



# In The Breeze



January-February 2025

Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet Miata Club

Still Free!

## 2024, The Year That Was

While we may not have had as many runs as in past years, we did keep busy with new things on our calendar for 2024. For instance, we had TWO Tech days! David "Nugget" McNett and Monica opened their amazing hangar to the club, once in the spring and again last fall. We had lots of takers doing this and that on their Miata's as well as the dent lifter taking out those annoying dents we all get from time to time. Lots of food and good times at our Tech Days. Be sure to make the next one this coming spring!

Photos from the year will be inside this issue of *In The Breeze*. -Ed

### Bluebonnet Miata Club Officers for 2025



Sophie Parazo, president



Dave Ogden, vice president



Gwen Mitchell, treasurer



Stephanie Bell-Turner, secretary



Craig Martin, immediate past president

### Returning Appointed positions for 2025

Harry Maxwell, membership and George Lucas, Newsletter Editor

## 2023 Club Officers

### President

***Sophie Parazo***

bbmcpresident@gmail.com

### Immediate past President

***Craig Martin***

cmartin3@satx.rr.com

### Vice President

***Dave Ogden***

bbmcvicepresident@gmail.com

### Treasurer

***Gwen Mitchell***

bbmctreasurer@gmail.com

### Secretary

***Stephanie Turner***

bbmcsecretary@gmail.com

### Membership\*

***Harry Maxwell***

bbmcmembership@gmail.com

### Newsletter Editor\*

***George Lucas***

bbmcnewsletter@gmail.com

*\* Appointed positions*

## New Members

### Michael and Morgan Groff

Bandera, TX

2001 British Racing Green Special Edition

2021 Snowflake White Pearl Mica RF

### Steve and Jan Doss

Boerne, TX

2016 Soul Red Metallic

## Total Membership

183

***2025 is here!!!***

## Inside this Issue:

That Was the Year That Was.....	Cover
Officers and New Members.....	2
President's Message.....	3
From the Editor.....	3
2024 Photos from runs!.....	4 through 8
Upcoming Runs and Events.....	9
Miata's Generations, what's next???	10
Sponsors and Remember When? .....	11

***zoom-zoom***

# President's Message

Hello Bluebonnet Miata Club!!

Happy New Year! I can't believe we are in 2025! We had some great times in 2024, to include the work with the Adopt-a-Highway program, Blue Santa with SAPD, the toy and coat drive with North Park Mazda, and Wreaths Across America. Thank you to all that helped because it couldn't be done without you. We are starting this year with a new Executive Committee with the addition of Gwen Mitchell as our new Treasurer. We thank you for trusting us to be your Executive Committee. We are also very thankful for all that Joe Knight has done as our Treasurer for the last 10 years.



This year is going to be exciting because we celebrate our 30th Anniversary in April! We will have a great celebration planned in April at the YO in Kerrville and hope to see all of you there! As usual, we already have a year scheduled full of runs, but if you would like to lead a run, just let us know because there is always time for a run! Keep checking our club webpage for updates to the calendar on all future events. Also, don't miss the news about the update to our club directory on our secure webpage. An email was sent out with instructions for members, so please watch for any club emails. We hope to make our communications better and want to ensure everyone is able to get all the info from the club.

Your Executive Committee is working hard to ensure the club is running accordingly and ensuring most of all, that as a group we can enjoy our events, our friendship, and of course our MX-5 Miatas. As usual, if there is anything we can do for you, please let us know!

Til next time, drive safe and keep on zoomin!

*Sophie Parazo, President*

## From the Editor

Greetings from the cluttered newsletter desk!

Wow, 2025! Goodness, if you're of a similar age as me, that just doesn't sound right! And yes, I just had a birthday, so I'm allowed to point out that phenomenon of time passing way too quickly.

Our club will be celebrating our 30th anniversary this year and plans are underway to have a blowout to end all blowouts. If you would like to help, and trust me, Sophie is accepting all offers! As you can imagine, there are lots of things to prepare for the 30th celebration and we're asking for suggestions! Many of you know it's will be a huge endeavor but c'mon, 30 years? Wow. Contact any officer about helping out, please! See inside for more information

While I'm thinking of it, Sophie is entering her THIRD consecutive officer as president. We're behind you all the way, Sophie!

Thanks to all of you that made 2024 a memorable year! Inside you will find photo memories of our runs. Events will be in an added issue soon!!

. Enjoy!

.Until then, Cheers!



*George Lucas, Editor*







## Ladies Group





# *2024, The Year That Was*

## February





# 2024, The Year That Was

## March



## April





# 2024, The Year That Was

May

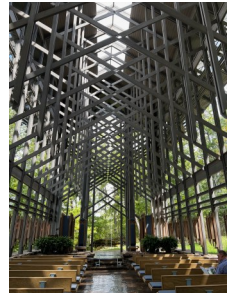


zoom-zoom



# 2024, The Year That Was

## Northwest Arkansas Trip





# Upcoming Runs and Events

## February — March 2025

**Wednesday, February 12th, Lunar Zoomer dinner, hosted by George Lucas.** Let's enjoy some great Italian food at Bella Cera Italian Restaurant, 2921 Pat Booker Rd, #100, Universal City, TX 78148. You will love this place!!! Time, 6:30 p.m. until we can't eat anymore!

