

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Triple play!

imba Ittail This is a Japanese expression that I learned this month while hosting our guests from the Kanazawa Roadster Club. This expression is used by Takao Kijima, Program Manager Mazda Miata, and Toshihiko Hirai, Mazda Product Program Manager, to describe the relationship between the Miata and its driver. The expression describes, literally, the relationship that exists when a horse and a rider become one, as one fluid motion in movement and control. What a great description of the experience when you drive a Miata!

The three adults and one child that came to visit us gathered a lot of wonderful memories to take home with them. Kanazawa Roadster Club Vice president, Kazutaka Hirano, Osamu Nakayachi, club President, Hisako Nakayachi, his wife, and Youri Nakayachi, their daughter, arrived in San Diego Saturday evening, June 9. Our guests stayed with BARB and myself for two nights. They had a lot to talk to us about and were so excited to be here they couldn't sleep!



Kazutaka Hirano, Elliot Shev, Osamu Nakayachi, Youri Nakayachi, and Hisako Nakayachi pose with the Kanazawa Roadster Club banner after it had been signed by the participants in the day long events.

Yahoo! We are a Group!

With the new Yahoo! Groups, there are new steps required to gain access to the forums. You are now required to register your e-mail address with a Yahoo ID.

Let's start from scratch. It comes down to a question: Do you have a Yahoo! ID? If not, then follow the instructions below (if you do have a Yahoo! ID, then look further down for instructions).

Ok, so you are on the list, but you don't know how to access the "Files" or "Calendar" section for the Yahoo SDMC-List group. Go to:

http://groups.yahoo.com/convwiz

There you have two choices: Enter your email address and password and click "Continue" (if you originally set one up with eGroups), or enter your e-mail address (the one you use for the SDMC e-mail list) and click "Continue." If you are new to the service, it will e-mail you an authorization code. When you get this message, follow the instructions and it will guide you in entering the authorization code for your e-mail address. Once done, you will now be instructed on creating a Yahoo! ID. This will allow you to bind your e-mail address with your Yahoo! ID.

Enter all the relevant information and you should hopefully create a Yahoo! ID. I say hopefully because Yahoo! has millions of users, and there is a strong chance that the Yahoo! ID you choose will already be taken. So you persevere and you finally get a Yahoo! ID that links with the e-mail address you use on the SDMC-List group. Once done, all you need to remember is your Yahoo! ID and your Yahoo password to get access to the email address linked to that address. Now what? Well, now you can access the "Files" and "Calendar" sections freely. Go to http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/SDMC-List/files/ and you will see all the files available for download.

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.

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!

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(see Page 7 for an example.)

Let's say you already have a Yahoo! ID and password, but you want to link the e-mail address used on "SDMC-List" to it. Go to

http://groups.yahoo.com/

On the left side of the screen, enter your Yahoo! ID and Yahoo! password and it will show you the e-mail address linked to that ID. To add another e-mail address to that ID, click on the "My Preferences" link in the top right, click on the "Edit" button for the "E-mail Addresses" section and you can add as many as five additional e-mail addresses to your Yahoo! ID. Hopefully one of those will be the one you use for the Yahoo! "SDMC-List" group.

If you ever need assistance with your account or access, please email me at itob@pacbell.net

— ROBERT "JTBOB" HOLLAND Webguy - Postguy

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Scripps Ranch 4th of July Parade Followed by Pool Party, BBQ & Fireworks

Date: Wednesday, July 4

Time: 7 a.m.

Place: 9945 Cummins Place,

Scripps Ranch

Coordinators: RSVP to;

Parade, DIANE LONG,

(858) 566-6973 or <u>djaws@san.rr.com</u>;

Party, BARB SHEV, (858) 679-0777 or

sapphire@teamvoodoo.com

The Scripps Ranch 4th of July Parade is a small community parade where almost anything goes. Anyone in the community with a special interest is welcome. There are the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, bands, the lawn-mower team, local dignitaries, etc. It is just a basic home town, have fun parade. We will be defending our FIRST PLACE for car clubs that we won the last two years.

The parade starts at 10 a.m., so we will be meeting between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. to decorate our cars. We have some club decorations, but please bring some more, if you can, to share. We will leave for our parade position no later than 9 a.m., so coming early is important. The street to the meeting place will be closed off around 8:45 a.m. The parade is over around 11 a.m. The weather can be quite hot so to relieve our suffering BARB and ELLIOT SHEV invite all parade partici-

pants to their home afterwards for a late afternoon/evening 4th of July Bar-B-Q and swim party. Their home overlooks Poway High School and the fireworks are spectacular from there.

RSVP is required.

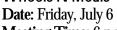
This is a BYOB event. We all split the cost for the food which should be less than \$10 per person.

Directions to Parade: I-15 to Pomerado/Miramar Road exit. East on Pomerado. Left onto Scripps Ranch

Blvd., right onto Red Rock and right on Cummins Place.

Directions to Party: I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road and go East (Rancho Bernardo Road becomes Espola Road). Turn left on Trailwind Road and look for Miatas. The house is several blocks up the hill on the right. Watch your speed...25 mph!

Cruisin' Grand Wheels'N'Meals



Meeting Time: 6 p.m. to eat Leave for cruisin' at 7 p.m.

