



# In The Breeze



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Newsletter of the Bluebonnet MX-5 Miata Club

Still Free!

## Mazda MX-2 Revealed ???



## ...or Is It An MX-5?

According to an article by Alex Goy from Auto Express.com, this is a rendering of the MX-2 due to come out in 2012. If you read the accompanying story, it sounds more like they're describing the new, smaller MX-5. We've all heard that Mazda wants to go back to basics on the 4th generation MX-5 and everything in this article indicates this MX-2 is exactly what they're telling us. I'm far from an expert on matters like this, but I have a hunch this MX-2 talk is just a smoke screen for the introduction of the newer 4th generation Miata. Read on and you decide.

*Look at more images of this new smaller MX whatever inside.*

*-Ed*

***This is Mazda's version of a downsized, credit crunch friendly MX-5, the MX-2. Our illustration shows what the MX-2 is likely to look like. You can see that the Furai concept will have a strong influence in the design, while a hint of Ferrari California is also present in the headlamps.***

***Because the MX-2 is smaller than the MX-5, it will come equipped with smaller engines. Small capacity petrol engines ranging from 0.7 liters to 1.6 liters will get the MX-2 moving while a range-topping 1.6 liter turbo pushing out an expected 160 bhp. Combine that with low weight and the MX-2 will embarrass more expensive machines with ease.***

***An insider has hinted that the MX-2 will be upon us as soon as 2012, so we can expect to see a concept reflecting the downsized roadster very soon.***

## 2010 Club Officers

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*Mike Jackson*

**Vice President**  
*Scott Long*

**Secretary**  
*Stephanie Turner*

**Treasurer**  
*Marilyn McCullen*

**Membership**  
*Betty Jackson*

**Webmaster**  
*Don Privett*

**Newsletter Editor**  
*George Lucas*

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### New Member

**Kirby Olson**  
*Universal City*  
*2008 Brilliant Black*

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### Notice

*Interested in becoming Membership Co-ordinator? 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...



With the weather changing and the big State Wide Meet coming up, excitement is in the air. I know I feel it as I am rarin' to get out on the open road!

Speaking of the State Wide, have you made your reservations at the Y.O. Hotel in Kerrville yet? You won't want to miss out on all the fun and activities that occur in and around the hotel. They're reserving a large block of rooms for our group, so call them today! Information regarding the 2010 State Wide can be found elsewhere in this edition of *In The Breeze*.

I recently had yet another defective paint problem with EZ. All accounts say my '01 just had bad paint from the get-go. It's a mystery to me why it would take so long to show up. After three separate trips to Jack's Paint Place, I think almost all of my car has been repainted. I was very, very fortunate as my insurance company saw fit to allow me to claim each time getting away with only having to pay a small deductible. I may change EZ's name to Joan Rivers as it's had 3 face lifts in the last year! I literally missed it when it was in the shop for two whole weeks this last time.

**-Editor**



Chris Madrid's, one of San Antonio's treasures and a frequent winner of many awards, donates a dinner for two each month, no questions asked. Chris Madrid and his sister Diana have shown great generosity and ask nothing in return.

Please, if you find yourself near Blanco Road and Hollywood Avenue, stop in for the purest yet tastiest hamburger anywhere. If you're man enough, try the Macho. It's loaded with cheese! Home made, home style fries caps off a wonderful dining treat..

Be sure you tell them you're with the Miata club and offer our thanks for being such a fantastic sponsor.

Chris Madrid's, the official hamburger of Bluebonnet Miata Club.

Chris Madrid's is located at 1900 Blanco Road. Call ahead and get your burger faster at 735-3552

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# Dash and Splash 2010

What a beautiful day greeted us on Saturday, Aug 28th. For the 5th year Ennie & I have hosted the Dash & Splash, and as everyone previous we all had a good run (with the exception of rolling road blocks) on some winding roads, followed by good eats and a day in the pool. 10 cars met us at the Exxon at Ralph Fair Rd. We traveled up to Toutant Beauregard, then on 46 West, straight onto Bump Gate Rd, up Park Road 37 to Medina Lake. After a short break we headed back down to Hwy 16 via Park Rd 37 and finally on to our house. We have progressed from pelting each other with water balls, to a competitive game of pool volleyball. (Of course the guys beat the girls but the girls gave the guys a hard battle). Two other couples met us at the house.

