



In The Breeze



2024 Miata State Round Up

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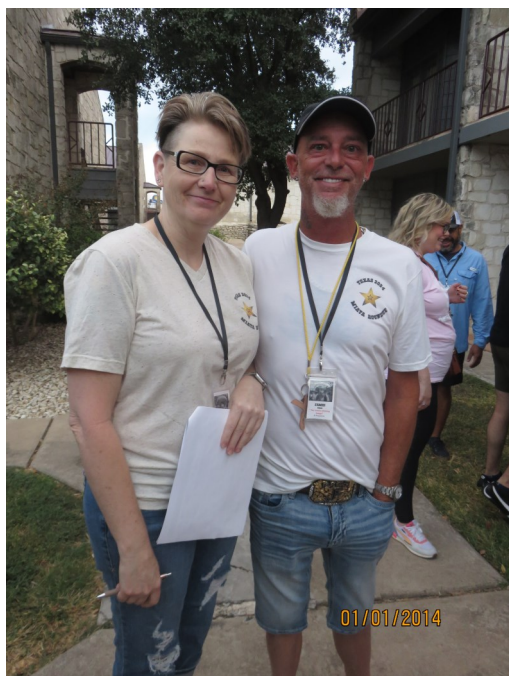
Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet Miata Club

Still Free!

Austin's Tejas Miata Club celebrated their 20th Anniversary Event and it wasn't even Weird!

Kerrville— President James Felps and partner Lanora, along with much help from the Tejas Club members, put on a truly fun 20th Anniversary event in Kerrville a couple of weeks ago. Complete with activities like runs to the Twisted Sisters and elsewhere, he had accomplished run leaders that made each run successful! There was also breakfast on the boards (Ironing boards that is) great lunch stops and a wonderful banquet with assorted Mexican food delights on Saturday evening.

In addition, they had one of the best goody bags I've ever seen and trust me, I've seen lots of them! After dinner Saturday evening they also had drawings for great prizes and lots of other give aways making sure almost everyone didn't leave empty handed! We all had a great time!



Lanora and Tejas President James Felps



Tejas President James Felps cutting up...the cake that is.



We had "breakfast on the boards".



Bluebonnet was there in force!

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** Appointed positions*

New Members

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Bulverde, Texas

2007 Brilliant Black

Matthew & Mary Stokes

San Antonio

2016 Reflex Blue Mica

Total Membership

194

Happy Holidays

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President's Message



Hello Everyone,

It was so good seeing everyone these past couple of runs, and so wonderful to meet so many new people! The weather has been great and I can't wait to see you all on our next run. This year is coming to an end, but we still have a few events before the year is over. The big one I want to talk about is our upcoming Christmas party on 7 Dec at Paesano's on 1604. Please check your email for meal options as they are due by 29 November. I hope everyone is as excited as I am because we have lots of fun planned for the evening. If anyone has any question, please don't hesitate to ask!

Till next time, be safe and keep on zoomin!

Sophie Parazo, President

From the Editor



As this year comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on the year. Fewer runs, fewer attendance on many of the runs and it has me, and others as well, asking Are we doing something wrong? Is there somewhere or something else you all would rather do or go? As a member who wants to please everyone (an impossible task, mind you), I wonder what you all want. More run time? Less run time? More interesting dining places? Tell us, or better yet, show us by leading a run to wherever you want to go or see or a restaurant you might know about that the rest of us don't!

As far as I'm concerned I'm going to revive the Head for the Mountains run event as there are many who haven't experienced the fun and adventure that run offers. It'll be over the Labor Day weekend, so jot it down on your calendars.

Another run I enjoy leading is the Wildflower run, usually in late April. I'll keep you all posted on that one.

In the meantime...c'mon YOU can do it, lead us to your favorite eatery or attraction! We'll help you regarding the best route if you need that help!

Cheers everyone and I hope your holidays are filled with fun and joy.

George Lucas, Editor



Photos from the Tejas Miata Club 2024 Texas Miata Roundup Event





More

Photos from the Tejas Miata Club



Thank You, Tejas Miata Club!

Joe and Cheryl's Run to The Laurel Tree



Who's on First?

By OpEd Polansky



Editor's note: Since we are about to make an unprecedented move by re-electing our current president for a third consecutive term, I thought Ed Polansky's foray into who started all this Bluebonnet Miata thing! So, look at the list below and see how many you remember or know.

Since the Bluebonnet Miata Club in 2025 will reach its 30th year of existence, I asked George if he had a list of the past Presidents. I was certainly curious, but I also thought it would be nice to acknowledge our past leaders and express our appreciation for all the work that they have done on behalf of the club.

Well, not surprisingly, George had a list which I show below:

1995, '96	Greg Bassett
1997	Art Neisenfeld
1998	John Turner
1999, 2000	Rohm Thompson
2001, '02	Pat Franklin
2003, '04	Steve Stiles
2005, '06	Pat O'Docharty
2006, '07	Pat Franklin
2008, '09	Virginia Weaver Plumb
2010	Mike Jackson
2011, '12	Betty Herrera Fields
2013, '14	George Lucas
2015, '16	Mark Hungerman
2017	Gus Aguirre
2018	Dan Hicks
2019, '20	Cheryl Knight
2021, '22	Craig Martin
2023, '24	Sophie Parazo

I admit that I have only been in the club since 2012, so I didn't know all of the past Presidents, but I am certain that if each one had not done their job, we wouldn't be enjoying the vibrant club that we have today. Special recognition should go to Rohm Thompson who helped start the club, was President way back at the turn of the century, and still is a respected and active member of the Club.

