



# In The Breeze



May 2009

Newsletter of the Bluebonnet MX-5 Miata Club

*Still Free!*

## 2009 Club Officers

**President**

*Virginia Weaver*

**Vice President  
& Newsletter Editor**

*George Lucas*

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*Lynn Knapik*

**Treasurer**

*Marilyn McCullen*

**Membership**

*Betty Jackson*

**Webmaster**

*Don Privett*

**Roving Reporter (Appointed)**

*Dave Hamilton*

## Welcome New Members

**Bob Allen & Missy Sturgeon**

San Antonio

'92 Classic Red

**Jeremiah James Flores**

San Antonio

'99 Highlight Silver Metallic

**Terry & Judy Hart**

Seguin

'02 Pearl White

## Returning Members

**Lori and Jef Scott**

New Braunfels

'08 Marble White

## Miata's Cruise In Honor of Originals

The club had a short notice gathering on Friday, April 24th at Biff Busby's Burgers Car Cruise night.

Special guests were Bluebonnet Miata Club founders Greg & Fran Bassett, who were in town for a Fiesta visit from their current home in New Jersey. The Bassett's hosted the organizational meeting in their living room in the spring of 1995. Fran came up with the "Bluebonnet" name (hey, she likes Bluebonnets!) and Greg was the first club president.

Also attending was another founding member, John "J.T." Turner, with his kids Sarah and Michael. JT had to move to a bigger car when Michael was born, so he got a MINI Cooper 'S'. He still has his 1960 Austin-Healey "Bug-eyed" Sprite. J.T. was the third president of our club.

Nine Miatas and one MINI attended. Newer members got to meet some of the "old" gang, see some really cool classic cars (there was a 1967 GTO parked right behind us) and have some good burgers. A DJ played music from the '50s, '60s & '70s. Biff's does a nice job of organizing and putting on their car night. The \$5 entry fee includes a coupon redeemable for food or drinks and they even had an outdoor beer bar. They do this every Friday, weather allowing.

Greg, Fran & J.T. all say hello to their old friends who weren't able to attend. My thanks to all who came out. It was a wonderful evening.

*- George Briscoe*



The parking lot at Biff Busby's fills up fast every Friday night. Don't our Miatas look great there?

# Pat Franklin Adds To Last Months Story...

And now for the rest of the story...This is a picture of Leon's pride and beauty. Not the Miata, but of his BMW motorcycle that you can just barely see in the left top part of the picture. I have been giving Leon a difficult time about his Miata. Needs a little cleaning up, you think! Susie gave me some ideas of what to name the picture:

*The 10AE Garage Shelf*

*The Turbo Charged Storage Unit*

*The new Miata Roof Rack*

I personally like the turbo charged storage unit. .

Gotta Miata!!!!!!

-Pat Franklin



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# Miata Club Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2009

Sam's Burger Joint

**Introduction of New Members & Visitors:** Vice-President George Lucas called the meeting to order in place of President Virginia Weaver who was unable to attend. New members Terry & Judy Hart were introduced and welcomed.

## Reports

**Treasurer's Report:** Marilyn McCullen that our balance is \$4,032.10.

**Membership:** Betty Jackson reported we have 104 current members.

**Webmaster Report:** Don Privett reported that the website has increased from 3 gigabytes to 100 gigabytes. He said we have an average of 35 visitors a day to the site.

**Newsletter:** Newsletters were distributed to members in attendance. George Lucas explained that he wanted to make some changes and begin having stories about events before they take place to create interest in the runs.

## Old Business

Discussion of new meeting site continued with the site set for April to be IHOP on Loop 1604 just west of HWY 281. A vote is again planned at the next meeting to establish a new home for our meetings.

Club Pins available: free to all new members who have never received one; \$2 to members; \$5 to non-members. See Virginia Weaver.

Club Stickers: 2 for \$5. They are available from George Lucas.

Club business cards are also available for members to put on Miatas they see while out and about.

Name badges can be ordered through Betty Jackson for \$6.50.

Cruise flyers were available to those wanting more information on the 2010 Bluebonnet Miata Club cruise.

## New Business

Charlie Ibaugh spoke about and made a flyer available with information on the upcoming San Antonio Military Appreciation Car Show to be held on Saturday, May 16, at Cowboys Dance Hall. Registration is from 8 am to noon; the show takes place from 11 am to 4 pm. Members were encouraged to participate.

Tim and Ennie McCurdy were back at the meeting. Tim is healing nicely but not quite ready to get back behind the wheel. He thanked everyone for the many emails, cards and visits.

