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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

More on the Autocross Team

Since the January 2000 newsletter was issued including the advisory balloting for the Miata Autocross Team, there have been a number of questions come up that indicate a broad range of understanding of the issue.

Below is a Miata Autocross Team FAQ:

- Q: Is the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB forming an autocross team?
A: No. A Miata autocross team is forming and SDMC is considering what (if any) affiliation the team would have with SDMC.
- Q: Who is forming the autocross team?
A: The team will be formed by current Miata autocrossers now affiliated with other autocross teams, most of whom are SDMC members.
- Q: Why would SDMC want to be affiliated with an autocross team?
A: We don't have to have anything to do with the autocross team; the main reason we think an affiliation would be cool is it would be yet another way to "promote the enjoyment of — and enthusiasm for— the Mazda Miata." In other words, we think it is consistent with SDMC's mission as a club.
- Q: Why does the board recommend a subsidiary relationship between SDMC and the autocross team (approach 2)?
A: Although the affiliation with an autocross team seems to be consistent with the club mission, the operation of an autocross team will take a lot of time. We believe that the number of active autocross team members will be around 50 at the most, or roughly 15% of the club membership. Therefore, it is important to allow the SDMC board to focus on providing the "enjoyment opportunities" to the other 85% of the membership first. The best way appears to allow for autocross team to be affiliated with SDMC but have its own officers to direct how it will operate. With this affiliation, we believe that it is likely the autocross team will remain, over time, a *Miata* autocross team and thereby provide some enjoyment opportunities to SDMC members that they would not receive any other way.
- Q: What if we decline any affiliation with the autocross team (approach 3)?
A: No harm done; this would be a vote for the status quo. SDMC'ers who autocross would continue to join other autocross teams or form their own team with no direct affiliation with the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.
- Q: What does the board think about approach 1, club within-a-club?
A: The concern is focus and time. The amount of work that it takes to operate an autocross team would likely cause the SDMC board to focus 80% of its time on 15% of the membership. This would not be the most effective way to provide enjoyment to the total membership. We believe the autocross team members should do 100% of the planning, organizing, and conducting autocross team activities.
- Q: I didn't read my newsletter until I got back from vacation and didn't have time to study it and make a decision by January 10th. Why such a short time frame?
A: The board simply wanted to "poll" the membership to get a feel for what direction to take with

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the issue. The final voting will occur April 1st at our annual meeting.

Q: My newsletter didn't have a ballot, can I still vote now?

Q: I forgot to vote/lost the ballot/didn't get around to it, can I still vote now?

A: We believe we have received enough ballots to get an accurate poll of the membership, which was the goal of the first vote.

The results are:

Option 1 - 2 Votes

Option 2 - 55 Votes

Option 3 - 7 Votes

None of the above - 1 Vote

Q: What happens between now and the final vote April 1st?

A: The SDMC board will create the proposed changes to the bylaws that will allow for the autocross team to act as a subsidiary. The board will encourage Miata autocross enthusiasts to begin organizing themselves. The proposed changes to the bylaws will be published in the March newsletter for membership review prior to the annual meeting.

— SDMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Membership Duties Change Hands



Photo: Cathy Booth

L-R: Gale Chan, David Martin, Mark Booth

Borrowing a bit from the adage "two heads are better than one", GALE CHAN and DAVID MARTIN are now the *MEMBERSHIP DUO* which replaces Mark Booth who has retired from the job of *MEMBERSHIP DUDE*. Please join me in congratulating Gale and David for their club spirit and willingness to take on a very important club function.

Now, Mark and wife CATHY can enjoy the fruits of their labor and merely enjoy club functions, without the burden of officialdom.

— ANTHONY WILDE

AUTOCROSS AT THE "Q"



The following autocross events are tentatively scheduled to take place in the parking lot of Qualcomm Stadium

Saturday, February 19.....race day

Saturday, March 11.....practice day

Sunday, March 19.....race day

Sunday, March 26.....practice day

Friday, April 7.....National Tour

Saturday, April 8....."

Sunday, April 9....."