Ennie and Inay prepared a great lunch of brisket, brats, sausage & sauerkraut, potato salad, baked beans and *turon* (banana fritters), and for dessert brownies. Ennie made her yearly Sangria, and we also had sodas, water and beer to wash it all down. I don't think anyone left hungry or thirsty.

The weather has been ugh this summer but this weekend was wonderful....a little cooler, which made the pool feel great. Add to that no flies, or mosquitoes, even though George made some friends with some fire ants.

. We welcomed visitors from Austin, Jon Frank and Amy Morris, from Tejas, Elizabeth Clepper (a representative from North Park) and her niece Cristina Bacon, .....we were also pleased to see Stan Trofimchuk although he couldn't make it to the house after the run.

Thanks to all those who helped us put up the chairs and clean up....it really helped! AND NEXT YEAR....who knows???

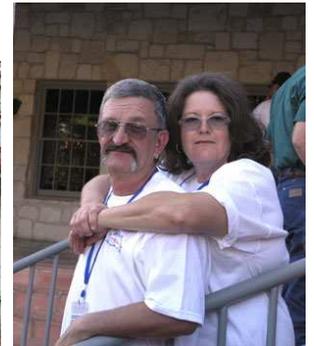
*Tim & Ennie McCurdy*



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# Past Round Up Fun



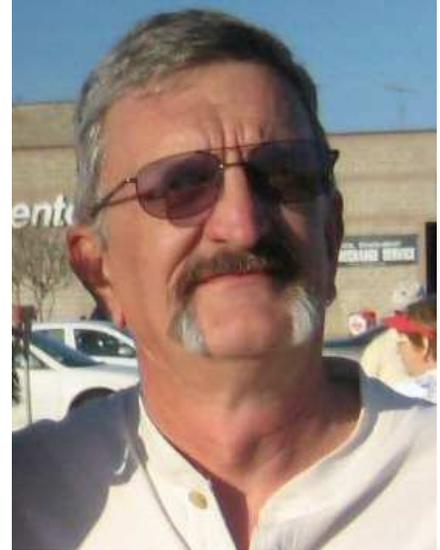
## President's Message...

*Where has the year gone?*

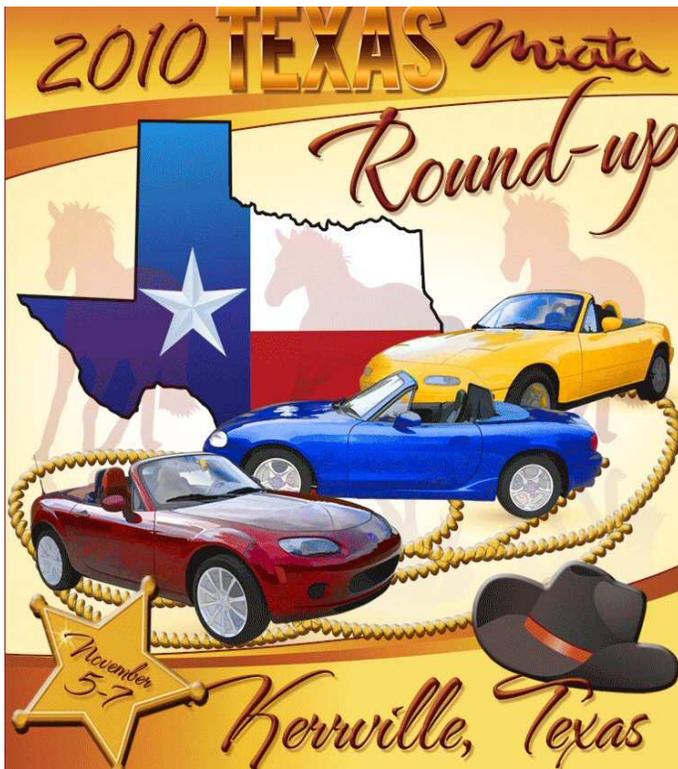
It is that time of year to get ready for the election of club officers at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The By-Laws says there needs to be a nominating committee and the board is seeking three volunteers to fill this committee quickly. They must select persons for the positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. They have to present their selections to the membership at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. As of now, all of the elected officers have agreed to another term, if they are selected to by the general membership vote. Also, if any member wants to be considered for these positions, they can have their name put on the ballot. There are also three appointed positions within the club: Webmaster, Newsletter editor and Membership coordinator. If you are interested in one of these positions, please submit your name to one of the future board members whoever they are.

