



In The Breeze



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Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet Miata Club

Still Free!

The 2022 Mazda MX-5 Miata Drops the Automatic on Two Trims



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Usually we don't write about small iterative model-year updates, but much of the *Road & Track* staff is fascinated by the minutiae of the Mazda MX-5 Miata, so here we are. With just a few weeks left of 2021, Mazda has revealed specs and pricing for the 2022 Miata. The biggest news is the fact that the automatic transmission is only available on the top trim GT model.

Which is fine by us. Unless you're unable to drive stick, get a Miata with a manual. It's one of the finest gearboxes ever made, and it suits the character of the car better.

The automatic-transmission Miata Grand Touring costs \$33,815 while its manual counterpart is \$33,315. Still, a manual Miata is affordable, with the entry level Sport model coming in at \$28,315—around \$1000 more than last year's model. The Club starts at \$31,815, and as this trim gets upgraded Bilstein dampers, a limited-slip differential, a Bose sound system, and wireless Apple CarPlay, it's well worth the extra \$3500. The \$4500 BBS/Brembo/Recaro package makes a return for 2022, and we'd recommend it for its gorgeous BBS wheels, bigger front brakes, and much upgraded seats. Opting for the hardtop RF adds a little over \$3000.

On the mechanical front, the 2022 Miata gets something Mazda calls Kinematic Posture Control (KPC), which brakes the inside rear wheel in high-speed corners to help mitigate body roll and increase traction on corner exit. Mazda also says KPC helps increase steering linearity, and we've reached out to the automaker's engineering guru, Dave Coleman, for more on the system.

The Miata also gets a new color for 2022, Platinum Quartz Metallic, a rather unusual champagne shade. For the Grand Touring, there's also a new interior seat color option, Terracotta, which looks lovely, calling to mind the brown leather of the 2002 Miata SE. (See what I said about Miata minutiae.)

So, not many changes, but there's no need to fix what isn't broken. The Miata is one of the best cars on sale today, so it doesn't need any upgrades.

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Thanks!**

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President's Message

Hi everyone.

What an exciting year we have ahead of us in the club. Restaurants are opening up more, business is starting to pick back up for our club sponsors, and we're getting more things on our calendar.

We've got a committee together to look at venues for our Christmas Party this year. I'll keep you posted as those things as they get firmed up. We have our picnic coming up in May, Several trips are planned, and our highway cleanup schedule is on the calendar for the year. Be sure to check the calendar frequently for any changes or runs.

Speaking of runs, a number of weekend days are still available. If you would like to lead a run, or even if you have an inkling to lead a run, don't be shy! Put it on the calendar. The good thing about our club is, a lot of us have been around for a LONG time... so there are a number of people you can go to for advice or help.

Our club Secretary, Stephanie Bell-Turner, is our webmaster. She's done an excellent job getting the website going. We appreciate your patience during the transition of domains and webmasters.

I'd like to again encourage you to sign up for the club Google Group email list. That's the quickest and easiest way to get last-minute changes out to people. Additionally, we have started adding every new member and renewing member to the group automatically as part of club registration. For those of you who would prefer not to be on the list, there are instructions on how to unsubscribe.

I look forward to seeing you at the club meetings and runs! So, let's get out on those roads and ZOOM ZOOM safely!

Craig Martin, President



From the Editor

STOP THE PRESSES!

Many of you are old enough to remember our parents time of big headlines, including the beginnings and endings of wars, recessions and often times deaths of important people or newsworthy events. Well, the fact that there will no longer be a printed newsletter for us, this old time news expression popped into my head.

No worries, actually it'll be easier for me as I won't have a printer's deadline and won't have to pick up the newsletters and make it to the meeting on time.

I still hope to have interesting and relevant information for you all and I'll send out the .pdf file for all to print for those that like to read it from a printed version. I don't want to beat a dead horse on this subject, but I'll leave you this thought on the newsletter. I seem to remember getting a Mail Chimp survey with results showing pretty impressive findings regarding how much business we send to North Park Mazda. I don't have those numbers at this time, but I'd like to see them. Oh well...yes, I know, the dead horse thing.

