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SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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San Diego Automotive Museum



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Search for Madonna 2002

Déjà Vu All Over Again

Seems like I was just saying "Only 25 days until Christmas? I want a recount!" Last year at this time, we were wondering who would be the nation's next President; now there is no question about who our leader is.

Once again it is time for me to review the fun-filled year we've had together. So check the oil and the air in the tires, fasten your seat belts, and let's drive through the year in review. Here we go!

The year started out with two great events on New Year's Day, autocross and the annual Hangover Run. Later in the month we went on a fun run and train trip to Tecate, Mexico. February took us to Borrego Springs and Oasis Station. We worked at the San Diego International Auto Show and had a getaway to Laughlin, Nevada. We ended February all wet with the "Fishy Run." March was for driving, with autocross, the SCCA National Tour, and track events at Thunderhill and Laguna Seca. We had a twist with the Puke-O-Rama where my co-pilot said, "I am not getting back in that car!" about 80% through the run. For a run that starts out eating and ends up eating, this one can surely ruin your stomach.

Here comes spring with beautiful top-down weather and the Dam-O-Rama run, which was fun but not dam hot this year. This was followed by the honestly named "Run for the Magnetics." *That's how you get those wonderful magnetics for your car—you put together and lead a published run.* Besides autocross twice during April, being the beginning of our fiscal year, we held our annual meeting and elections. I would like to, again, thank you for your vote of confidence in selecting me as your president again this year. This year's meeting was immediately followed by our club's participation in the Navajo Community Spring Fest Parade.

May, the fifth anniversary of our newsletter, brought us our first color cover, and did it look great! What a month we had. We searched for Madonna with the Rocdonna Run, went on the Planes of Fame Run, some of us flipped over Danny McKeever's High Performance Driving School, attended Allen's Wrench Rock and Blues Festival, and had our first mid-week run of the year.

I need a breather; we never stop!

June was packed with events; are your seat belts tight? We had our first Cruisin' Grand, the Renaissance Faire, the first track driving techniques seminar held at Mazda, the Kanazawa Roadster Club Fun Run and BBQ, a Car Care Clinic Tech Day, the Run to the Getty IV, the Best of the Bunch car show, and Miatas go to

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Camp for MDA. The month ended with the annual ice cream social to prepare for July 4th.

July started out with a bang as we won first place, *again*, at the Scripps Ranch 4th of July Parade. What a club! We did some more Cruisin' Grand and had a tech day at the Wheel Store in Oceanside. August started out with our annual Miles of Miatas for MDA. This year I am proud to say that you raised over \$12,000 for MDA. You should all be very proud of this. Of course, *my* favorite part is the raffle. This is also the month for the annual Twilight Run and was it ever great! Some of us went to Monterey to the Historic races at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway. The month was rounded out at the Conn's tech day, and who can forget Debbye does the Drive-In Run. September started out with a group photo for our 5th anniversary at the Auto Museum and breakfast, followed by the MDA Telethon and BBQ party. This great event was followed by our first SDMC at Auto-cross event. Wow, that was really fun! Next up was the Nethercutt Collection Tour and then our world changed on September 11, 2001. Our next run was cancelled. The Loneliest Highway Run took off, we had our Back to the 50's Run, and finished up September with the annual Fall Leaf Run with our friends in Utah. October started out with the annual Big Bear Run, another McKeever driving school, and ended up with the Graveyard Shifts Run. The Coronado Speed Festival was also cancelled due to the events on 9/11.

Well, this brings us to November, which started out with the Slots of Fun Run, the Twenty Questions Rally, and the Veterans Day Parade. Now, we have come full circle to December, which will be starting off with our annual Holiday Party, which is being held among the cars on display at the San Diego Automotive Mu-

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!

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seum this year.

Okay, you can loosen your seat belt now. What a ride! Can you believe all we have done this year? Not to mention that every month we have our regular meeting and autocross events. This club spares nothing when it comes to members creating events for other members to share. I can hardly wait for next year. When does one find time to work around the home-stead? Who cares, there's too much fun to have out there.

If you look at the club mission statement, at the top of this column, I would say we did a damn fine job of living up to that statement this year.

