



In The Breeze



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Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet Miata Club

Still Free!

Welcome, Bluebonnets!



Say hello to our beloved Texas flower, the Bluebonnet!

If you were lucky enough to go on Joe and Cheryl Knight's run last weekend, you were surely treated to some glorious views and vistas full of bluebonnets! Wow, they're back after several years of almost no-show!

And above, from last week's Wildflower Run, the famous Bluebonnet House in Marble Falls was also resplendent with the blue beauties!

So, jump in your Miata and get out there to see them this year!

-Ed

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Welcome, New Members!

Total Current Members 207

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San Antonio

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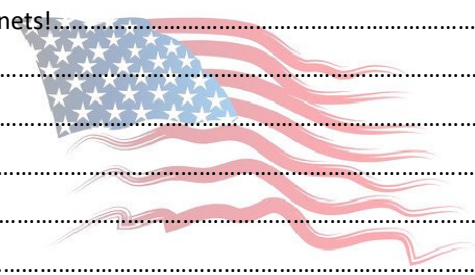


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President's Message

Hello Everyone!



I just got home from a weekend of runs and I have to say, it was great! It was beautiful weather, great scenery, and great company! I saw a few new faces and I am so glad to start meeting people in the club that I haven't met yet...keep it coming!

I'm looking forward to more exciting runs to see more of the San Antonio area and to learn more about my car. I'm starting to get comfortable with pushing Lexie to see what she can do, and IT'S SO FUN!!! I think this club is perfect for that...we can learn what our cars can do, what our limits are, and learn a lot of great info from experienced drivers.

We have some fun runs coming up, including my first out-of-state run with a great group of people. I'm still meeting a lot of you but I hope to see you on some of these upcoming runs. Don't forget to keep an eye on our newsletter and check the Bluebonnet Miata webpage to see what fun we have in store and if you need anything, don't hesitate to let me or any of the Executive Committee know.

ZOOM ZOOM!

Sophie Parazo, president

From the Editor

I love Spring for so many reasons. First, it's wonderful to see all the things blooming, and secondly, it gets all of us out more often and the last couple of years haven't been the best years for getting together much!

A good example of this is just this part weekend, Joe and Cheryl Knight led us on an exciting run through north of town and we saw lots of wildflowers and curvy roads! We had an amazing amount of Miatas on this run, 20! And, as always, another good place to eat afterwards, the Hayes City Store & Ice House. Photos are elsewhere in this month's *In The Breeze*. Thanks, Joe and Cheryl!



And the following Sunday, we ran up to the Willow City Loop and then to The Bluebonnet House in Marble Falls! Wow, for the first time in several years, the bluebonnets didn't disappoint! Afterwards, we had great food at The River City Grill in Marble Falls! A great time was had by all. Check out the photos in this month's issue.

Check out the calendar on our website, www.bluebonnetmiata.org to see what's in store for us in the following weeks and months! Y'all come, ya'hear?

Until then, keep on *Zoomin'*!

George Lucas, editor

March Lunar zoomer Dinner at Pollo Asados



When will the next-generation Miata MX-5 come out?



By OpEd Polansky

The Mazda Miata MX-5 is one of the best-balanced, cost-efficient sports cars ever made. It's obvious that it would be in the automaker's best interest to keep their fan favorite cars alive for as long as possible.

MotorTrend reports that Mazda is doing just that according to a recent report from Which Car <<https://www.whichcar.com.au/news/next-gen-mazda-mx-5-confirmed-2026>>. Which Car says it was "tipped" when the next MX-5 would arrive and at the moment Mazda is "exploring ways to electrify" the roadster. The next-gen Miata has been slated for arrival in 2026, with an electrified powertrain possibly in the cards. "The MX-5 is an icon in the Mazda product lineup and we have a lot of promise with our current MX-5 owners spread all over the world, so we will continue our MX-5 in the future," Mazda director and senior managing executive officer Yasuhiro Aoyama said to Australia's Which Car. That's good news, but some may not be happy to hear that the next-gen MX-5 Miata <<https://carbuzz.com/cars/mazda/mx-5-miata>> will arrive after new Euro 7 emissions standards hit.