All the election excitement has to go a bit to the side for the Bluebonnet Miata Club's ROUND-UP in Kerrville, TX November 5-7. The deadline for the less expensive registration is coming up quickly. We have several Pre-Round-Up events that you might also want to attend. There will be a Tech Day October 30<sup>th</sup> so be sure to get your parts NOW. There will be a Round-Up Rehearsal on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to iron out any kinks in advance. Be sure to volunteer to help the committees so we can pull off the best ROUND-UP ever!!

Looking forward to two very fun & busy months—come enjoy it with us..



*Michael Jackson*



## 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! The price is \$70., but that goes up October 6<sup>th</sup> at midnight to \$80! What are you waiting for???

Pat Franklin, who blew us away with her 2006 Round Up event in Kerrville, TX, needs you to step us 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](http://www.bluebonnetmiata.org) and check out all the details.

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

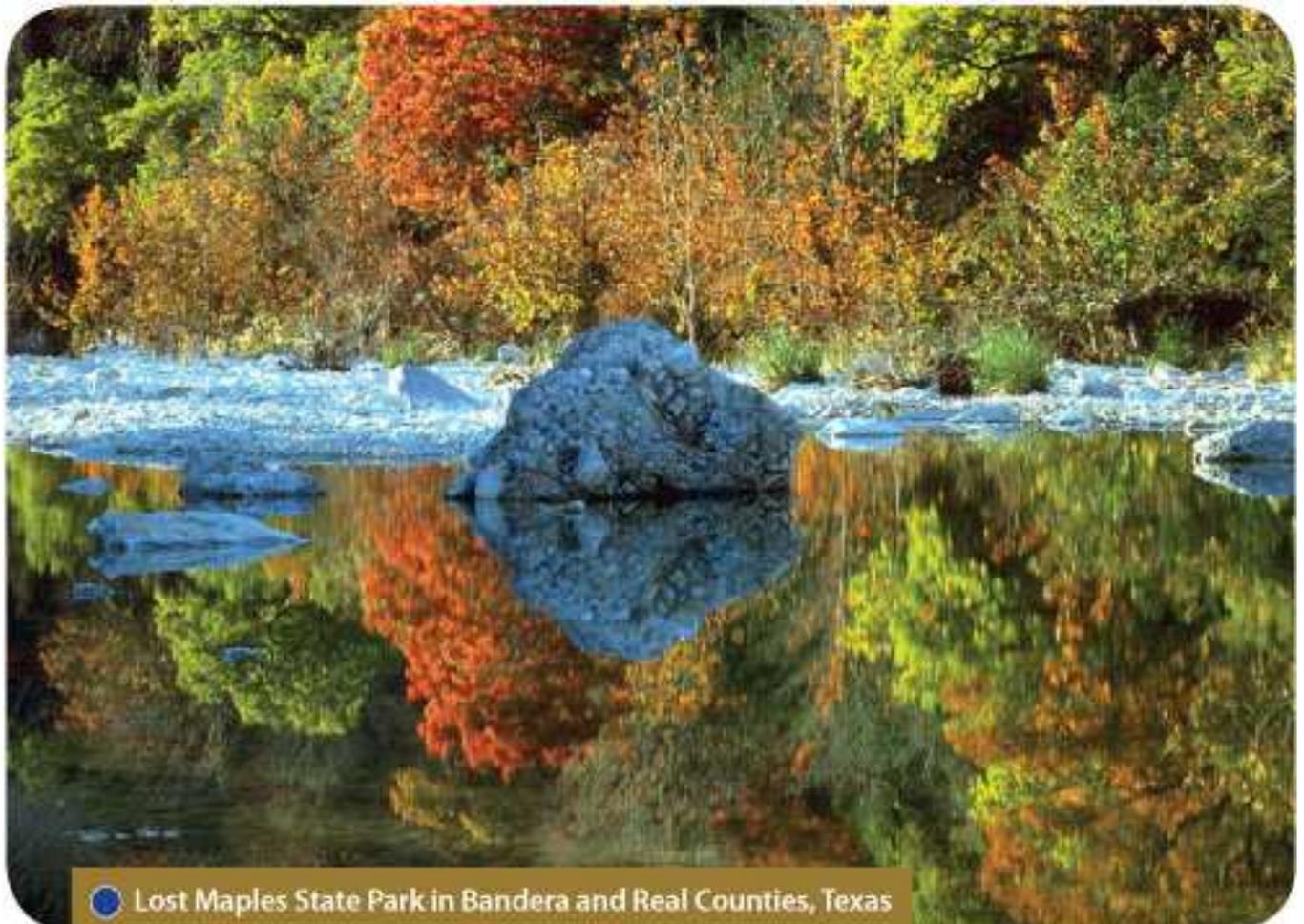
# *Sabinal Canyon, Utopia and Brilliant Fall Colors*