BARB and I would like to wish all of you the best for this holiday season and may next year bring you all that you wish for.

— ELLIOT

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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

Dedicated 24-hour voice message line: (619) 582-2448

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SDMC Holiday Party**Date:** Saturday, December 1**Time:** 6 p.m.**Place:** San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park

By now, all who RSVP'd for the holiday party should have received their confirmation letters. No more reservations can be accepted. And, unfortunately, no reservations can be accepted at the door. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**San Marcos****Holiday Parade****Date:** Sunday, December 2

Meeting Place: Dalton's Roadhouse, Exit Highway 78 at Nordahl (first exit west of the I-15/Highway 78 interchange). Go north on Nordahl about half a mile. Dalton's is on your left.

Meeting Time: 11 a.m.

The parade route is a two-mile stretch along Mission Road from Palomar Community College to the San Marcos Civic Center. The event lasts approximately 1½ to 2 hours. This year will be, after September 11th, a very special time and tribute to these local San Diego families and heroes. The parade will have over 1,200 participants including various dignitaries. We will be carrying dignitaries in our cars, so plan accordingly. Please contact STEVE WAID, (760) 432-0727, with questions and commitments.

**Autocross****Dates:** Saturday, December 8

Sunday, December 9

Time: 9 a.m.**Place:** Qualcomm Stadium

Mission Valley, southeast lot,
DCCSD Saturday, practice.
Sunday, championship event.

**Third Annual Victorian Christmas Tea****Date:** Saturday, December 8**Time:** 11:30 am until 1:30 pm**Where:** Julian Tea Cottage

2124 Third Street

Julian, CA 92036-2062

(760) 765-0832, www.juliantea.com**Cost:** \$14.50 per person excluding tax/gratuity**RSVP:** MARY ANN WALLNER

(760) 750-4243 or

mwallner@csusm.edu

Menu: Finger sandwiches, savories, nut breads, scones, whipped cream & jams, and a selection of desserts.

If there is interest again this year we can also stay overnight at Valerie Ashley's Bed & Breakfast Inn. Please let me know when you RSVP.

**Holidays Tech Day****Date:** Saturday, December 15**Time:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**Where:** The WAID's, 1772 David Drive, Escondidoswaid@home.com (760) 432-0727

We will have new windshield installations available through SDMC member MIKE HEINITZ. He will be able to install new windshields for those of you with pitted or damaged ones. Windshield pricing:

90-95

\$200.16 or \$204.84 (shaded)

96-2001

\$235.70 or \$242.12 (shaded)

Contact Mike for appointment times (if you need one) and any other questions. mpheinitz@hotmail.com

We will have someone available to do the paintless dent removal. If you have a special interest or a job that you would like to have help with, please contact STEVE WAID as soon as possible. We will be cleaning engines and DAVE MARTIN has volunteered to do the trunk lock modifications. Bring that latest accessory to be installed. Team Voodoo, Goodwin Racing, and Kesler Braces will all be bringing products for purchase and installation. Items such as Pollophernalia and Voodoo Knobs from Team Voodoo (www.teamvoodoo.com), tower strut braces

and spark plug wires from Goodwin Racing (www.good-win-racing.com), and braces and front license plate swinging frames from Ted Kesler (mnaway@aol.com). If you would like VOODOO BOB, BRIAN GOODWIN, or TED KESLER to bring anything in particular for you, please contact them via the above Web pages or e-mail. Watch for announcements in e-mail before the event.

Impromptu fun run departures will be just that...impromptu. Several great Miata roads are just minutes away. Come and enjoy the day.

Directions: Interstate 15 north to El Norte Parkway (first exit north of Highway 78). West on El Norte Parkway under I-15 to Nutmeg. Right on Nutmeg to the stop sign at Country Club Lane. Left on Country Club Lane to Gary Lane (first opportunity on the right). Left onto David Drive.

Borrego Springs**"Pie" Run****Date:** Sunday, December 16**Meeting Times:** 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.**Meeting Places:**

North County Fair, Escondido

Sizzler Restaurant, Ramona

Run Leaders: JACK & SUE DILUSTRO*This run qualifies**toward 2002 Mileage Award*

Come rain, snow, sunshine, or a combination of all, we will twist and turn on some of our favorite roads to Borrego Springs for lunch and Julian Pie Company/Dudley's for a touch of dessert.