The wacky weather we've had lately has all of us scratching our collective heads on what or how to dress each day! No matter, as I write this, this week will see record high temperatures followed by, you guessed it, another cold front! My plants, if they had one, would be wondering in their minds what's up with all this!

I'll leave you all with dreams of spring flowers and hill country fields of bluebonnets. Let's go see them! I promise I'll schedule a Wildflower run soon!

Until then, keep on Zooming!

George Lucas, Editor



Ed Polansky, ever the interested in not just Miata history, but it's parent Mazda as well. This month, Ed offers this Mazda logo history! -Ed

FROM APRIL 1936 TO JULY 1959

Representing the flow of river of Mazda hometown, Hiroshima and also form the Latin alphabet letter M, which is duplicated three times for "Mazda Motor Manufacturer." The long side extensions represent wings for agility, speed and ability to soar to new heights.



FROM JAN 1951 TO 1972

Registered in 1951, in the same year when the son of Jujiro, Tsuneji Matsuda took over presidency of Jujiro and became the 3rd president of Mazda.

MAZDA

FROM 1954 TO 1974

Started to export the three-wheel truck to overseas countries in 1949 and along with the expansion of its exports, needed to adopt the logo for overseas countries. This logo was registered first in Taiwan in 1954, and until 1959, the registration completed for 21 countries worldwide.



FROM JULY 1959 TO 1974

Seen on Mazda R360 coupe or other passenger cars until 1974.

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FROM 1975 TO 1997

This timeless logotype was introduced in 1975 and used until 1997. From 1991 to 1997 five different types of brand mark were adopted by sales channel.



RODEO GALS



Some of the ladies made it out to the Rodeo!





It was a breezy cool evening, but the full moon was a good reason to eat on the patio at Shake Shack!



Polansky Picnic Pursuit

“Bluebonnet Miata Club Country Fair”

This year’s picnic pursuit is going to be on May 14, 2022 at the same place as last year, at the LBJ State Park Group Dining Hall alongside the Pedernales River. What’s different is that Ed and Helenan Polansky hope to create a Bluebonnet Miata Club old-fashioned county fair. Bring your games, drones, chairs, balls, etc. along with your picnic baskets (food and drink for yourselves) and desserts to share and to enter into the contest for the “Fair’s” best dessert.

For all of you with creative talents (painters, hookers, quilters, writers, photographers, musicians, bakers, etc.), there will be an Arts/Crafts “Show and Tell” inside the Hall for you to display (and sell if you want) your creations. We have tables available for displays and prizes will be awarded. In the parking lot by the Hall, George Lucas will hold a “Miata Show and Shine.” So, clean up your Miata and come ready to show it off, listen to George’s detailing secrets, and ask fellow enthusiasts for advice about their Miatas.

The Arts/Crafts set up will be at 11 am and the picnic begins officially at noon with no ending time (the location is reserved for the day). Please register to let us know if you want to have a display table. Outside are picnic tables, and restrooms inside the Hall. Prizes will be given for best table displays, best desserts, and best show and shine.

There is no planned run up to the LBJ State Park, but Mark Hungerman will lead an afternoon loop run beginning around 2 pm from and back to the Dining Hall for all who want a pursuit that day. If there is bad weather, we will move activities (except the Miatas, of course) indoors. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact Ed at edward@polanskyinc.com or call cell #210-602-1042.



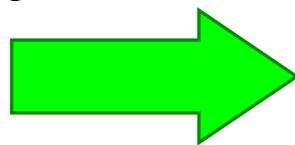
Last years picnic attendees

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Our meeting "Home"



Upcoming Runs and Events

Saturday, March 12th, District Run, led by Jimbo Treat. Details TBA soon!

Friday, March 11th, Men's Breakfast Club, hosted by George Lucas. **WHATABURGER** Yes, another one! Great breakfast prices and free coffee! What could be better? This time, let meet at the Live Oak location, IH35 North at Toepperwein at **9:00 a.m.** See you guys there!

