Lone Star Miata Club Officers for 2017

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Webmaster
Doug Dodgen

Membership
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Communications
Julia Kuhn
Newsletter@LSMiata.org

Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 pm
Home of Sandy Lewis
2025 Briarcliff Road
Lewisville, TX 75067
214-676-5043

Bring an unwrapped toy for donation

Don’t forget, members can look up contact information for other LSMC members on the internetcarsclubs.com website. Click on the “Club Members Only” button to get to the directory.
From the President....

November 2017
This is my last newsletter article. I enjoyed being president of LSMC. I met a great number of Miata enthusiasts and some great friends. I only resigned as president for two reasons:

1. It was time for a change. Sometimes it is just good to have a change to get fresh ideas, just as when I became president. I believe Howard Banfield is just the person we need.

2. I wanted to take on the leadership role of the 2018 Texas Miata Roundup. I believe this is going to be a great roundup, and we have the volunteers to assist in making it happen next year.

The LSMC is a great organization made up of great people who are fun to be around, which is why we all have such a great time at our events. Every year we seem to get bigger because you all are who make it such a great club.

Again, I want to thank everyone for the great support, great times, and most of all I want to thank you for being great friends.

Next meeting is our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 PM. Location is at Sandy Lewis’ Home, 2025 Briarcliff Rd., Lewisville TX 75067. If you need to call Sandy, her cell is (214) 676-5043. Sandy asked that everyone bring your own booze and an appetizer or small sandwich tray. See you there.

Bruce Gibson
President LSMC
Miata club meeting, Nov. 16, 2017, Fuddruckers Denton

Past events:
• 10/15: Miatas at the State Fair, organized by Richard Rogers. There were 41 cars, and we gained 6 new members. Highlights included the fruit kabobs, Mike’s tiramisu, and Mark’s egg casserole,
• 10/27-29: Cajun Food Tour and Sweet Dough Pie Festival, led by Mary and David Wharton. There was some rain during the drive, but the weather was beautiful for the festival. Highlights included being pie judges, the trolley ride, and the Tabasco plant tour. The club will not make this drive next year due to the round-up.
• 11/3-5: Texas Miata Roundup, hosted by the Tejas Miata Club. Those who completed the 2017 Texas Miata Challenge were awarded pins and will receive shirts if they have not done so.
• 11/12: Dallas marathon ride, led by Richard Rogers. The ride started near Dallas City Hall, followed the race route, and finished with lunch at El Fenix. There were 13 cars and 2 new members.

Old business:
• Bruce Gibson has released the list for next year’s Miata challenge. Look for it in this newsletter.
• The 2018 Miata Roundup will be hosted by Lone Star. Bruce Gibson is round-up chair. We are planning for Oct. 11-14, 2018, so save the date! The hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn in Granbury. We have reserved Motor Sport Ranch in Cresson on Saturday, Oct. 13, and track day will be available for an additional charge. Details will be made available as plans are finalized.
• The first Monday of each month, we have an ice cream social at a different restaurant. Watch your mailbox for emails from the club.
• The planning calendar is on the website. Keep in mind dates and events are VERY FLUID and subject to change. Evites will contain finalised information when event leaders make it available. Event information is also listed on the main page of the club website.
• Richard has coffee mugs, tote bags, trading pins, and rectangular door magnets for sale. Bruce has round door magnets.

New business:
• We need volunteers for the 2018 Roundup committee. Please contact Bruce if you are interested.
• Bruce Gibson spoke about his experience as president of the club and thanked everyone for their support. Richard Rogers presented Bruce with a plaque commemorating his accomplishments, which include increased membership, increased interaction with other clubs, organizing the Texas Miata Roundup, introducing the Texas Miata Challenge, and obtaining support from Classic Mazda of Denton and Mazda of Mesquite. Bruce introduced Howard Banfield as incoming president.
• Election results will be in the newsletter.

Club anniversaries: David and Marsha Goodge, 3 years; Joe and Gina Quisenberry 1 year

Birthdays: Tim Weeden, Jeanette Driver, Sandra Osborn, Robert Savage, Boyd Davis, Justin Hadley, Gretchen Von Gebhardt, Brian Knopp, Charles Ferguson

Wedding anniversary: Howard and Betty Banfield

New members: Tom and Michelle Grothouse

Door prizes: Stewart Teasley, Terrie Campbell, Mark Christman, Lisa Koen

50/50: We have discovered a potential question about the legality of holding this drawing. The 50/50 has been suspended until further study.