## Past Runs & Activities

Past runs and activities were discussed and everyone expressed how much fun they had at all the activities. Stories on most runs were published in the newsletter.

## Future Runs & Activities

Upcoming runs and activities as listed on the back of the newsletter were discussed. As usual, many activities are planned for the upcoming month.

## New Miata Stuff & Door Prizes

Mike and Betty Jackson announced that their car turned over 100,000 miles on the way to the meeting!

# “Spring” Chicken Ranch Run

Paula and I agreed early on to lead some kind of run on March 28<sup>th</sup> but had no specific info or any idea where we would go. After tossing up several ideas, we decided to ignore the Hill Country and prove that there were some twisties out East.

We joined up with an ample group of fellow miataphiles (14 cars) at the “Miata” Valero. And, although a few still had their tops up (???), the weather was perfect for cruisin. Once we pulled out, it only took three miles for some of our entourage to make a “wrong turn” and venture out on their own. We spent a just few minutes to gather up the flock and press on. (“3 miles” Tim. Doesn’t that beat your record?)

Between I-35 and I-10, we visited some old familiar roads with names such as “No Trucks”??, “Creek”, and “Hard Luck”. There were plenty of twistys here. South East of Seguin we hit Hwy 466 with lots of fast sweeping curves and buzzards to dodge. After the morning coffee, the first pit stop at Circle G in Gonzales was a welcomed site.

With no additional unplanned incidents and only being 12 minutes behind, according to Paula’s schedule, we pressed on. With all of the recent rain falling east of Gonzales, we found all of the lost bluebonnets on Hwy 532. There were fields of them. But since we are all about driving and eating, no time to stop and smell the bluebonnets. Finally turning north on Hwy 155 we crossed I-10 and pulled into the second pit stop in Weimar under the watchful eye of two state troopers and one local. It seems that our Club never fails to attract fans and supporters everywhere we go. AMAZING, ain’t it?

Feeling the hunger pangs, we jumped back on Hwy 155 and headed toward our lunch spot in La Grange. As we arrive at “Bistro 108”, located just off the town square, they were ready and anxious to serve this unruly bunch of road warriors. We found the food delicious and plentiful.

Ok. I can’t just leave this narrative alone without mentioning the “famous” Chicken Ranch just once. There I did it. See Ya!

*-Pat and Paula*



# “Spring” Chicken Ranch Run Photos



# *Three Musketeers Run*

by Marilyn McCullen



Wednesday, April 1 turned into a glorious afternoon just waiting for a run to happen. Marcia Carlow, Marilyn Hamilton, and I had our costumes planned and some “surprises” ready for our hamburger (or in this case, BBQ) run. Thanks to Marcia for providing hats with feathers, Marilyn H. for providing vests for the costumes, and three razor-sharp swords, the three of us were dressed to kill. And the three of us all wore pearls. If you don’t know the inside scoop about pearls, you’ll have to ask someone who attended the Valentine Heart Run this year. April 1 being April Fool’s Day, we also had a cape and crown ready for the first person who mentioned what day it was or tried to play an April Fool’s trick. Marcia handed out candy (Three Musketeers, of course) to those who attended, and the three of us waited for someone we could dub the “April Fool”. Just when it looked like no one would mention it, Judi Privett FINALLY did. Judi was really a good sport about it. She was promptly crowned, more pictures were taken, and we were off!

We had a small turnout for the run, but the roads were twisty, the weather was beautiful, and the BBQ at Cooper’s in New Braunfels was delicious. The diners at Cooper’s looked at us like we were nuts when we entered in our get-ups. And yes, we wore the costumes even during dinner. Our thanks to Judi for continuing to wear her cape and crown, even while eating. We were glad to have Dwight Mickelthwait and his brother Jim along for the run. Dwight doesn’t get a chance to attend many runs, so this was a special treat. After dinner, we had a Three Musketeers quiz. Lew Archer provided many hilarious, though wrong, answers. There was a three-way tie for first place, with Don Privett, Betty Jackson, and Dave Hamilton splitting the prize. We found out that most of us don’t know much about the Three Musketeers!



# *Three Musketeers Run Photos*



# Jackson's Big Winners In Boerne

*Story taken from the Corvette Club, submitted by Betty and Mike Jackson*



...and we waited with dread. Would the weather cancel the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Car Show in Boerne, TX??? It has continually been held at Main Square. The call finally went out. We were finally given permission to hold the car show along the streets surrounding the square and over the bridge. The field of Main Square would be for foot traffic only. Finally, 269 cars competed to win one of 97 awards. The cars were judged by the entrants and tallied on site. Our Bluebonnet Miata Club members, Mike and Betty Jackson entered their cars—2002 Mazda Miata, Brilliant Black and a 1996 Corvette C-4 Black Coupe. They worked at various sites during the event. When it came time for the awards, they were pleasantly surprised by each car receiving an award. The Miata received the Class Award for Foreign Cars and the C-4 received Best in Class. It was quite an honor to receive the awards and even more when you consider the judging process—awarded by our peers.



