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SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Twilight Fun Run**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Too Much Fun?

Whoa, Nellie! This past month has been filled with one great event after another. And guess what? They've all been too much fun. Just a quick review, in case you forgot. The month started early with the long 4th of July weekend. This was led off by Miatas go to Camp, SDMC at the MDA VIP Day on Friday June 30, hosted by SUE and JACK HINKLE. The weekend was concluded with another first place ribbon at the Scripps Ranch 4th of July parade, hosted by DIANE LONG, and pool party and BBQ, hosted by BARB and yours truly.

The next weekend was jam-packed with Miata club fun. It began with our favorite event, eating dinner at Tom's Burgers, followed by cruisin' the avenue, Grand Avenue in Escondido that is, followed by our second favorite event, eating pie. All this hosted by LAURIE and STEVE WAID and the Hinkles. Sue even arranged for specials on dinner for us; thanks Sue! Saturday was highlighted by LARRY DENNSTEDT's super tech day and autocross practice (I also was distracted by my company picnic on Saturday). Sunday was host to three main attractions...CATHY and MARK BOOTH's Early Bird Fun Run, closely followed by the KESSLER's pool party and Mexican buffet. Now don't forget it was also a championship autocross day! Those of us who autocross had our dry spell end this day. What a weekend; I need a day off to recoup!

Then just when you think that things can't get any better, they do. ANITA EOFF and SCOTT ROSIN held the first annual Murder Mystery Rally. This was a real killer. Starting with the vandalism, followed by more vandalism, followed by food, followed by the murder, followed by the search for the facts, followed by more food. What a perfect day. And speaking of perfection, that's how this was planned and "executed." I look forward to next year's murder mystery challenge.

August is also looking very exciting. Lots of events—the Monterey Historic Automobile Races, another cruise night (I can't wait for this. If you missed the last one, don't miss this one), autocross, the MDA charity run (get those sponsors signed up), and our monthly meeting. There is a lot happening. All this put together by your fellow club members for your enjoyment. I must add a personal note here—if you think it's fun for you to *attend* an event, put one on and you will *really* have fun. And if it's your first event, you'll earn a set of exclusive SDMC magnetics to match your car. See you on a twisty soon!

— ELLIOT



PHOTO: GINDY PALOMA



NEWS FROM MAZDA

Mazda Roadster Recognized in Guinness

World's largest production of lightweight open two-seater sports car

Mazda's Roadster has been certified as the world's top-selling lightweight open two-seater sports car model by the Guinness World Records of the U.K. The production of the Roadster was started in April 1989. Cumulative production is 565,779 units (as of the end of June 2000), and still growing. The Roadster is known as MX-5 in Europe and Miata in North America. The Roadster made its debut at the Chicago Auto Show in February 1989. Since then, the Roadster has gained strong support among users worldwide who love sports cars. There are a number of fan clubs in Japan and overseas run by Roadster enthusiasts.

The Guinness certification was obtained in May 2000 after applying to Guinness World Records last November when the cumulative production of 500,000 units was marked. "This certification means that the Roadster required only ten years after the start of production to prove itself established as the world's top brand of sports cars," said Mark Fields, President of Mazda.

According to the Guinness World Record Limited, the keeper of the records will now consider this record for entry into the world's biggest selling copyright book, Guinness World Records itself. *The Guinness Book of Records*, published by Guinness World Records Limited, is a world-famous book that records feats accepted as the greatest in the world in various fields, including sports, culture and industry. Guinness published its first edition in 1955.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars — the Mazda Miata.

Owning and driving a Miata is one of life's great pleasures, and adding the company and camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts only enhances the experience. Won't you join the fun as we enjoy the beauty of San Diego county from the seat of a very special little roadster?

Let's have fun driving our Miatas!

Recruiting Cards

We have new recruiting cards available. If you would like some, please see ELLIOT SHEV at any event.

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Zoom-Zoom-Zoom

You can hear it everywhere these days. Mazda has been showing a new Miata commercial with the Zoom-Zoom-Zoom music and has a version on their company Web page.

Not to be outdone, member JOHN RICHARDSON has put together the best version, by far. You can view it on the club Web page. It is entitled, what else? Zoom-Zoom-Zoom

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Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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

www.sandiegomiataclub.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

San Diego Twilight Fun Run

Date: Saturday, August 5

Time: 3 p.m. for pizza
run starts at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: Pizza Hut, 3637 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa

Run Leaders: CATHY & MARK BOOTH,
Home: (619) 670-3789 or
Cell: (619) 855-5020

For this, the 6th annual running of the original Twilight Fun Run, we are returning to the original starting location and the first-year's run route.

This is a leisurely ride along some of San Diego's East County roads during the late afternoon/early evening hours. That special "twilight" period when the hot summer day slowly gives way to a comfortable summer night.

Arrive at 3 p.m. for pizza. The run will start at 4:30 p.m. The run will finish back near the starting point at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Directions: I-805 south/north to Highway 94 east. Continue on Highway 94 into La Mesa. (Watch those signs carefully, Highway 94 east merges off to the right near the Spring Street exit.) Stay on Highway 94 east and exit at Avocado Blvd. Turn left at the stop sign at the end of the ramp. Proceed over the highway and make a right turn into the Rancho San Diego Village Shopping Center. The Pizza Hut is straight ahead.

SDMC Cruises Grand Avenue - Wheels 'n' Meals

Date: Friday, August 11

Meeting Time: 6:15 p.m.

Meeting Place: Tom's Burgers

5th and Centre City Pkwy, Escondido
Coordinators: The Waids & Hinkles
Join us for a second night of cruising Miata style down Grand Avenue in Escondido. For those of you who missed it last month, and for those of you who had a good time, we have arranged for another cruising night in Escondido. Miatas will gather at Tom's Burgers. We will then cruise Grand, Miata style, making as many trips up & down Grand Avenue as you would like. Miatas can park at the Wells Fargo Bank lot located on the corner of Escondido Blvd. and Valley Parkway.

SOCALM-SDMC Joint Tech Day

Date: Saturday, August 12

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: 5 Avance Lane, Foothill Ranch
Orange County

Host: Scott Prilliman, (949) 588-0989
hayes28@yahoo.com

Have a thing or two that you want to do to your Miata? Tech Day is the place! Throw on that cat-back system, change your timing, or just polish your baby in the company of Miata lovers. Vendor activities include Beach Cities Dent Removal and their associated windshield repair service. This will be first come, first served on the day of the event. We are also organizing a group windshield replacement effort. Anyone interested in this should contact me, as the price is still being negotiated on volume of participants.