Saturday, April 22.....race day

Saturday, May 6.....practice day

Sunday, May 7.....race day

Sunday, May 21.....race day

To confirm autocross information, call:

San Diego SCCA Hotlines (619) 441-1333

(800) 360-4454

Web page www.sdr-solo2.com

Rainer Mueller (760) 439-0067

John Godden (858) 538-6165

Come participate or watch our club members race at the autocross (timed event). To participate you need to register for a Solo II card and number (\$15) and have a DOT approved helmet. Loaner helmets are available at the autocross.

Quarterly Board Meeting

The board of directors of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB will hold their quarterly meeting immediately following the regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, February 24. This meeting is open to the entire membership.

Any SDMC member wishing to add a subject to the agenda or to have the board address an issue, please notify STEVE WAID, club president, (760) 432-0727 or swaid@home.com. You may also contact SAL CAUSARANO, club secretary, (760) 787-0624, wooddust@aol.com.

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NOTICES

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is an official chapter of the MIATA CLUB OF AMERICA. We are a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote the enjoyment of — and enthusiasm for — the Mazda Miata.

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS is the monthly newsletter of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Use of articles or stories by other MCA chapters is hereby granted, provided proper credit is given.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. Did you just add a new accessory to your Miata? How about writing a review for the newsletter? Where possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions can also be mailed to the club's post office box.

Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Internet: The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB has established a dedicated World Wide Web Home Page at:

www.sandiegomiataclub.org

The club has a members-only electronic mail list for those members with e-mail capability.

Dedicated 24-hour voice/fax phone line: (619) 582-2448

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Note new club phone number & address!



MEETING PLACES

San Diego International Auto Show

Dates: February 2 - 6

Time: 10 a.m.—10 p.m.

Place: San Diego Convention Center
111 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego

Contact: Stef Gould (619) 297-4272 or
stef@miata.net

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Borrego Springs "Picnic at the Circle" Fun Run

Date: Saturday, February 5

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: North County Fair, under the sign

Run Leaders: Jack and Sue diLustro
(858) 484-2427 or jdilustro@hotmail.com

It's time for a mid-winter fun run out to the desert to enjoy the scenery, the twisties, and have a picnic in the town's grass circle (bare feet optional).

We will meet at North County Fair and drive to the Borrego Springs Desert Nature Center and Visitor Center for a unique self guided tour of our Southern California desert offerings. The nature center has slide presentations as well as books, maps, and gift items for sale. We will then continue to the town circle for a picnic and relaxation. There are deli's and restaurants in the town, to buy lunch if you don't want to bring the picnic basket. If it rains, we will do a slight modification and have lunch at a local restaurant. Following lunch, we will continue toward WYNOLA Road and the Julian Pie Company. A quick walk to Dudley's Bakery for fresh baked bread will round out the day and then we'll head back toward the coast.

Directions: Take I-15 to North County Fair Shopping Mall, Exit Via Rancho Parkway and meet under the North County Fair sign at the West side of the Mall.

BRAINSTORM Weekend in San Diego

Date: February, 12-13

Time: 9:30 a.m.—5 p.m. (both days)

Place: The home of Barb and Elliot Shev
14425 Trailwind Road, Poway
(858) 679-0777

Directions: I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road and head east toward Lake Poway. Follow for about 5 miles making a left on Trailwind Road. Drive up the hill and find us on the right side of the road. Trailwind is the first street after Lake Poway Road.

Coordinators: Barb and Elliot Shev

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Monthly Meeting

Followed by Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 24

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Boll Weevil

9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (at Ruffin Road), San Diego (858) 571-6225. This event is the single best way to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, share stories, etc.

Quarterly board meeting immediately following the membership meeting.

Don't miss the fun!

Overnight in Laughlin

Date: February 25 & 26

Place: Harrah's, Laughlin (800) 427-7247

Coordinator: Bari Hyde (714) 827-2940 or
bhyde@earthlink.net

It's that time of year again! Gather up all those coins you have been wrapping and let's head out to Laughlin! Please RSVP to Bari when you have secured your room.

Rain or Shine Ride to

Borrego Springs

Date: Saturday, February 26

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Oscar's parking lot in Mission Valley

Run Leaders: Robert & Lauren Thompson
rlthomp@cts.com or (858) 488-3764

Bring money, as we will be having lunch at a Mexican Restaurant in Borrego Springs. There will also be a stop at Dudley's for goodies! This will be a casual ride. Please be kind, this is Bob's first run!