Sophie is taking on a heroic 3rd successive term and will continue her excellent leadership in our anniversary year. Remember, Sophie, your 3rd year will be a special one.

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The Miata "Nuts Run"

By OpEd Polansky



It was truly a glorious day in the Hill Country with cloudless skies, temperatures in the cool 70's, and delightfully low humidity. Perfect for a top-down trek through two lane, twisty roads that make it a pleasure to own and drive a Miata. There was a great turnout of 18 Miatas that started from the Shell station near Guadalupe River off Hwy 281. We traveled over some old favorites, such as Spring Branch Road, Crabapple Road (out of Kendalia), and Tx 1623 on our way up to US 290 and a needed pit stop in Stonewall. After our stop, we did a few miles on US 290 before turning off on to an interesting farm road Goehmann Lane, to enjoy a pecan cracking demonstration by Olan Tisdale. Olan is the owner of Fredericksburg Pecan Company and has been in the pecan business his whole life after graduating from Texas Tech where he was a four-year starter on the Texas Tech football team. (He told me that I wasn't to wear Longhorn stuff on the run.) He showed how his pecan crackers ran like a Gattling Gun individually cracking pecans at an amazing rate. He showed us all through the process from start to finish, most of which is mechanized. Helenan provided some delicious pecan brittle snacks that were quickly gobbled up.

Olan, with his gift of gab, enthusiastically shared his knowledge of growing, harvesting, and cracking nuts. Mark Hungerman said that it was the best "field trip" he has been on since elementary school because he didn't have to go back to school afterwards. When Olan finished, we all headed over to his store in Fredericksburg and bought some of his products. I highly recommend his store.

Finally, we scooted over to the Pecan Orchard Café on Hwy 16, about 5 miles out of Fredericksburg, to lunch on their half pound burgers, and other great comfort foods. It was a pleasant finish to a fun "It's Nuts Run." It was really a nice run, particularly with Olan providing such a friendly and informative pecan presentation.



Upcoming Runs and Events



November - December 2024



Tuesday, November 26th, Club meeting and Annual Business Meeting, Sophie Parazo presiding. Meet at Big's Burger Joint, 2303 N. Loop 1604 W. 78256 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m

Friday, November 29th, Last day to RSVP for the Christmas Party!!

****** NOTE NEW DATE ****** Sunday, December 8th, Camp Verde Christmas Extravaganza Run, led by George Lucas. Perfect for getting that special gift for our Christmas Party that evening as the Store will have discounts throughout the store! Meet at the OQ on Bandera Road at Scenic Loop Drive. A short but fun run before going to the store. Lunch plans are still up in the air at this time.

**Saturday, December 7th, 6:00 p.m., BBMC Christmas Party at Paesano's
On 1604, 3622 Paesano's Parkway, SATX 78231
\$45 per person for dinner (tax and gratuity included)
Watch for more details on our website!!**

Friday, December 13th, Men's Breakfast, 9:00 a.m., hosted by George Lucas, Tommy's Restaurant, 6510 San Pedro, 78216, Good food, good prices!

Sunday, December 15th Lunar Zoomer dinner, hosted by George Lucas. 5:30 p.m. Let's go to EZ's on Bitters Road, just off 281N. 734 W Bitters Rd, San Antonio, TX 7821 Great food and terrific ice cream treats too!

And, in January...

Sunday, January 5th, Annual Planning Meeting. The planning meeting is held every January to schedule our runs and activities for the year! Bring a calendar to fill out with all the activities and events. New run leaders are always welcome, and we are happy to help.

Friday, January 10th, , 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, hosted by George Lucas. A first for this event, let's meet at Grumpy's Café in Bracken, 18817 FM 2252, San Antonio, TX 78266 You will love this place!!!

Sunday, January 12th, Lunar Zoomer Dinner, hosted by George Lucas. An old favorite, let's go to Po Po's Family restaurant. 829 FM 289, Boerne. It's not that far and you will love this place! Be there! **5:30 p.m.**

Frida, January 10th, Ladies Lunch, time and place not known at press time. Watch the website!

Thursday, January 16th, Ladies Bunco., hosted by Marilyn Hamilton. 6:30 p.m. Big'z Burger Joint 2303 N Loop 1604 W, SATX 78258

Tuesday, January 28th, BBMC Club meeting. Meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. and meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N Loop 1604 W, SATX 78258

Be sure to check out our website for more details on these and other upcoming runs and events!



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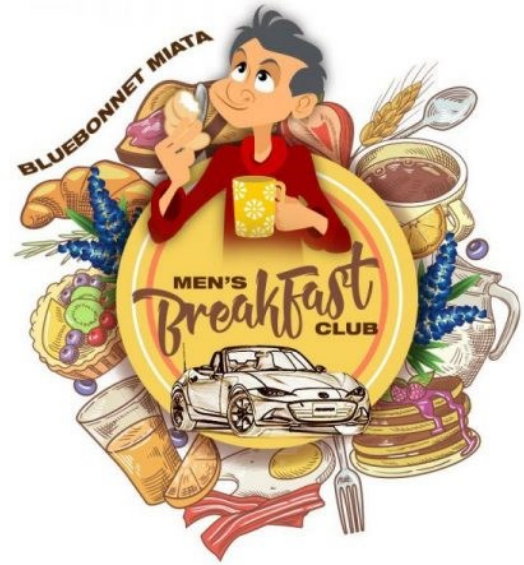
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