



# *In The Breeze*



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Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet Miata Club

Still Free!

## ***NWA TTHROWS A GREAT PARTY TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS!***

Two hearty groups traveled to Eureka Springs in Northwest Arkansas to help the NorthWest Arkansas Miata Club their 25 anniversary and what a celebration it was! President Ronny Johnston and his well organized leaders not only showed us more of the beautiful northwest Arkansas, but all of their plans were so well done they have really done something of which to be proud! Competent run leaders showed us why everyone respects NWA Miata Club. We all had a great time and hope NWA has many more fun years to come! Thanks for the party! -Ed



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2024 Machine Gray

### ***Tim & Becky Allums***

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2015 Crystal White Pearl Mica

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San Antonio

2008 Copper Red Mica

### ***Thomas & Ecaterina DeBoer***

San Antonio

2022 Soul Red Metallic

### ***Kay Irey***

San Antonio

2020 Snowflake White Mica

## Total Membership

196

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## President's Message

Hello Everyone!

We just had a great tech day, again, thanks to Monica and Nugget hosting their wonderful property and all the help that Dan and Norma provided! Truly amazing! The weather was great, which is a sign of things to come, I hope! I know we haven't seen each other much lately, but it's coming! We are already in the "ber" months so we will soon be enjoying the cooler weather and more fun runs.



If you were not able to join us for tech day, now is the time to check out your Miata's and make sure everything is good. Some of us changed fluids, checked some noises we've been hearing, did some good general cleaning and made some nice changes to seats! If you need help with something, don't be afraid to ask. I know someone in the group will have an answer.

I want to remind everyone to keep checking the calendar on our webpage [Blubonnetmiata.org](http://Blubonnetmiata.org). If you haven't signed up for email notifications, please get in touch with Stephanie and she can set you up.

Can't wait to see everyone! Til then, drive safe and keep on zoomin!

*Sophie Parazo, President*

## From the Editor

Greetings, y'all!

You know, when North Park decided to stop paying for a printed version of the newsletter, I was pretty disappointed. I mean, our printer, Prestige Printing not only gave us a break by not charging us to go to color for the entire file, they were very slick in their printing. And when I put the newsletters on the counter at the meetings, I confess, I swelled with pride as members clamored to get their very own copy.

Well, I'm still wishing we could get printed version, not getting it presented other conditions. For instance, if you are reading this right now, you're getting a somewhat late version as I have been trying to get all the stories and photos in order for the production of this issue! And sometimes that task is pretty daunting. Okay, that's my thoughts on that matter, please forgive me for this tardy issue.

If you didn't make the trip to Arkansas for North West Arkansas' big 25th Anniversary event, you really missed out on one of the most fun event I've ever witnessed. Ronny Johnston, a true ambassador of good club relations as well as the president of NWA Miata Club, had all his ducks in a row as the event was well organized as well as providing a relaxing weekend.

Admittedly, my allergies took their toll on me and Marilyn drove over half the way back home. By the way, she had a very tough task being my navigator, but she came through with flying colors. Thanks, Marilyn!

Cheers everyone!



*George Lucas, Editor*



# Sunday Sunrise Breakfast Run

By Craig & Lisa Martin

A beautiful sunrise through rolling hills greeted 10 club members driving eight Miatas as we proved once again that there are Miata roads on the East side of town.

We drove through winding and curvy roads in Converse, Cibolo, New Berlin, and Marion as we eased into La Vernia for breakfast at The Den. With the exception of the last two-tenths of a mile, we had no OTMs interrupting our Sunday early-morning run as we were greeted by the sunrise.

We had a great breakfast together when we opened the Den as the first customers of the day.

We look forward to planning another breakfast run soon.

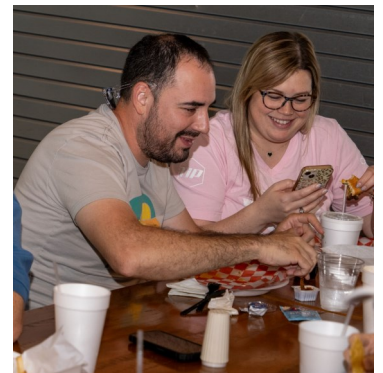






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Why weren't YOU there?



# <sup>6</sup> ***What are there little black dots for on your windshield?***

*By OpEd Polansky*



This summer I had to replace the windshield on my ND thanks to a rock kicked up on BBMC run. I don't hold grudges, but I think it was on a George Lucas run. That, however, is not the point of this column.

It's about something I noted in the effort required of the guys who came out to change the windshield. It's way more complex since the last time I had to replace a windshield given all the gadgets now housed in a box attached to the windshield. Well, it took them quite a while (they must not have changed many Miata windshields) and as I observed, something caught my attention. You probably haven't given much thought to the little black dots on the edges of car windows. But do they do anything? That question intrigued me and so I did some googling to find out what they were there for.

