



In The Breeze



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Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet Miata Club

Still Free!

The Painted Churches of Texas: Echoes of the Homeland



These brave folks came out on a scorching hot day and I didn't hear a single complaint! (I'm a little hard of hearing, however)

As I am a bit of an adventurer, as soon as someone asked me, "Say, George, ever heard of the Painted Churches?" I said "No, but I'll check them out". Well, the more I read about them and discovered some were somewhat nearby, I thought, 'hmmmm, sounds like a run to me!'. Thus, a run was born, in 2008 to be exact. Well, while I enjoy repeating successful runs, having it in the heat of summer is a bad idea. Well, why didn't I listen to myself? Oh well, after many requests by newer and even some older members, we did it one more time. Hopefully someone else will take over that enjoyable and enlightening run!

You can read all about the Painted Churches of Texas on line with links too long for this story, but do it, you'll be glad you did.

-George Lucas, editor



More photos inside!

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New Member

Welcome,

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San Antonio

Jet Black

Total Members

206



Pray for our Hill Country Friends

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President's Message

Hello BBMC!

You know it's summer when we have gone weeks without seeing each other on a run! This time of year is always so brutal and it's sometimes best to just stay indoors until the sun goes down. Hmmm, I bet it would be nice to do a run after the sun goes down! Thankfully, we have a new committee that is going to help us learn what it's like to be run leaders! I hope you all take the opportunity to learn or just get a refresher on how to be a run leader and show us some new roads. I look forward to it!



Till next time, drive safe and keep on zoomin!

zoom-zoom

Sophie Parazo, President

From the Editor

I don't usually use this column to point out something as serious as the recent tragedy that happened in our precious Texas hill country. You can't look at the news and not see what's happened up there from the flash flooding.



It breaks my heart as that area has been a gathering place for me and many of my friends back when I attended the Kerrville Folk Festival for more than 25 years. Camped out at Louise Hays city park (now a state park), I enjoyed the peaceful beautiful area around Kerrville, Hunt and yes, drove by the many summer camps for young people everywhere.

Recently, I joined up with the Houston Miata Club in Ellinger at Hruska's and the place was packed with dozens of young adults on their way to be camp directors at yes, you guessed it, the hill country camps, including Camp Mystic. This camp was the hardest hit camp during the horrifying flooding causing more deaths that I care to count. I can't help but to think many of those young people I chatted with at Hruska's were lost in that tragic event. I pray they were found safe and sound.

So, I am saddened about that entire event that has taken so many lives. And nicer young people I've never met. God grace to all of them.

George Lucas, Editor

Did You Know that BBMC Now Has a Run Committee?



Recently, the BBMC Board authorized the formation of a Run Committee. As agreed to by the Board, the objectives of the Committee are to:

- Recruit new run Leaders (and Relays, and Sweeps),
 - Provide support and training for new and prior Leaders
 - Maintain a single inventory of past run routes to be available to the Leaders,
 - Encourage the scheduling of a minimum of 2 runs every month,
- Educate Leaders (as well as Relays, and Sweeps) and Club members of proper driving, run, and automobile safety matters.

I'm pleased to have been appointed Chair of a great Run Committee with lots of run experience, including Ed Smith, Rohm Thompson, George Lucas, Mark Hungerman, Jim Voss, and Gwen Mitchel, as the Board liaison. We have met twice and started working on the objectives as noted below.

- We have started contacting past run Leaders to ask them to add Runs to the calendar for 2025. The Committee is on its way to having 2 local Runs a month during the remainder of this year.
- We have agreed on the development of a Run Committee pamphlet to provide overall guidance and information about various matters the Committee is dealing with, including information on Leader Tips, Glossary of Miata Radio terms, Run Planning Tips, and run venues.
- We are working on ways to encourage new Run Leaders to lead runs. To that end, we will be developing training sessions to help the new Leaders gain the confidence to lead a run. We will also provide guidance on the responsibilities of the Run Relays and Sweeps, who have important roles in the Runs.