The next event will be the Christmas Party at Sandy Lewis’ on Dec. 9.
2017 Lone Star Miata Club election results

Elections were held at the meeting on Nov. 16. Absentee ballots and early votes were accepted. Results are as follows, with 41 total ballots cast:

The slate of officers was accepted with 38 votes:
• President – Howard Banfield
• Vice President - Richard Rogers
• Treasurer - Mary Wharton
• Secretary - Julia Kuhn
• Registrar/Membership - Doug Dodgen
• Communications - Julia Kuhn
• Webmaster - Doug Dodgen

3 votes were written in for Betty Banfield for the position of secretary.

There were 3 proposals:

1. We asked for input on the charities that receive donations raised in 50/50 drawings. Here is the distribution of votes:
   • North Texas Food Bank 5 ballots
   • Salvation Army 4 ballots
   • St. Jude's Hospital 4 ballots
   • Safe Haven of Tarrant County 3 ballots
   • Meals on Wheels 3 ballots
   • The Clubhouse for Special Needs 3 ballots
   • Ronald McDonald House 2 ballots
   • Hurricane Relief (Red Cross) 2 ballots
   • USO 2 ballots
   • Catholic Charities 1 ballot
   • Snowball Express 1 ballot
   • Habitat for Humanity 0 ballots
   • No vote 11 ballots

2. We proposed redistributing money raised in 50/50 drawings to 40% to charity, 40% to the winner, 20% to door prizes. (The legality of holding 50/50 drawings is now under review.)
   • Approve redistributing 50/50 earnings 30 ballots
   • Do not approve redistributing 50/50 earnings 8 ballots
   • No vote 3 ballots

3. We sought your input on meeting preferences.
   • Hold meetings consistently at a single location 26 ballots
   • Alternate meeting locations 11 ballots
   • No vote 4 ballots

Thank you for your input.
Julia Kuhn, secretary and communications officer
**2017 LSMC Monthly Meeting Schedule**

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**A note about Evites...**

Evites go to one per car/couple so as to reduce confusion in responses. The person responding can change the number of attendees to an event, but having one Evite eliminates the need for both people in a couple to respond. ALL members should be getting emails generated by the website, and all members can access the Evites from the website events listing and, in most cases, from Facebook (members only events are not publicized on Facebook).

If you are not getting emails generated from the website, please see Doug Dodgen to verify your membership information. If you need help accessing Evites from the website, please contact Doug or Julia for instructions.

Evites always contain the phone number of the person leading the drive/event. If you have questions or are running late, please contact that person.

Julia Kuhn
2018 Texas Miata Challenge

Sponsored by the Lone Star Miata Club and Classic Mazda

Drive to each of the designated points in Texas.
Take a picture of you, your Miata, and the specified destination.
If both driver and co-pilot are participating, both can appear in the same picture or a picture of each person, your Miata, and the destination. Group pictures are also allowed as long the picture clearly shows all participants and all their cars.
Participants must make any 10 of the designated destinations.
Entries with the 10 destinations will receive a specially designed Pin & T-shirt.
Shirts and Pins will be presented Texas Miata Roundup or mailed after the Roundup.
Pictures can be submitted electronically, online, or prints that are no larger than 4”x6” on photo quality paper.
Mail or turn entries in to Bruce Gibson by September 15, 2018, see address below

Sites are shown on Next Page

2018 Texas Miata Challenge Odd & Ends

Name __________________________  Email __________________________

Address __________________________

City __________________________  Zip __________________________

Questions:  
Bruce Gibson  
1020 Mesa Ct.  
Shady Shores, TX 76208  
Phone  
(940) 367-3572  
Email:  
brucegibson5@gmail.com

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If you want to hit a couple of challenge spots, join Howard and Betty on December 2nd as we make a quick run east to hit Challenge Spot #1, the International Boundary at the Louisiana border, and Challenge Spot #2, The Pink Pistol in Lindale.

Due to this being a long day, we’ll meet at 7:45 am with a departure time of 8 am. This will hopefully allow us to get back before dark. We’ll meet up on the east side of Dallas at a Shell station. The address is 13000 Seagoville Road, Balch Springs TX.

Since it’s a long drive, there will be a mix some curvy roads but also some highway driving. We’ll go to Challenge Spot #2 first (The Pink Pistol) and then on to the border to hit Challenge Spot #1 (The International Boundary). There will be a couple of rest stops along the way with a planned lunch at Big Zach’s in Logansport LA.

Time permitting, on our way back we’ll go to Carthage and visit the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame before heading back to DFW.

For those who want to make this a 2-day trip, Carthage might be a good place to stay overnight.