That means the Miata's fate depends on its emissions, which is why the next-gen Miata <<https://carbuzz.com/news/new-mazda-vision-concept-previews-mx-5-miatas-electric-future>> will almost certainly be electrified to some degree <<https://carbuzz.com/news/mazdas-new-lightweight-mild-hybrid-tech-could-save-the-miata>>. Euro 7 takes effect in July 2025, so that at least gives a release timeline for the new roadster. Whatever regulatory changes Euro 7 holds, Aoyama is sure they will affect the little sports car. "So, the contents of stage seven we are still investigating, but it will affect our MX-5 at the time," he said.



That gives Mazda just under two years or so to get things squared away before the next Miata hits the streets after Euro 7. However, Aoyama has also said that the Miata will stay as light as it can. That's been the case previously, but the Miata has grown with every generation, the only exception being the current ND which is smaller and lighter than its immediate NC predecessor.

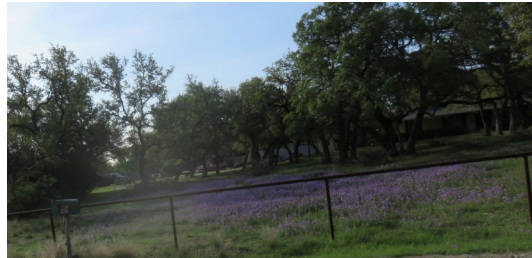
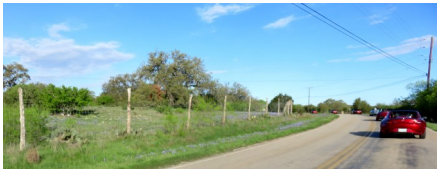
Stay tuned for more breaking news on the Miata MX-5 NE.

Source: MotorTrend. Which Car. CarBuzz.

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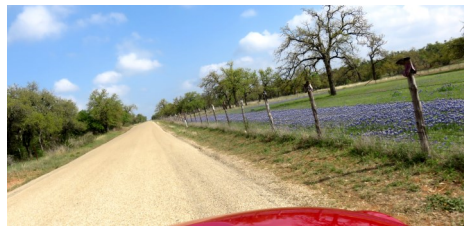
Creeks, Rivers and Bridges Run

Joe and Cheryl Knight



Spring 2023 Wildflower Run

Led by George Lucas



Bluebonnet Ladies Group



On Friday, March 10th, the ladies went to Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary. Located in Cibolo at 19349 Old Wiederstein Rd., this was an outdoor event with walking trails. From what this editor heard, very few birds were observed because of too much fun chit chat while hiking. –Ed



In April, on the 14th

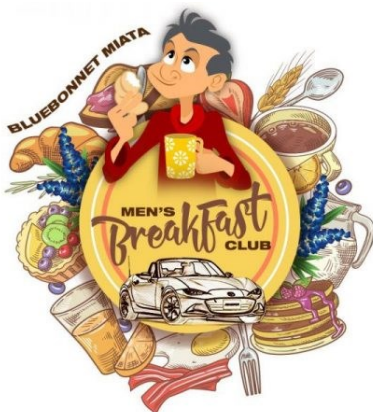
The Bluebonnet Ladies group will meet on April 14 2023 at 10:00 at the Japanese Tea Garden at 3853 N St. Mary's St. San Antonio. It is located near the zoo and there is parking immediately by the entrance; or if full, just a little ways from the entrance by Aggies Barb Wire Smokehouse. The entrance is free. I did a preview run today and the park service has been sprucing up the grounds with new foliage, mulch and ground touch ups. The web site suggests the distance to walk around the park is .7 miles. There are a lot of steps but I also did notice some ramps for those who prefer to not maneuver that many steps. The park has a small lunch restaurant (Jingu House) with covered seating outside. It has a limited menu. Possible other nearby locations for lunch are: the Barb Wire Smokehouse or Bombay Bicycle Club. Final lunch location to be determined with input from group. All ladies who are in the club are invited to join us!

