



In The Breeze



Happy Birthday, USA!

July 2010

Newsletter of the Bluebonnet MX-5 Miata Club

Still Free!



For those of you that haven't noticed, it is getting hot outside. That's why we delayed the Lake Travis Run until it is cooler out. When I put the delay out I sent an email but forgot to put it out on the web site. Sometimes I forget that not all members are signed up in Yahoo Groups and don't receive the emails. For those members who are not members of the group it is easy to join. Just go to the Bluebonnet web site and in the upper right corner there is a link for Yahoo Groups and from there it is easy.

Now back to the heat remember when out on a run take care and drink plenty of water and use sunscreen. Also, these cars do have tops and air conditioning for a reason, use them. This is also a good time to check your cooling systems.

-Mike Jackson, President

2010 Club Officers

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Mike Jackson

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New Members

Kathy L. Jones

Bandera

91 Classic Red

Jerry & Kay Todd

San Antonio

'08 Copper Red

Returning Member

Ron McInnis

Castroville

'95 Merlot

Note: Interested in becoming Membership Coordinator? After over three years, Betty would like someone else to take over the reins. Duties include keeping membership records, collecting dues and coordinating this info with the newsletter editor.

If interested, please let any officer know and we'll get you started. Enthusiasm a plus!

EZ does it...



Recently there was a complaint regarding the professionalism of how a service issue was handled at our official sponsoring dealer, North Park Mazda. It caused quite a hub-bub in various forums. I was concerned on many levels, primarily for the well being of the relationship many of us have built with this dealership. So, as you might guess, I decided to investigate how this could happen at a dealer that so many of us have come to know and trust.

I visited with Jerry Rich, our liaison at the dealership and he assured me that everyone from the top management to each porter is not only aware of the incident, but are taking steps to remedy the problem and see that that kind of incident won't be a problem in the future. I don't think it's fair to say isolated events can't happen, but I truly believe North Park Mazda will address this in a professional manner and do the right thing.

I've said it before, but it bears repeating. North Park Mazda has been very generous to us in both sponsorship as well as treating our members with special care. Please visit them for all your needs, from service to buying a new Mazda. (Preferably a Miata.) :-)

Gosh, it's hot out there! Am I a wimp for not getting out much in this early heat? I think we're in for a long hot summer. So, we need to get out early or get out late to avoid the mid day heat.

For the upcoming trip to Colorado, I plan on bolstering my cooling system with a new, more efficient radiator. Our own Stephanie Turner is advising me and I hope to make a decision soon. How is your radiator? If it's turning green, you might want to have it checked. That usually indicates extended wear.

Well, that's all from me, I'm gonna go have some ice cold lemonade.

Cheers!

-Editor

On the cover: Our own webmaster, Don Privett's 2003 LS, with lots of extras. Ask him about it!

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A RUN OF THE UNKNOWN KIND

5-29-10

You know Paul. You know Judy. Well, the run was unknown and kept in secrecy by Paul.

This was his treat for all of you.

Best of all worlds happened and it worked out perfectly.

Those that rode with us ten cars strong: The Peters, The Jacksons, The Le Masters, Stephanie Turner, Jon Frank and Linda Morrow, Andy Wells, the Hamilton's, Kevin Fein with daughter Ali and George Lucas. Apologies to the names I could not read on the roster. Somehow, the roster got wet and all the ink is very blurred. We enjoyed the company of all.

We began in San Marcos and wound around toward Wimberley, then Blanco, Willow City, and back to Fredericksburg. We ate lunch at Rathskellers in the basement. Food was a German menu and lots more. They had welcoming -cold ice tea and beer. Did I mention it was a hot run? Top floor of the shop has lots of cooking items.

The game was to match a prior chosen number given (unknown) from a series of numerical reductions. This was too high math for me.

I need to mention that for several miles we were driving through the most colorful roadside floral portraits. Roads FM 1623, Upper Albert Rd., Old Austin Rd., Gellerman Dr., FM 2721, FM 1320, and FM 1323 were some named roads traveled. It was the moment of profuse yellow carpets that spread from roadside to horizon and went for several miles. That was an unknown treasure that hopefully Dave captured on film. It was a chance encounter. Dave was curious about what kind of wildflowers we saw. If you thought the wildflower season was over, think again. It will be gone very quickly with the heat, but the colors were abounding this day.

OK Dave, color-to-Botony lesson is as best I can do from the memory of what I saw. Other participants may remember different flowers.

