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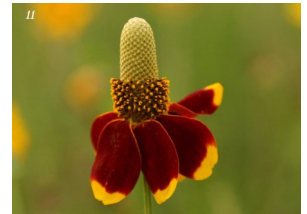
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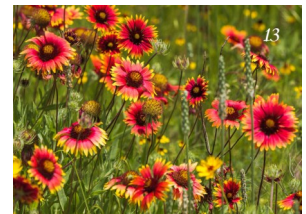
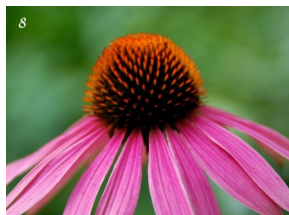
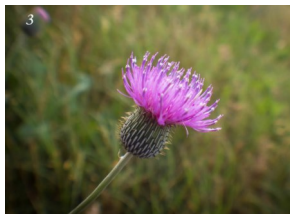
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Name the flowers below...Answers inside!*



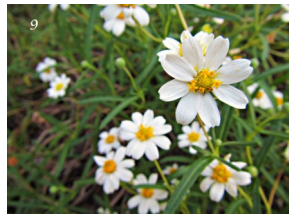
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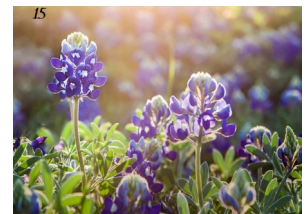
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President's Message

Wow! This year is ZOOMING by. Here it is almost April, and before you know it, summer will be here! And, we've got a number of exciting runs and events coming up. Hopefully you're checking the calendar frequently, but here are a few things that are coming up that I'd like to highlight.

The trash pickup is April 23. This currently is our club's only community service project. We meet at the Valero of FM2252 in Bracken at 8 a.m., we pick up the trash along FM1863, then go to Grumpy's afterward for breakfast. We have a fun time.

The Polansky Picnic Pursuit will be May 14 at LBJ State Park. This year there will be a Bluebonnet Miata Club old-fashioned country fair. For all of you who are the artsy type, there will be an Arts & Crafts "show and tell" inside the hall. There are tables available for displays, so please let Ed and Helenan know. Again, the details are on the calendar.

New to the calendar is the Utah Miata Club is sponsoring a tour of some National Parks from Sept. 12-23. More detailed information about parks being visited, travel schedule and registration for the trip is located on our calendar.

The Houston club is sponsoring the Texas Miata Roundup in College Station Oct. 20-23. The dates are locked in, and plans are fluid. When we get more information, we will let you know.

Of course, a number of our club member's have runs scheduled in between all of these events. We still have a lot of dates open, so if you have the urge to lead a run, there are plenty of us here to help. Pick a location, pick the date, and give it a shot! If you need help in organizing the run, let one of us know. We would be glad to help.

I again encourage you to attend the meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month. We have a lot of fun, but it's you, the individual club members, that make this club so successful. Thank you all! And thank you to North Park Mazda for sponsoring our club!

Let's get out on the roads and enjoy these scenic roads. ZOOM ZOOM safely!

Craig Martin, President



From the Editor

While we resume what seems to be the new normal, new runs appear, witness Mark Hungerman's Steeplechase run this past weekend, I'll bring back a traditional one soon, the Wildflower Run. Keep an eye out in your email and the newsletter for that event to happen!

I mentioned Mark's run this weekend and we had an amazing turnout, almost 20 Miatas wound round and round the central hill country with great roads and some very confusing surprises too! It's been so long since we've had a turnout that large, I think we're more or less out of practice on procedures! But all turned out well complete with great food at Specht's Store! Thanks, Mark!

The Ladies Group continues to have fun going to interesting dining spots and playing Bunco when they can! Want to be a part of the Ladies Group? Let Sophie Parazo know, she's connected!

And I'm thrilled that the Men's breakfast club continues to get a good group of guys come out to various breakfast places. Soon, it'll be National Donut Day and we'll be going to my favorite donut shop, Krispy Kreme! Whataburger continues to be a good place as seniors get free coffee and soft drinks.

I hope to see more of you all come out for our runs and other fun activities! Cheers!

George Lucas, Editor



2022 Mazda Miata debuts with Kinematic Posture Control brake torque vectoring

ROAD/SHOW
BY CNET

It also ditches the automatic transmission option on all but the Grand Touring trim level.