Betty and Howard Banfield
817-789-1625
Join us for a fun road rally benefiting the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, on Saturday, December 2nd. We will start at Toyota of Rockwall and end at Snuffer's Restaurant, also on I-30 nearby. In between will be miles of country roads of all sorts, but all paved. Following the course will be easy, but scoring maximum points will be a challenge. All street-legal 4-wheel vehicles are welcome. Each car must have a driver and a navigator; passengers are allowed.

Each person in the car should bring one new children's book, for any age. You can preregister at msreg.com/CBR17msr by paging down and clicking on "Continue".

On-site registration at Toyota of Rockwall will open at 10 am, with the first car leaving at 11:31. The festivities at Snuffers should be over by about 3 pm.

Sign in and come on out!

Sasha Lanz
SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 12 – 14, 2018

TEXAS MIATA ROUNDPUP - 2018
Hilton Garden Inn
Historic Granbury, TX

Hosted by:

The Lone Star Miata Club of North Texas is thrilled to be hosting the 2018 Roundup. We have enthusiastic members ready to make this a great experience for everyone. STAY TUNED..............
Don’t forget the LSMC website
http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx

Doug Dodgen has been working on the website to make it the best place to check information about the club. He has added the yearly calendar so you can plan for upcoming rides. Keep in mind that dates are subject to change. Members can log in and modify their contact information as well as add a profile picture. You will no longer get a PDF directory of members. If you have questions about editing your information, please contact Doug. The main page of the Lone Star Miata Club part of the website contains a link to our www.LSMiata.org Wordpress site where links to newsletters and events will continue to be published.

Check us out at http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx!

If you have not renewed your membership for 2016, please do so ASAP. You will be removed from the club roster and from Evites after March 30. Remember the new dues structure is $39 for couples who both want to join, and $30 for singles. Your dues go toward doorprizes, club insurance, and supplementing costs for annual events such as the Christmas party and picnic.

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From your editor

Don’t forget the photo sharing site at http://lonestarmiataclub.shutterfly.com/. You have to create a free Shutterfly account to gain access. I know many of you (including me) already had a Shutterfly account, so it should be an easy way for us to share photos of events and “stuff.” We also share photos on Facebook, so join us at the Lone Star Miata group.

When you lead a drive, please download and print participant waivers from http://lsmiata.org/events/. There is a track waiver and a street/rally waiver, so print the right one. It’s a good idea to have maps with your phone number printed on them for a trip. Also be sure to bookmark the home page http://lsmiata.org and the new website at http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Clubs/LoneStarMiataClub.aspx to get all the latest information about us.

Doug has cards to leave on Miatae we see out and about. This is a great way to invite them to the club. Pick your cards up at the next meeting.

I have included all the upcoming events I know about. If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please let me know. Please feel free to contact me at newsletter@LSMiata.org.

Julia
FOR SALE!

DON’T FORGET TO SEE OUR VICE PRESIDENT, RICHARD ROGERS, FOR CLUB LOGO ITEMS!

Items are excellent quality and only require a very reasonable donation.

Richard orders the magnets in batches. They are great to show off when we drive as a group. Magnets are $15 for a set of 2. If you don’t want to wait for the next batch, be sure to purchase them when he has them on hand. Bruce also has round magnets for sale.

Pins are still $2 each or 10 for $15. Great for trading with other groups!

Richard can also order coffee mugs and T-shirts with the club logo. The logo can be positioned anywhere on the shirt, in small or large size.

Mugs are available for about $12, and shirts are available for around $10-15. Contact Richard for details.
LSMC Logo Stuff

Contact our Vice President, Richard Rogers at VP@lsmiata.org for LSMC Logo merchandise being offered through the club. You also can buy merchandise at Panda Embroidery, 351 East Huggins, Grapevine, TX 76051 (817-488-4151). Panda can embroider items in a thread color of your choice including one that matches your Miata!

Newsletter Submissions & Distribution

Ads, announcements, articles, trip reports and other contributions to the newsletter are encouraged. Email submissions to Newsletter@lsmiata.org. Attachments may be in .pdf, .txt, Word or WordPerfect format. Pictures may be in any of the usual formats such as .gif, .jpg, png, etc. If I have any problems with document or picture format, I will contact you. Don’t worry about spelling, grammar, artwork, layout, etc. I’m just pleased to receive input and will take care of the editing and cosmetics! Also, if you find something interesting online, please send me the link. Input is welcome anytime, but must be received prior to the publishing deadline (usually the first of the month) to be in the next issue.

