



In The Breeze



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Still Free!

What Is Kinematic Posture Control?



As you probably know, Mazda doesn't make big changes from year to year with its models. However, it does tinker and tweak them and make subtle improvements. Such is true of the MX-5 ND, which has been around since 2016. For 2022, one of the T&Ts (tinker and tweaks) was the development and incorporation into the ND was the Kinematic Posture Control. So what is the KPC?

Officially, Mazda developed for the 2022 ND a new system called Kinematic Posture Control that is intended to improve the Miata's already excellent handling. In cornering, KPC brakes the inside rear wheel to tighten the turning radius and reduce body roll. KPC can also function when accelerating through a corner, adding to the effectiveness of the Miata's limited-slip differential. Since it's entirely software-based, KPC has the lowest weight penalty possible: zero.

KPC takes full advantage of the characteristics of its suspension and with the application of a slight brake to the inner rear wheel when cornering under conditions with high G-force, suppresses roll and pulls the vehicle down to stabilize the posture.

Who was aware of the KPC?

-Ed Polansky

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1994 White

Total Members: 199

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Thanks!

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President's Message



Hello fellow Zoomers!!

Hello fellow Zoomers. Here we are in May, and temperatures are already hovering near 100 degrees!

What a wonderful time we had at our annual Polansky Picnic Pursuit and Country Fair May 14 at LBJ State Park. If you didn't attend, you really missed a first-class event. Thank you Ed and Heleen for the time you both gave to make this such a great event!

As I mentioned last month, the Houston club is planning the Statewide Miata Roundup Oct. 20-23 at the Brazos Center in College Station. Registration is not yet open. They plan on launching the Texas Miata Roundup website in June and opening up registration around that time. You can expect a cost of around \$110 per night at the host hotel, the brand new Hyatt House, which is within walking distance of the hotel. Details are still being worked, but you can expect around \$110 per night.

As usual, there are a number of runs planned, both guided and self-guided. More details will be forthcoming as I know them.

The annual BBMC Christmas Party will be held at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel in Kerrville. The menu will not be finalized until June-ish. We did secure rooms for \$119 per night plus tax. You can call the Y.O. now to make reservations under "Bluebonnet Miata Christmas."

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From the Editor

I love my Miata. Heckie darn, we all love our Miatas, right? But, I often wonder why folks love *their* Miata. I'm betting that most will answer the feeling it gives us, you know, top down, wind in our faces, bringing smiles to our faces...just plain fun!

But, thinking it over, I've observed that not everyone has or takes such an obvious reason they enjoy their roadster. Personally, I love to drive it. Not too fast, but I'm just into the exhilaration it gives me behind the wheel. Oddly enough, it's almost like when I used to be a motorcycle rider. I actually felt superior to everyone out there on the road. Do any of you feel that way?

But, I've observed others want, or even possibly need, more. Just that feeling I get isn't enough apparently. Sadly, I see more and more folks want to go faster and faster. I mean, c'mon, we call our drives *runs*! Some take that word too seriously. I'm concerned we don't take speed limits seriously enough as the roads that we drive seem to have more and more developments, and neighborhoods popping up everywhere with speed limits that all, yes, all of us, exceed. This isn't good. It's bad for our membership and worse, our club's good reputation. Oh, I know very well I'll be criticized over this attitude, but I feel it's high time we take a good look at what we want from our Miatas and observe speed limits. Want to go faster? Find an approved track and go for it! Me? From now on, my driving events will be called just that, *drives*.



George Lucas, Editor

(President's Message, con't)

We have Tech Day coming up this Saturday, May 28, starting at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by Jeff Holbrook. If you haven't attended one of these before, this is where you can do projects on your Miata. There are two lifts available. Many attendees will be changing fluids, plugs and wires, anti-sway bars, lighting projects, interior customization, and the like. This is a self-service event, so you will need to do your own projects. You will also need to bring your own tools.

Pinstripping will be available. "Nunzy" has attended almost every Tech Day. He can do custom hand-painted pinstripes, silk screen logos of several types and color-matched door edge guards. Hopefully Paintless Dent Repair (PDR) will be available. For those that do not know, this is the technique of removing dents by pushing them out from behind, so no paint work is required. You need to let Jeff know if you want PDR or he can get with the technician. Both the pinstripping and PDR are cash only, and you can plan on about \$120 for pinstripping and \$30 for door edge guards.

It's important to contact Jeff so he can begin brainstorming on how to get people lined up efficiently. Jeff's contact email is onlycool-carstx@gmail.com.

Lastly, it's good to see the calendar filling up for runs and other events. We've been averaging 15-20 cars on runs lately. It's good to see everyone out and about!

Thanks for being a valued member of the club. Each one of you makes our club what it is!

Let's stay safe out there and keep ZOOMING!!

