



# In The Breeze



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Official Newsletter of the Bluebonnet MX-5 Miata Club

Still Free!

## No Surprise Here, After All, It's a Miata!

Things are really heating up in the automotive world. Almost all automotive publications are either featuring the 2016 MX-5 or want to! I mean, even Consumer Reports has it featured on their latest cover and even they haven't had one in their possession, at least not when this went to press.



## 10 Cars Worth Waiting For

New and improved models are coming soon to a driveway near you

Consumers Reports has so much confidence they said the new MX-5 Miata is among 10 "Cars Worth Waiting For" I confess, even I'm getting excited about it. And yes, it's growing on me. But, no, I have no ideas of buying one!

Even though there is lots of whispers about the power plant for the ones set for USA sales, most believe it will be substantial enough to give even the most demanding power hungry fans a bang for their buck. I'd venture to say most in our club are more concerned on how comfortable it will be for those long trips.

I ran across a very interesting photo snapped by a Face-Book group out in California and while no one at Mazda is reporting there are ND's over here, either someone is good at PhotoShop or I see THREE of them tooling down the freeway in California! Just more fuel for the fire! We want one for our Round Up!!!

Stay tuned right here for further developments!



-Ed

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# New Members

**Arthur and Debra Mudge**  
1999 Twilight Blue Mica  
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2008 Hunter Green  
McDonald Observatory, TX

**John Scheel**  
1991 White  
San Antonio

**Are YOU  
ready for this?**



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## Velocity Read

Your Round Up committees and chairs of these committees are hard at work hoping to make the upcoming Statewide Round Up the best ever. And I'm happy to report their work isn't going unnoticed. Everyone is pitching in and going the extra mile for this event. A big thanks to you all. Now, if you want to help, see Rohm Thompson or Cheryl Knight and they'll be happy to give you something to do to help!

We're all thrilled that North Park Mazda has stepped up and again will be our main sponsor. Please show our gratitude by giving North Park Mazda your business, if possible! Also, in this issue are others that have helped out and for that we also thank you!

These past few weeks haven't seen much activity in the way of runs because, well, dangit, it's been raining too much! Not really, all this rain means WILDFLOWERS! I'm expecting a plethora of wildflowers on our roadsides and in the fields of our beautiful Hill Country. Be sure to watch the website and your emails for upcoming runs to see all these beauties!

It's never too late to plan a run of your own! Check the calendar and find an open weekend and take us to your favorite spot. While we all love to eat, don't let that stop you from planning a run without dining on the run. I'm sure we'll all find a place to eat. :-)

See you out on the roads!

Zoom Zoom!



*George Lucas, Editor*

## Self-Guided Poker Run/Treasure Hunt Included in Round Up Fun



Having seen this at another rally several years ago, I've been chomping at the bit to put one on at our next Round Up. Well, now is the time!

Here is how it works. When you sign up at the Round Up, you will have in your packet, instructions. Seven locations (businesses) have agreed to be locations where sealed envelopes containing one playing card will be given to each Miata that shows up there. Where are these locations you ask? Well, we can't tell you, but on the instructions will be seven clues to these locations. You can go to the locations in any order you choose. The clues were skillfully thought up by your very own president and we together selected the merchant locations. All were thrilled to help us!



You may Google for answers, ask locals, whatever, but you will want all seven envelopes for a better chance to put together a five card poker hand! You may only get ONE envelope per location per person, per car! Just ask the merchant, "Do you have the envelopes for the Bluebonnet Poker Game?" Hopefully, you'll be at one of the correct places!

Relax, you have all weekend to do this. It's fun and you will get a chance to see more of Kerrville! First prize will be a Baofeng two-way radio with accessories! Baofeng is well known to be the best two way radio out there! The second and third best hands will be given prizes as well!

Good Luck!

*George Lucas*

## President's Message

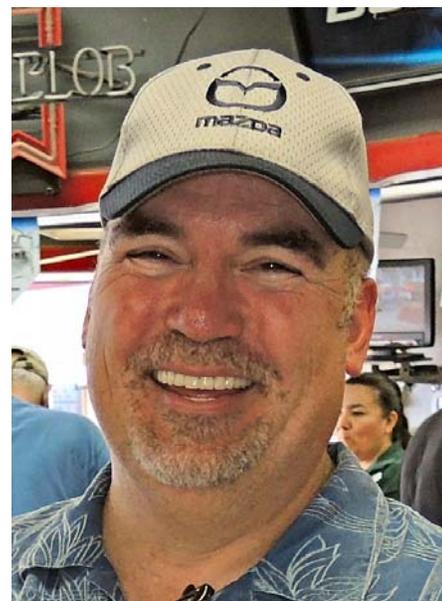
It's been kind of a quiet month, with one open date, and two event postponements, but that is all about to change. It's Miata season, and starting on the 28th of March, you can go on a run or event every Saturday until late August. This is the time of year that is the reason that I have a Miata, or MX-5 if you prefer. It's time to pick up a couple of spray cans of SPF 30, dust off my ball caps, and make sure all of my wild print silk shirts are clean and ready to go.