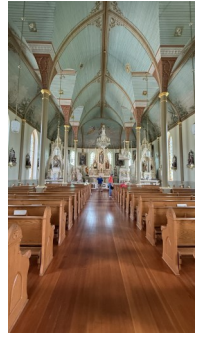
We plan to encourage a variety in runs, such as: a shorter than usual run (e.g., to the Luner Zoomer dinner); sunrise or sunset runs (to beat the heat of the summer); taillight run (where the followers don't know where the Run is going); and destination runs (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).

So, if you have any questions or have an interest in pursuing the opportunity to lead a run give a Committee member a call. It's like playing when you design and lead a run of such a fun group happy BBMC members who love to get out on the road in their Miata roadsters. Remember that old George Bernard Shaw quote: "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

Editors Note: This effort is designed to keep the Bluebonnet Miata Club thriving. While we are certainly a social club as well as a car club, it'll all be for naught if we don't cultivate these above notes. Long Live BBMC!!!

Photos, Photos, and more Photos

The Painted Churches of Texas: Echoes of the Homeland



Thanks for coming, y'all!



"Rain Drops Kept Falling On Our Heads"

Or

Mark Hungerman's 4th of July Run

It was a dreary, wet, rainy morning and I arrived at the Miata Valero thinking, "Why am I here? I don't run in the rain!" But, hey, if Mark is brave enough to follow through with this run, who am I to stop him! Well, where do I start...just kidding.

I went inside to get ice for my water bottle and I come out and I see someone in a Miata gassing up. Then, I look to my left and there are 5 Miatas! Oh my! Another, another and they kept on coming until we had 15 Miatas! WOW. I am ashamed that I doubted folks regarding a little wet stuff. Okay, a lot of wet stuff, but c'mon, we're going on this run!

Mark never ceases to amaze me when he plans a run. While he refuses to make a run sheet, he is literally a map in his brain monster. And this time didn't disappoint.

We all had fun, a couple of folks had their tops down even in the continuing drizzle!

All is well that ends well, they say and who can argue with Cooper's BBQ in New Braunfels for lunch! YAY, Mark! (pass the sauce!)

-Editor





Friday, July 11th
Ladies Lunch and a movie!

Early lunch: **10:40 am**-Max and Louie's NY Diner, Embassy
Oaks, 226 W Bitters Rd, SATX 78216

Movie will be at the Regal Northwoods

12;30 P.M. Start time



Upcoming Runs and Events

July — August 2025

Friday, July 11th, Men's Breakfast, hosted by George Lucas. For those of you guys who haven't picked up trash, we'll be meeting at Grumpy's for breakfast! Great food and lots of it! C'mon out guys! That's Grumpy's, 18816 FN 2252 (Nacogdoches Road) **9:00 a.m.**

Friday, July 11th, Ladies Day Out, lunch and a Movie! Meet for an early lunch at **10:40 a.m.** at Max & Louie's New York Diner, 226 W. Bitters Rd, #126, SATX 78216 After lunch, there will be a movie at the Regal Northwoods theater, **12:30 p.m.** 17640 Henderson Pass, (Appears limited seats. Suggest prebuy ticket-/online \$3 fee or \$0 in person.) Suggest seats E1-15, D1-5 (I will do E6), Barbara Ahmed

Saturday, July 12th, Lunar Zoomers Dinner. Hosted by George Lucas. Yes, it's that time again where we get together and share our Miata lives and dinner! Come one, come all, this month to the Alamo Café. Excellent food at reasonable prices! **7:00 p.m.** 100601 IH 10, SATX 78230. See y'all there!

Thursday, July 17th, Ladies Bunco, hosted by Marilyn Hamilton. Where else but Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N. Loop 1604, west access Road, SATX 78258 **6:30 p.m.**

Saturday, July 19th, BBMC Trash Pick Up, organized by Dave Ogden. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** at the Miata Valero, 18655 FM 2252 (Nacogdoches Rd), SATX 78266 Breakfast at Grumpy's after pickup. For any new folks, this is one of our community service projects. We pick up trash along a two mile section of FM1863 as part of the Texas Adopt-A-Highway program. We have this organized very well and we can have the whole section picked up in 90 minutes. You need to bring comfortable shoes, and long pants as you will walk a one mile section of roadside with a small group. We provide disposable gloves, but you can bring your own. I will also provide safety vests and water.