The route that we will be taking will start in Mission Valley near Oscar's north of Hwy 8 on Qualcomm Way; go east on Hwy 8 to 79 to Cuyamaca Lake for a stop, then to Julian and down Banner Grade, and to S3 to Borrego Springs for a lunch break at the Mexican Restaurant. After lunch we head up Montezuma Grade to S2 to Santa Ysabel back to Ramona, to El Cajon, and then Hwy 8 West to San Diego.

Directions: From I-15: exit on Friar's Road West to Qualcomm Way, left under Friar's Road, right on Rio San Diego Drive. From I-8: exit Texas Street / Qualcomm Way, take Qualcomm Way to Rio San Diego Drive and turn left.

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

March 18, 2000

St. Patrick's Day Poker Run

The 6th annual SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY MIATA CLUB St. Patrick's Day Poker Run — low-key, fun Miata driving event on some of the best "Miata roads" in Central California (the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas).

\$45 per car, includes lunch for two, participation in the run and dash plaque. Event T-shirts/\$12 each; awards dinner/\$15 per person. Clovis Cole Hotel, (559) 299-1547
Miata event rate: \$63 single/\$65 double.

www.sjvmc.net or
RonBranam@worldnet.att.net or
Ron at (559) 323-5243

March 24-26, 2000 (*Note new date!*)

Fourth Annual

Miata Performance Driving School

Thunderhill Track in Willows, about an hour north of Sacramento—2½ days of training and special events, all aimed at enabling you to become a safer driver, and also to help you get every ounce of performance out of your Miata. Register at:

www.teammiata.com/thunderhill/school.htm
or call (925) 370-6485 for an information packet and registration form.
Registration is \$325.

April 29-May 1, 2000

Bruges 2000

10th Anniversary European Miata gathering in Bruges, Belgium
www.eunos.com/bruges

Six SDMC members have made plans to join the European Miata community at the celebration; make plans to go along! *SDMC Contact:* Ed and Michelle Langmaid
(619) 278-1774 or ed1@carinet

June 1-4, 2000

South 2000

The MX5 PASSION CLUB meeting will take place in the South of France.

www.multimania.com/mx5passion

June 21, 2000 (*tentative date*)

Y2K 2 Alaska

The MIDNIGHT SUN MIATA CLUB invites Miata club members to Fairbanks, Alaska for the longest day of the year.

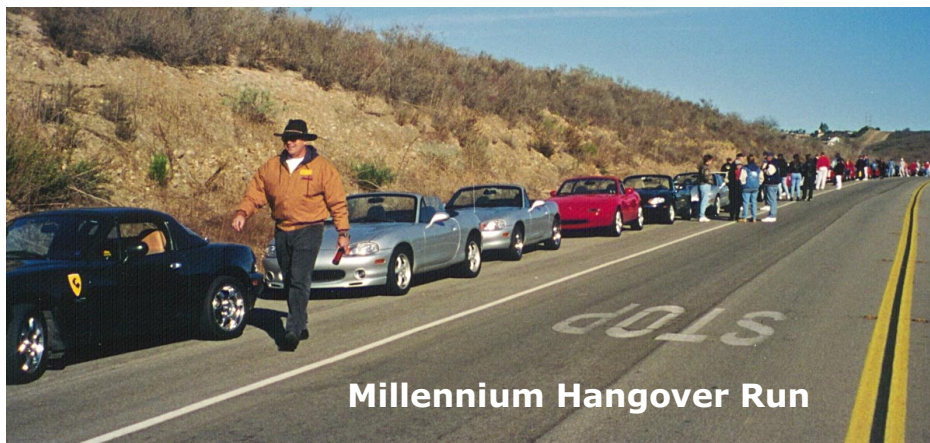
Contact: Don (907) 456-3103,
donwookke@co.fairbanks.ak.us

October 24-27, 2000

Miatas in Paradise

MCA national event for the year 2000
Daytona Beach, Florida
Contact: Jenna (800) 832-3292 or
www.miata2000.com





Millennium Hangover Run

PHOTO: RAY ACEVEDO

January 2, 2000

Bringing together more top-down enthusiasm than anywhere else on the globe, SOCALM and SDMC started 2000 and the Millennium Hangover Run with a crisp, sunny day. Some people may have opted for warmer temperatures, but a quick flick of the heater controls and everyone was as toasty as they would like. All



together, 76 Miatas and one Mazda 323 GTX came for the drive. The run even had an official mascot: Bill & Doreen Bryant with the only 2000 Miata of the day (in Evolution Orange!). This year, we started one step into San Diego County at the San Mateo Campground on Cristianitos Road. Our cars lined the entrance to the state park, with the driver's meeting spilling halfway into the road (despite the fact that RVs kept barreling past us).

