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## New Members

Andra & John Lang Rejoined in 5/31/2020, they left sometime in 2019.

5043 Hawk Eye Drive  
Bulverde, Texas 78163  
2000 Mica Green

Rick Knight Rejoin 6/1/2020 Moved in 2015

6931 Country Dawn  
San Antonio, 78240  
2017 Soul Red Metallic

Jason Knight New

13427 Wild Rye,  
San Antonio, 78254  
2013 Copper Red

Larry & Carol Vervack Left in 2008

255 Garden Hill  
San Antonio, 78260  
2019 Polymetal Gray Metallic

Diane & Dennis Sutter

1705 Prestonwood Drive  
Arlington, 76012  
1995 Red

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## President's Message

This has been the longest 5 months! Seems like a year since we were slowly realizing a pandemic was occurring. Many have lost their jobs, or are working from home, businesses shut down, restaurants trying to re-learn how to make money, school kids sent home, travel plans canceled. Ugh! Ready for this to be over. Until then, we'll keep having our club meetings over Zoom and runs will be different than in the past. The amazing social aspect to our club has radically been altered – but not forever!

Our membership renewals have slowed a bit; however, we still had a few new members join over the last several months. It is important that we maintain our membership and keep up with our annual dues, so that when we can get back to regular meetings and runs, we still have the funding to support the club resources and activities as we have in the past. If you are used to paying your dues at a meeting, I ask that you watch your inbox for a reminder from our membership chair, Harry Maxwell, and either pay via the website or mail him a check, rather than wait for the next meeting. Meetings at Big'z likely won't resume until next year sometime. In the meantime, planning a run is easier than ever now. You don't need to schedule a meal, worry about a sign in sheet or holding a driver's meeting. Just pick your starting place, route and tell everyone to bring a radio and hit the road. Let any of the board of directors know if you need some guidance.




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## Millennial Musings

Well, these surely are strange times. Luckily, I have a job that is essential. Unluckily, that job has meant that people get to walk off the street and into the bank. We had the unfortunate experience of having someone enter our banking center who was infected with the Coronavirus. So, if any of you haven't had the pleasure of getting a cotton swab shoved up your nose yet, I'd keep doing what your doing! It is not fun. We also have a unique problem here in New Braunfels that tourists are continuing to visit and then get tested here in NB before going back home. So, we get the call that someone infected came in and we all had to get negative test results before returning to work. And so begins the parade of calls to ER's, hospitals, drive-thru testing facilities. Obviously, the list starts with those facilities that are in network. Those were either out of tests or you can't get in for almost two weeks. We called an ER here in NB that when we asked, said they would accept our insurance (Yay!). Between them accepting our insurance and the FFCR Act that took effect in April, stating all those who are insured will not have to pay for testing, we thought we were good to go. Turns out we were not good. Just last week I received

my Explanation of Benefits for my test I was required to take in order to return to work. Any guesses on what the test alone cost? I'm gonna go ahead and spoil it. Just the test and sending it off to the lab was \$1,700. The visit itself was another \$800. After insurance which I was lucky enough to have cover as if my test was in network, my Explanation of Benefits still had me responsible for around \$1,300. Luckily, the ER I went to has provided written documentation they will not be pursuing the portion not paid by insurance. Others may not be so lucky. Hopefully this is a cautionary tale, avoid needing a test and stay healthy!



# Club Elections

The club has appointed a nominating committee with the goal of identifying candidates for 2021 Officers. Serving on the committee are Jimbo Treat, David Ogden and Larry Stivers.

The nominating committee presents candidates to the club in October during the club meeting. Elections occur for the positions where there is more than one candidate on the ballot. If there is only one candidate for a position, they are elected automatically by acclamation.

## Offices for consideration:

President - Cheryl Knight, I will not be running for re-election

Vice President - Jimbo Treat, would like to remain in position

Secretary - Stephanie Bell-Turner, would like to remain in position

Treasurer - Joe Knight, would like to remain in position

Immediate Preceding President - Dan Hicks, in 2021 this will be held by me per the bylaws

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Board or would like to recommend someone, please reach out to either me or the committee members.

Jimbo Treat - [vicepresident@bluebonnetmiata.org](mailto:vicepresident@bluebonnetmiata.org) or text or call at 210-872-7859

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Larry Stivers - [baghman@gmail.com](mailto:baghman@gmail.com) or text or call at 210-722-3732

Cheryl Knight - [winetours27@gmail.com](mailto:winetours27@gmail.com) or text or call at 210-273-2949

Since we are not the Government, I think we can find a way to conduct elections during the month of November that will satisfy our need to elect officers. If you are willing to serve on the nominating committee, please email me at [winetours27@gmail.com](mailto:winetours27@gmail.com).