Meeting Place: Tom's #23 on the Southwest corner of 5th Ave. and Centre City Parkway, Escondido.

Meet for food before, during, or after Cruisin' Grand.

What is Cruisin' Grand?

Every Friday evening during the summer, street rods, hot rods, specialty cars, motorcycles, and vintage cars cruise and park on Grand Avenue in Escondido. Oldies music plays and the smells and sounds of horsepower abound.

SDMC will have a monthly Wheels'N'Meals on the first Friday of each month during the cruisin' season.

Sprint Cars & Miatas at the PAS

Date: Saturday, July 14 Meeting Time: 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: McDonald's at I-5

and Oceanside Blvd. **Coordinator:** RICH BEST

(619) 221-1974 or richbest@webtv.net
Join me for a fun evening of great
Sprint Car Racing at Perris Auto
Speedway (PAS). We will leave
Oceanside for a quick run up to
Capistrano to meet other race fans
from SOCALM. Then it's over the
Ortega Highway for some twisties on
our way to the PAS for the best 1/2
mile dirt track in the West! S.C.R.A.
750-horsepower, ground pounding
sprint cars will put on the show, and

good food and beverages will be available there. Admission is \$15 and parking is \$4. Discount tickets (20% off) will be available if we purchase 20 or more in advance. Please contact me for more details. It wouldn't dare RAIN on this one! Would it?

Tech Day at Wheel Store

Date: Sunday, July 15 Time: 9 a.m. to noon Place: Wheel Store

208 S. Coast Hwy, Oceanside (760) 967-1336

Tech morning extravaganza at the Wheel Store. Joe Jordan has invited the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB to join him for education on tires, suspensions, and alignment. He will have industry experts available to discuss these elements in detail. This education should help us in choosing the correct tires for our cars and deciding what type of alignment we want.

Now for the important part, Joe will be providing continental breakfast for all of us. Food and information; what more could one ask for? We will be there from 9 a.m. `til noon.

In the meantime, if you need tires, or an alignment, please call Joe for advice, and a quote. He has truly given our club great prices on Toyo tires.

Monthly Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 26 **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!

Autocross

Date: Saturday, July 28

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium, Mission Valley, southeast lot, SDAD championship



Fifth Annual Miles of Miatas for MDA

Date: Saturday, August 4 Meeting Place: Boll Weevil

Labor Day is right around the corner and its once again time for the SDMC's charity run "Miles of Miatas for MDA." Club members JACK and SUE HINKLE are planning a full day of fun-filled activities for club members to enjoy in our fundraising efforts for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The club celebrated its 5th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting this year and we will be celebrating another anniversary as this is the 5th Annual "Miles of Miatas for MDA." Past president MARK BOOTH initiated the first MDA charity event and the event grown through the heartedness of generous club members and their enthusiasm.

Last year's event raised over \$10,000 with only 43 cars participating and we even signed up two new members. "Miles of Miatas for MDA" will begin its 100-mile serpentine course at the Boll Weevil Restaurant, which again will be hosting registration and our first ever "Miles of Miatas" Car Show. We will then continue on a scenic drive through the seaside, mountain, and desert landscapes of San Diego. The run will conclude at historic Bell Gardens, where a sumptuous Santa Maria-style barbecue dinner will be served. Participants can really race, Hot Wheels that is, win prizes in the raffles, receive awards, and try their luck at a 50/50 drawing. There will be numerous other activities at Bell Gardens for members to enjoy.

Our goals are to raise \$1 per mile, per car and to have more cars than ever before. President ELLIOT SHEV has a dream that we can exceed last year's total by 25%, and together we can make Elliot's dream a reality. How can we do this? It's simple.

Members ask family, friends, coworkers, etc. to sponsor them for the run on the sponsor sheet included in the newsletter. The more sponsors each member solicits the more dollars we raise for MDA. Last year our top fundraiser was HOWARD KUZMINSKI, who raised over \$2,000 and once again Elliot purchased more raffle tickets than any other member.

Participants will receive two event T-shirts for raising over \$100 and will be provided a raffle ticket for every \$50 raised. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased at \$1 each or 15 for \$10. Cost of the BBQ dinner will be \$11 per person and checks can mailed to the Hinkles at 733 S. Kalmia St., Escondido, CA 92025.

So, mark your calendars for August 4th and plan to join the Hinkles and others for the 5th Annual "Miles of Miatas for MDA." With the support and enthusiasm of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB and it's membership we can make a difference. As Mazda would say, "GET IN AND BE MOVED" let's ZOOM ZOOM for MDA and a hope for a cure. Please RSVP to Sue sportscarr@aol.com or at (760) 735-9456.

Conn's Tech Day, Pool Party & Pot Luck

Joint SOCALM/SDMC/VROOM Event

Date: Saturday, August 25 Time: 10 a.m. until?

Place: JOHN & GERRY CONN'S,

1530 S. Lovering Avenue, Fullerton

(714) 441-2552

Bring: Towel & bathing suit, pot luck dish to share and something to install on your car. Soda will be provided.

It's that time again. Come join us for a regional tech day. Plan on spending the day working on your car, eating, watching others work on their car, eating, swimming, eating, helping others work on their car, eating, socializing, or eating—you get the picture!