Those black dots and the black rims that surround them are there for a reason, and it's not for defogging the glass<<https://www.familyhandyman.com/article/the-fastest-way-to-defog-your-windshield/>>. It has to do with how car windows are made. I

n the 1950s and '60s, car manufacturers applied an adhesive<<https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/ultimate-construction-adhesive-test/>> to hold car windows in place instead of metal trim. It did the job but wasn't aesthetically pleasing.

Then came the black bands you see around car windows today, called "frits." The frits, and the dots that border them are made from ceramic paint. The frits hide the icky looking but important adhesive from view. Also, since these painted rims are baked into the window, they're all but indestructible. They hold the glue in place, which holds the windshield in place.



As for the dots, they're there to make an aesthetically pleasing transition from the thick black lines to the transparency of the window. The dots aren't randomly placed; they're positioned in what's known as a "halftone pattern," getting smaller and farther apart as the black recedes. This pattern is less jarring to the eye than opaque black paint contrasted with transparent glass. But the dots aren't there for just decoration. Besides the visual effect, they provide temperature control<<https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/temperatures-to-set-everything-in-your-home/>>.

Window and windshield glass must be heated and bent into shape before being installed. Black-painted glass heats faster than the rest of the window. The dots distribute the heat more evenly, which prevents the windshield from warping in the heat.

In my research I did notice a warning about the dots. If the black dots are starting to wear off, it's important to have them replaced. "Without dots, the glass could become loose and eventually fall out of the frame," says the founder of Auto Parts Guideline.

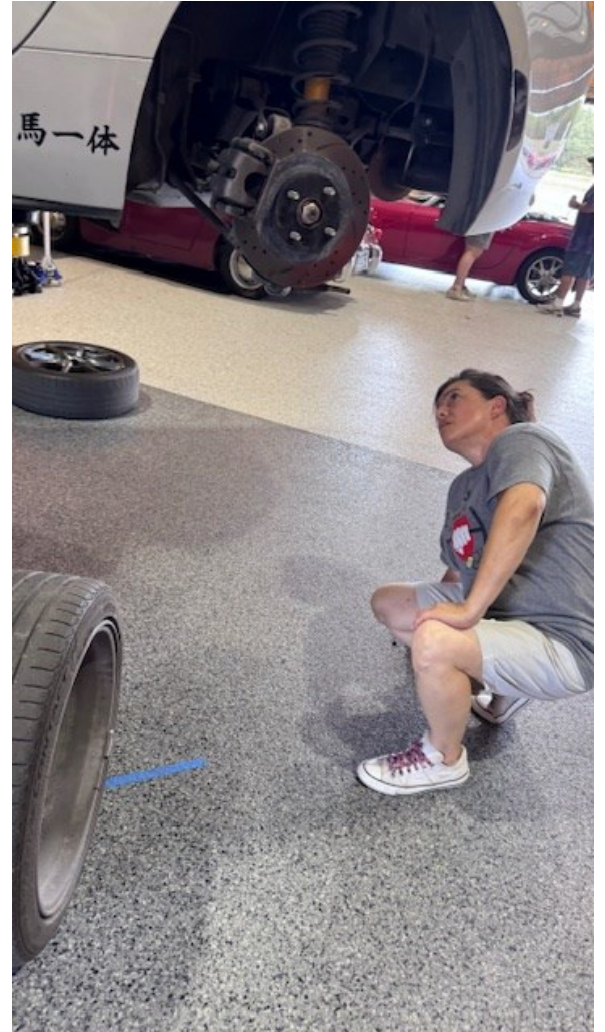
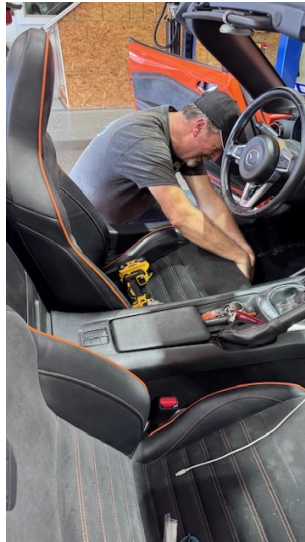
Well, now you know another trivial factoid about your cars.

Source: Travel & Leisure, The Family Handyman





# FALL TECH DAY



"Um...what is that and what does it do?"



# Ladies, Ladies, Ladies



The ladies after their caverns adventure

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## *More Ladies Events coming up!*

**LADIES ONLY TRACK DAY**, Coordinator Monica Harris is working on this event. Watch our website for developments!

**NOV 8 - KRIS KRINGLE CHRISTMAS FAIR**, Coordinator Barb Thompson

**DEC 13 - MUSEUM - New Braunfels**, Coordinators: Wanda Begnoche and Barbara Thompson

\*Visit our website for details not yet available to our newsletter\*



# Upcoming Runs and Events

## October 2024

**Friday, October 11th, Men's Breakfast, hosted by George Lucas.** Let's keep it real, and meet at the Whataburger on 410 at Broadway. **Meet at 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast we all love at a price that we also love! See you there, guys!