A very meaningful moment to me was when SDMC President STEVE WAID presented me with a set of SDMC magnetics, complete with a car just like Enzo, Jr. (black stripes and all). Contrary to what JOHN TEMPLETON says, there is no such thing as *too many stickers!* ENZO will wear the SDMC logo with pride.

However, I did get caught unprepared for the run, as I was sure that the gloomy last days of 1999 in conjunction with the threat of the Y2K bug would cut attendance. So, I only had 63 sets of directions. Our gang managed by having cars buddy up, including Katie Roth and Kris & Scott Sanders, who gave away their instructions and were led along the run by John & Koren Montez via CB. On the subject of CBs, mine won't transmit. So, thanks go to John & Dorothy Bailey, who several times relayed a message to the rest of the group for me.

The first half of the drive consisted of some slow, scenic roads that went through the hills in southern Orange County. We had some spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, sparkling an almost iridescent blue against the bright green of hillside lawns and cerulean sky. I was especially thrilled with the light during the day. Instead of being harsh and painful, the sun during the

drive was brilliant without severity, making the dots of Miata color in my rear view mirror especially warm and cheerful.

Since there were so many cars, I tried splitting us into two smaller groups. BILL and BARI HYDE offered to lead the second pack, and for the first 20 miles of the run we did manage to stay apart. However, by the time we got to Ortega Highway, we were strung together in one *mostly* contiguous line. Sometimes I wish I were in a car going the opposite direction, just so I could see the effect of so many passing Miatas.

Our rest stop in Lake Elsinore was uneventful; most people stood around talking about their cars (*big surprise*). I was thrilled to learn that MacPherson Mazda was supporting our clubs by sending two representatives, including Service Manager Tony Antunes. During the rest stop, Bari Hyde opened up the SOCALM Boutique from the trunk of QT. I also held a second driver's meeting, where we all cheered the newer members of each club.

In addition, during the meeting I made a very important clarification. Earlier in the day, Steve Waid spoke proudly of the fact that his Sunburst Yellow Miata was also the official color of SOCALM. Of course, that is ridiculous. The color of SOCALM's empire might be yellow (as evidenced by our recent use of yellow in the SOCALM script logo), but not SUNBURST yellow. Plus, there is a very logical reason why yellow could be the color of the empire ... it looks great against the only proper car color: Classic Red!

The second part of our run went past the scenic side of Lake Elsinore (as opposed to the depressing side) and then brought us to the coolest part of the day. The first cool thing: the famous 27% downgrade on Los Gatos Road. I really am amazed that the county (we're talking Riverside, home to potholes that can eat a Miata) was able to get paving equipment up the steep grade. The next cool thing: the twisties along De Luz Road. De Luz is miles of tree canopies, river crossings, dips, and curves; however, it's also a road that can trick you.

During one of my pre-runs, we had a spin out and were nearly clobbered by a disgruntled pickup truck.

Thankfully, De Luz was a De Light for the millennium. I know that BRIAN GOODWIN, who was my wingman for most of De Luz in his silver M2, gave me a double thumbs-up as we pulled into Fallbrook. I guess the lead group, which also included GENE STANLEY and John & Dorothy Bailey, was a bit shameless in pulling away from everyone else. We waited nearly 20 minutes before the tail caught up.

The last part of the run was short, at about 15 miles, taking us up Sandia Creek Road and into Temecula. Unfortunately, it was here that the Millennium Hangover Run decided to bite back. I think Sandia Creek Road must not be Y2K compliant, because John & Dorothy Bailey had a spin out. Thanks to quick thinking by Dorothy, her spin was kept to a minimum and a direct collision with the hillside became a glancing blow. Another quick thinker was JEANNE PANDES VILLACORTE, who was just ahead of the Baileys. As the accident happened, Jeanne was on the CB warning people further back that they would need to stop. MARK BOOTH and Kathie McClelland, the next cars in the line, had already begun to hang back and therefore avoided a chain reaction collision. BOB THOMPSON even turned around and headed back down the road, warning people to slow down as he and Mark Booth repeated the warning on their CBs.