Wanda Begnoche



This months (April) Lunar Zoomer's Dinner will be at Max & Louie's New York Diner, Great diner style comfort food. Located at 226 W. Bitters, SATX 78216. Join us for a fun evening with a full moon!

MAX & LOUIE'S
NEW YORK DINER



For April, let's meet on the 14th of April at the Magnolia Pancake House, 606 Embassy Oaks, SATX 78216. Renown breakfasts, we'll enjoy some good food and good company. Time to meet there? 9:00 a.m.

This place has lots of seating so we can enjoy our good food and fellowship!

When, you ask? Friday morning, April 14th. , 9:00 a.m.



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Each Month, send a caption of the monthly "Caption This" photo and win a prize to be named later. Send your Caption to newsletter@bluebonnetmiata.org. Winner will be announced at the next meeting! C'mon, have some fun with it! Send me, George Lucas, editor, your captions and I'll post them! Thanks!

Upcoming Runs and Events

Friday through Sunday, March 31-April 2nd, March Miata Madness, hosted by Craig Woolheater.

Lots of Miatas and lots of beautiful Northeast Texas roads! C'mon up, sounds fun! Check to see who's going from BBMC and travel together!

Thursday, April 6th, Lunar Zoomer Dinner hosted by George Lucas. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at Max & Louie's. A really good diner style restaurant with lots of your favorites on the menu. Get there earlier than 7 so we can get good seating! See you all there on that full moon evening!

Saturday, April 8th, 100 to 6 Klicks Run, led by Larry and Pam Stivers. Meet at the Valero station, corner of Boerne Stage Road and Cross Mountain Trail, 24457 Boerne Stage Road at 9:30 a.m. for a departure at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at 6 Clicks Café, 12916 Bandera Rd.

Friday, April 14th, Men's breakfast, hosted by George Lucas. We'll meet at a familiar San Antonio breakfast eatery, Magnolia Pancake House, 606 Embassy Oaks, 78216. This is one of San Antonio's best rated places for breakfast! Meet at 9:00 a.m. C'mon out guys and we'll swap some more stories!

Thursday, April 20th, Ladies Bunco. As always, meet at Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N Loop 1604 West access Rd. 78258. 6:30 p.m.—??? Always fun and you might win something, too!

Friday, April 21st—30th? Thompsons Run to Mt. Rushmore, led by Rohm and Barbara Thompson.

For details on this adventure, contact Rohm Thompson.

Saturday, April 22nd, Polansky Picnic Pursuit, led by Ed and Helenan Polansky. Congregate at Old No. 9 General Store and Longhorn Café in Boerne at 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure on a 1 1/2 hour pursuit to the picnic location in Comfort. We have the Gazebo area reserved in downtown Comfort. Shelter and restrooms will be available. Don't miss this annual event!

Tuesday, April 25th, BBMC monthly meeting at Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N. Loop 1604, San Antonio, TX 78258. Dinner and meet and greet at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Come out and meet our new president, Sophie Barazas

Looking Ahead...

Saturday, May 6th, BBMC Trash Pick Up, organized by Dave Ogden. Meet at Big'z Valero, 2.5 miles north of Rolling Oaks Mall on Nacogdoches. This is our quarterly event to help Keep Texas Clean! Breakfast after at Grumpy's.

Saturday, May 13th, a run yet to be determined, led by Dave Ogden. Check the club website at bluebonnetmiata.org for the particulars.

Thursday, May 18th, Ladies Bunco, hosted by Marilyn Hamilton. Meet at Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N Loop 1604 W access Rd, 78258

Saturday, June 10th, Painted Churches Tour! Led by George Lucas and Marilyn McCullen. A revival of this popular run! Details soon!

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Just insert the below website on your browser:

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