If you've got something you want to install on your car, something you've been thinking about installing or just want to swim (and eat), this is the event for you. You can get lots of free advice, help installing, (lots of good food) and a great opportunity to get to know one another better. There will be no run but we'll be working on getting something going like dent removal or detailing advice.

Directions: Exit 91 Freeway in Fullerton at Euclid. Go north to the light at Baker, turn left. Lovering is the fourth street on the left, we are the last house on the left.

Nethercutt Collection

Tour and Run

SOCALM/SDMC/VROOM

Date: Saturday, September 8 Meeting Time: 9:45 a.m.

Meeting Place: The Nethercutt Col-

lection/San Sylmar

15200 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, CA

(818) 367-2251 RSVP REQUIRED

JOHN & GERRY CONN

(714) 441-2552 or

connjb@earthlink.net

(Provide names, phone number and number of people.)

Once again, we invite you to join us for the 2 hour and 15 minute guided tour of this fabulous collection belonging to J. B. and Dorothy Nethercutt. The beautifully-restored antique, classic, and special interest automobiles are displayed in an exquisite recreation of an opulent automotive Grand Salon of the 1920's and 1930's. The mezzanine contains the collection of automobile mascots. hood ornaments, and, of course, their famous mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ. Rules: Yep, they have rules. No smoking, jeans, shorts, flash cameras, video cameras, or children under 12. We are limited to 50 people. First 50 RSVPs get on the guided tour. We'll maintain a waiting list and re-confirm with everyone the week before.

If you can't live with those rules, or have done this tour before, make the drive up, because in addition to the guided tour, they have opened the Nethercutt Museum across the street from San Sylmar that houses over 100 specialty restored autos, a research library, and periodic lectures. It is a self-guided tour enhanced with information about each vehicle. It is open from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You can do that while the other group is touring. After the tour, there will be a short break for lunch and then a fun run on some great roads courtesy of run leaders Pat and Lee Ruecker. If you'd like to join us for the run only, meet at the Nethercutt Collection at 12:00 (noon).

Directions: Exit the 5 freeway in Sylmar (quickly after the 5/405 interchange) on Roxford. Turn right onto San Fernando Road, left on Bledsoe. From the 210, exit on Polk, turn right on Glenoaks Blvd, left on Bledsoe.

Kudos

On behalf of the membership of the Redwood Coast Miata Club, I want to thank you and SDMC for the prominent advertising of our club's June "Cool Weekend On The Coast" event in your newsletters and Web site, this Spring. Chipping in from clubs all over the region will help this event be a success!

If we can help your club in any way from our neck o' the woods, just let us know.

 Michael Wright, Webmaster Redwood Coast Miata Club

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

Northwest Miatafest, the Gathering 2001

Kent, Washington

PUGET SOUND MIATA CLUB

Date: August 10 - 12

Contact: John Hewitt info@nwmiatafest.com

The largest annual event in the Pacific Northwest! Register by July 1st for the early-bird drawing for a Saratoga Saddle Bag.

Make summer plans now to visit the beautiful Pacific Northwest. No national event means here's your chance to take in a regional gathering. Consult your local/regional clubs in regard to forming caravans. Registrations are filling fast. (Limit: 350 cars) www.nwmiatafest.com

West Coast Tour

Seattle, WA to Monterey, CA

Date: August 12 - 19

Event Coordinator: John Hewitt, (360) 659-4248 or

John_Hewitt@msvl.wednet.edu

Starting at the conclusion of the Northwest Miatafest, the tour will meander down the highways and byways of the Western United States. We will link up with the best of the past while in Monterey. The dreamlike weekend offers the Concorso Italiano, 28th annual Historic Automobile Races, and the famed Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Flyin' Miata's 4th Annual Open House

Grand Junction, CO

Date: August 17 - 19

Join Bill, Teri, Turbodog, and the rest of the folks at Flyin' Miata for a weekend of fun and games! Some of the features include:

Dyno Runs

Car Care Clinic

Winery Tour

Scavenger Hunt

Scenic Drives

and lots of hanging out and having fun!

Badges?

ave 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 mere \$6.50 each, including shipping to your home, from VICKY KRUEGER.

You will need to give her cash up front, as the badges need to paid for in advance. Lots of colors are available to match your Miata.

See Vicky at a monthly meeting or e-mail her at vicky@teamvoodoo.com.

Got Zoom?

zoom ----- T-Shirts Zoom ----- Sweatshirts ZOOM ----Pins & Decals!

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM...Get your SDMC Regalia directly from the Regalia Gals (ROZ & PAULA) at the upcoming monthly meeting.

Zoom on down and pick up a few great club items to show off your enthusiasm for the incredible Mazda Miata, and the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.

Got special sizes, items you want? Call or e-mail ROZ or PAULA and let them know and they will personally hand deliver the items to you at the meeting.

ROZ SCOTT & PAULA KENNISON (760) 789-3872 or (858) 271-8498 or regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org.

Wanted:

Help for Club Historian

A volunteer is needed to give assistance to the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Historian.

If you have the time to give and would be willing help out, give EL-LIOT SHEV a call, (858) 679-0777 or e-mail, president@sandiegomiataclub.org.