Yellow- coneflowers, coreopsis, cinquefoils, yellow daisies, sunflowers, buttercups, golden wave

Purple- thistles, prairie larkspur, purple cone flower (Echinacea)

White- Yucca, prickly poppies, buttercups, yarrow, Queen Anne's lace

Red- Indian blankets (fire wheel), red yucca, scarlet sage

Now I am certain this was not all the flowers we saw.

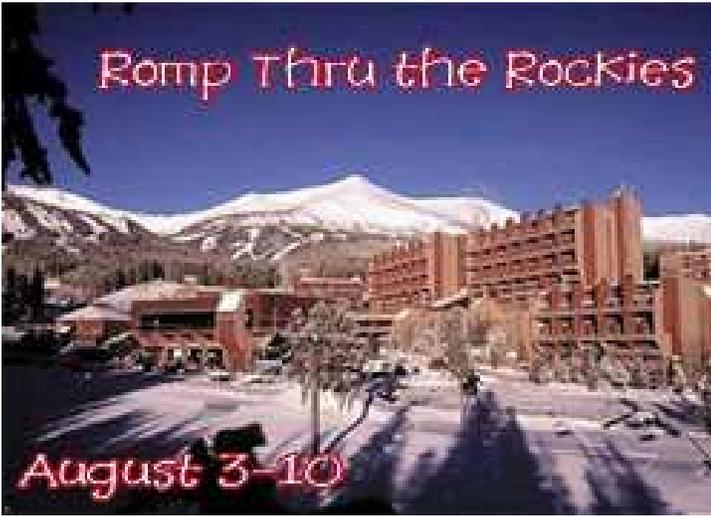
We enjoyed the time spent with you in the wonderful array of God's world.

Many blessings, Judy and Paul Faulkner

A RUN OF THE UNKNOWN KIND PHOTOS



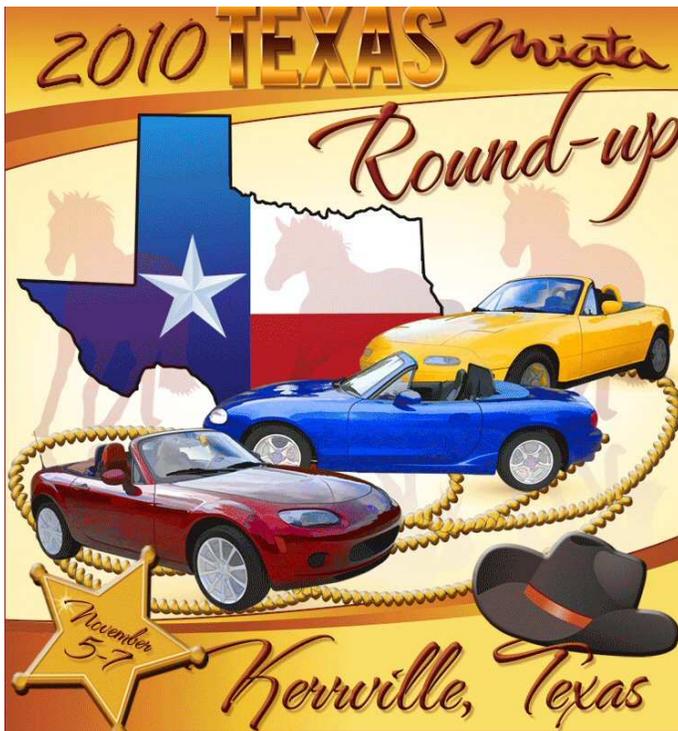
Romp Thru The Rockies



In only a month, many of us will be trekking up to the high altitudes of the Rocky Mountains to the Heartland Miata's "Romp Thru The Rockies" event. Promising to be a great relief from our Texas heat, around a dozen Miatas from Bluebonnet will be making this trip. Rohm Thompson is leading us on this unofficial "run" and it should be lots of fun. If you want to go, let Rohm know. This is an ideal opportunity to make that first trip if you haven't ever taken your Miata out for a cross country adventure. With so many of us going, we can all look out for each other and help along the way should anything unusual occur. Safety in number, you know? Check out our website's forum where Rohm has started a thread with all the details. Hope to see you there!



Things you do not want to miss!



2010 Texas Miata Round Up

Hey there, pardner, are you signed up for the Round Up? Limited space and reservations are sure to be the rule, so sign up today!

Pat Franklin, who blew us away with her 2006 Round Up event in Kerrville, TX, needs you to step up and help her by getting on one of the many committees. We need help in all areas, so if you want to help, please let Pat know soon!

2010's Round Up promises to be the best ever as we expect Miata owners from all over the U.S.! There will be runs galore, fun events like a Fun-Cana and great food!

Visit our website at www.bluebonnetmiata.org and check out all the details.

