfect day as depicted in the photo on the right, the picture below shows we now know the club has more than just fair-weather fans.

The third Polansky Picnic Pursuit took place over the past weekend and 12 cars showed up for the pursuit despite threatening skies and what ultimately turned out to be some real rain showers. The Martins and Smiths passed on the pursuit, but came directly to LBJ much to my delight. So we had a great group of Clubbers present.

After a twisty and misty run up FM 484, Crabapple Road (out of Kendalia), and FM 1623, we arrived at Albert Tx Icehouse for a pit stop and refreshments (some adult beverages were involved). I found out that the gorgeous oak tree outside the Icehouse was at least 800 years old. It's majestically sprawling tree canopy (which by the way is insured, but appears to have survived the Texas Freeze) provides wonderful shade (along with benches) for visitors. I mention that even though we didn't need shade that day, but it makes for a good spot for a future-run destination (can bring your own food, or buy from food truck).

Then we took a relatively short trip from there up to LBJ State Park, with a quick visit to the Visitor's Center, and finally arrived at the picnic destination...which fortunately provided complete protection from the rains that ebbed and flowed during the afternoon. We had food aplenty and much sharing of deserts, of particular interest was Betty Jackson's cherry pastry (you know, I've never had a bad desert from Betty!)

Granted the rains kept us from running with the tops down, but it provided a rather eerie and foggy landscape to enjoy not often encountered on a Miata run...like running roads that had never been traveled on by the Club.

Helenan and I want to thank all who weathered the conditions and joined in on this year's fun picnic run.

-Ed Polansky



These folks were not deterred by the wet weather!

The Stivers 2021 Back to Bricks Run Photos



Joe and Cheryl Knight's

Desert Door Run



CHICKEN FRIED STEAK RUN TO OST



GREAT FOLKS, GREAT ROADS AND GREAT FOOD!



THANKS, JIMBO!

What's the difference between a Roadster and a sports car?

Ed Polansky

Now that I have placed a Roadster label on the back of my 2017 ND, I became inquisitive about the definition of a Roadster. This question, I found, has caused some confusion. I learned that while both a sports car and a roadster sound synonymous, there are differences between the two. The major reason for the confusion is that while every Roadster is a sports car, not every sports car is a Roadster.

To say that not every Sports Car is a Roadster, that means the main difference is the number of seats they have. Roadsters are usually designed with a 2-seat layout that includes the driver and passenger seat. This is done in order to keep their engine performance higher by reducing weight.



The Sports Car can be either a Roadster and can have the 2-seat layout or have 2+2 seating in the front and rear. A Roadster is usually an open top/convertible vehicle. However, sports cars are usually available in both convertible and hardtop versions.

There is a big difference between the engine output of sports cars and Roadsters. Roadsters are generally street legal, high performance vehicles, that are built to provide enhanced driving pleasure rather than speed. Roadsters such as the Mazda MX 5 are generally faster than most of the passenger cars on the street. But it can never outrun a sports car such as a Ferrari 458 and its V8 powertrain. Hence, if you want to cruise around looking like a king of the road, Roadsters are your pick, and mine!



BBMC Ladies Group



Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 17th

Bunco, watch the Google groups emails or the website for details.

Thursday, July 15th

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Thursday, August 19th

Bunco, watch the Google groups emails or the website for details.

Thursday, September 16th

Bunco, watch the Google groups emails or the website for details.

Thursday, October 21st

Bunco, watch the Google groups emails or the website for details.

Watch this space for other upcoming Ladies Group events!



Men's Breakfast Club

Upcoming Events



Friday, June 18th, 9:00 p.m.

First Watch, 16668 San Pedro @Thousand Oaks 78232

Friday, July 16th, 9:00 a.m.

Snooze A.M. Eatery, 225 Basse Rd., 78209 (In the Quarry Shopping Center)

Friday, August 20th, 9:00 a.m.

Pancake Joe's, 1011 Donaldson, 78228

Friday, September 17th, 9:00 a.m.

Max & Louie's NY Diner, 126 W. Bitters, 78216

Friday, October 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

Courtyard Café, 7600 Eckert Rd, 78249

Upcoming Runs and Events



Lunar Zoomer Dinner

June 24th, 2021

6:30 p.m.

IDA CLAIRE
7300 Jones Maltzberger, 78209



Judy and Paul Faulkner's

50th Anniversary Reception

June 27, 2021

Meet at the QT (Quick Trip)

at 10:00 a.m. for a short trip
down to just outside Victoria.



Sundaes on Monday

July 5th, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Marble Slab Creamer

3426 San Pedro

Country Side Plaza

CRIDERS RODEO AND DANCE

Saturday, July 10th, 2021

Hunt, Texas

Plans for this event are in progress, check your email for details.

zoom-zoom

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 following 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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