— JOE SUNDSTROM & ROSEMARY LYTTLETON

career traveling the world as a music professional has certainly helped JOE SUNDSTROM learn how to appreciate the finer things in life. Like his `97 Classic Red Miata, and his fiancée (now wife) ROSEMARY LYTTLETON.

Serendipity played a major role in his marriage to both his machine and his mate. Joe had been thinking about maybe looking at a Miata, was early for an appointment while driving down Highway 8 a year ago, saw the John Hine sign, and pulled in for a look. There was this neat little red car on the lot with only 13,500 miles, and Joe fell in love. He had been thinking about a five speed and this was an automatic, but everything else was just right. Joe went home to think it over, and quickly decided that this was the car for him. So he went right back and snapped it up before someone else did over the Memorial Day weekend.

Everything seemed to work out just right for Joe and Rosemary, as well. They had sung together in the past, and then last summer fate brought them together again in a church choir. They realized how much they enjoyed each other's company, started dating, and eight weeks later were engaged. Their June wedding last month quite naturally followed with the Miata selected as transportation for the first mini-honeymoon.

And of course it was on a Miata outing that Joe and Rosemary had their first real date. It was the Twilight Run led by MARK and CATHY BOOTH last Fall. "It was truly awesome to see 82 Miatas all lined up," Joe recalls. They quickly found out how much fun there is to be as part of the Miata clan, and have been double enthusiasts ever since, putting 15,000 miles on the little red car. Joe also has been helped regularly at tech days.



Rosemary and Joe were married on June 9th. Congratulations to you both!

For the past seven years, Joe has been the first tenor with the San Diego Opera, with boffo performances in such as Aida and The Magic Flute. He began singing as a 12-year-old when his Mom took him by the ear to the adult choir at church, and he caught on quickly. In high school, he played the baritone in the band and also sang in the glee club. He had to choose between the two, and since the glee club director was much prettier than the band conductor, it was an easy decision.

His high school in Montebello was the standout singing group in all of California for three years, 1959-62. While in junior college, his first opportunity to make a recording was somewhat of a challenge. He arrived at the studio to find he was to sing in nine different languages! That record was a success and strengthened his desire to make music a career. He continued singing at Whittier College, and then began a 22-year career as a music teacher.

With the encouragement of school officials, he took sabbaticals to make three international tours with the famed Roger Wagner Chorale. He also toured overseas with his church choirs.

Does Joe have music wherever he goes? You bet. A Kenwood six-disc combination tape/CD changer is installed neatly in the trunk. And with the help of JON MARTINEZ and ELLIOT SHEV, the speaker system is also being upgraded.

It was also a finger of fate that introduced Joe to SDMC. He ran into KEN ROBERTS in the parts department at Hine, and Ken—ever the apostle of Miatadom—told him about this great organization and how it would be mutually beneficial to join. The rest, as they say in the really big publications, is history.

— TOM SPRAGUE

To be included in our ongoing series of Member Profiles, write a short (200-300 word) introduction and e-mail it to: newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org. You can also mail it to the Club P.O. Box. Please include a photo. We want to be able see your face. — Your photo will be returned.

Renewing Members (since last newsletter):

RICHARD ALLSOPP

KEN & BARBARA BARTON

MICHAEL CHIAPPETTA & LAUREN JACKSON

JACK & SUE DILUSTRO

BRUCE FURBUSH &

ROSEANNE MEYERHOFF

JOE & DIANE GARRISON

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ROSEMARY LYTTLETON

JOHN & BARBARA TEMPLETON

KATHLEEN TOOLE

GABE & HIDI WAITE

ANTHONY WILDE

ROBERT WONG

New Members!

WELCOME to our newest members (since last newsletter):

CHUCK ALLMARAS

San Diego

1994 M (Montego Blue)

ERIK BLATTER

Crest

1990 Red Base

DELMAR & CHRYSELDA CALAHAN

Santee

1997 White

ROBERT & DOROTHY GITTELSON

Carlsbad

2001 Emerald Green LS

STEPHANIE GRIFFIN

San Diego

1991 SE (British Racing Green)

GARY D LYNN

San Diego

1999 Red

CYNTHIA MILLER

San Diego

2000 Twilight Blue

GREG ORTH

Carlsbad

1992 White

DENNIS PECK

Escondido

1994 White C

GARY PEIFFER

GARI I EIFFER

Chula Vista

1990 Red

MICHAEL REAVES

Santee

2001 Silver LS

BARBARA THOMPSON

El Cajon

2001 Red

KENNETH & JENIPHER TUCKER

San Diego

1997 White Touring

Membership Statistics

As of June 25, 2001, there are 351 memberships (139 single, 212 dual) for a total of 563 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

93 Red

53 White

41 Black

36 Emerald Green

27 Silver

16 Montego Blue

15 Sapphire Blue

10 Twilight Blue

9 BRG

8 Marina Green

8 Mariner Blue

7 Laguna Blue

7 Starlight Blue

7 Mahogany

7 Merlot

6 Yellow

5 Crystal Blue

2 Evolution Orange

1 Midnight Blue

1 Eggplant (custom)

1 Teal (custom)

9 Unreported*

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

New Club Roster

The newest version of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB membership roster is now available online. The roster has been converted to Adobe PDF format just like the online version of the newsletter. SDMC members can access the FILES section of Yahoo Groups (see Page 2) and download the file and print it out for their personal reference.