We will meet at North County Fair (now called Westfield's Shopping Town - North County), under the big sign on the west side of the mall. Heading east via Highland Valley Road, Bandy Canyon, and San Pasqual Road, we'll meet up with our East County members at the Sizzler restaurant in Ramona. Then it's off to



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Old Julian Highway as we head toward State Route 22 and drop into the desert for lunch at Borrego Springs. This is an informal stop and there are several places to eat. You can picnic at Christmas Circle, or try one of the Mexican or deli restaurants for sit-in or take-out.

We'll then head out Yaqui Pass Road and wind our way toward Julian, Wynola Road, and aim for our classic dessert stop in Santa Ysabel.

Since this is just a few days before Christmas, we will plan enough time for a quick shopping stop in Julian, for those who need this holiday fix rather than a pie fix. If you need both shopping and sugar—just follow Sue!

Put the top down, bundle up, and enjoy our local mountains and desert in their early winter splendor.

Monthly Meeting

A week early this month due to Christmas

Date: Thursday, December 20

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, December 22

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium
Mission Valley, west lot,
TART practice.



FUTURE EVENTS

5th Annual Hangover Run

Date: Tuesday, January 1

Departure Time: 1:02 p.m.

Meeting Place: Washington Mutual
Bank parking lot (no bathrooms)
27632 Crown Valley Parkway,



Mission Viejo

Host: K. ZACK BROADBENT,
racerzack@aol.com
(714) 381-9666 (mobile)

This year, the Hangover Run will again be an afternoon/early evening drive. Hopefully, this time we'll finish before anyone gets lost in the dark. Our drive will include sweeping vistas of the Pacific Ocean, dramatic views of Lake Elsinore, and steep, hilly driving. Of course, it wouldn't be the Hangover Run without the signature 27% downgrade that everyone loves.

Come prepared to drive with a full tank of gas. Eat lunch and use the restroom *before* the run begins, as this time the food comes *after* the run.

It would be great if we could top the 2001 Hangover Run in attendance (107 cars), and the 2002 version will include SOCALM, SDMC, the SoCal7s RX-7 club and the San Diego RX-7 Club. Yes, this is a "monster run," so come prepared for the occasional several-minute stop along the way for the sweep car to catch the lead. This will be a fun, casual, scenic drive, with the lead car staying at a relaxed pace. If you're hoping to start the new year by testing your suspension or new supercharger, this is NOT the run to do it. After all, this is the "hangover" run—who wants to drive at the limit with a hangover?

Directions: Exit the 5 freeway at Crown Valley Parkway. Go east (uphill, towards the Mission Viejo Mall). Turn left at the second light (El Regateo/Medical Center Rd). Turn left immediately at the stop sign/T. Turn left into the first parking lot (Washington Mutual Bank/OCTFCU).

The Search for Madonna 2002

When: May 4-6, 2002

To be a "searcher" you must do the following as soon as possible to ensure that you are able to have the best selec-



tion of rooms.

1. Go to the Madonna Inn Web page and make your room selection. www.madonnainn.com
2. Call the Madonna Inn and reserve your room. Be sure to say "Miata club" so that you can access the reserved block of rooms. All base rooms (you will be able to figure it out on the Web page) are priced at \$137. This is the 2001 price. They will go up in 2002.
3. Call or e-mail me with your room selection, by room name and number.
4. If you want to upgrade, naturally the room prices go up, but you will get the 2001 price.
5. Sit back and wait. Anticipation is half the fun. There will be changes to the search itinerary. Those of you that have searched before will experience some new twists (pun intended).