PHOTO: RAY ACEVEDO

Many thanks need to go to JIM TIPTON and George Kumazawa, among everyone else who stayed to help, as they managed to pry and cut the fender of the Bailey's car away from the wheel. This allowed John & Dorothy to drive the car home (all the way to Ventura). John & Dorothy are OK, but the word is that their car is totaled with a bent frame. Special thanks go to Jim Tipton, who followed the Baileys all the way home. From what I hear, John & Dorothy will be looking for another Miata and will be back on the road with us soon.

Once the group was going again, I think we all drove just a bit slower and saner. The word filtering up the line was that many people were pushing their limits during the run, often to try to catch up to the group ahead of them. There were





PHOTO: MARK BOOTH

An Evolution Gold, Y2K model made an appearance at the first event of the year 2000.

even comments about some unsafe passing maneuvers! I guess we were all struck with a little millennium madness. I also have been told that, in many instances, members were not following both club's golden rule: if you make a turn and don't see the Miata that was behind you, wait for it. One notable exception was ART HAMILTON, who waited a long time for the group that stopped to help the Baileys. Hopefully, everyone else will be more mindful of the rule from now on.

The run ended with us filling the banquet room at Oscar's in Temecula, where the food is always great (including the free breadsticks). As I drove home after the run, I was ruminating about the past few years in the Miata world in Southern California. It was less than four years ago that SOCALM included San Diego County and SDMC didn't exist. With the success of the Millennium Hangover Run, events like SDMC's awesome SURF 'N' SAFARI '99, and SOCALM's tenth anniversary in 2000, I think that a fundamental shift has happened. Our two clubs have evolved, both in character and style. It seems right to borrow some of John F. Kennedy's words, and say that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Miata enthusiasts.

As we peer into the next millennium, I can see both clubs continuing to prosper in harmony. Together, we represent the heart of the Miata lifestyle, and that is something very special. Thank you to everyone who came to the run, and let's all mark our calendars to get 101 cars on 01-01-01 at the **Hangover Run 2001!**
— K. ZACK BROADBENT



PHOTO: RAY ACEVEDO

One Member's Opinion

Well, I've been chewing on this for sometime now, I guess it's time to spit it out. Even though I still have some hesitation, I think so highly of you folks in our club, I just have to put this out to you.

Most of you are good deal younger than I am (74), so pay attention to your elders. After living through three wars and a few skirmishes, I have become fond of the living part. Being close to death a few times, sometimes I feel I'm on borrowed time anyway, but not most of you. Let's reflect a minute on our fun runs (*and they are fun*), because I am concerned about all you lovely people.

Not all of our club members are as capable drivers as others. I know, "let them stay in back", but who likes to do that? The fun is being with the group.

Now let's think about this for a moment. Sometimes we allow ourselves to get tired and hungry on the long stretches, and our efficiency rate plummets, and then we get sloppy in our driving. I have observed this numerous times and heard many comments that this has occurred. The more hungry and tired we get, the more we get in a hurry to get where we are going, and there goes the efficiency rating.

Should we have shorter stretches before stopping to eat and the continue on? Maybe more pit stops? I know when you get behind the tendency is to go like a *bat out of hell* to catch up. After all, who wants to be left behind?

I have observed cars going over the double lines on comers. Come on, guys and gals, that is a No-No, AND YOU KNOW IT! If you decide to do yourself in, that's one thing, but don't take any of MY club members with you!

We have some excellent rules to go by on our runs and maybe its time we adhered to them!

The people who organize these runs work their butts off trying to make them successful. Can we not contribute to a successful day in our own way by obeying the rules? By knowing our tolerances and driving abilities?

I, for one, do not want to have a loss of one of my friends on my conscience. Think about it, and maybe comment on it in your own way.

Keep the shiny side up!