The big advantage to having the roster online is that it can be updated regularly, so members can have an upto-date roster. The Yahoo Groups location makes it only available to SDMC members. A limited number of hard copies will continue to be available at events, but these may not be the most current version.

FUN RUNS



Cathy & Jim Phillips receive their SDMC magnetics for the Mid-Week Run from club secretary Jack diLustro.



The obligatory rear-view mirror picture.



May 23 - Wednesday Mid-Week Run

Lighteen Miatas, and their drivers, trekked through Valley Center, Rainbow Canyon, Temecula, Agunga, Anza, and Sage on Wednesday, May 23rd for the Mid-Week Run. JIM and CATHY PHILLIPS led the way, while most of the rest of us slaved away at our places of employment.

The "hump day" escape earned a set of coveted SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB magnetics to adorn their '92 Sunburst yellow. The day also marked a, as of yet undefined, birthday for Cathy. Of course this meant cake, so it was served up at the end of the run. Such a shame STEVE WAID had to work that day.



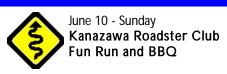
A Miata, twisties, and a day off in the middle of the week. Heaven!



Right—Osamu brought gifts for the SDMC members who attended the run. Miata (Roadster) postcards by the Japanese artist Bao.

Left—A very large number of crickets around Mt. Palomar and Lake Henshaw resulted in some messy noses and partially clogged grills. The largest accumulation of grasshopper remains was on the 10AE of run leader Elliot Shev.





President's Message (Continued from page 1)

Sunday was a full day for us. As avid autocross participants, they were anxious to see our local autocross. Actually, they wanted to participate, but time would not allow this. So, early in the morning we headed for the Q. Boy, were they impressed with the size of our venue, as well as the number of folks involved. I had all I could do to drag them away to make the run meeting.

On the way to the run we stopped for lunch and made it in the nick of time. Hey, no one could leave without me, so how could I be late? Don't answer that! Anyway, with my trusty navigator, ANTHONY "NEVADABOB" WILDE, two of our guests in SDMC members ROBIN FAIRCLOTH and CHARLENE BROKAW'S Miatas, and one in the OTM with the baby, we were off for a wonderful run through north county, to Palomar observatory and then over Sunrise Highway, ending up in Jamul. In Jamul, we were hosted by DEBBYE, BRUCE and DUS-TIN LEWIS to a wonderful BBQ.

All 53 SDMC members present were invited to sign the Kanazawa Roadster Club's banner. SDMC presented our guests with club sweat-shirts, pins, and window cling-ons. Earlier in the day Osumu gave us all Roadster Club post cards. Our very own nearly-legendary VOODOO BOB took the opportunity to present our guests with Team Voodoo shirts and hats (this is really an ad campaign for Team Voodoo's Japan office, opening soon).

At the end of the event, the following proclamation was made and presented to our guests.

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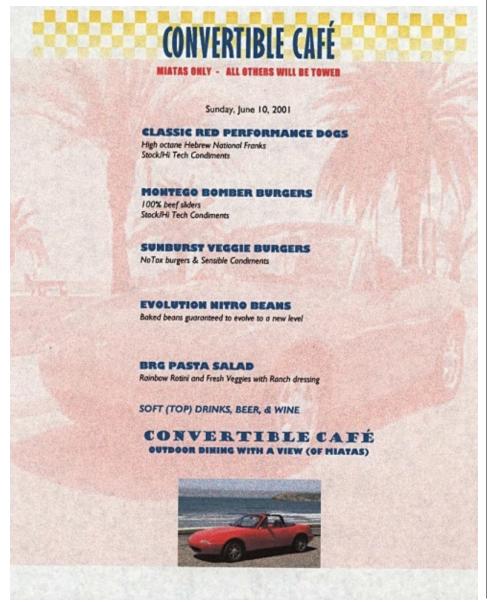




Left—After negotiating a dirt road that normally a Miata would avoid, the 28 Miatas made their way down the Lewis' long palm tree lined driveway.

Right—At the end of the driveway was a great open area for many more Miatas to park. Maybe we could hold an autocross there?





I hereby proclaim that on June 10, 2001, members of the Kanazawa Roadster Club, Kanazawa City, Japan and members of the San Diego Miata Club met in friendship to experience driving the Mazda Miata Roadster on the roads of San Diego County, in the great State of California, United States of America. Further, it is proclaimed that FUN was had by all.

On Monday, Osamu and company were invited to visit Mazda R&D with Tom Matano. They had a wonderful time seeing the facility, the RX7s, and the RX8. Osamu also has an RX7. That evening, the BOOTHS, Barb, and myself met with Osamu and company for dinner, where they shared with us their wonderful day at Mazda and expressed their great appreciation for our club's hospitality.

What a weekend as I attended the Track Driving Techniques seminar on Saturday morning (see page 12), a Miata wedding on Saturday afternoon (see page 6), and you read the rest above.