Please bring something for the potluck if you plan to eat. Donations of soft drinks will be greatly appreciated. Those of you who have tools, jacks, and jack-stands that you can bring are welcome and encouraged to do so.

Directions to Scott's house: Exit the I-405 or I-5 freeways where they meet at Bake Parkway, and travel Northeast toward the mountains 5-6 miles until you pass Portola Parkway, just after passing under the 241 freeway. Take the first left after Portola onto Rue de Fortuna. Take the fourth right onto Rimini. A quick left onto Toulon, and a quick right onto Avance, and you are there, second house on the left.
Thomas Bros. OC guide 862 C3.

Dinner with the Stars

Date: Saturday, August 12

Meeting Time: 2:45 p.m.

Driver's Meeting at 3 p.m.
Meeting Place: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & PreSchool,
14280 Poway Road in Poway

Coordinators: KATHY & KEN ROBERTS,
(858) 578-5727, (619) 518-5727 cell,
or kroberts1@prodigy.net

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to enjoy a summer evening drive-in movie with your sweetie? No. I am not talking about taking your spouse or your favorite BF or GF to the theater, but your

Miata! We will begin by exploring the winding roads of north and east county before making our way back to Poway for fine casual dining at the "EEZEE GRILL" where they cook kabob style over charcoal. After have had our fill, we will depart at 7 p.m. for a 20-minute drive to Santee. There you will have a choice of viewing one of two double features at the Santee Drive-in, located on the east side of Highway 67. The cost is \$5.50 per adult. Pay when you enter. What to Bring: Your sense of adventure, your knowledge of movies (there will be a trivia contest with prizes!), and a sweater or blanket to keep you warm at the movies (yeah, I know, that's what your honey is for)!

PLEASE RSVP with your skewer dinner choice so we can let them know what to prepare. You'll pick your side dish and pay at the restaurant.

Dinner choices:

A. Teriyaki Chicken - cost \$4.50

B. Skirt Steak - cost \$5.99

C. Mahi Mahi - cost \$6.95

Directions to meeting place: Located 5.2 miles east of I-15 near the intersection of Garden & Poway Roads.

Pre-Run Meeting— Utah Fall Leaf Run

Date: Sunday, August 13

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: To Be Determined

Hosts: LAUREN & ROBERT THOMPSON
lthomp@cts.com or (858) 488-3764

If you are planning on going to the Utah Fall Leaf Run (*See Page 4*), please RSVP whether you will be able to attend the meeting as this info will determine the meeting location. A swim & barbecue dinner will be provided!

Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 24

Time: 6 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.

Don't miss the fun!

August Events (Continued on page 4)



August Events (Continued from page 3)

Miles of Miatas for MDA

Date: Saturday, August 26

Time: Registration 8:30 a.m.

Place: Boll Weevil

9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (at Ruffin Road), San Diego (858) 571-6225.

Coordinators: SUE & JACK HINKLE, (760) 735-9456, sportscarr@aol.com

Time to "Get In and Be Moved" for our 4th annual Miles of Miatas for MDA fund raising event. Coordinators Jack and Sue Hinkle have been busy organizing to make this our biggest fund raising event in club history. Miata vendors have generously donated some wonderful items.

This year's event will be kicked-off at our favorite meeting place, the Boll Weevil Restaurant. Rick Hackley, owner of the Boll Weevil, has volunteered to provide morning refreshments as well as items to take with you on the run. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. MDA Staff will be on hand to collect sponsor sheets from members who have obtained donations for the event. Members raising \$100 or more will receive two event T-shirts (one each for the driver and co-pilot) and will be given raffle tickets for each \$50 raised. You'll even have an opportunity to buy a square on our 50/50 race board and participate in the Miata 50/50 race at the end of the day. Raffle tickets will be sold at the dinner for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The run will be a leisurely drive that will include some great twisties with planned stops along the way for refreshments and bathroom visits. Our final destination will find us at the site of Bell Gardens in Valley Center.

Of course no SDMC event would be complete without good food so we've arranged with the folks from Red Oak Barbecue to put on a "Santa Maria Style" with all the fix'ins. Cost of dinner is \$10.00 per person. That's not all, we will be giving prizes to our top three fundraisers.

Last year our club raised over \$11,000 with only 38 Miatas participating.

RSVP to the Hinkles - Checks for dinner can be made payable to Sue Hinkle and mailed to 733 S. Kalmia St., Escondido, CA 92025.

FUTURE EVENTS

MDA Telethon & Fun Run

Monday, September 4

It's that time of the year for the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB to participate in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. This year's Telethon will be held at the KPBS Studio located on the campus of San Diego State.

PAM & DAVE HUNT will lead the group from the K-Mart parking lot in Mission Valley (meeting time 8:15 a.m.) at the corner of Qualcomm Way and Rio San Diego Drive to the TeleThon site where the Miatas will pass by the outside fishbowl. For all you camera hams, KUSI will have the outside cameras rolling as we pass by the fishbowl and then replaying our Miata caravan while we are live on the phones.

The club is scheduled to staff the pledge phones from 10 to 11:40 a.m. ELLIOT SHEV, along with SUE and JACK HINKLE, will be presenting our check to MDA from the *Miles of Miatas* event held on August 26th. What better way to spend your Labor Day? Let's show that great SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB spirit in supporting this great cause with a line of Miatas for as far as the eye can see.

Immediately following the Telethon, the Hunts will lead a fun run from the college to their home in Poway for a barbecue and pool party.

Directions to K-Mart: From I-15 exit on Friars Road West to Qualcomm Way turn left, right on Rio San Diego Drive. From I-8 exit Texas St/Qualcomm Way, take Qualcomm Way to Rio San Diego Drive and Turn left.

Utah Fall Leaf Run 2000

September 21- September 25

This will be a joint event with the UTAH MIATA CLUB in Provo, Utah. It will be a *minimum* five day event including travel days. We attended this event last year and had a great time—the leaves were spectacular.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact:

LAUREN or ROBERT THOMPSON
lthomp@cts.com or (858) 488-3764.