Mazda's fourth-generation Miata is still kicking for the 2022 model year. While that makes us happy -- Miatas are wonderful cars made of pure joy -- it's not exactly getting huge, world-altering changes out of the deal, according to an announcement Thursday.

Of course, while the changes aren't massive, there are a couple of good ones. Chief among these is the addition of something that Mazda is calling Kinematic Posture Control. If you're like me, you read that and assumed it meant the Miata is getting some wild self-adjusting seats, but nope, that's not it at all. Instead, it's Mazda's take on brake torque vectoring. What is brake torque vectoring? It's where a vehicle uses its ABS system to apply braking force to a single wheel to help encourage sharper cornering. Mazda is also using it to negate some body roll, which is neat, too.

Other significant changes include Mazda's decision to make the Miata's six-speed automatic transmission only available on the top-level, luxury-focused Grand Touring trim. This means that the Miata Sport and Club trims are now manual only. We're not mad at this in the slightest since the excellent six-speed manual is the only way we'd want to experience this little roadster.

So, what do all these changes add up to in terms of cost? The good news is that things aren't dramatically more expensive than on the 2021 cars. The base Miata Sport with its black soft-top roof will start at just \$28,315, including Mazda's \$1,015 destination fee. That's an upcharge of \$490 over last year, and part of that comes from a \$20 increase to that destination fee.

2021 Mazda MX-5 Miata is still our favorite two-seater

BBMC Ladies Group



In 1848, a twenty-three-year-old apprentice millwright boarded Europe bound for America. His name was Carl Hilmar Guenther.

Hilmar traveled through the Midwest before embarking down the Mississippi River to Louisiana and, ultimately, Texas. During this time, he was involved in a variety of work experiences including lumbering, farming and flour milling.

In America, Guenther had found that "You seize the opportunity that presents itself." Three years after his arrival, with the financial help from his parents, he did just that, building a flour mill seventy-five miles northwest of San Antonio on the Live Oak Creek in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Business flourished and Hilmar expanded and improved his mill over the next several years. But in 1858, drought so depleted the crops that he had little grain to grind and little water to drive the wheel. So, Guenther decided to close the mill and relocate his business on the more powerful San Antonio River. He purchased seven and three quarter acres of land just below the center of the city. In 1860, after the mill was erected, Guenther began to build a home for his family.

Stones were quarried from an area near what is now the San Antonio Zoo for a single-story residence. The mortar joining these stones was made from rocks gathered downstream. The roof was made of metal sheets. Here, Hilmar and his wife, Henrietta Dorothea Pape, set up a home and raised seven children.

The mill prospered. Guenther replaced millstones with steel rolls to grind grain. Waterwheels gave way to electricity as a source of power. Building expansions took place over the years and Guenther's Mill was renamed Pioneer Flour Mills in 1898.

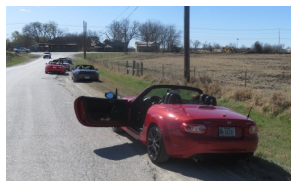
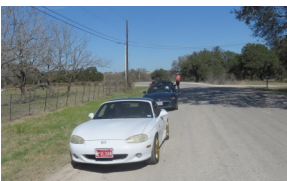
In 1902 Erhard Guenther, Hilmar's youngest son, became president of Pioneer Flour Mills. He also undertook a major remodeling of the family home. The changes that he made gave The Guenther House the look it has today.

Mark Hungerman's "Steeplechase" Run



Nineteen cars set out from Bigs Miata Valero in Bracken on a beautiful Saturday morning, and were promptly scattered like leaves in the wind. We gathered back up after about twenty minutes sitting by the side of the road, and it was determined that the delay made necessary an unscheduled pit stop since the run would no longer be an hour in duration. Once we got going again, things went much smoother. We traveled some interesting and little utilized roads, and counted church steeples. No one else got lost, and we eventually arrived at our lunch spot, Spechts Store in Bulverde. The venue choice met with wide approval, and good food was consumed.

I'd like to thank everyone who came out and participated. It was a fun run, even with a few hiccups.



Polansky Picnic Pursuit

“Bluebonnet Miata Club Country Fair”

This year’s picnic pursuit is going to be on May 14, 2022 at the same place as last year, at the LBJ State Park Group Dining Hall alongside the Pedernales River. What’s different is that Ed and Helenan Polansky hope to create a Bluebonnet Miata Club old-fashioned county fair. Bring your games, drones, chairs, balls, etc. along with your picnic baskets (food and drink for yourselves) and desserts to share and to enter into the contest for the “Fair’s” best dessert.