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Above—The wonderful hosts of the BBQ, Dustin, Debbye, and Bruce Lewis. The effort put into preparing for the event was phenominal. Examine the detailed menu (left) of the fare that was laid out for SDMC and our Japanese guests.

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Now that I have had a few days to rest, Monday through Friday, it's time to get ready for the Best of the Bunch Car show. What better way to get ready than to have about 40 of your favorite Miataphiles over for a wash-N-shine tech day to go over the finer points of preparing your car for a winning performance. That's exactly what we did on Saturday, June 16th.

What a fun day! We had plenty of Miata munchies too. The day started out with coffee, bagels, donuts, and yes; work.

The day was broken up into three parts: hear, see, and do. The "hear" part consisted of a lecture, conducted by yours truly, where all you ever wanted to know about paint care was discussed and explained. We had a good question and answer session which lead us into the next part, the "do."

For the "do" part, we needed a car to work on, so the selection began.

The "winner" was the car most in need of attention. Not a prize to be proud of, but the prize was a show car finish when you left. So the embarrassment only lasts a short time. Except here, where it lives forever! HOWARD KUZMINSKI was chosen as the owner of the car most in need of help.

Howard and crew clayed, cleaned, polished, and waxed his car. It went from a dull red car with milky bumpers and mirrors to a shinny red car that anyone would be proud to drive.

While all this detail work was going on, almost everyone else washed and degreased their engine compartments. Thanks go to STEVE WAID for bringing the pressure washer. Others worked on the cars that needed special attention, like scratch removal, swirl mark removal, tire dressing, etc.

It was a great day for all who attended and I hope that one of those who attended wins a nice trophy at the show.

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June 16 - Saturday Car Care Clinic Tech Day

Look at the shiny cars. Look at the gleaming interiors. Look at all the glistening engine compartments. Look at all the smiling faces.

More than two dozen Miatas of varying colors and hues are much more spectacular now, thanks to the Car Care Day June 16 at the manse of ELLIOT and BARB SHEV. Again it was member helping member to "detail" their four-cylinder friends and make them even more the envy of those who drive OTMs.

Veteran car cleaners like Elliot and STEVE WAID shared their tips of the trade with all assembled, and also had power tools (buffers, high pressure water spray, air hose, elbow grease, etc.) to get the tasks done. Neighbors driving by gawked at the array of men, women, and one dog who were busily making the whole place shine.

Those who came just to watch and learn, rather than buff and clean, were not disappointed either. It was impossible to not want to get home and work on your own car so it would look as neat as the others. And of course there were donuts, bagels, soda, watermelon, chips, and lots of good chatter to make the day even more pleasant.

SDMC must have the highest ratio of spiffy looking cars of any club in America.

As one SDMC member put it, Miatas are so darn good-looking even when they're dirty, but they are absolutely beautiful when they are shining.

— TOM SPRAGUE



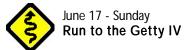
Above—Elliot holds the crowd spellbound while describing the proper use of products and techniques the keep, or return, your Miata's shine.



Left and Above—Howard Kuzminski's Classic Red was voted the car in most need of help. After some "sweat equity", Howard's smile seems not to have diminished while the shine on his car has improved dramatically.









Above—Leaving the Oceanside McDonald's to head into the evil empire.

Left—The architecture at the Getty is as impressive as the art collection. This fountain is one of several hidden around the



Above—Part of the group took the architecture tour. Here the group listens intently to the docent describe the construction of the breathtaking facility.

Below-The gardens as viewed from the West gallery.



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OK, now, for a good night's sleep in preparation for event three of the triple play.

Bright and early Sunday morning, June 17th, 50 Miatas carrying about 93 people headed to the J. Paul Getty museum in Los Angeles. As this was a joint run, the San Diego contingent met at 7:15 in Oceanside. We were on the road by 7:40 headed up to Santa Ana to meet up with our friends from SOCALM at 8:15. The traffic was amazing, none, and we arrived on time.

We left for the Getty, and made record time arriving at 9:35 meeting up with Tom and Marna Woods and another band of Miata folks at the entrance to the Getty. When we all went in together, it was a beautiful sight.

The day was free for enjoying the beauty of the museum, both the architecture on the outside and the art inside. Taking the audio guide with you really helps you to understand a lot about the art and the artists.

A few of us met at the picnic area for lunch, while others ate at one of the restaurants within the museum. People left on their own throughout the day, except for a few holdouts who wanted more, and more they did.

Twelve of us went looking for a place for dinner. On Father's Day, reservations where hard to come by. We wound up in Long Beach, which was half way home for some us and almost home for the rest.

Barb and I arrived home about 11 p.m., and was I glad to hit the bed. What a pair of weekends! Both filled with great Miata events on Saturday and Sunday and many wonderful memories.

Thanks to all of you.

— Elliot

ttended by over one hundred Mazda enthusiasts, the June 9 Track Driving Seminar drew members of several Mazda-related clubs. Members of SOCALM, SoCal7s (Southern California RX-7 Club), the San Diego RX-7 Owners Club, and the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.

The seminar was put together by SDMC member STEF GOULD and held at Mazda headquarters in Irvine. Mazda agreed to host the seminar at their corporate headquarters and

Aaron Tachibana agreed to fly down to lead the seminar. Mazda treated the attendees to a large assortment of breakfast goodies: donuts, coffee cake, sweet breads, and trail mix, along with coffee and orange juice.