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

2002 National Miata Event

When: September 19-22, 2002

Where: Hilton, Washington Dulles
Airport City, Herndon, VA

Take the scenic routes to the Nation's capital for the 2002 National Miata Event hosted by Mazda Sportscar Club of Washington D.C. and sponsored by the MIATA OWNERS CLUB. Come and spend quality time getting closer to your Miata and the road. Just a few of the activities planned: car show, autocross, drag strip races, defensive driving school, race track tour (touring laps), funcanna, road rallies & scavenger hunt, dynamometer testing and much, much, more! And, MOC Members get \$25 off the registration fees! For further details and additional information regarding the 2002 National Miata Event check out the event Web site at www.mscw.com/Miata2002 or phone (703) 278-8005.



Events Don't Just Happen!

You have probably noticed that the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is an active bunch of enthusiasts. In the past year we have cruised Grand, visited the Getty Museum, driven the Streets of Willow race track, been in parades, autocrossed, picnicked, had tech days, and more.

Question: How does all this happen?

Answer: People like YOU make it happen.

The easiest way to explain how an event occurs is to say that someone says to himself, "I am going to get in my Miata and go (insert what you enjoy here), and I am going to invite my Miata friends to join me." The next step is to call STEVE WAID, our events coordinator, and ask him to assist you in getting the invitation out. Steve is available at (760) 432-0727 or events@sandiegomiataclub.org.

If you want to earn the always desirable SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB magnetics in your car color, then the only requirement is that the event be a driving event. A caravan to an event does not qualify...such as the trip to the Getty Museum. However, if an indirect "run" to an event is put together, then the magnetics are earned. A recent example would be DUSTIN LEWIS' run to the Santee Drive-in last August. Dustin earned his magnetics that day, and we all got to watch movies too.

2001 has seen several people earn their magnetics—WAYNE and DEE JOHNSON, BRUCE and DEBBYE LEWIS, and TOM and DONA THOMPSON to name only a few. In November, new members NICK and SHARON PONCE led us on the Slots of Fun Run (see page 9) to earn their magnetics.

Ask the club to join you the next time you plan to do something fun. You'll enjoy yourself even more when you have fellow Miatafans along for the ride!



Concept Miata at SEMA

At the annual Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas (October 30-November 2), Mazda unveiled a new concept Miata. This particularly striking Miata was created by Style Imagineering of Santee.

www.styleimagineering.com

Some of the more prominent features of this Miata are:

- ☞ Four-inch wider front and six-inch wider rear body.
- ☞ Custom pearly Neon Yellow paint.
- ☞ Polished aluminum style bar with integrated audio speakers.
- ☞ Flyin' Miata FMII turbocharger system.

In addition, the entire trunk was filled with audio and video equipment. The trunk-mounted TV might be a little difficult to watch while driving the twisties on Highland Valley Road.

— ANTHONY WILDE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Here are the answers to the crossword puzzle that appeared in the November edition of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS.

Across

2. Caliper
3. Miata
6. Newsletter
8. Merlot
10. Food
13. Liter
14. Irvine
15. Voodoo
17. Tonneau
18. Enthusiast
21. Roadster
23. Fun
24. Autocross

Down

1. Wheel
2. Console
4. Tachometer
5. Camaraderie
7. Convertible
9. Aluminum
11. Oil
12. Driveshaft
16. Battery
19. Sports Car
20. Hall
22. Eunus



A Flyin' Miata turbocharger provides the go to complement the show of the rest of the car. An interesting design on the strut brace from Unique Metal Products.

PHOTOS: ROBERT "JT" HOLLAND





— ROBIN AND MIKE FAIRCLOTH

There was no doubt in the mind of ROBIN WALKER-FAIRCLOTH as to which car she wanted to drive. The fact that there didn't seem to be one available was not going to deter her.

It was a 2000 Brilliant Black Miata that Robin had her heart set on, and when dealers said there were none available locally, that just made the challenge that much more interesting. The result is the car with the FUN4RLW license you see at many SDMC events. And yes, it is indeed a 2000 Brilliant Black LS.

Robin and husband MIKE finally had one tracked down in Los Angeles a year ago through the Mazda dealer network, and happily took part in their first Miata club activity, the Big Bear run, very soon after. They have been active participants in numerous events ever since.

And this is a unique car in more ways than one. It has what is probably the only titanium front grille in Miataland, as well as a nifty swinging license plate and a front shock tower brace. Mike, you see, is a tool and dye maker as well as aircraft inspector, and so knows how to develop special little gadgets for his lady and her car. They also traded their matte wheels for

chrome polished, which neatly offsets the deep black color of the body.