I'd like to take a minute to thank Rohm Thompson and Cheryl Knight for MANY months of high effort, organizing, and planning for our statewide event. I wanted to take a chance to thank them before they start asking everyone to thank the committees and volunteers, and then no one thinks to thank them. You two did a great job herding cats.

I'd also like to thank our club sponsor North Park Mazda and Mazda North America for our region for coming through in a big way this month, and making our statewide dreams come true. The various levels of Mazda really came through for us, folks.

One last note on statewide: if you haven't registered yet and still intend to, do it soon. The price goes up to \$85 after March 30th, so you need to do it online before then, or have it postmarked no later than 30 March to get the regular \$75 rate.

*Mark Hungerman*



## Round Up Update

### 29 Days and counting...

Only in my wildest dreams did I imagine that we would exceed our original estimates to Mazda. We told them we expected 80 cars and 150 people. Now we are just over 100 cars and 190 people. And we still have one week for people to register at the \$75 rate. With that deadline approaching I now believe we could reach 120 cars and 220 people. I am confident this will be the largest and best Roundup ever.

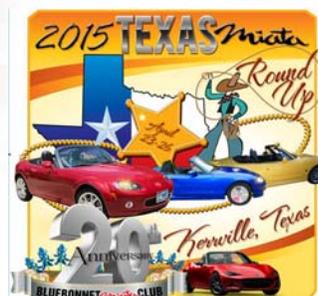
Both Mazda USA and North Park Mazda have stepped up their sponsorship of our event enabling us to plan a gala celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary along with the 2015 Texas Miata Roundup. The combined event will be memorable for all attendees. So if you haven't already, be sure to get your registration in by March 31. Remember you must be registered to attend. Your registration badge will be your ticket to all the meals and activities.

Needless to say we are now in the final phases of planning. We're doing final reviews to ensure we cover all the bases and that we are ordering all the right things and in the right quantities. We're making last minute contacts to get as many prizes and giveaways as possible and we're still soliciting additional financial support. We've coordinated with Visitors and Convention Bureaus in Fredericksburg as well as Kerrville. And we've contacted other establishments in Kerrville to ensure they are prepared for all our guests. Some of them have even stepped up with contributions. Be sure and visit the ones listed as sponsors on our webpage.

With all that going on I want to take this time to personally thank all of you who have volunteered to help at the event. Your help is the key to making this Celebration and Roundup the huge success I know it will be. And if you haven't volunteered yet be sure to see Cheryl Knight and let her know your interest.

See you at the Roundup!

*Rohm*



# Round Up

## Schedule of Events



### Thursday-April 23rd

4:00-8:00 p.m.	Hospitality Greeters / Volunteers
4:00-8:00 p.m.	Welcome Table Open
4:00-8:00 p.m.	Activities / Runs / Self Guided Sign Up
OPEN	Evening Unscheduled, Dinner on your own or with other Miata friends!

### Friday-April 24th

7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Hospitality Greeters / Volunteers
7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Welcome Table Open
7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Activities / Runs / Self Guided Sign Up
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Activities / Runs / Self Guided
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own ( <i>But save room for dessert!</i> )
8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Anniversary Celebration; Live Music, Desserts Table and Cash Bar in the Spanish Oak Room.

### Saturday-April 25th

7:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Breakfast: Live Oak / Cypress Room
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Hospitality Greeters / Volunteers
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Welcome Table Open
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Activities / Runs / Self Guided Sign Up
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Activities / Runs / Self Guided
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	FunCana - "Rodeo" Games with Cars!
6:00 p.m.	Group Photo Shoot
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Round Up Banquet– Live Oak / Cypress Room
9:00 p.m.-???	Visit and mingle with other Miata Enthusiasts

**Note:** A Show and Shine event will be held, but time is TBA.

### Sunday - April 26th

6:00 a.m.	Early Bird Morning Run (We'll be back in time for Breakfast)
7:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Breakfast - Live Oak / Cypress Room
10:00 a.m.	Self Guided Activities and Departure