NOTE: A pre-run meeting will be on August 13th. See page 3 for details.

Run to the Getty 2001

Sunday, June 10, 2001

Mark your calendars now! BARB & ELLIOT SHEV will once again host a trip to the Getty Museum in 2001, for the fourth consecutive year. Reservations open April 2001 details will appear in that month's newsletter.

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

**Fourth Annual Midwest Miata Challenge
Hilliard High School - Hilliard, Ohio**

September 30, 2000

This is a Miata-only autocross event, first held in 1997. Last year it was hosted by the NW Ohio Chapter at the University of Toledo. The Buckeye Chapter regained the team trophy from the Northcoast Chapter. We are seeking revenge this year! Come on out and join us!

Contact: Rob Young, a90y@aol.com

Backroads To Bavaria V

Leavenworth/Wenatchee, Washington

October 6-8, 2000

You are invited to attend the annual Backroads to Bavaria Fall Colors Tour hosted by John Hewitt of the Puget Sound Chapter of the MCA. This multi-chapter Pacific Northwest favorite event unites Miata friends old and new. Celebrate with a visit to the Bavarian Village of Leavenworth during the Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival. Twisty and curvacious roads will delight as you journey through the colorful valleys of the Cascade Mountains.

For more information or RSVP by 9/15/00, Contact: John.Hewitt@msvl.wednet.edu, or (425) 335-4129

Miatas in Paradise

Daytona Beach, Florida

October 24-27, 2000

MCA national event for the year 2000

The most famous beach in the world, the world-renowned Daytona Speedway, autocrossing, the Megafuncana, a first-class five-star hotel with each window facing the ocean, concourse d'elegance, vendors, Miata model contests, and a whole lot of Miatas!

Contact: Jenna (800) 832-3292 or
www.miata2000.com



NEW MEMBERS!

**WELCOME to our newest members
(since last newsletter):**

SUNIL & AVA BHAVSAR
San Diego
2000 Emerald Green

LYNN CARLSON
San Diego
1995 M (Merlot)

LARRY & JEANNIE HOSKINSON
San Diego
1994 Laguna Blue

AL & DORIS PIERCE
San Diego
2000 Emerald Green LS

HELEN & CHARLES ROWE
San Diego
1990 Red

CONRAD SANKPILL
San Diego
2000 Evolution Orange

MATT & CHABELA STEWART
Temecula
1995 Black

MELISSA & GARRET WILLIAMS
Carlsbad
1995 Red Touring

AUTOCROSS AT THE "Q"



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

Sunday, August 27.....race day
Saturday, September 23.....race day
Saturday, October 7.....race day
Saturday, October 21.....race day
Saturday, November 11.....practice day
Sunday, November 19.....race day
Saturday, December 2.....race day
Sunday, December 17.....practice day
Monday, January 1, 2001.....practice day

To confirm autocross information, call:

San Diego SCCA Hotlines (619) 441-1333
(800) 360-4454

Web page www.sdr-solo2.com

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.

Renewing members (since last newsletter):

TONY & MARY BEECHER
TOM S. BLOOD
GREG & KRIS DUNLAP
BILL EDM & SHERRY LUDWIG
ALAN & DEBBIE ELSTER
JOE & DIANE GARRISON
LEONARD & LOIS GARTH
STEF & TOM GOULD
JAMES W. HIND
STEVE LAMB
GORDON A. LONG
JIM & REBECCA MCQUESTION
MARLA & SCOTT MITRO
RAINER & MARIANNE MUELLER
CINDY PALOMA
MURDOCK & NORMA PAYNE
WALTER & JANICE PENNINGTON
ED ROSENTHAL
RUTH & LOU STARK
KEN & CARLA JEAN TOOKER
WOODY & MAGGI WOODHOUSE

Membership Statistics

As of July 24, 2000, there are 312 memberships (134 single, 178 dual) for a total of 490 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

83	Red
49	White
40	Black
25	Emerald Green
25	Silver
14	Sapphire Blue
13	Montego Blue
11	Mariner Blue
11	Starlight Blue
9	BRG
8	Laguna Blue
8	Twilight Blue
6	Marina Green
5	Merlot
4	Yellow
3	Mahogany
2	Evolution Orange
11	Unreported *

* Unreported means a member does not have a Miata at this time.

Elsewhere in Miataland

There are some bits of information in recent newsletters that may be of interest to SDMCers.

In the Delaware Valley's Roadster Review, Donna Tonucci describes the weakening output of her Crazy Red Italian air horn. She contacted the company and discovered that accumulation of dirt in the trumpet will eventually prevent the diaphragm from vibrating. WD-40 can be used to clean them; detailed instructions are available from CrazyRed@Miata.net.

The DelVal club is planning an interesting event. They will drive to Daytona, FL in October and return with their Miatas on the Auto Train.

The Sahuaro Chapter's Desert Trails newsletter lists some Internet sites that you may not have discovered. For information about lightweight trailers (apparently some Miata owners are willing to use their cars for towing) see www.southsporttrailers.com or www.letsgoaero.com. For hitches and wiring harnesses see www.seriousauto.com. Road test information is located at www.edmunds.com. The federal government has ratings information on www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

A technical tip comes from the Buckeye Chapter's Miata Minutes; a member is pleased with new Vision Plus halogen headlights made by Hella of Germany. They are available from J.C. Whitney (15PD7017P) and, according to the Whitney catalog, are approved for street use.

The president of the Sacramento chapter wrote in the July Miatatudes newsletter that a member, Aaron Smith, will be moving to San Diego to work for Diamond Star Publishing, writing and reporting for *Miata Magazine* and *Ragtops and Roadsters*.

Finally, there was information about the Braille Rallye that SOCALM members supported on July 22. Participants depend on their navigators, who are Braille students, to direct them by reading the instructions in Braille and communicating to the sighted driver. "These kids, like any other California teenager, would like the independence of driving their own cars. That cannot happen, but in this event they are in the car as something other than just a passenger." What a wonderful idea!

— LOIS MARTIN





Dromo 1

June 17, 2000

JEFF HOLLADAY thought it would be fun, and it was! Early one Saturday morning, around a dozen hearty SDMC members trekked up to the southern fringe of the evil empire to try their skill on an indoor kart track.