Mike and Robin are true "car people," having been members of both the Mercedes and Triumph clubs before discovering Miata. "The Miata is truly a fun car, fun to drive, and a fun group—we have met a bunch of really neat people in this club," says Robin.

They loved the Search for Madonna, the Big Bear run, the Puke-O-Rama, and taking part in the MDA Labor Day Telethon, just to mention a few. They have also attended many of the "Tech Day" events. "On our first run," Robin recalls, "so many of the club members came up and welcomed us warmly. It was a wonderful feeling."

Mike, who still drives a Mercedes 450SL, wrinkles up his nose when asked about the comparison of SDMC with other clubs. The Mercedes group, it seems, is quite a bit more restrained and not as anxious to let the good times roll.

Robin (who is 6-0) and Mike (who is 6-4) also belie the belief that tall folks can't enjoy the Miata. Mike did forge an aluminum dead pedal to make it more comfortable when he is driving—which isn't often, as Robin enjoys being behind the wheel so much.

Robin gets a kick from the com-

ments from folks at her job—for the past five years she has been a deputy sheriff and is currently assigned to the Descanso Detention Facility. The inmates give her car accolades as she arrives for work. She works every other weekend, and tries to be in the Miata somewhere on the alternate weekends.

Mike has had a number of other fun cars including an Austin-Healy and a GT-6 Triumph six cylinder, twin carburetor customized car when he was VP of that club. Robin's first experience with a "sports car" was back in the late '70s when she bought a brand new, bright green TR7... known then as the "wedge." She loved that car and drove it for about five years. When she had to part company with the TR7 she vowed that some day she would have another sports car.

Mike has another interesting and unique hobby, training and hunting with hawks and falcons. He has been a falconer since age 13 and active in falconry for 38+ years. He holds a Master Falconer license, and currently has a Harris Hawk.

The brilliant black Miata and the Faircloth family live happily in Ramona, around the corner from SAL and GERI CAUSARANO, so they all can have their own mini-caravan to drive to club events. To Robin and Mike, black is beautiful.

— TOM SPRAGUE

To be included in our ongoing series of Member Profiles, write a short (200-400 word) summary 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.

New Members!

WELCOME to our newest members
(since last newsletter):

JOHN & MAX BAEZ
San Diego
1991 Red

ERNIE CASTRO
San Diego
1995 Black

TONY MARTONE & LINDA JENSEN
Lemon Grove
1994 Black

STAN PERRY
Oceanside
1992 Red

JEFF RIDENOUR
Apple Valley
1994 Laguna Blue B

ROBERT & MARY TEWKSBURY
Oceanside
1990 Red

RON & MARGARET WELLER
La Mesa
1994 White

Renewing Members

(since last newsletter):

AL & CAROL CRIQUI
IAN DACANAY
JAY & DEE DEMENT
ANNETTE & LARRY DENNSTEDT
ALEX GARCIA &
DANIELLE BOURGEOIS
RUDY E. GARCIA
KEVIN & KAREN HAYWOOD
RICK KEACH & MAIGA BERZINS
BILL & CHARLETTE KNEPPER
HOWARD KUZMINSKI
ROBERT MCALLISTER
MARIE MCINTIRE & KEN CORN
WALLACE PALMATIER &
PAUL BARCHUS
PATRICK & VIONA VAN HOOSE

Membership Statistics

As of November 25, 2001, there are 359 memberships (145 single, 214 dual) for a total of 573 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

98	Red
51	White
40	Black
34	Emerald Green
33	Silver
15	Montego Blue
13	Sapphire Blue
12	BRG
9	Marina Green
9	Twilight Blue
8	Mariner Blue
8	Starlight Blue
7	Crystal Blue
7	Laguna Blue
7	Mahogany
6	Yellow
5	Merlot
2	Evolution Orange
2	Midnight Blue
1	Eggplant (custom)
1	Teal (custom)
8	Unreported*

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

In Memoriam

DONNA DITTMAN
November 23, 2001

DONNA passed away on Friday, November 23. Donna and husband ED only joined the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB in October, but they have shared the fun of the club through their family for some time. Donna is mother of SDMC member DEBBY DITTMAN-LEWIS and grandmother of SDMC member DUSTIN LEWIS.