Craig Martin, President

2022 Christmas Party Plans Update!

The Bluebonnet Miata Club is having our Christmas Party this year in Kerrville, Texas at the famed YO Ranch Hotel and Conference Center. Ask some of the old timers in the club about past year parties.

But be sure to come to find out for yourself!

The YO Ranch Hotel and Conference Center has blocked 20 rooms at a rate of \$119 + tax and they are accepting reservations.

Please tell them you are booking under a group rate – Bluebonnet Miata Christmas.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

YO RANCH HOTEL AND CONFERENCE

2033 SIDNEY BAKER STREET

KERRVILLE, TX 78028

830.257.4440 Reservations

Save the date and make your reservation!

We will have a dinner and gift exchange to include a gag gift exchange!

The hotel currently does not have the Christmas menu set so we are not able to provide you with the options at this time. The per person cost for the dinner will be approximately \$45. Due to rising costs it could be a bit higher. Once the menu options and costs are available, they will be shared with the club.

So start your Christmas Party savings fund and mark your calendar for Saturday, December 3, 2022 for the Bluebonnet Miata Christmas party-an event you don't want to miss! Be watching for updated information.

Organizers – Lisa Martin and Wanda Begnoche



2022 Picnic Pursuit



Polansky Picnic Pursuit

It was great afternoon at the first Bluebonnet Club Arts & Crafts Country Fair that took place on the May 4th at LBJ State Park. There was food, fun and frolic...well, maybe not so much frolic, but a lot of food and fun. Around 35 members and friends attended, assuming I didn't undercount.

The Country Fair was a big success because of the efforts of our members, which I identify below along with a little bit about their exhibits and crafts:

Betty Jackson was a smash hit with her baked goods (especially the cinnamon roll) and she doubled as the judge of the best homemade desserts (there were many tasty sweets submitted).

Pam Stivers' brought here beautiful homemade stone and glass jewelry.

Carol Vervack's had a colorful array of kiln fused glass articles and Christmas ornaments.

Marilyn Hamilton's displayed her exquisite watercolor paintings which showed her fabulous artistic talent.

Ed Halley demonstrated his 3-D machine by creating some items that day, and brought many of his clever and intriguing "printed" items.

David Ogden, the Club vintner, served free tastings of his homemade wines which, by the way, were consumed with relish (well, actually no relish was involved).

Paul and Judy Faulkner were true pioneer couple, having created painted gourds and delightful aprons made from feed sacks.

Sophia Parazo exhibited her innovative recipe cards and kits.

Helenan Polansky brought many of her lovely homemade and imaginative quilts.

And believe it or not, I even sold some children's books.

Like a real Country Fair, there was a contest for the best exhibits, best homemade dessert, and best Miata show and shine. After analyzing a very close vote, Ed Halley claimed first prize ribbon, the Faulkner's took second place ribbon, and Pam Stivers came in a close third place. However, all were winners because the amazing quality of all the crafts.

As for the best homemade dessert, Stan and Betty Chambers took the prize for their very scrumptious lemon chess pie. And, drum roll please, my Miata took first place in the Miata Show and Shine (well, maybe because of little help from George's detailing).

Helenan and I appreciated all the efforts of the exhibitors, the help Mark and George provided, and the many members who trekked up to LBJ for a fun time that was had by all. We hope to do it all again next year! Remember, if you are interested in knowing more any of the exhibitions, feel free to contact with them directly...they might be willing to part with some of their work!

(Photos on next page)

Picnic Pursuit Photos



OST Run Photos



BBMC Ladies Group

On Friday, May 13th, the Bluebonnet Ladies Group went to the SA Botanical Garden for a relaxing morning. Surprisingly the weather cooperated with a cooling breeze and temperatures that were not too hot. The gardens were beautiful with colorful flowers and lots of greenery. We even had fun playing “Edith Ann” while sitting in oversized chairs. (Those of you too young to “get it” will have to ask someone what that means.)

We then went to WD Deli’s for lunch. Good food and enjoyable company! Hope to see more ladies at our next outing.

-Marilyn McCullen



Ladies, you're invited!

The bluebonnet ladies club meets the second Friday of each month.

In 2016 the ladies club was started to get the ladies together to take a drive, go to a restaurant, visit a museum - just to name a few of the many things to do in the San Antonio and surrounding areas.

Every lady is invited to join any of the activities and the only requirement to join is if it fits in your schedule and it is something you want to do.

At the yearly planning meeting ideas are discussed and generally the one who brings the idea coordinates the event; where to meet, what time, the cost involved and notifies the ladies via the group email.

This information also gets sent to the club secretary to post on the website at secretary@bluebonnetmiata.org and the newsletter editor at newsletter@bluebonnetmiata.org to post in the newsletter.

If you would like to be notified when events are happening, contact the club secretary and ask her to add your email to our Bluebonnet Miata ladies group. You can also request to be added to the club's google group email to be notified of club events.