An equal number of SOCALM members were already there when we arrived, due to the ever present traffic.

Each race consisted of nine karts for a 6 lap qualifying heat and then a 12 lap race. Fun it was, and exhausting too.



PHOTO: NEAL HOWLAND



PHOTO: BARB & ELLIOT SHEV



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Chicken Run— Team Voodoo at the Movies

June 29, 2000

A large number of Miataphiles arrived in Mira Mesa donned in chickenphernalia. They came mostly in Team Voodoo garb and some even brought their pet chickens. Barb Beach brought a real stiff one.

You may ask, why? Well, 51 of us crazy chicken folks met at the new Edwards Cinema to attend a screening of the newest clay-mation film from the creators of *Wallace and Grommet*, *Chicken Run*.

The movie was great. There are scenes which have a lot of similarity to those you may remember from many movies you have seen in the past like *Stalag 17*, *The Great Escape*, *Indiana Jones* (all of them), *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*.

After the movies we went to Mimi's for, what else, *pie* and late dinner for those of us who did not eat earlier.

What do you think ANTHONY ordered? You guessed it, chicken pot pie! Go see the movie, it's great fun! But then this crowd can have fun anywhere!

— BARB SHEV



Above - No kitty, that's my pot pie!

Right - VBob lets it all hang out.



PHOTOS: BARB & ELLIOT SHEV





PHOTO: MIKE SHACK



PHOTOS: SAL CAUSARANO

Miatas Go to Camp SDMC at the MDA VIP Day

June 30, 2000

It was truly an unforgettable sight.

Hundreds of Marines and sailors marching in step down the path, pushing wheelchairs or escorting youngsters on crutches. A wonderful example of people helping people.

Drill sergeants called out the cadence with words especially adapted for MDA camp, and the enthusiastic voices of the little ones meshed beautifully with the throaty roars of the husky men and women Marines. A color guard led the parade, flanked by two youngsters carrying red plastic baseball bats, rather than rifles.

As the parade came to a stop in front of the visitors, the lady Marine platoon leader, standing at strict attention with fists curled in standard Marine style, led the group through right face, left face, about face. And then they all rendered the Marine Hymn a cappella in stirring fashion.

The visitors treated to this remarkable demonstration at Cuyamaca Camp were VIPs being thanked by the local Muscular Dystrophy Association for their past contributions to the organization. The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB was honored to be included on that list.

Youngsters with Muscular Dystrophy who spend a week at camp were delighted to give tours to their visitors, expertly guiding their motor-driven wheelchairs both on and off-road with equal aplomb. A counselor is assigned to each camper, and more importantly an enlisted military person is also assigned as an "always at my side" buddy. For those who need more, such as those with assisted breathing or who need to be lifted in and out of wheelchairs or bed, up to three Marines were there to help at all times.

Bonding was quick, and MDA camp T-shirts (beautifully designed by two young campers) were autographed in much the same way as high school yearbooks are inscribed at graduation. Smiles on the campers' faces were bright and frequent.

SDMC was honored because of past contributions to the organization. Effervescent SUE HINKLE led the group to the camp, in her triple role as parent of a son with muscular dystrophy, president of the Executive Group of the local MD Association, and hard-core Miata enthusiast. Others making the visit included SAL and his Gal GERI, the Dashing DODGES, DAD HINKLE, Illustrious JACK DILUSTRO, Bossman ELLIOT, Scintillating STEF, Eclectic ELINOR, Horsepower HORSMAN and your humble scribe.

For those of you who missed it, you get an opportunity to get in the spirit with the second annual Miles of Miatas for MDA on Saturday, August 26. This fund and fun raiser has prizes, raffles, surprises and what's even better—driving and eating with a bunch of neat friends. Even if you can't make the drive, you can take part by setting aside a bit of your pie money to contribute to the event. Make your check out to MDA and hand it to a board member, or send it to SDMC, PO Box 23081, San Diego, CA 92193. You'll be glad you did.

One of the neat things about the summer camp is that parents who normally have 7/24/365 duty with their youngsters get a respite for a short time. A wonderful example of people helping people.

— TOM SPRAGUE



PHOTO: MIKE SHACK





PHOTO: CINDY PALOMA



PHOTO: CINDY PALOMA



PHOTO: MARK BOOTH

For the second year in a row, the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB took FIRST PLACE honors, among car clubs, in the annual Scripps Ranch 4th of July parade.

The street in front of DIANE LONG's home looked like a parking lot as 37 Miatas were decorated for the parade.

After the parade, the participants adjourned to the home of BARB & ELLIOT SHEV for their traditional pool party and BBQ, followed by the fireworks at Poway High School.



PHOTO: CINDY PALOMA



PHOTO: CINDY PALOMA



PHOTO: MARK BOOTH



PHOTO: SAL CAUSARANO



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PHOTO: CINDY PALOMA



PHOTO: BARB & ELLIOT SHEV



2001 Mazda Miata Brochure Photo Shoot

July 6, 2000



As usual, the story started with a rumor. We heard that Alan Childers of Mazda North America and an Art Director would be making a surprise appearance at a SOCALM social in Irvine. They were scouting for M1 Miatas to use in the upcoming print ads for the 2001 Mazda Miata. JON cleaned, spruced, and shined up Pollinator, while JUDY put on her make-up and fussed up her hair, and we sped up in rush-hour traffic to the social.

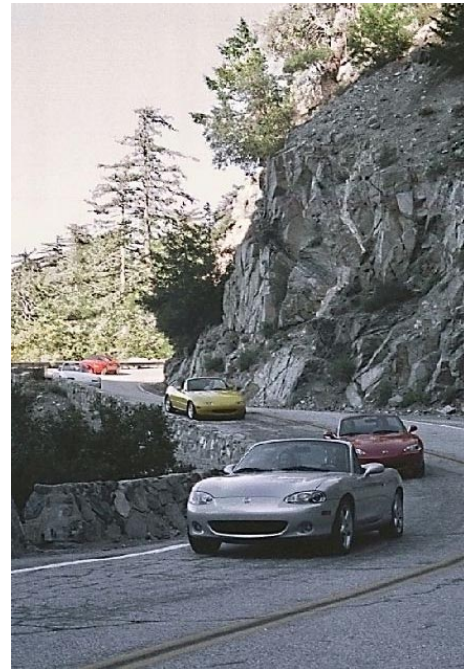
Only three Miatas were there and the yellow car stood out like a beacon to Alan and David Stokes, Associate Creative Director with the Doner agency. We schmoozed a little, and the next weekend we found out that our car, our gorgeous 1992 Sunburst Yellow, was one of the cars chosen to appear in the ad.