— JEFF DODGE

Note: It is the **responsibility** of each driver on a run to follow all traffic laws. Guidelines have been established for club runs, and all members should make themselves aware of *and follow them!*

— EDITOR



PHOTO: RAY ACEVEDO

Gloria and Jeff Dodge organized an "Impromptu Run", by using the club e-mail list, for Saturday, January 22. Thirteen cars showed up, had a picnic at Lake Morena, and then cruised over the Sunrise Highway, stopping to enjoy the views.

ARE YOU DRIVING AROUND WITH A SCREW LOOSE?

The soft top and hard top fasten to cleats, two on the windshield header, and one each behind the door posts (on hardtop equipped cars). Each have two TORX® type screws which are frequently loose or have long ago disappeared. The solution? Use a TORX number T-40 bit to re-tighten them *AFTER* putting one drop of red LOCITIE® or silicone sealer on the threads (this prevents loosening of the screw by vibration). If one or more of these special fasteners are missing; order from the dealer with part number 9944-10-820B (\$0.85 each). The microfiche is extremely unclear so be sure to order by the numbers.

— LARRY DENNSIEDT

Hint: Pat's Tools has the TORX bits, in 3/8" drive, and allen type sets at both of their locations; 43rd and Fairmont, San Diego, (619) 284-1558 and 560 El Cajon Blvd., El Cajon, (619) 442-0906. In the Miramar area, check out Marshall's Industrial Hardware at 8423 Production Avenue, San Diego, (858) 271-5555.



SDMC at the San Diego International Auto Show

February 3-6

Mazda has asked SDMC if we would like to help out, once again, in Mazda's display at the San Diego International Auto Show. Volunteers will talk with the public about the new Miata and hand out San Diego Miata Club recruiting cards to interested attendees.

Participation is limited (at Mazda's request). Shifts will be four hours long. There will be three shifts per day, two volunteers per shift. That's a total of only 22 people over the four days of the show. Mazda will provide **free** one-day show admission for the volunteers.

I've already started a list of interested volunteers. If you are interested in participating, please contact me by phone or e-mail and let me know which day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday) you are available. Shifts will be assigned on a first-come basis. I will do my best to assign shifts based upon your preferences, but obviously the number of volunteers will likely outnumber the available shifts. I wish we could let everyone participate but that just isn't possible. My thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding.

—STEF GOULD, (619) 297-4272 or

stef@miata.net

BRAINSTORM comes to you!

February 12 — 13

The wonderful folks of BRAINSTORM, Roshan and Dali, are planning a great weekend with the SAN DIEGO MIATA

CLUB at the home of BARB and ELLIOT SHEV in Poway. This event will allow you to purchase and have installed the great BRAINSTORM products right here in San Diego. No travel time, no shipping, and best of all, special prices. BRAINSTORM will be giving all SDMC members a 10% discount on all products and installation of items purchased at this event.

If you are planning to have one of those really neat style bars (like the one on the Shev's 10 AE), or a set of BRAINSTORM's colorful gauge faces, a BRAINSTORM dual exhaust system (looks great, sounds better), or anything else you want installed, like those holiday presents. Call BRAINSTORM at (800) 779-3223 and make an appointment. This way you will be guaranteed a time slot during the weekend.

BRAINSTORM will be bringing down lots of great items. If you're not sure what your car needs, bring it by and check things out. How about some great-looking leather trim items, like a shift boot? They really do look and feel great



and come in all colors, even the special 10AE colors. BRAINSTORM even has 10AE gauge faces!

Here are some weekend specials, just for us:

- ◆ 1990 - 2000 sub-frame braces and 90-93 cockpit braces. If you have a 90-93 you can get both the front sub-frame brace and the cockpit brace for \$99 (a \$20 savings), and installation for just \$25. Front and rear sub-frame brace for only \$79. \$25 for installation.
- ◆ How about some of those beautiful silver gauge rings? On sale for \$50, a \$20 savings and that's for all five rings. Installation is \$40.
- ◆ Power Stack Air intake for 90-2000 cars in Red, Yellow, Blue, or Carbon Fiber for \$85. That's a 15% discount, and only \$25 to have it installed right here in San Diego.

Reserve a place on your calendar for Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13 for the biggest aftermarket goodies event since SURF'N'SAFARI! And one more thing, it's a SDMC event, so of course there will be food!