For all of you with creative talents (painters, hookers, quilters, writers, photographers, musicians, bakers, etc.), there will be an Arts/Crafts “Show and Tell” inside the Hall for you to display (and sell if you want) your creations. We have tables available for displays and prizes will be awarded. In the parking lot by the Hall, George Lucas will hold a “Miata Show and Shine.” So, clean up your Miata and come ready to show it off, listen to George’s detailing secrets, and ask fellow enthusiasts for advice about their Miatas.

The Arts/Crafts set up will be at 11 am and the picnic begins officially at noon with no ending time (the location is reserved for the day). Please register to let us know if you want to have a display table. Outside are picnic tables, and restrooms inside the Hall. Prizes will be given for best table displays, best desserts, and best show and shine.

There is no planned run up to the LBJ State Park, but Mark Hungerman will lead an afternoon loop run beginning around 2 pm from and back to the Dining Hall for all who want a pursuit that day. If there is bad weather, we will move activities (except the Miatas, of course) indoors. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact Ed at edward@polanskyinc.com or call cell #210-602-1042.

“Bluebonnet Miata Club Country Fair “

Update 3/23/2022

Ed and Helenan Polansky

Remember that the picnic pursuit is on May 14, 2022 at the LBJ State Park and will feature the first Club Country Fair. We hope to have a fun picnic and a chance to highlight some of the arts and crafts talents in the club.

Helenan and I are requesting all who want to show off their wares (painters, hookers, quilters, authors, photogs, bakers, builders, etc.) let us know if you will want to have an exhibition table. There is no cost for tables, but we need to know how many are needed...there is a limit.

Currently, we now have requests for seven tables. Some who have recently committed include Betty Jackson, Pam Stivers, Judy Faulkner, and Sophie Parazo. The tables are going fast, so get your reservation in soon, and come join in on the fun.

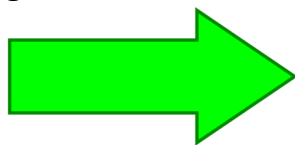
Editor’s note: An updated list of tables reserved so far will be published soon!

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Our meeting "Home"



Upcoming Runs and Events

Friday, April 8th, BBMC Ladies Group, hosted by and location TBA

Saturday, April 9th, Back to Bricks Run, led by Larry and Pam Stivers, meeting place and other details TBA. Watch your email and the club website.

Sunday, April 10th, Lunar Zoomer LUNCHEON, hosted by George Lucas. Easter Sunday precipitated this move to a week early and since we've changed dates, we're going to do something different. That's right, a LZ Sunday luncheon. Set for **1:00 p.m.**, time enough to get out of church, let's meet at Hearthstone Bakery Café, 3920 Harry Wurzbach. You'll love the food and the restaurant too! Dining outside on the patio is planned!

Saturday, April 16th, Hill Country Run, led by Paul and Judy Faulkner. Meet at the 7 Eleven (Exxon and Chicken Express) store south of Blanco on Hwy 281 North. **Meet time 11:00 a.m.**, departing at 11:30 a.m. A late lunch will be at Woerner Warehouse in Fredericksburg. C'mon out, a Faulkner run is always fun!

Thursday, April 21st, Ladies Bunco. Gather at Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 1604 West, SA 78258.

Saturday, April 23rd, BBMC Trash Pickup, organized by Dave Ogden. Meet at the Valero in Bracken on FM 2252 (Nacogdoches Rd.) at **8:00 a.m.** Afterwards, we'll have breakfast at Grumpy's!

Tuesday, April 26th, Club Meeting, presided by Craig Martin, president. Big'Z Burger Joint, Dinner and socializing at **6:30 p.m.**, meeting starts at **7:30 p.m.**

NOTE: For more details, go to our website at bluebonnetmiata.org. Details in this "living" newsletter will be updated as information comes in. Keep watching the website and your email!



Schedule resumes May 2022



BBMC Ladies Group

BBMC Ladies Bunco Group



Answers to cover page Texas Wildflower photos: 1. Savannah Weingart (also called False Purple Thistle) 2. Phlox, 3: Texas Thistle, 4. Evening Primrose, 5. Winecup, 6. Giant Spiderwort, 7. Antelope Horns, 8. Purple Coneflower, 9. Blackfoot Daisy, 10. White Prickly Poppy, 11. Mexican Hat, 12. Prickly Pear Cactus, 13. Indian Blanket, 14. Indian Paintbrush, 15. Texas Bluebonnets.