On hot and smoggy Thursday, July 6th, we drove up Angeles Crest Highway into Angeles National Forest. We arrived above the smog level, at Red Box Gap, the photo shoot location at 3 p.m., to find several large equipment trucks, a motorhome that would make any movie star jealous, two CHP cars, a car carrier, and a

water truck. Parked behind the car carrier were the 2001 models. A red with a black cloth interior and a silver with tan leather. Noticeable changes to the front end were a larger mouth and high tech headlights. The gauge faces are white like the 2000SE, the seats are beautifully redesigned, and the cup holders have been repositioned on the console for easier access.

After being greeted by the staff of Vic Huber Photography, we said hello to the other chosen M1 Miatas—Frank Petrik and his son, with their awesome White with shiny chrome accessories, and John Berman and his immaculate Red. BARRY ROSENBERG was there with his borrowed Racing Beat Miata to observe the action. With beautiful blue sky and breezy air, the cars were all positioned and polished down by the staff. Jon, Frank, and John were joined by two female models and three male models and the fun began.

When Judy finally stopped laughing at the scene of all the regular Miata guys posing as models, she snuck around taking pictures and got a closer look at the 2001. The first shot was set-up with four cars and took approximately one hour to complete. The principal photography was performed by Vic Huber. He was assisted by Stephen Bishop, Producer. David

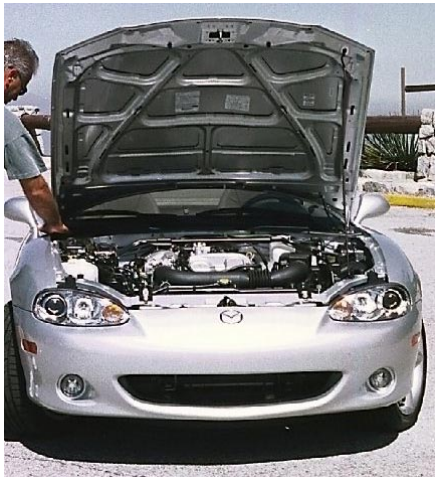


Stokes checked the Polaroid previews for the correct composition.

Under CHP escort, we drove up Mt. Wilson/Red Box Road and the second location shot was set-up. The CHP closed the highway to all traffic, with cars permitted through between takes. All the staff members, CHP, and drivers communicated via two-way radio throughout the shoot. Vic Huber set up the shots from a cherry picker perched precariously on the cliff. The water truck sprayed the pavement between takes for that special car brochure look. All five cars were parked, each evenly spaced on the road and dozens of shots were taken. Then, maintaining the same spacing they drove 5 to 15 mph about 20 times past the camera for the action shots.

Around 8 p.m., we heard the famous words “it’s a wrap” and the 2001 Mazda Miata brochure photo shoot was complete.

— JUDY POWELL & JON MARTINEZ



PHOTOS: JUDY POWELL



SDMC Cruises Grand Avenue

July 7, 2000

From tricked out huge tractors for pulling semis to magnificently maintained MGs—they were all on display at the Car Cruising in Escondido on July 7. The star of the show, other than the 30 or so marvelous Miatas, seemed to be a trio of carnival bumper cars, modified to be street legal. They were beautiful, noisy, and fun—complete with the long pole in the back to make contact with the electrified ceiling when used in the carnival. They had no reverse, so were pushed into place. Be sure to ask STEVE WAID about his opportunity to video them "up close and personal."

The streets were lined on both sides with restored beauties, and the owners were close by to answer questions. When one proud poppa was asked what year his most unusual Ford was, he replied, "Well, 1950, 54, 58—pick a year." He obviously had fun putting parts from many cars into one magnificent machine.

Of course there were food stops for the Miata group, including hamburgers to start and Dairy Queen to top the evening. At the latter stop, JEFF HOLLADAY demonstrated how to eat a huge chocolate covered cone from the inside out—never disturbing the chocolate in a skill that obviously took many years to develop.

For the 89.3% of club members who missed it, you can do it on your own *every* Friday night on Grand Avenue in Escondido, 7 to 9 p.m. throughout the summer months.

— TOM SPRAGUE

The Hinkles & Waids are putting together another SDMC Cruise night for August. See the Events Schedule on Page 3.

Murder Mystery Rally

July 15, 2000

It was a dark and stormy night. No. Wait. It wasn't stormy. It never rains in San Diego. And well... it wasn't dark either. It was bright, sunny and warm and it was morning, but you get the picture: another perfect day for a Miata Club event. Sixty members of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB gathered for a buffet breakfast at The Hamburger Factory in Old Poway Park. They enjoyed a hearty meal of eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy and hearty conversation. The mood was light as they walked from the restaurant into the cool green park to gather for the driver's meeting. The sun freckled the grass as I gathered the crowd of eager Miatafiles together.

"Welcome to the 1st Annual SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Murder Mystery Rally", I announced and then launched into my spiel. "Before we begin, "I began, "I'd like to mention that as most of you know, there have been a few vandalisms lately. There have been rumors that the vandal is a member of the club. I think this is despicable and someone here knows what is going on." As I implored anyone with knowledge of the vandal's crime to step forward, the sharp report of a .45 caliber pistol stole the attention of the crowd. BARB TEMPLETON screamed as another shot rang out. The crowd turned as one to see an innocent tourist grasp his chest, bright red with fresh blood. A look of shock and pain gripped the dying man's face. Blood oozed slowly from his voiceless lips. Reaching for Barb in a last attempt to hold onto life, he fell to the moist lawn, dead.

I could not believe this was happening at my Murder Mystery. Oh, wait... Of course this was happening: it was my Murder Mystery. Sergeant Elmer R. Rosin (no relation. No, wait. He's my dad. But...oh well) arrived

on the scene quickly, even dropped his doughnut on the way, but it was too late. The victim could not be revived. Ever prepared, Sgt. Rosin used bright yellow (calm down, Steve) police line tape and a yellow sheet to cover the gory remains of what was once a vibrant young tourist in the prime of life. Never had he seen... wait, I digress. Sgt. Rosin found postcards in the tourist's shirt pocket. A sure clue.