# Round Up Sponsors

## Limited Edition Grand Touring - \$1500 or more

Mazda USA

North Park Mazda

## Grand Touring - \$1000 or more

### Touring - \$500 or more

### Zoomer Level - \$100 or more

Craig and Lisa Martin

Polansky Investments

Prestige Printing

Chris Madrid's

Foreign Affair

Bigz Burger Joint

## Bluebonnet Club Special Level - \$25 or more

Ed and Barbara Smith

Paul and Judy Faulkner

George Lucas

## Other Special Contributor (Prizes, giveaways, etc)

BEGI, Spring Branch, TX

NAPA Auto Parts, San Antonio, TX

Jack's Paint Place, Converse, TX

Karen's Everlasting Rocks, Kerrville, Texas

Conchitas Mexican Food, Kerrville, TX

The Medical Team, San Antonio, TX

Jefferson Bank, San Antonio, TX

Twang Snacks, San Antonio, TX

Fat Cat Motorsports, Redwood City, CA

Advance Auto Parts, Kerrville, TX

The Wash Tub, Kerrville, TX

Delish Rail's Candy Shop, Kerrville, TX

Wildseed Farms, Fredericksburg, TX

The Lakehouse Restaurant, Kerrville, TX

Kerrville Hills Winery, Kerrville, TX

Absolute Charm B&B, Fredericksburg, TX

Reno Realty Group, Kerrville, TX



**Note:** These are the known sponsors at press time. We still have requests out there and will be acknowledged as they come in.

-Ed



*Please, Don't forget our Annual Sponsors!*



## *Look What The Jacksons Are Up To!*

Mike and Betty Jackson will be doing a Miata Quiz for the Round Up 2015! Test your fellow Miata enthusiasts knowledge! You do not have to attend the Round-Up to help or submit a question.

Mike and Betty will compile all submissions into a **MIATA TRIVIA QUIZ** for all participants. **EMAIL** your Trivia Q & A in the following format. Please no true/false or multiple choice questions. Mike and Betty can always rephrase the questions. Also, limit the answers to one to two words.

- 1) QUESTION
- 2) ANSWER
- 3) SOURCE -- settle all disputes
- 4) LEVEL - (easy, moderate, near genius in Miata terms)

SEND REPLIES TO [bettys\\_buddies@yahoo.com](mailto:bettys_buddies@yahoo.com) or [cjackson1952@yahoo.com](mailto:cjackson1952@yahoo.com) ONLY!  
DO NOT REPLY TO GROUP EMAIL, PLEASE. THIS IS A QUIZ!! Don't share!

With all of the rain we have received, it is possible to have a bad weather day (don't say it aloud, just prepare for it). If you would happen to have options for good, clean, adult indoor play or games of skill (washers, bean bag toss, ring toss, playing cards, pick-up sticks, YAHTZEE, Jenga, dominoes, board games, etc) that you would like to loan to the cause, please bring them to the meeting next week. Place items in a bag with your name & phone number on it. We will do our best to care for the items & return them. If you have any other ideas for games not mentioned, they are welcome also. If you want to share RC cars or other expensive items, bring them with you, let the coordinators know and we'll see how to best utilize them. Who Knows?! We might not even need any of them!

Thanks in advance for your willingness to help,  
Betty & Mike Jackson

p.s. Do Not forward or reply to the whole group with your trivia questions. SEND REPLIES TO [bettys\\_buddies@yahoo.com](mailto:bettys_buddies@yahoo.com) or [cjackson1952@yahoo.com](mailto:cjackson1952@yahoo.com) ONLY!



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Bluebonnet Miata Club

San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.bluebonnetmiata.org>

*Check your mailing label for your renewal date.*

*Please renew your membership promptly!*

*Remember When?*



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## Upcoming Runs and Events

- **Saturday, March 28th, Wine and Dine I, hosted and led by Paul and Wanda Begnoche.** Meet at the gas station at Ralph Fair Road (Hwy 3351) and Hwy 46 at 10:30 a.m. for an 11:00 a.m. departure. This looks to be a really fun event, check our website calendar or your email for more details!
- **Saturday, April 4th, TECH DAY, hosted by Jeff Holbrook at Jack's Paint Place.** Arrive approximately at 9:00 a.m. and get those last minute things done to your Miata before the Statewide event! Jeff will also have the paintless dent repair guy there as well as the pin striping expert.
- **Saturday, April 4th, 7:00 p.m. Lunar Zoomer Dinner, hosted by George Lucas.** We'll be dining under the full moon at Aldaco's Mexican Restaurant in Stone Oak. Some of San Antonio's finest Mexican food on a patio overlooking north San Antonio with a view of the moon to die for!
- **Monday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m., Sundaes on Monday, hosted by Tom and Sandee LeMasters.** Location has not yet been decided, watch our website's calendar for details!
- **Saturday, April 11th, Trash Pickup, organized by Jeff Holbrook.** Meet at the Miata Valero at 18657 FM 2252 at 8:00 a.m. We'll leave at 8:15 and pick up our 2 mile stretch on FM 1863 and afterwards head to Grumpy's for a wonderful breakfast! Let's do our part in the Texas Adopt-A-Highway program! It's fun!
- **Saturday, April 18th, Fly A Kite Run, led by David and Marilyn Hamilton.** Details TBA soon!
- **Thursday, April 23rd-26th. 2015 Texas Miata Round Up.** Details on our website at [www.bluebonnetmiata.org](http://www.bluebonnetmiata.org)
- **Tuesday, April 28th, Monthly Meeting, Bigz Burger Joint.** Eat and greet at 6:30 p.m, meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m