Puke-O-Rama III

Saturday, March 25

The third annual Puke-O-Rama will be held on Saturday, March 25th. Meeting spot and time will be announced in the March newsletter.

The mission of the Puke-O-Rama is to provide the venue that is most likely to make a passenger ill. This is done by driving as many of San Diego County's twistiest roads back to back. Highland Valley Road, Old Julian Highway, Wynola Road, Cuyamaca Highway, Engineers Road, Mesa Grande, and Couser Canyon will all be on the menu.

Speaking of eating, of course we will again start by "loading up" at Dalton's Roadhouse. After a full afternoon of "more curves per mile" than most people have ever experienced, unless

you came with us on Puke-O-Rama II, we will see if there is anybody left who wants to EAT again.

Mark out Saturday, March 25th if you want to stretch your Miata's legs. Your arms will be tired at the end of the day after turning the steering wheel so much.

McKamey Autocross School

Friday, April 7

We once again have an opportunity for Miata club members to attend an autocross school, put on by the best folks in the world to do this — the McKamey autocross folks.

I am now accepting registrations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 classes. Prerequisite for Phase 2 is having attended Phase 1.

Date: Friday, April 7, 2000 - all day

Place: Qualcomm Stadium

Price: Right now it's about \$220, but I'm working at getting it for less, especially if we get enough folks to have two Phase 1 schools.

If you are serious about autocrossing, I would highly recommend you attending one of these classes. Ask anyone who's ever attended about how much they learned and how their skill level improved. Quite frankly, I'm a walking (driving?) testimonial. Even if you never decide to autocross, attend the Phase 1 school will make you a much better street driver. I plan on having my 17-year-old daughter attend just for that reason.

After February 1, the school will be open to non SDMC people. So get your reservations in now to:

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Future Runs?

Now is the time to get your club magnetics. We have lots of open dates and I know there are a number of people out there that would love to lead a run. This is the **ONLY** way to earn your magnetics. If you are concerned where to take us, don't be. We love to drive our cars and will go anywhere you want to lead us. There are a lot of great places in San Diego and the surrounding areas to visit.

When someone new leads a run they get to meet lots of new people and we all get to see some of the nicest countryside in the world. We live in the perfect area for top down driving. So why not step up and lead a run? If you are unsure how to put one together, just contact me at montegom@aol.com or (760) 787-0624.

Remember, if **YOU** do not lead a run, there won't be any runs. So, step up, be counted, earn your magnetics, show us all something exciting or just plain fun, and take us someplace to eat. You will be the toast of the SDMC.

—GERI CAUSARANO

Events Coordinator



I WANT MAGNETICS!

Laurie and I had been club members for a few months when Laurie yelled this at me. She had seen Club Magnetics on other people's cars, and she wanted some too. So did I, but being the shy and retiring guy that I am, I didn't want to make a big deal out of it. Now we have them...for both cars. How did we get them?

The SDMC has chosen to present the club magnetics to any member who plans and executes a driving event for the club. This is obviously an incentive for fresh ideas and a larger member involvement. In March of 1998, MARK and CATHY BOOTH asked us if we would put together a fun run in conjunction with the Children's Hospital fund raiser that was to be held in May. We agreed! Mark gave us the push, and he and Cathy accompanied us on the pre-run. This was the first Puke-O-Rama. "*More turns per mile than ever before.*"

We got our magnetics before we started the run. How come these stupid things made us so excited? Maybe because they symbolize excellence. Somebody must think so because I even had one stolen at the Coronado Speed Festival.

I bring this up because the new year, Y2K, has started with a bang. We have presented magnetics to two members already. ZACK BROADBENT, also the President of SOCALM, was presented SDMC magnetics for leading the Annual Hangover Run, a joint SDMC and SOCALM event. JIM and CHARLENE BROKAW put together a leisurely coastal run that included a big lunch at the end. The Y2K calendar is starting to fill up. We have the San Diego Auto Show, the SDMC annual meeting, Puke-O-Rama III, The Madonna Inn Run (The Search for Madonna II), the return to The Getty Museum, and look we forward to the annual Twilight Run. There is always room for more!