How Will MX-5 Miata be Electrified?

Submitted by Op-Ed Polansky

Editor's note: This story is a follow up to the article about Mazda Going Hybrid from the November-December newsletter

The Mazda MX-5 Miata is in its fourth generation, with the current ND model designation, arrived in 2016.

Given the usual product cadence at Mazda, the next MX-5, which will likely be classified the NE generation, should arrive around the middle of the decade, and Mazda has confirmed that the new sports car will be electrified. The news should come as little surprise as Mazda has said it aims to have a fully electrified lineup by 2030.

Fans of the MX-5 shouldn't worry about the future car being weighed down by a heavy battery as electrification can mean a simple mild-hybrid setup, a technology Mazda plans to implement in future models. A mild-hybrid setup is essentially a starter motor that can act as a generator to recover energy under braking or coasting, with this energy stored in a small battery to be used to power ancillary features and sometimes to aid the engine during high-load situations.

Mazda is also well aware of the need to stick to a lightweight ethos for the next MX-5. In its statement, the automaker said it will strive to make sure the MX-5 remains a "lightweight, affordable, open two-seater sports car."

Mazda announced a highly modular platform known as the Skyactiv Multi-Solution Scalable Architecture, which the automaker said would be used for a host of models launching between 2022 and 2025, including five hybrids, five plug-in hybrids, and three battery-electric cars. However, the automaker said the platform with longitudinal engine mounting, like that used by the MX-5, will be reserved for larger vehicles. This suggests Mazda might modify the current MX-5's platform for use in the next generation of the sprightly sports car. The platform, which is unique to the MX-5, can trace its roots to the original NA generation launched for 1990.

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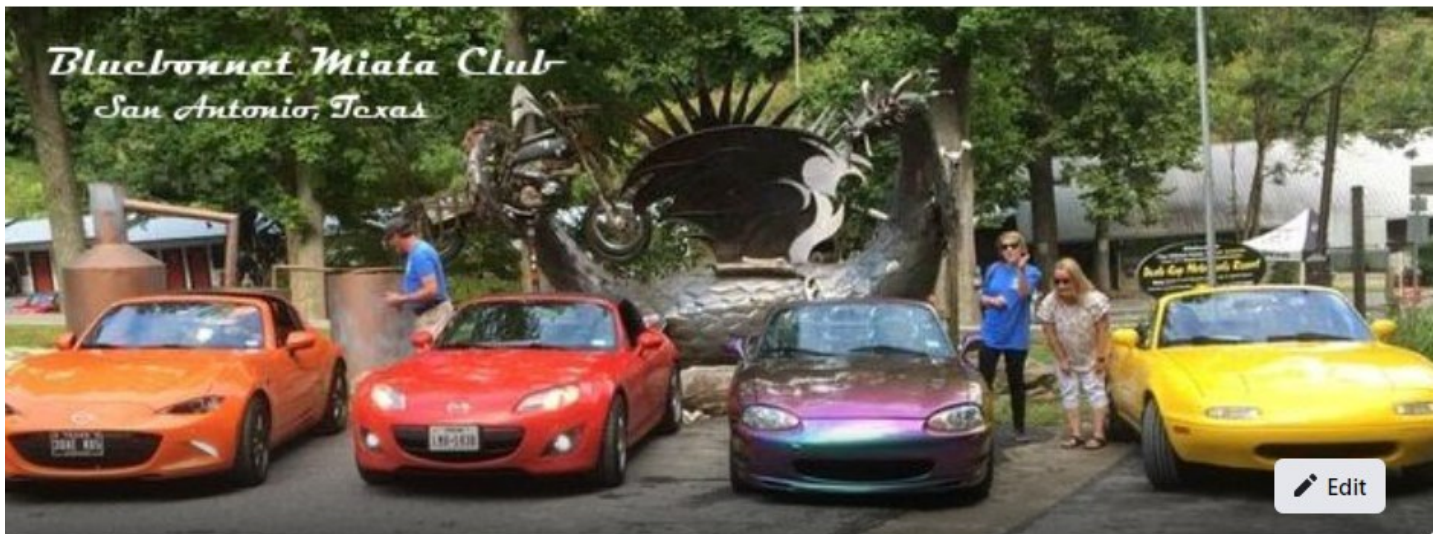
2008 Faulkner Gimmick Run



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