5 Years Ago This Month**December 7, 1996**

The Day at the Beach Fun Run took 112 miles to go from North County Fair to Oceanside. Didn't you know that Julian is between Escondido and Oceanside?

December 14, 1996

The first SDMC Holiday Party was held at the home of member RICHARD SCHERSCHEL. Such a wonderful time was had by all that Richard never invited us back.

December 21, 1996

At the monthly Wheels'N'Meals at the Boll Weevil (before we started calling it the Monthly Meeting), the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB hosted a pivotal link in the Christmas Elf Road Rally. The rally was a cross-country charity fund raiser event put on by various members of the Compuserve CARS forum. The complete description of the rally, and SDMC participation, can be found in the February 1997 edition of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS, pages 4-5, which can be downloaded from the club Web site.

Club Membership:

102 memberships and a total of 153 members.



FUN RUNS



JD Lima seems to be fully in the "spirit" of the run.



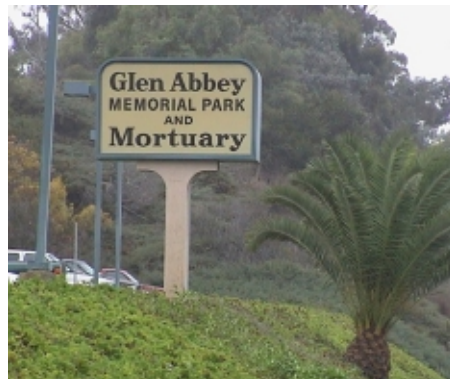
October 27 - Saturday
Graveyard Shifts Run



At the edge of the Pacific, with waves crashing in the background, Elliot Shev presents SDMC Magnetics to Debbye and Bruce Lewis at the start of the run.



Bruce gives the pre-run directions at the drivers meeting.



It was not the usual Miata run scenery on this run.



There was no trick, only a treat for Art Hamilton when a stop was made for ice cream. Bruce appears to be pleased as well.



As the run proceeded inland from the coast, the gloom was replaced by warming sunshine. The twisties had something to do with lifting spirits as well.



PHOTOS: JIM & CHARLENE BROKAW





November 3 - Saturday
Slots of Fun Run

The Miatas are coming, the Miatas are coming. NICK and SHARON PONCE led nineteen Miatas from Tom's #23 in Escondido on a 60 mile trek. The run included stopping at four north county casinos.

On Little Gopher Canyon Road they did what Miatas do best... twisties! Passing San Louis Rey golf course, the Miatas took Highway 76 to Pala Casino. From I-15 to Pala is about six miles of good, curvy road. Unfortunately, there was a mini-van in front of the pack going about 25 mph the whole six miles! The van looked like it was going to tip over at each curve while the Miatas were chomping at the bit to GO!

Pulling in to Pala Casino, the Miatas had reserved parking. After spending about an hour at Pala, the group was off to Valley View Casino to search for those winning slots. Cole Grade Road is a good road for Miatas. Unfortunately, a U.S.P.S. truck in front of the leader kept the Miatas under control.

The good folks at Valley View provided ample private parking for the cool-looking Miatas. The biggest win of the day was made at Valley View. For her own protection, we won't identify the young lady who won \$137, but she was the one who held up the group while she was cashing in her dollar tokens.

Next stop was Rincon Casino. Once again, casino security provided a nice roped off area for the Miatas to park unmolested. Some of us transported money from Valley View and Pala to Rincon. Oh well, win some, lose some.

As we walked toward our Miatas we noticed a wannabe Miata parked with us. The poor lonely Lotus just

wanted to be one of the gang.

The next stop was best ...we ate! Casino Pauma, located among orange trees in Pauma Valley, gave us a free buffet. We were escorted to the patio where we could all sit and eat together in perfect weather. The food was excellent, service was great. Even Kris White, the marketing director, was hopping tables to make sure everyone's wants were met.