Properly deputized by Sgt. Rosin, having collected their badges, (water) guns and ammo (water), our intrepid investigators/guests headed out to parts unknown. No, wait. We knew where they were going. But, oh well... they took off to interview witnesses and gather clues. No one would know who was the murderer, who was the blackmailer, and who was the vandal until the winner of the rally was announced at the pizza party at Round Table Pizza in Poway.

Oh. You want to know what happened. Well, you'll just have to guess. No wait, you won't. You can read JIM and CHARLENE BROKAW's winning explanation in rhyme. Congratulations Jim and Charlene and to all the winners, participants, and volunteer staff of the Murder Mystery Rally "The Color of Murder." Well, no, actually ANITA did it all. Really. (She made me type this.)

To every one who believed the pre-event vandalism hype—Psych!

— SCOTT ALAN ROSIN



The blackmailer gets a little too close to the guy who just tried to do her in. Would you trust that smile?

PHOTO: BARB TEMPLETON



A stranger fell in Poway this morn,
 The club is in shock, its membership torn.
 Two shots rang out, a scream —call the hearse.
 A killer among us, and a vandal —even worse!
 Whodunnit? Whodunnit? Hark! Did you say?
 “There goes BARB TEMPLETON, running the Wrong Way!”
 “Mount up, mount up!” Our president cried!
 Armed and dangerous, and freshly deputized.
 We set off in our chariots to the corners of the county,
 Out to seek justice, and maybe a bounty.
 Our very own members, friends we hold dear,
 In this heinous crime are involved, I fear.
 The Pie Shop, our first stop, Barb Templeton stood,
 No clues would she offer, yet “Life is good!”
 To this vandal, a southpaw, and a can of red spray,
 Scott’s unpainted Miata fell victim that day.
 The devil himself stole away in his red,
 Blue jeans, white shirt, and a box on his head.
 Exhibit one, a blackmail note, looks feminine to me,
 The signature torn, but ends with a “T.”
 Barb, oh Barb, what got into your head?
 Must be a long term effect from driving a red.
 Why blackmail the man? The answer I bet:
 You needed more money to rebuild your deck!



PHOTO: ED LANGMAD

Above - Does this photo show the vandal in action or just someone trying to fix a mistake by Mazda?

Below - Scott Rosin and Anita Eoff, the Rally Masters, award First Prize to Jim and Charlene Brokaw for their well versed solution to the mystery.



PHOTO: BARB TEMPLETON



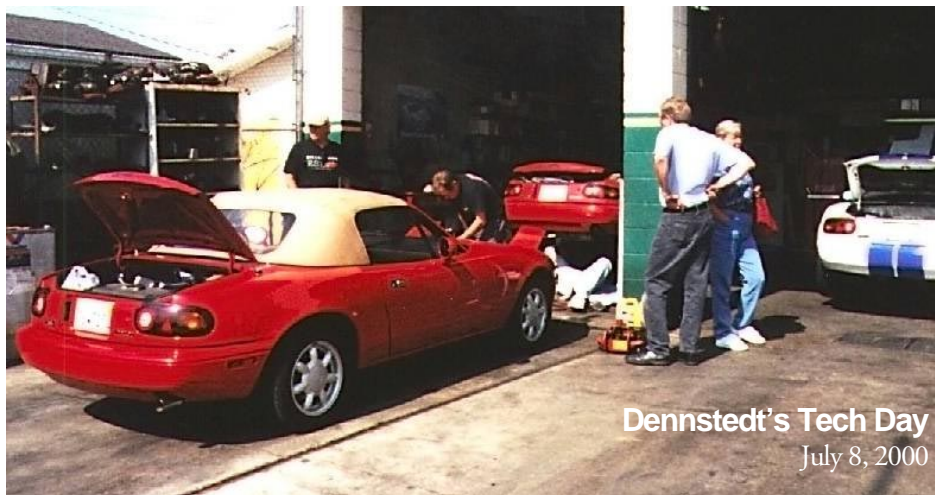
PHOTO: ED LANGMAD

Sgt. Rosin looks for clues around the body of the “innocent victim” at the start of the Murder Mystery Rally.

If It's Tourist Season, Can We Shoot Them?


J.T., you cur, you left-handed lout.
 Did you really think you'd not be found out?
 Red-handed we caught you, your alibi stunk.
 Shifty-eyed, unrepentous, and spouting some bunk.
 “Better red than dead?” J.T., get a clue!
 Next time you spray, pray make it blue!
 Incredible it seems, and oh, what a scandal,
 Believe it my friends, J.T. is our vandal.
 The picture is clear, his car it does show,
 He committed the crime, but why? We don't know.
 ‘Twas the Fourth of July, and the party was great,
 Some food and some fun, and the hosts were first rate.
 But J.T. got mad, and out he ran,
 Straight to his car and pulled out his can.
 Barb spied from the bushes as the vandal did work,
 She uttered no sound, but pictures she took.
 She sat and watched, and then hatched a plan,
 Ten thousand she'd squeeze from the man with the can.
 Imagine his shock when she gave him the note.
 He couldn't believe the words that she wrote.
 To be found out would be a total disgrace,
 He had to stop Barb, put her in her place.
 At the park this morning, he'd give Barb her due,
 Twice he did fire, but his aim was not true.
 An innocent man, a tourist I'm told,
 Won't get to see his grandkids grow old.
 The moral of the story, believe me, it's true,
 When you buy a Miata, make sure it's blue.
 There's something about red that gets in your head,
 And yellow is worse, I've heard it said.
 — JIM & CHARLENE BROKAW





Saturday morning July 8, and all is quiet at Dennstedt's Auto Repair, or, at least it's supposed to be. After all, Larry is closed on Saturday. Wait a minute, what's that, Miataphiles arriving at Dennstedt's by the droves?

Yes. You see, this is the first Dennstedt's Auto Repair tech day. ANNETTE and LARRY DENNSTEDT

 have graciously opened their place of business for us to work on our cars. Not only work on them, but learn *how* to work on them.