I think I speak for all club member when we say, Congratulations, Mike and Betty! Two beautiful cars and two beautiful people!

*-Editor*

## ***EZ Does It...***

### **We want more run leaders!**



What a strange spring we've had! Lots of windy weather and mostly dry. While this makes for comfortable runs, it brings up another question. How can we get newer members to venture out and lead runs? Don't get me wrong, I love leading runs as I'm sure most of the other regulars do, too. But, surely the newer members know roads some of us might not know and I think we'd all like to try new roads and new places to eat! (Yes, I had to get that eating thing in there.)

If you've never led a run and think it's too big of an undertaking, just ask one of the regulars to help you! Most of us are eager to help, give advice and even run sweep for you. There are some tips we can give you as well. Don't think you'll be going it alone; there is always someone that will step forward and offer help. I know I will.

So, get out that Texas map, come up with a run that maybe you and yours have taken a trip to, tell us about it and better yet, show us! Incidentally, MAPSCO makes a Texas Roads atlas and it can be purchased at most major book stores and you can get one really cheap at one of the local Half Price Book Stores. I personally have about a half dozen books on roads in Texas I'll be happy to share.

There are lots of things to do in and around Texas. So, why not take us there on your very own run, it's fun!!!

### **Car "Cruises" and other car events**

Our club has members with other cars or other car interests. That's only natural. I have to admit, I get a bit defensive about them taking time away from our Miata club events and honestly, that's wrong of me. Why, I have other interests...maybe not particular car interests, but I do lots of things other than Miata events. (gasp!, say it ain't so!) So, for those of you that are involved in other car events, such as cruises, car shows, etc., feel free to share those experiences with us. Don even has a special "Other Than Miata" events section in our forum. First and foremost, we are all one big family. I respectfully encourage all of you to share your other interests with me and when I can, I'll be happy to share it in *In The Breeze*. In this month's issue, you'll see how Mike and Betty Jackson have excelled with not only Betty's Shadow, but Mike's '96 black Corvette.

Now, remember...if you all send me stories for our newsletters, you won't have to endure my rambling on here. Okay, maybe you still will...but, deal with it. \*smile\*

Until next month, EZ does it out there...

-George Lucas

**Don't Miss Out!**  
**Cruise with the Bluebonnet Gang**  
**On**  
**Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Sea**  
**January 31st, 2010!**  
**Contact Marcia Carlow at**  
**[marcia@cruisevacationsintl.com](mailto:marcia@cruisevacationsintl.com)**  
**For more details look on our club site!**



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## Upcoming Runs and Events

- **Saturday, May 2nd, *Gimmick Run***, led by Paul and Judy Faulkner - Meet at the Bat Cave entrance at 4 p.m. , leave at 4:30 for a fun run through the Hill Country, ending at the Alamo Springs Café, just outside Fredericksburg. Don't miss this one, the Faulkner's always put on a fun-filled run!
- **Saturday, May 9th, *Third Annual Painted Churches Tour*** - led by George Lucas. Postponed from April's rainout, meet at Big's Valero at 8:00 a.m. for an 8:30 departure. Moved up this year to avoid the sweltering summer heat, we may get to see more wildflowers due to the recent rains. You will be mesmerized by these beautiful churches built near or after the turn of the century. We'll eat lunch in Schulenburg and we may still get members from Austin's Tejas Miata Club to join us! Don't forget to bring your cameras for this one!
- **Saturday, May 16th, *Fourth Annual Landa Park BBQ*** - Meet at Big's Valero at a time yet to be determined, and Virginia will take you on some great roads leading to New Braunfels and Landa Park. George Lucas will be waiting there for you with smoked hamburgers and dogs! Chips, potato salad, beans and soft drinks will be provided for a nominal fee of \$6.50 per person. Please RSVP Virginia at [zoomin\\_paws@yahoo.com](mailto:zoomin_paws@yahoo.com) or by phone at 210-748-2134 asap so we can buy enough food! Bring your own lawn chairs, please!



**Mazda MX-5 Miata World II**  
MAY 22-25, 2009

Check the website for Miata World Details!

Who from our club will win that 2010 MX-5 ???