**Friday, February 14th, Men's Breakfast, hosted by George Lucas.** Let's meet at Las Palapas Mexican Restaurant, 4802 Walzem at IH35. 9:a.m.— ? Great food and great prices. Add great guys and what could be better?

**Friday, February 14th, Ladies Lunch.** Location and time are not known at this time, Check the club website for details!  
[www.bluebonnetmiata.org](http://www.bluebonnetmiata.org).

**Thursday, February 20th, Ladies Bunco, as always, meet at Bigz Burger Joint, 2303 N Loop 1604 W Acc Rd, San Antonio, TX 6:30 p.m. until ???**

**Tuesday, February 25, Club Meeting, 7:00 meeting, earlier for greetings! Bigz Burger joint, 2303 N Loop 1604 W. , San Antonio, TX**

*And, it March...*

**Friday, March 14th, Men's Breakfast, hosted by George Lucas. 9:00 a.m.,** Let's go to First Watch, **Located in:** The Plaza at Concord, 700 E Sonterra Blvd Ste. 314, San Antonio, TX 78258

**Friday, February 14th, Ladies Lunch.** Location and time are not known at this time, Check the club website for details!  
[www.bluebonnetmiata.org](http://www.bluebonnetmiata.org).

**Saturday, March 15th, Polansky Picnic Pursuit Run, led by Ed and Helenan Polansky.** Details soon!!!

*More to come soon!!!*

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

zoom-zoom

# *What does history tell us about when we might see the next Miata generation?*



*By OpEd Polansky*

I own a 2017 ND and I've begun to wonder about when there might be a fifth generation of the Miata (MX-5). I asked the editor of the Bluebonnet Miata Club Newsletter when he thought that might be the case. He said go do some research and write an article (big help he was!). Anyway, that's what I did and consulted Wikipedia, which you know is always correct and found the following interesting facts.

The first-generation MX-5 (NA) was introduced in 1989 and was in production until 1997. Upon its release, the car won Automobile Magazine and 1990 Automobile Magazine Car of the Year. The MX-5 featured pop-up headlights, unique to the NA model. To keep the weight and price down, base models were not equipped with power steering, air conditioning, a sound system, and had steel wheels. A five-speed manual transmission was standard, with the choice of a four-speed automatic also available.

The second-generation MX-5 (NB) came off the production lines in 1997 and being put on sale in 1998 for the 1999 model year. While it kept the same proportions of its predecessor, its most noticeable change was the removal of the retractable headlamps which were eliminated in the face of more stringent pedestrian safety<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedestrian\\_safety\\_through\\_vehicle\\_design](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedestrian_safety_through_vehicle_design)> requirements. While various special editions continued to be introduced throughout the entire NB production run, the Mazdaspeed MX-5 is distinctive for being the only MX-5 to be turbocharged at the factory. Other Mazdaspeed specs include stiffer and shorter springs, Bilstein shocks, and larger 17-inch wheels.

The third-generation Mazda MX-5 (NC) was introduced in 2005 and was in production until 2015. This generation introduced Power Retractable Hard Top, which featured a folding hard top mechanism that retained adequate trunk space. During its release, the third generation MX-5 received several accolades such as the 2005-2006 Car of the Year Japan<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Car\\_of\\_the\\_Year\\_Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Car_of_the_Year_Japan)> Award and Car and Driver's 10Best list from 2006 to 2013.

The fourth-generation Mazda MX-5 (ND) was unveiled in 2014 and has been in production since 2015. An updated model was introduced in 2019, visually identical to the pre-update model, but the engine was upgraded, and a beefed-up flywheel introduced to the powertrain in the manual transmission. The ND generation introduced a Retractable Fastback, an option that features a rigid roof that gave it a coupé-like appearance. The ND has received several accolades including the 2015-2016 Car of the Year Japan Award, the 2016 World Car of the Year Award, Car and Driver's 10Best list from 2016 to 2019, and the Red Dot Best of the Best Award in Product Design 2017. Incidentally, the car is the basis for the Fiat 124 Spider (called by Miata folk, the "Fiata"). So, it appears that each generation is in production for approximately 9-10 years. If that trend continues, expect the next generation to be introduced in the next year or so. Stay tuned!

## HONORING GENERATIONS OF ROADSTER SPIRIT

The MX-5 Miata 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition. A tribute to the original roadster spirit, perfected. Impeccable craftsmanship and refined performance enhancements create an unparalleled connection to the open road.





*Don't forget our Sponsors!*



---

*Remember When?*



Mike and Betty Jackson, 2010 Paul & Judy Run