Friday, March 11th, Ladies Group. No details at this time. Watch here for update!

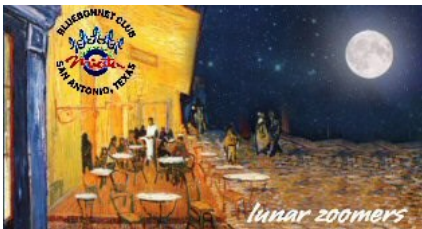
Thursday, March 17th, Ladies BUNCO. Hosted by Beverly Turner. Meet at Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N. Loop 1604 West, SATX, 78258. at **5:00 p.m.**

Saturday, March 19th, Steeple Chase Run, led by Mark Hungerman. Details TBA

Sunday, March 20th, Lunar Zoomer Dinner, hosted by George Lucas. Let's meet at JIM'S Frontier Burger, 838 N.E. Loop 410 at **6:30 p.m.** Excellent char broiled burgers and fantastic onion rings! See you all there!

Tuesday, March 22nd , Monthly meeting at BIG'z Burger Joint, 2303 N. Loop 1604 West. Dinner and meet and greet at 6:30 p.m., Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: For more details, go to our website at bluebonnetmiata.org. Details in the newsletter will be updated at information comes in. Keep watching the website!



Schedule resumes April 2022



BBMC Ladies Group

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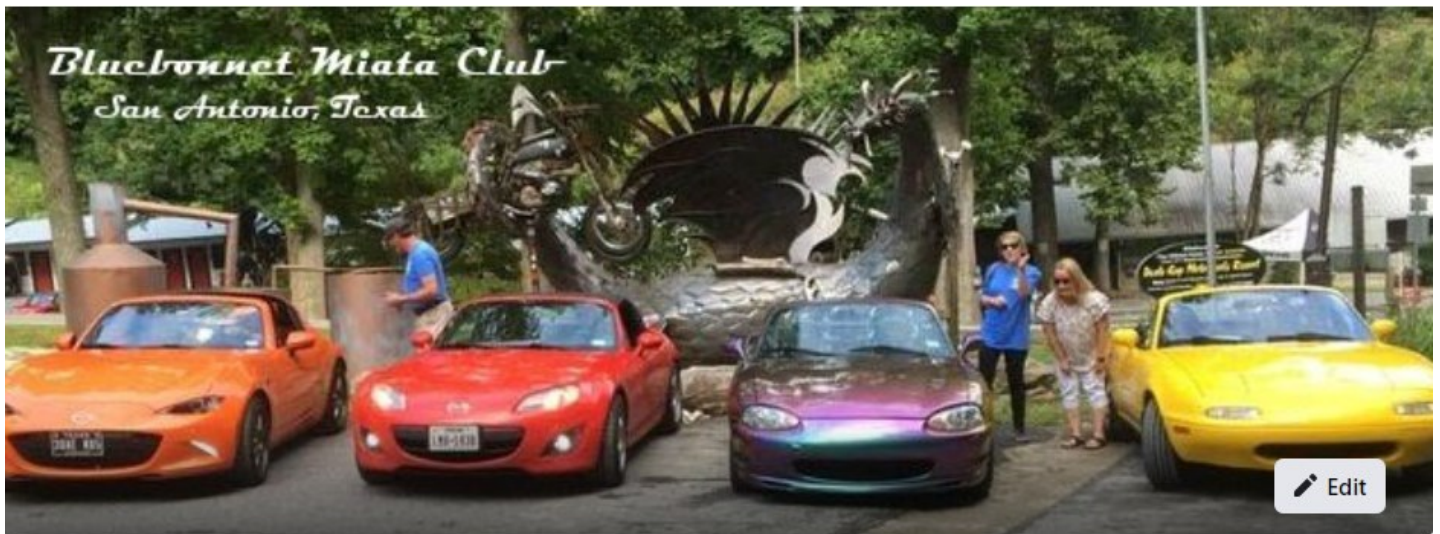
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