NOTE: If you want the newsletter sent to more than one email address, your secondary driver, or anyone else, please send your name (so I know you’re a member) and the email address(es) to Newsletter@lsmiata.org.

ANOTHER NOTE: Member in Good Standing (you’ve paid your dues) may submit ad copy or info on their business. Does not have to be a Miata- or car-related business, but it must be your business. Others may advertise, too, for a fee. Contact the President@lsmiata.org for details.

Two-Way Radios

For more fun on drives, if you don’t have a two-way radio, get one. Without one, you miss out on a lot of chat and decision making as to stops, etc. Most importantly, should you get separated from the group or have car trouble; it makes it much easier for us to find you and assist you! LSMC uses GMRS/FRS radios for better range and reception. An operating license is not required when used in the FRS range.

Stuff for Sale and Announcements

LSMC permits all members in good standing to place a free ad or event announcement in the LSMC Newsletter. The item should relate to the Miata or Club activities. This includes activities hosted by other clubs. Car-related events of general interest are also welcome. Contact the editor at Newsletter@lsmiata.org to place an ad or announcement.

Change of Address & Member Info

Be sure to keep your contact information and particularly your email address up-to-date; you don’t want to miss anything! Submit your email address, snail mail address, new car info and any other contact information changes to the Membership Officer at Membership@lsmiata.org. A form also is available on our website. Just click ‘Membership’ and select the text ‘update’ to update your information.

Blogsite and Facebook

Check out our blogsite at lsmiata.org for various information. For up-to-the-minute events information, member input and other stuff, visit our Facebook page at Lone Star Miata Group. You may also consult the newsletter, which is published more or less monthly.
LONE STAR MIATA CLUB
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Time to renew your membership! Annual dues are $30 for singles, $39 for couples. After March 31, 2017, add $5 late fee. If your dues have not been paid by the April meeting, your name and number will be dropped from the membership roll. Make checks payable to Lone Star Miata Club. Please complete this form, even if no information has changed, and return it along with your check to:

Doug Dodgen
Lone Star Miata Club
508 Chaffee Drive
Arlington TX 76006

Please provide the following information. To avoid errors, please print legibly.

PRIMAR Y DRIVER: ___________________________________ Birth Date ___ / ___

SECONDARY DRIVER: ___________________________________ Birth Date ___ / ___

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

(apt #, number, street) ________ ___ ________

(city) (ST) (zip)

Landline: (___) ___________ Driver Cell: (___) ___________

Driver email:
________________________________________________________

Copilot email:
________________________________________________________

Club notices and correspondence will be sent to all email addresses listed.

(Please advise if you have not been receiving the Newsletter and/or emails.)

YOUR MIATA'S NAME (if it has one): ___________________________________________

COLOR: ___________________________ YEAR: ___________________________

ADDITIONAL MIATAS: ___________________________ ________ ___________

(Color) (Year) (Name)

Please list additional cars and any additional information on the back of this form.

THANK YOU! ~ Your Membership Officer

---------------------------------- below for club use only ----------------------------------

DATE AMOUNT CHECK CHK. TO D-BASE
RENEWED PAID NUMBER TREAS. UPDATED

_________ _________ _________ _________
LONE STAR MIATA CLUB
NEW MEMBER FORM

Please provide the following information. To avoid errors, please print legibly.

PRIMARY DRIVER: ___________________________________________ Birth Date ____ / ____
SECONDARY DRIVER: ___________________________________________ Birth Date ____ / ____
ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________

(apt #, number, street)

________________________________________
(city)               (ST)               (zip)

HOME: (____) __________ WORK: (____) __________        CELL: (____) __________

EMAIL ADDRESS #1: ______________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS #2: ______________________________________________________

Club notices and correspondence will be sent to all email addresses listed.

YOUR MIATA’S NAME (if it has one): __________________________________________

COLOR: ______________________________________ YEAR: ______________________

ADDITIONAL MIATAS: ______________________________________________________

(Color)   (Year)   (Name)

Please list additional cars and any other information on the back of this form.

Did a member of this club tell you about our club and if so, who? ______________________

Annual membership fee is $39 per year for couples, $30 for singles. If you want to purchase a
club nametag, add $10 per nametag (price is higher if purchased later). Dues for members
joining after June 30th are prorated. Please make checks payable to: Lone Star Miata Club

Return this form and your check to:

Doug Dodgen
Lone Star Miata Club
508 Chaffee Drive
Arlington TX 76006

For more information, please contact:
Doug Dodgen
Membership Chairman
817-475-7004
Membership@lsmiata.org

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DATE    AMOUNT    CHECK    CHK. TO    D-BASE
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