Aaron is a race driver who has explored the performance potential of both the Miata and the RX-7 (he owns both). Aaron, who has over 30.000 miles of track driving under his belt, excels at communicating his passion and expertise to groups. His enthusiasm for both Mazda cars is embodied in the Track Days* he sponsors for Miata owners (Miatas primarily, but he includes other margues) at road-race tracks in Northern California, including Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca, where I first met him late last year. I was so taken with his enthusiasm and knowledge that I asked him if he would share his knowledge with as many people as possible in Southern California.

Aaron prepared a lecture that explained the three basic types of turns that make up any road-race track (or any road for that matter), techniques to help focus your attention on the road and what's going on around you, and mechanical tips for getting the

June 9 - Saturday
Track Driving Techniques
Seminar

most out of your Miata. At the end of the lecture, Aaron used his broad knowledge to answer driving as well as technical questions. No question went unanswered!

I have received many positive comments about the seminar and Mazda's involvement. I will share a few with you:

had arrant!

I wanted to thank you personally and on behalf of the SoCal7s for the warm invitation you gave us to the seminar this last Saturday. I surveyed all of our club members who attended the event and they said it was outstanding. We hope to continue holding joint events like this one in the near future. I'm working with Mazda on some real nice events which will be joint events for both Miatas and RX-7s.

— Berny Herrera

Executive Director, SoCal7s

I really enjoyed the seminar. I didn't get a chance to thank you and Mazda for putting the seminar together and feeding us as well. Thank you for a great event.

— Son Nguyen SOCALM

I just want to say that I enjoyed the seminar Saturday. I thought Aaron's lecture was very beneficial. Thank you for organizing this event.

— Alan Toyofuku RX-7 Club of San Diego

Thanks so much for a great seminar this weekend. I had a great time and learned a lot about driving techniques, our car and its maintenance. It was fun to caravan down with our westside locals from SOCALM and to see the

Headquarters. This weekend I put some of the tips to use—I found a parking lot at Santa Monica Airport to use as a skid pad. I found my car to be an understeerer that likes to get loose with sudden changes to steering input and throttle drop. I left a lot of rubber there and found I

had an audience at Spitfire Restaurant!

Robert Franssen2001 Brilliant Black LSSOCALM

*A Track Day is a chance to drive on a race track with an instructor to learn the potential of the car and driver, not a race. Drivers are divided into three classes: novice, intermediate, and experienced. The instructor keeps a cap on the number of drivers in each class, so that each driver will have the opportunity of driving six 30 minute sessions per day. Aaron sponsors Track Days for Miata owners at Sears Point, Thunderhill, Laguna Seca, and Pahrumph throughout the year. Aaron is currently working with Mazda on a plan to hold Miata Track Days at road-race tracks across the country.

— STEF GOULD

he following table lists the mileage for the runs since our last update in the April newsletter. All entries are based on the sign up sheets turned in by the run coordinators after each run. The ability of the Mileage Awards Tallymaster to interpret the scribbles on the sheets might affect the accuracy of the entries. If you have any questions, please contact the Mileage Awards 2001 Tallymaster, MIKE SHACK at mgishack@cts.com or (858) 485-0278.

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Run Name	Puke-O-Rama		Run for Magnetics				TOTAL VED
Official Mileage	153 miles	109 miles	104 miles	various miles	86 miles	136 miles	TOTAL YTD
Run Date	03/25/2001	04/15/2001	04/22/2001	5/5-5/7/01	05/23/2001	06/10/2001	
Abad, Eric	153						153
Acevedo, Ray						136	136
Armstrong, Anita		109					109
Armstrong, Don		109	104			100	213
Baldwin, Don						136	136
Barchus, Paul		100	104			136	136
Barton, Ken		109	104			100	213
Bauman, Eunice		109				136	245
Begley, Ann		109 109	104				309
Begley, Fred Best, Richard	153	109	104			136	413 784
Blevins, Haven	133	109	104			136	245
Booth, Cathy	153	103	104			136	498
Booth, Mark	153		104			136	498
Boster, Janice	153		104			130	604
Boster, Jerry	153		104				648
Breen, John	153	109	101				367
Breen, Linda	153	109					262
Broadbent, Zach	153	100					258
Brokaw. Charlene	153	109	104	255		136	799
Brokaw, Jim	153	109	104	255			663
Bryan, Alex							42
Bryan, David	153	109					304
Bryan, Dennis							42
Bryan, Lori							42
Burgess, Jayne		109					109
Burgess, Jerry		109					109
Carmel, Diana							105
Case, Karen							105
Case, Kristi							105
Castillo, Xavier				75	86	136	297
Causarano, Geri	153	109	104	195	86	136	1069
Causarano, Sal		109	104	195		136	983
Chan, Gail	153						397
Daoust, Phil	150						105
Davis, Bob	153						373
Davis, Juli	153	109					153
Delnagro, Amy Dennstedt, Annette	153	109					109 153
Dennstedt, Larry	153		104				299
Didier, Dennis	133	109	104		86		239
Didier Veronica		109			86		239
DiLustro, Jack		109		255	86		714
DiLustro, Sue		109		255	00		408
Fahring, Geoff		100		75	86	136	402
Faircloth, Mike				195	O	100	395
Faircloth, Robin				195		136	531
Fore, Eileen							105
Garon, Dennis	153			255			628
Garon, Maryanne	153			220			635
Garth, Len						136	136
Garth, Lois						136	136
Goodman, Grant		109					329
Gould, Stef						136	241
Gould, Tom						136	241
Hamilton, Art	153	109	104		86	136	735
Haywood, Kevin		109					109
Heinitz, Michael			104				104
Herd, Greg							42
Herd, Mary		100		orr		100	42
Hinkle, Jack		109		255		136	805