Not only was the coffee hot and the donuts fresh, the weather was San Diego picture perfect. The day started with learning how to use Larry's headlight alignment tool. Rocky, who is one of Larry's mechanics, instructed the early arrivals on how to use this tool. After we aligned our headlights, making our cars the one you want following you, we instructed the next group and so on. All the while, Rocky makes sure all was correct by keeping an eye on things. Mind you this is his day off, and he's having fun at a Miata event. The word is out that our events are the best fun in town.

TED KESSLER was also there hawking his chassis braces. He even convinced me to put one on the Kingfish. Not the entry level one, but the full blown expensive, super duty, you better have this one if you autocross, etc.

one. He even "incentivized" me to buy one by letting me put in myself while he stood there drinking his coffee. OK, no fooling, it really works wonders. Mine is a car with all kinds of stuff, including factory chassis bracing, and the brace still made a significant difference. Even BARB can tell the difference and she likes it! Get one if you drive your Miata (Ted, I work on commissions).

For those who wanted to change their oil, Larry had filters and oil on hand to purchase. If special oil was required, like Red Line, it was available across the street. JON MARTINEZ changed his brakes pads all around, and a few folks had their compression

tested. I also noticed a lot of folks rotating their tires.

Larry arranged for the BG fuel induction cleaning rep to come by and educate us on fuel systems. Jim, the BG rep, gave us a wonderful class on today's fuel system problems and a good lesson on why cleaning by a pro is needed. Jim and Larry joined forces to award two free cleaning services as prizes, Jim the product and Larry the labor. This is a \$90 service. MIKE SHACK and myself won this. Thank you both for this as Mike and I really appreciate this prize. Call Larry for more details on this service.

This was a wonderful event that I look forward to attending again. I hope Larry and Annette will invite us into their place of business for some more lessons on Miata care in the future. In the meantime, if you are Miata service challenged (I had to try it the PC way to see what it looked like), call or visit them at Dennstedt's Auto Repair, 4283 41st Street, San Diego, CA (619) 284-4911.

—ELLIOT SHEV

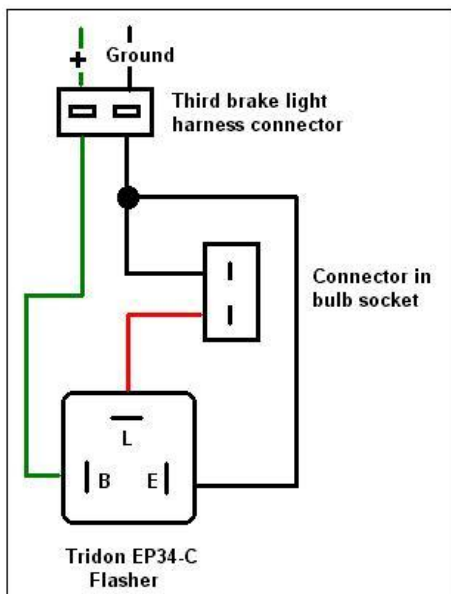
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On his day off, Larry's ace mechanic, Rocky, shows SDMC members how to use the headlight alignment gauges. In turn, each member instructed another member on the proper use of the gauges and the procedure to align their headlights. Ever vigilant, Rocky made sure everything checked out.

PHOTOS: ELLIOT SHEV





Center Brake Light Flasher Instructions

Here is a simple, non-permanent way to make the center brake light of your Miata flash when the brakes are applied. As far as I know, this is not illegal – motorcycles have had after-market brake flasher kits available for years.

Happy flashing.
— RANDY MAHEUX



PHOTO: WHO KNOWS?

Parts Listing

QTY	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE
1	Tridon flasher EP34-C (or EP35-C, EP36-C)	AutoZone, \$7.99
3	Standard 1/4" female connectors	AutoZone, Radio Shack, K-Mart, Wall Mart, etc.
2	Female 0.11 connectors	Specialty electronics store
2	Male 0.11 connectors	Specialty electronics store
4 4" pcs	20 gauge stranded wire (2 black, 1 red & 1 green)	AutoZone, Radio Shack, K-Mart, Wall Mart, etc.

Wiring Diagram

NOTE: You must use the ground terminal on the flasher as the ground or it will not flash. The other two terminals appear to be interchangeable. The ground on the EP34-C flasher is the "E" terminal. On the EP35-C and EP36-C flashers, it is the "B" terminal. You can check this with a multi-tester set to test DC Ohms – the two terminals with no resistance between them are NOT the ground terminals.

If you want to hook this up without cutting the factory wires, you will need the 0.11 connectors (Radio

Shack does not carry them). As an alternative, you can use screw-on wire connectors or even the clamp-on connectors often used for aftermarket additions to car wiring. The clamp-on

connectors will not be as neat as the specialty connectors, but using them is also reversible, as the factory wires are not cut.

Deceleration Stalling

There are basically three things that cause stalling.

1. The idle screw is set too slow (but always check #3 first.)
2. The clutch is dragging. Adjust the clutch pedal.
3. The throttle body is sludged up. Cleaning the throttle body (TOB) is easy. First, remove the air tube from the TOB. Second, have a friend hold the gas pedal to the floor or put a brick on it to hold it down. Third, spray "carb and choke" cleaner all around the TOB and the throttle blade.

Scrub out all the oily sludge with an old tooth brush, spray it again and wipe it out with a clean cloth, cleaning the top and bottom of the TOB and the blade (about 3 inches inside). Repeat until the cloth is no longer black and goopy. Fourth, let the TOB air dry and then reassemble the air tube system. Lastly, start the car and depress the gas pedal to clear out the engine until it runs smoothly and revs freely. Sometimes the engine will act flooded and won't start; simply press the gas pedal to the floor and crank the engine until it starts. This is called a "clear flood."

— LARRY DENNSTEDT



Club Merchandise

The club has in stock a selection of apparel emblazoned with the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB logo. Here is what is available and the prices:

T-Shirts - \$12 (S-XL), \$13 (XXL) White or Ash color with a small version of the club logo screen-printed on the front and a large logo (8 inches in diameter) on the back. The club logo is printed in four-colors and the car color is Red.

Sweatshirts - \$18 (M-XL), \$20 (XXL) To keep you warm this fall- Ash-heather sweatshirts 50/50 poly-cotton blend with lycra in the ribbing. These feature the large club logo screen-printed in four colors with a red Miata on the front.