Tuesday, July 22nd, BBMC Club meeting, presided by Sophie Parazo. Dinner and Meet n Greet at 6:30, meeting starts at **7:00 p.m.** Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX 78258

Saturday, July 26th, Hungry as a Horse Run, led by Jim and Delia Voss, meet at 9:00 a.m.. Meet at the Whataburger, 26510 US Highway 281 at Bulverde Rd. This will be about a 3 hour run (with 2 pit stops) over familiar but favorite roads. We will finish and have lunch in Boerne at the Hungry Horse Restaurant in Boerne. Restaurant note. They have 3 serving sizes on most meals. Large, Regular, and Pony. The large is HUGE! The regular is shareable, and the Pony is individual size. We **strongly suggest you take a look at the menu ahead of time. They have a wide selection. Delia loves the grilled catfish.**

August 7th—10th, Thursday - Sunday, Miatas at the Gap, Open Invitation by Stan Chambers. Attending will be Jimbo and Wanda, Mark Hungerman and who knows who else?

Coming, Labor Day Weekend!

Head for the Mountains

Are YOU going?

Coming, Labor Day Weekend!

Head for the Mountains

REWIND

**West Texas Mountains, Big Bend National Park trail sites, Stargazing party at the McDonald Observatory, dinner in Terlingua at the famous Starlight Theater, Drive up skyline drive overlooking Fort Davis,
Chisos Mountains and Dinosaurs, too!**

**So, save the date, August 29th-September 1st (Labor Day Weekend)
We already have reservations at the Hampton Inn in Alpine! The center of all that happens!
Call directly and talk to Jennifer or Jaime for reservations! (432) 837-7344**

The last HFTM was almost 10 years ago, don't miss this run event!

**Ask about our special collector's garment!
Please let me know IF you are willing to pay around \$40 for a
special vest, including special embroidered event logo for this special event
Don't you already have enough t-shirts and caps?**

Answer in email, ASAP, please!

For more information email me, George Lucas at gwlucas44@gmail.com

I'm waiting...

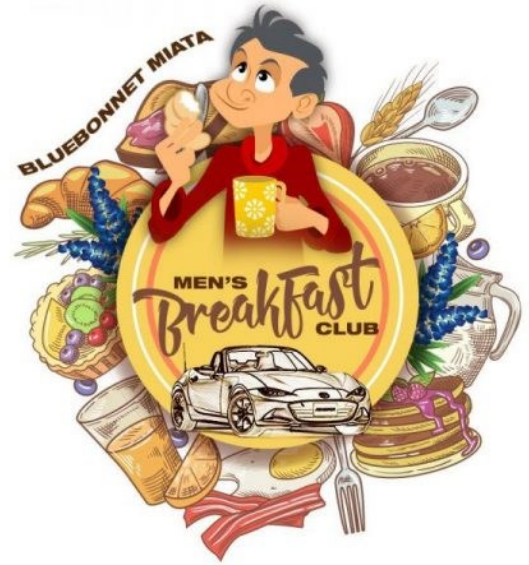
Hungry Lunar Zoomers!



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9:00 a.m.

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Let's meet at our own



18816 FM2252 (Nacogdoches), SATX 78216



LUNAR ZOOMER DINNER Lets meet at the Alamo Cafe



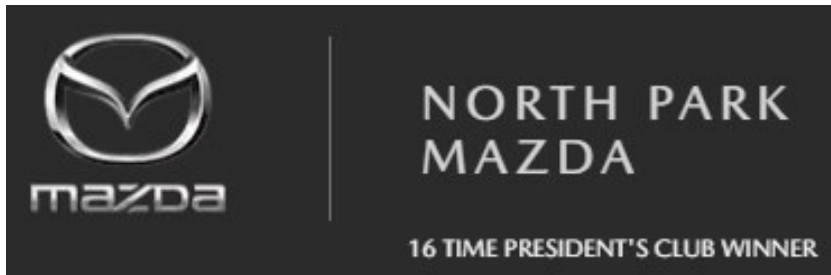
Saturday, July 12th

7:00 p.m.

10060 I-10, San Antonio, TX 78230, USA

hosted by George Lucas

Don't forget our Sponsors!



Remember When?



"Is this thing on?"