*Written by Maxine Hays and reprinted from Texas Highways*

At Vanderpool, the Sabinal courses under Ranch to Market Road 337, the serpentine, scenic route that begins at Medina and ends at Camp Wood. In Utopia, the river intersects RM 1050, which threads through stunning mountain vistas on it's way to Garner State park. But the Sabinal's primary asphalt companion is RM 187, and the two run parallel, within calling distance of each other for long stretches before going their separate ways.

Spanish explorers in the late 16th century called the river Arroyo de la Soledad, which means "stream of solitude." The Sabinal River Canyon does seem to wear a cloak of quietude. Vast, unspoiled landscapes, once roamed by people of the Apache, Lipan Apache, Tawonkini, Taovaya and Comance tribes have preserved by heirs of pioneer ranching families who have resisted the temptation to sell to developers.

Such serene settings do invite tension shedding hours spent daydreaming in a hammock or mesmerized by fireflies and starry skies. But ample stress busting activities await the less sedentary: swimming, hiking, backpacking, biking, kayaking, and mountain climbing. What you won't find in the canyon is a mall or a traffic light. And, you won't find crowds of people, except during the fall when hordes of leaf seekers descend upon Lost Maples State Natural Area. Lost Maples is the crown of the Canyon, both figuratively and geographically. The park covers more than 2,000 acres of diverse terrain; soaring limestone bluffs, ridges ruled by junipers, grassy meadows and hardwood groves. The shady environs of the park nurture a stand of bigtooth maples, decendants of trees that migrated southward during the Ice Age. Between mid October and mid November, upwards of 70,000 visitors come to Lost Maples, hoping to catch the maples wearing vibrant reds and golds. Lost Maples is but one of the reasons to visit Sabinal Canyon.



# *MX-2 or MX-5 ???*

## *What do you think?*



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

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## *Upcoming Runs and Events*

- **Saturday, October 2nd, Trash Pick Up Day**, led by Jeff Holbrook. We'll meet at the Miata Valero and follow Jeff to our adopted portion of FM 1863. Meet 8:00 a.m. We'll have breakfast at Grumpy's after the pick up. Y'all come, it's fun and very rewarding!
- **Saturday, October 2nd, NASCAR Run**, led by Jimbo and Freda Treat. Meet at the Miata Valero at 4:15 P.M. for a 4:30 P.M. departure. Take some new roads with old friends for a real treat! Pun intended!
- **Saturday, October 9th, Cuero Turkey Fest**, hosted by Paul and Judy Faulkner. Time to meet and start point TBA. Drive in a really fun parade and decorate your car in Gobbler style!
- **Sunday, October 10th, (Columbus Day Weekend), Crocodile Gap Run**, led by Gene and Marcia Carlow. Meet at the Miata Valero at 5 P.M. for a 5:30 P.M. departure. Included will be a drive through the Canyon Lake Hill Country area and dinner in New Braunfels prior to arrival at the Gap for our annual go-karts rumble! You do NOT want to miss this one!!! Bring lots of attitude!
- **Saturday, October 16th, Leaky and Beyond Run**, led by Larry Bader. This run is still being contemplated and may or may not be held. Please check the website and watch your Yahoo groups email for final decisions.
- **Thursday, October 21st, Lunar Zoomer RUN and dinner**, led by George Lucas. Run will be to Lost Maples State Park with dinner at a yet to be determined 9 star restaurant (Okay, I made that up, but it'll be somewhere tasty) ((This would be an excellent day to call in sick))
- **Saturday, October 23rd, State Wide Run rehearsals**. TBA

### *Looking Ahead...*

- **Saturday, October 30th, Tech Day and Statewide bag prep day**. Get that Miata ready for next weekends State Wide Round up! Come out to Jack's Paint Place in Converse and get those finishing touches put on your Miata with lots of help from others! We'll also be preparing the goody bags for our guests coming to the State Wide Miata Round Up the following weekend.