It has amazed me how many different ideas there are rewarding places to drive to in our Miatas. That is what this club is all about. When I first joined SDMC, I was told that this was "a drivers club not an owners club." I thought that distinction was very descriptive. Since joining this club, I have been to all of the following places:

- Railroad Museum
- Experimental Aircraft Association
- Olympic Training Center
- Tijuana Estuary
- Borrego Springs flower fields
- Getty Museum
- USS Coronado (Deathstar)
- Evans Auto Museum
- MCRD Museum
- On the base at Camp Pendleton
- Dudley's, so many times I can't count.
- Restaurants everywhere

- In a thunderstorm (top down) followed by rainbows
- In the snow (top up)
- And many others that I can't remember (Old timers disease)

What is my point? Every person who has magnetics merely said to themselves, "Here is something I like to do...anyone want to come along?" The next thing that happens is there is a whole bunch of folks who want to come along. Then the Club Magnetics are presented.

Some people are reluctant to volunteer to put on a driving event for the club because they fear that no one will have a good time. Not to worry. My experience is that the members of this club will not only HAVE a good time, they are DETERMINED to have a good time. Speaking from experience, there is nothing much more rewarding than the feeling you get at the end of a run that you have led. First is the RELIEF that you got it done, then the joy of everyone telling you what a good time they had. That's why all you have to do is plan something that you enjoy. Also, there are people like me who would be glad to help you plan your first event and get you your magnetics. Who's next?

—STEVE WAID

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ad space is provided free of charge to members. Please include your name, telephone number and E-mail address (if applicable) with each submission.

For Sale: '97 M-edition (Marina Green). Has all the usual M goodies (leather, Nardi wood, premium sound system, a/c, etc.) and many extras, including ABS, factory remote alarm, real oil pressure indicator, front and rear skirts, luggage rack, free-flow air filter, and others. The car was purchased in Arizona, and driven in California. Very well maintained, with only 29,000 miles on the odometer. Asking \$17,595.

Mark Shusterman at emshusterman@usa.net or (619) 200-7160. Photo can be e-mailed on request.

For Sale: 15" Racing Tires, BFGoodrich Comp T/A R1 205/50-ZR15 over 90% tread, \$200 OBO. Greg (619) 584-7174.

For Sale: '95 M edition (Merlot) like new condition, synthetic oils, a/c, cruise control, am/fm cass/cd player. Koni shocks, stainless brake lines, real oil pressure gauge.

I still have many goodies that came off my Miata, Sebring supercharger, J&S knock sensor kit, factory mudguard, air dam, rear skirt (all painted Merlot), hard top (painted Merlot), Ed Hanson custom exhaust system, tan tonneau cover and chrome style bar, an almost-complete collection of *Miata Magazine*. Plus many other useful items all for 90-97 Miatas. Call anytime!

Ken at (760) 753-1502 or kene@nctimes.net.

New Members!

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter):

PATRICK DONOHUE

San Diego

1992 Red A

DAVID GASKILL & PATRICIA MUES

Escondido

1999 Red PEP

VICKY & LARRY GILBERT

Santee

1996 White

BILL & BILLYE PRESTON

Ft. Worth, TX

1999 Red Leather

JERED S. SCOTT

Monterey

1999 Black

STEFFEN & STEPHANIE THOMPSON

San Diego

1994 Red

TED & TAMARA TIMMONS

San Diego

1991 Red B

Renewing members (since last newsletter):

K. ZACK BROADBENT

BRIAN BYRNE

THOMAS T. CHAN

JOHN & GERRY CONN

JOSEPH & GISELLE GIGLIELLO

GIVEN & CHRISTINE HARRISON

ALLAN & LINDA PABIAN

ROBERT & LYNN PARRISH

SUE & RANDY PATTERSON

MICHAEL SIMMONS

WALLY STEVENS

JIM & TIGER THYDEN

ROY & MARY TWEEDIE

JOYCE WELLS

As of January 23, 2000, there are 320 memberships consisting of 498 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

- 91 Red
- 51 White
- 37 Black
- 22 Emerald Green
- 20 Montego Blue
- 20 Silver
- 13 Sapphire Blue
- 11 Mariner Blue
- 11 BRG
- 10 Laguna Blue
- 10 Starlight Blue
- 8 Twilight Blue
- 7 Merlot
- 5 Marina Green
- 4 Yellow
- 10 Unreported