-Cheryl





# *Covid Escape Run*

August 1, 2020



Mid-morning Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> was a bit rainy, but by the time we departed from the starting point, we had 17 cars and the sun was shining. Due to the storms from the night before, the temperature was in the 70's as we began. By within an hour at our pit stop in Blanco, it had warmed nicely but most still had their tops down. While we traveled several roads, Crabapple Rd. between Kendalia and FM 1888 turned out to be a fan favorite; clear blue skies and the rain had "greened" up everything. I think it had been such a long time for many of us - the road did not disappoint with its curves and beauty.

Newly joined / re-joined members Carol and Larry Vervack, those we hadn't seen since the Round Up, Jorge and Olivia Barraza and Cara Clark, along with many of our regularly participating members came out for the day. Thanks to Bill and Ginny Teefey for running sweep, to George Lucas for taking pictures, along with Carlos Chavez and Dave Bouvier for transporting Jerry and Kay Todd into Fredericksburg after their flat tire and thank you to everyone for masking up! See you on the road soon!



# Men's Breakfast Club



On August 14th, the Breakfast Club was held at Grumpy's.

## Lunar Zoomer



*The Lunar Zoomer is cancelled for this coming month. Let's all wish George, our Lunar Zoomer organizer, a speedy recovery from his recent surgery!*

## *Saturday Fun Run*



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On the coolest and rainiest morning in quite some time, 13 cars met up to go for a short run and most importantly, do a drive by Birthday Parade for Bill Hull to help him celebrate his 75th birthday! Bill and Kari joined the club in June of 2012 and some of you may not know this, but a couple of years later they got married and we led a run to their wedding! That's right, the Bluebonnet Miata Club can help you celebrate Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries -- you ask and we deliver! Since it was rainy, and well, you know with Covid-19 and all, we held the driver's meeting over the radio, Channel 7, while in our cars. That worked out well. By the time we got to our pit stop the rain had stopped and we were able to spend about 30 minutes visiting with everyone. Thanks to those that came out for the short but fun run!



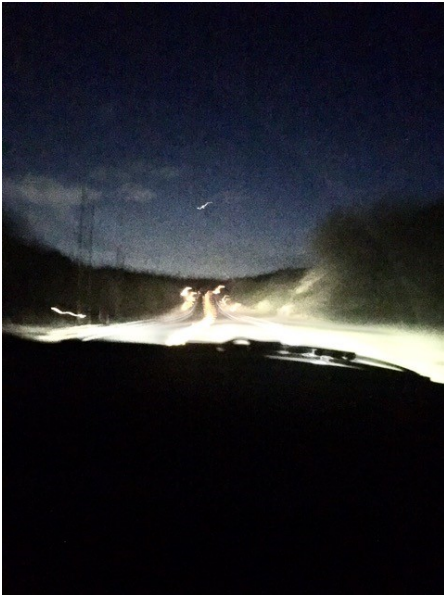
# North Carolina- The Dragon



Some members road tripped up to North Carolina for the annual MATG (Miatas at the Gap) gathering. Photos were provided by Jimbo Treat.



# *Our Evening Miata Run*



A ten hour work day - time for our daily break. Of course we ( Ron/Brenya) decide an evening Miata run is due. Lovely evening- cool and lit by the brilliant moon- top down- breeze flowing. Rolling through curves of Hill country Hills. Air sweet and touched by the light from the moon. Sounds of oldies flowing through as we enjoy our Miata rolling in speed untouched. Sealed in Peace as we roll through quiet hills. Enjoy the visuals.

Shalom,

Brenya Buchalski

August 26, 2020

# Remember When?





## *Road Tripping During the Covid Pandemic*

Since our big trip to Italy was canceled this past May, Joe and I have been itching to get on the road. We really wanted to go on the South Dakota trip Rohm Thompson had planned for this spring, but the larger group trips are really untenable during the pandemic: finding restaurants open for dining varies by state and the hotels aren't serving warm breakfasts – it's just not the same. Plus, there are all the individual concerns, State requirements, park closures, etc.

Did I mention we really wanted to go to South Dakota? Well in early July, we decided with just the two of us, we could probably make it work and timing-wise, most of the State's were starting to open back up a bit. Turns out South Dakota never really closed.

It was fabulous timing – the weather was perfect in the Black Hills. Cool mornings, mild afternoons, blue skies, beautiful green hills. Went spent each day driving fun roads and seeing the sights like Devils Tower, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands and Custer State Park. We enjoyed visiting Sturgis, eating some great meals and visiting a few wineries (of course). Here are a few pictures to get a taste. I am hopeful when the pandemic is over, that Rohm or someone else is willing to lead a Bluebonnet Miata group to the Black Hills – it makes for a great Miata adventure and we are ready to go back.

-Cheryl





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Please renew your membership promptly!*

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## Upcoming Runs and Events

For run and event details please visit the website.

September 11th - Bluebonnet Ladies Lunch at Scuzzi's

September 19th - Winery Run to Singing Waters Winery led by Cheryl and Joe Knight

September 16th - Texa Pride Run led by Jimbo Treat

September 22nd - Club Zoom Meeting

October 3rd - La Hacienda Run led by Larry and Pamela Stivers