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Hinkle, Sue		109		55		136	605
Holland, J.T.	153						153
Hunt, Dave	153			175			328
Hunt, Pam	153 153			45			198 353
Jewell, Carole Jewell, Wally	153						353 353
Johnson, Dee	133	109	104	255		136	604
Johnson, Wayne		109	104	255		136	604
Kennison, Paula		109					351
Kennison, Steve	153	109		255			759
Kershaw, Barry					86		86
Kessler, Sue	153						353
Kessler, Ted	153						353
Kilgore, Charlie Kilgore, Lisa							220 220
Kitterer, Bob							220
Knepper, Bill		109	104				538
Krueger, Bob	153					136	289
Krueger, Vicky						136	136
Kulik, W.J.	153						153
Kuzminski, Howard	153		104				153
Langhoff, Joanna			104 104				146
Langhoff, Scott Langmaid, Ed			104				146 105
Langmaid, Michelle							105
Lee, Sharon		109					109
Lewis, Debbye			104				104
Lewis, Dustin			104			136	345
Lima, JD	153	109	104			136	546
Lionello, Roberto		109				400	109
Llewellyn, Bob						136	241
Llewellyn, Debbie Long, Diane						136	105 136
Long, Gordon	153					136	289
Lynn, David	100			165		100	207
Lynn, Leanne				165			207
Marshall, Ann	153				86		239
Martin, Arthur		100					105
Martin, Dave		109					414
Martinez, Jon May, Bill	153	109					256 153
May, Jean	153						153
McClelland, Kathie	153			75			428
Merkin, Adine		109					109
Misko, Louis		109					109
Moore, Rick		109					109
Mudarri, Paula	153						239
Mueller, Maryanne Mueller, Rainer		109			86		42 237
Noriega, Alfred		109			50		237 214
Obden, Bill		109					109
Pabian, Al				175			175
Pabian, Linda				175			175
Page, Diana				175			175
Page, Mike				175		190	175
Palmatier, Wallace Pasterkiewicz, Susan	153					136	136 153
Patterson, Randy	153	109					262
Patterson, Susan	153	100					153
Penta, Jeff							220
Penta, Kim		400					220
Perry , Carol		109	104				109
Pfeiffer, Bob			104		96		209
Phillips, Cathy Phillips, Jim					86 86		86 86
Pierce, Al					86		86
Powell, Judy		109					256
Preston, Billye							105
Ramsey, Donna							147
Ramsey, Rick							147

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Rath, Dixie		109					109
Richardson, John		109					214
Richardson, Joyce		109					109
Roberts, Kathy				255			255
Roberts, Ken				255		136	391
Rosenthal, Ed						136	136
Rosin, Scott			104				104
Ross, Deb			104				104
Rundall, Ann	4.50						42
Russell, Bari	153	100					258
Russell, Bobby		109					109
Sanchez, Rudy		109 109	104				109 257
Sankpill, Conrad Sankpill, Linda		109	104		96		
Sankpiii, Linda Schwartz, Andra	153	109	104		86		343 153
Schwartz, Andra Schwartz, Mike	153						458
Scott, Gary	133	109	104	255			710
Scott, Jered		103	104	125			325
Scott, Roz		109	104	123		136	591
Shack, Elinor		106	104	125		130	275
Shack, Mike	153	106	104	255			662
Shaffer, Bill	153	109	104	200	86	136	957
Shev, Barb	153	109	101	255	86	100	1014
Shev, Elliot	153	109		255		136	1064
Stanley, Gene		A.					105
Stark, Lou		109			86		195
Stark, Ruth		109					109
Stevens, Delores					86		86
Stevens, Norm		109			86		195
Stevens, Wally		109		165			318
Stoneburner, Genai	153						153
Stoneburner, Jay	153						153
Taylor, Virginia	153						153
Templeton, Barbara	153			X		136	289
Templeton ,John		400		255			255
Thompson , Dona	150	109				100	214
Thompson, Tom	153	109				136	503
Timmons, Tamara		109					151
Timmons, Ted Toole, Kathleen		109 109	104	75		136	151 424
Waid , Laurie	153	109	104	75		130	631
Waid, Laurie Waid, Steve	153	109		255			886
Wallner, MaryAnn	133	109		255			406
Wellington, Vikktoria		103		£JJ		136	136
Williams, Garret		109				100	109
Williams, Melissa		109					109
Wood, Karen		109			86	136	436
Wood, Tra		-00					105
Woods, Jennifer		109					109
Woods, Todd		109					109

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