**Saturday, October 12th. Fulton Mansion Tour, Rockport, Texas, organized by Paul and Judy Faulkner.** Meet at the QT on 11203 Hwy 81 South just off I 37 South. Meet at 9:00 a.m. with a 9:30 a.m. departure. We'll meet the Faulkner's in Kenedy where we go on down to Rockport for a planned tour of the historic Fulton Mansion. Learn more here: <https://www.rockportfulton.com/the-fulton-mansion>



**Thursday, October 17, Ladies Bunco, hosted by Marilyn Hamilton.** Meet at 6:30 p.m. at Big'z Burger Joint, 2303 N Loop 1604 West for fun and games!

**Friday, October 18th, Lunar Zoomer Dinner, hosted by George Lucas.** Let's meet at Julian's Pizzeria, 13444 West Avenue, Suite 300 (*In the Embassy Shopping Center*) **6:30 p.m. GREAT Italian food!**

**Saturday, October 19th, BBMC Trash Pick Up, organized by Dave Ogden..** Meet at the "Miata" Valero, 18655 FM2252, SATX. Show time is 8:00 A.M. Go time is 8:15 A.M. We should be back to Grumpy's for a great breakfast by 10:30 A.M. 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, October 22nd, Miata Club Meeting, Sophie Parazo, president presiding.** Meet and greet 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 24-27, Texas Miata Round Up. Hosted by the Tejas Miata Club (Austin)** In Texas there are 4 miata clubs, and every 2 years we rotate hosting this state-wide event (we often see clubs from neighboring states attend as well). This is a weekend long event that includes both organized and self-led runs as well as other activities designed for friendly competition and to encourage fun in our Miatas exploring the nearby areas. The Bluebonnet Club has held several Round-Ups in Kerrville, as there are great roads, including the Twisted Sisters, for runs during the event.

You can also count on group meals and plenty of time to socialize and make new Miata friends and memories. The event culminates in a Saturday evening celebration. Registration includes a T-shirt, swag bag, and some meals. \$110 PP  
FYI - even if you do not plan to spend the night in Kerrville, you must register for the event if you plan to attend.

## *And, in November...*

**Friday, November 8th, Men's Breakfast, TBD, hosted by George Lucas**

**Friday, November 8th, Ladies Lunch, hosted by Barbara Thompson.** Topis is the Kris Kringle Christmas Fair. Coordination by Barbara Thompson.

**Saturday, November 9th, Come join Ed and Helen and Polansky for their "It's Just Nuts" Pecan Run.** It will be on Saturday, November 9th. Please arrive around 9 am for a 9:30 am departure from the Shell Station on US 281 at Rolling Creek Rd across 281 from River Crossing golf course. Run will consist of a nutty traverse through the Hill Country on the way to Fredericksburg. We will meet up with Olan Tisdale, owner of the Fredericksburg Pecan Company for a demonstration of his "bullet shaped" nutcracker machine in action. His nut cracking workshop is located on land with a Pecan tree orchard. We will then visit his pecan store on Main street, and finally enjoy lunch, hopefully outside, at the Pecan Grove Store, a few miles outside of Fredericksburg. All you BBMC "nuts" are invited.

**Saturday, November 16th, Laurel Tree Run, led by Joe and Cheryl Knight,** Meet at time to be announced soon!

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

**Friday, October 11th**

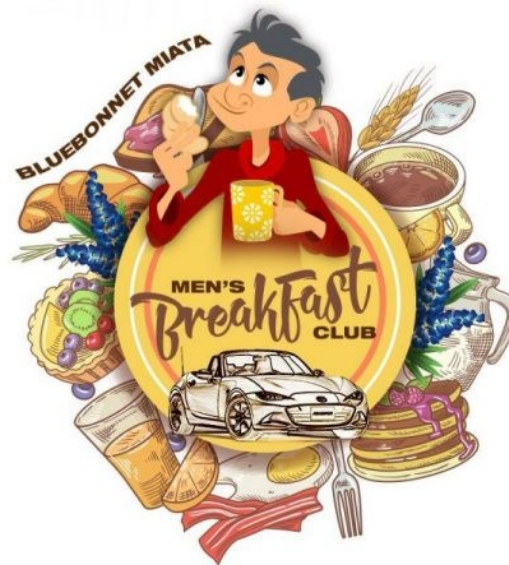
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Rohm making fixin's for our Fajita Appreciation cookout for North Park Mazda, 2016