Please join us and we welcome your ideas and participation.

-Lisa Martin

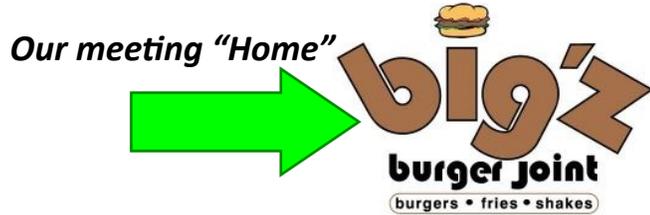
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This month we start a new addition to *In The Breeze* called Caption This. Each month we'll feature an interesting photo that should inspire you to add a caption to the photo. This month, Larry Stivers, Paul Faulkner and Larry Vervack were caught sitting outside during the recent Picnic Pursuit event.

Can you come up with a caption for the photo below? Submit it to your editor at gwluca@satx.rr.com and the best caption will win a nice surprise! We're waiting...



Caption This!

Upcoming Runs and Events

Saturday, May 28th, TECH DAY, hosted by Jeff Holbrook, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 8707 Converse Business Center, Converse Texas, TX 78109. Details found on page 11 of this issue of *In The Breeze*.

Friday, June 3rd, Men's Breakfast Club, hosted by George Lucas. Let's celebrate National Doughnut Day at Krispy Kreme, 9:00 a.m. , 1117 N.E. Loop 1604, SATX 78232. Coffee and doughnuts, Oboy!

Saturday, June 4th, Lazy Bones Run, organized by Dan and Betty Hicks. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Valero located in Bergheim at the corner of Hwy 46 and FM 3351, Boerne, TX 78006. We'll depart at 9:30 a.m. Further details on this run are on our website under Calendar Events.

Sunday, June 12th, Lunar Zoomer Dinner, hosted by George Lucas. 5:30 p.m.— ??? Let's return to The Point Park & Eat, 24188 Boerne Stage Road, Great atmosphere and Food Trucks! Fun and a full moon!

Friday, June 24th, Ladies Group, hosted by Wanda Begnoche. A visit to the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, 12500 NW Military Hwy. Time to meet is 10:00 a.m. A guided tour is hopefully arranged. Lunch will follow at China Inn at 2241 NW 2241 NW Military Drive.

Tuesday, June 28th, Club Meeting. Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N. Loop 1604 W, 78258. 6:30 p.m., Eat and Greet, 7:30 p.m., Meeting starts

Monday, July 4th, Lunch Box Round Up, organized by Mark Hungerman. Details to be announced at the May club meeting.

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!



BBMC Ladies Group



BBMC Ladies Bunco Group

TECH DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Greetings Miata Gang. As many of you may know we have a Tech Day scheduled for Saturday, May 28th at 9:00. What is Miata Tech Day? It is basically a Hang Out and Play with Miata's day. We have been doing this for at least 15 years. The event has changed over the years as the club membership has transitioned from older, fixer upper, Miata's to more sophisticated and newer Miata's. If you do not have any desire to work on your car or you do not have any projects, please come and hang out. In the past we have had guests show up having seen the event on the calendar and they have literally left the event and went Miata shopping and then show up at the next club event.

Most folks will be changing fluids, plugs and wires, anti-sway bars, lighting projects, interior customization, etc. Some may just want to take the opportunity to put their Miata up on the lift and get a good look at how things are put together. I have two lifts available. The two-post lift is great for doing anything that requires your wheels to be removed. The four-post lift is great for just about anything else. Lisa Martin graciously oversees the flow of work on and off the lifts. We work together to prioritize this order to insure we get the most cars on and off the lifts based on the work being done and how it fits into the big picture.

It would be great for folks to start replying to this email with the projects they are thinking about so Lisa, and I, can start brainstorming how we can get things lined up. It is also great for everyone to share their projects so others can maybe think about things they might have overlooked.

I do have a confirmation from "Nunzy" the pinstriper. He has attended almost every Tech Day. He can do custom hand painted pinstripes, silk screen logos of several types, color matched door edge guards, etc. Please reply to this email or email me directly so I can give him a heads up for how many folks are interested. This is a cash only situation and you can plan on about \$120.00 for pinstripping and \$30.00 for door edge guards.

Finally, I would like to get a head count for those wanting Paintless Dent Repair (PDR). With this being the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, I am hoping there will be a technician available. For those that do not know, this is the technique of removing dents by pushing them out from behind, so no paint work is required. The technique is amazing to watch but it is limited based on the severity and location of the dent. For tech day it will be best to focus on repairs with more minor dents on a few panels. This is not a proper time for a Miata with hail damage to get repaired. However, it might be good time to get an estimate on severe damage for future reference. Please reply with your PDR desires so I can reach out to the vendor as soon as possible.

I hope to see you there.

-Jeff Holbrook



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