It's our turn to shine, so join in the fun!



You're Invited!

To a birthday gathering

To celebrate our Nation's Birthday
& BLUEBONNET Miata Club Friendship

Saturday, July 3rd

11am until ???



Live Oak City Park

Live Oak, TX 78233

Bring your own

Lunch & drinks



NO COOKING IN THE PARK, Please

Food and beverages can be purchased from establishments nearby

Also bring a Chair / Sunscreen

No run, it is just too hot, but the park has
plenty of shade, NICE BREEZE, a lake,
a small gazebo, and Frisbee golf !!!

George is challenging everyone to bring their own Frisbees!



If you RSVP **Betty Jackson**, we can all plan to go together!

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Bluebonnet Miata Club Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2010

Open Meeting

Introduction of new members - Ron McInnis, Karen Jones, Kay & Jerry Todd

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn McCullen reported that our current checking account balance was \$.

The savings account balance is \$.

Membership: Betty Jackson reported that we have 99 members.

Webmaster: Don reports no new developments.

Newsletter: George requested more stories from members.

Old Business

Club Pins are free to new members. \$2 for current/old members. See Betty Jackson for more information.

Club Stickers are 2 for \$5.00. See Betty Jackson for more information.

The Bluebonnet Miata Club Business cards are available for members to pass out.

Name Badges are available from Betty Jackson upon request. They are \$6.50 and due when ordering one. She needs a few more name badge orders to complete the minimum requirement.

New Business

2010 Texas Miata Round Up. Participants were encouraged to reserve rooms at the Y.O. Ranch for \$89 a night + tax. Don Privett has the Round Up website up and running. Participants can register online. Pat Franklin has set up committees and committee chairpersons. She needs more volunteers for committees. Pat needs the run committee to start planning. Information about the round up will be sent to Miata clubs nationwide

The announcement of Formula 1 plan to build a track in Austin, TX was discussed.

Tim McCurdy told us that Ennie was out of town due to a death in the family.

Past Runs and Activities

Wine Run. Marilyn discussed Paul & Wanda's Wine run

Hill Country Run. Stephanie reviewed the roads traveled thru Blanco County.

New Runs and Activities

May 27th Lunar Zoomers – Hwy 281 and Evans Rd. Order up.

May 29th – Numbers Run – Led by Paul and Judy Faulkner.

June 11th - Eureka Springs

June 12th – Chicken Fried Steak Run. Lead by Jim & Freda Treat.

June 19th – Lake Travis Run. May be delayed due to run info.

Breckenridge Run – Lead by Rohm and Barbara Thompson August 3rd.

New Miata Stuff

Paul Faulkner – Got new Miata wheels.

Rohm Thompson – Got a new alternator.

Door Prize Winners

Rohm Thompson – North Park Oil Change

Ed Harlow – Chris Madrid's Gift Certificate

Tim McCurdy - Chris Madrid's Gift Certificate

George Lucas – BEGi Spark Plug Change

The Meeting was adjourned. People went to the parking lot for more Miata talk.

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Bluebonnet Miata Club
San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.bluebonnetmiata.org>

To join club or renew dues, open the above web site and click on the membership tab



Check your mailing label for your renewal date. Please renew your membership promptly!

Upcoming Runs and Events

- Saturday, June 27th, **Lunar Zoomers Dinner**, hosted by George Lucas, There WILL be a run before this dinner event. We'll meet at the Miata Valero at 6 p.m. for a short jaunt to a yet to be named restaurant. Stay tuned! Watch your email and yahoo groups notices, and of course, our own website!
- Saturday, July 3rd, **Betty Jackson's Birthday Run**. TBA. No details yet, check the website.
- Saturday, July 10th, **Adopt A Highway Trash Pickup**, Sounds like work, huh? Well, it's a lot more fun than work. Meet at 8:00 a.m at the Miata Valero, Jeff will provide reflective gear and we'll walk our two mile stretch of Hwy 1863. Afterwards, we will have breakfast at Grumpy's. C'mon out, it'll make you feel good!
- Sunday, July 18th, **Annual Summer Picnic, Shady Oaks Ranch**. Hosted by J. C. and Betty Herrera, you'll have the time of your life playing games and spending time at a truly unique ranch. Lots of good food, too!!!
- Saturday, July 25th, **Lunar Zoomers Dinner**. Another Saturday dinner, hosted by George Lucas. Another new restaurant to be featured, don't miss it!
- Tuesday, July 27th, **Monthly Meeting**, The County Line Restaurant, IH10 West. Eat at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Miata talk in the parking lots afterwards.

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