Static Cling Decals - \$5. The static cling decals of our club logo are available with the car in nearly every Miata color. These are designed to adhere to the inside of the glass and do not leave a sticky residue if removed.

Club Pins - \$3. Jewel-like, our pins are the future superstars of the collector's market, destined to fetch prices far in excess of what conscience permits us to charge you. Your choice of a red, white, blue, green, silver, or black Miata.

All of the items listed above will be available at the Boll Weevil monthly meetings (4th Thursday of every month). If you want to pick up clothing items at a run or social event other than a monthly meeting, please contact BARB SHEV (regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org or (858) 679-0777, evenings please) with an order and Barb will be happy to bring your items along. She can also mail items to you — ask her about postage costs.

Embroidered Items

Items not carried in stock by the club can be special ordered from TWO club approved embroidery shops. These locations have digitized the club logo and successfully produced items for purchase by SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members. You can choose the car color, interior color, the color of the word MIATA, and the color of the stitching used for your name. All logo words except "Miata" are in logo blue. Contact Barb Shev for a SDMC Order form for either vendor.

Beeds Embroidery, 13248A Poway Road, Poway (858) 748-0415 or beedsemb@pacbell.net

Item	Single	Group *
Jacket: ** (Port Authority w/ front, back logo and name)	\$140	\$125
Jacket, same as above with leather sleeves	\$160	\$145
Bring in your own item and have: Front, back logo and name embroidered	\$100	\$ 92
Back logo only	\$ 80	\$ 65
Hats w/ front logo	\$ 20	\$ 12
Shirts: ***		
From Beeds: High quality golf shirt (Prices may vary depending on shirt selected)	\$40 for one, \$33.50 for two, \$30 for 12 or more	
Your shirt:	\$18 for one, \$13 for two, \$11 for 12 or more	

* Groups are considered 6 or more for jackets and 12 or more for hats.

** Jackets - XXL plus \$3, XXXL plus \$4, and XXXXL plus \$5

*** Shirt embroidery includes Round logon on front and name.

TCB Embroidery, 8924 Carlton Hills Blvd., Santee (619) 562-2320 FAX (619) 562-3510

Item	Single
Jacket: ** (Port Authority w/ front, back logo and name)	\$155
Bring in your own item and have: Front, back logo and name embroidered	\$ 95
Back logo only	\$ 75
Mot Hats w/ front logo	\$ 18
Shirts: ***	
From TCB: Polo shirt (K420, 100% Cotton, pique) (Prices may vary depending on shirt selected)	\$ 38
Your shirt:	\$ 20

** Jackets - XXL plus \$3, XXXL plus \$4, and XXXXL plus \$5

*** Shirt embroidery includes Round logon on front and name.



Member Profile

What you are reading here is a new triumph (not the car) for the SDMC newsletter—an invisible Member Profile. It is very short, but please read it carefully. When you are finished, well in truth there is no Member Profile here. Several members have said they would provide one, but I have yet to receive any.

So if *YOU* would like to be included in our on-going series of Member Profiles, write a short (200 - 300 word) introduction and mail (or e-mail) it with a photo (your face should be large enough to be recognized) to the Club P.O. Box or give it to a board member at an event. Your photo will be returned.

If you don't think you could write a Member Profile on your own, we have a member of the newsletter team who is an award-winning newspaper reporter (you could find out about him by reading *HIS* Member Profile in the January edition of the newsletter). Contact TOM SPRAGUE, tsprague@aol.com, and he will gladly interview you and write it up. It will take about 10 minutes of your time, and you would be rewarded with your 15 minutes of fame.

— EDITOR

Just Passing Through

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members can be found far and wide. JAN & MICK KEENOY are part of the far crowd. They live in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jan & Mick were traveling and stopped in San Diego during July. They participated in CATHY & MARK BOOTH'S Early Bird Run on Sunday, July 9. The prior evening, a few members who had previously met them at the Miatas at the Ranch event in 1997, and at the 10th Anniversary Birthday Bash in 1999, performed the sacred ritual. We went out to dinner!

This trip, Jan & Mick were driving their 1991 BRG with personalized plates HORNIT. This is very appropriate since they also have a 1992 Yellow, "Killer Bee" with plates KLR-B.

Thanks for dropping in.

— ANTHONY



PHOTO: BARR & ELLIOT SHEV

Come On You Reds!

The familiar cheer of the fans of the Manchester United Football Club (soccer to Yanks) is also the call to a recently created online community dedicated to owners of the one and only Classic Red Miata.

This online community is hosted on EGroups, just like the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB e-mail list is. To view the community or to subscribe, point your Internet browser to: <http://www.egroups.com/group/RedMiatas>

Badges?

Have you been wondering where to get those nifty engraved plastic name badges that have been turning up on members at the latest events? They are available for a mere \$6 each, including shipping to your home, from VICKY KRUEGER.

Either see Vicky at a Monthly Meeting or phone her at (858) 486-4711. You will need to give her cash up front, as the badges need to be paid for in advance. Lots of colors are available to match your Miata.



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: Canon A-1 35mm camera outfit. Canon A-1 body plus 80-200mm (f/4) zoom, 24mm (f/2.8), and 50mm (f/1.4) Canon FD lenses. All lenses include leather cases. Canon Speedlite 199A flash with diffuser and case, lens hoods, filters, etc. Everything is in nearly-legendary condition.

Bob, (858) 486-4711 or voodoo@miata.net

For Sale: Men's 12-speed bike, call for details, \$40. Pac Bell Caller ID telephone, \$40 OBO. Front air dam from green '99 sport package, Make Offer.

Richard, (619) 286-2412 or miatazeke@aol.com

For Sale: Racing Beat chrome style bar with custom fit tan tonneau cover. Fits '90-97 asking \$425. Must sell as a set.

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

For Sale: Racing Beat rear lower control arm chassis brace off a '90 Miata. Cost new is \$88 plus tax and shipping. The brace has been bent and straightened and is painted flat black. It will work as well as a new one. \$30. Spark plug wires, used for 2 weeks, \$20.

Wally, (619) 232-2801 ext 313

or (619) 234-2858.

For Sale: A set of 14-inch original equipment wheels from a '99 is looking for a good home. Attractive and easy to clean! \$400 OBO.

Rick, (760) 740-8595 or

communicator@home.com

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. \$12,500.

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

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