After eating all we wanted, some stayed and gambled, while others took off to test their Miatas on Palomar Mountain's twisty roads. The real lucky ones went home to count their money. This was a fun day, spent with nice people who enjoy driving their Miatas and the beauty of North County.

— NICK PONCE
Zoom-Zoom-Zoom



PHOTO: NICK PONCE

The Casino Pauma was the stopping point for lunch on the Slots of Fun Run.



November 4 - Sunday
Twenty Questions Rally
SDAM Car Club Council

Will it rain? No...yes...no... maybe...no...okay, let's go on the Twenty Question Rally. We imagine many people went through this scenario Sunday, November 4th. Getting up and seeing the rain and, along with the weather people, wondering what the heck the weather was going to do.

Four Miatas, an Austin-Healy 3-liter, two "bug eye" Sprites, two MGs, one TVR, a couple of Triumphs, and

a few other OTMs committed to spend a few hours on the "Twenty Questions Rally." We were given instructions and released from the parking lot of the San Diego Automotive Museum at 10 a.m. sharp. The sun was out and it was turning warm. Our mission was to go to unique pre-selected spots and answer a question, then go to the next spot.

There was no way that an individual vehicle could go to all 20 sites in just two hours without breaking all sorts of vehicle codes, but we played along and went to the San Diego Mission and Montgomery Airfield, then over to the Visitor Information center (lost valuable time trying to extract tourist information from that lady!), down to Old Town, then to downtown, over to Harbor Island, and then sprinted back to the museum to make the two hour deadline.

Our modern, high tech Miatas (two silver, one blue, one mahogany) did their job. They purred along without trouble and seemed to enjoy the adventure. The pets of the Miatas (drivers and navigators) did not necessarily fare so well. A member of the Studebaker Lark car club won the rally. OUCH!

Consolation comment: they were not driving the Lark, as the engine was not working.

It's not whether you win or lose, it's having fun doing it. We all had fun! Miatas are good at that.

Thanks go to the San Diego Car Club Council for the nice barbeque, trophies, and unique rally event.

—ED AND MICHELLE LANGMAID

Everyone who attended must have had a great time since nobody took any pictures for the newsletter.

— EDITOR



October 20, 2001 Autocross Results

Congratulations to the following SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members on their performance at the Solo2 championship event. The event was sponsored by the Triple A Race Team (TART), and held at Qualcomm Stadium.

Class	Driver	Car	Place
BS	ED PITTS	Miata	10th
IS2	RAINER MUELLER	Miata	3rd
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	4th
IS2	STEVE KENNISON	Miata	5th
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	6th
IS2	JIM BROKAW	Miata	7th
IS2	TOM CLARK	Miata	11th
IS2	BOB KRUEGER	Miata	12th
IS2L	BARBARA SHEV	Miata	1st
SM	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	4th
CSP	RON CHAPMAN	Honda CRX	2nd
CSP	MARA CALER	Honda CRX	4th
Novice	JOHN D. LIMA	Miata	22nd
Novice	FEDERICO ABAD	Miata	25th
Novice	VERONICA DIDIER	Miata	31st
Novice	KAREN WOOD	Miata	52nd

November 11, 2001 Autocross Results

Congratulations to the following SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members on their performance at the Solo2 championship event. The event was sponsored by the San Diego Asebring Drivers (SDAD), and held at Qualcomm Stadium.

Class	Driver	Car	Place
BS	ED PITTS	Miata	9th
BS	JOHN HILTON	Miata	13th
CS	KEVIN STEVENS	Miata	7th
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	1st
IS2	ELLIOT SHEV	Miata	4th
IS2	RAINER MUELLER	Miata	5th
IS2	STEVE KENNISON	Miata	6th
IS2	MIKE SCHWARTZ	Miata	7th
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	8th
IS2	JIM BROKAW	Miata	9th
IS2	MICHAEL HEINITZ	Miata	11th
IS2	TRA WOOD	Miata	13th
IS2	BOB KRUEGER	Miata	16th
IS2L	BARBARA SHEV	Miata	2nd
SM	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	Miata	5th
CSP	RON CHAPMAN	Honda CRX	2nd
Novice	FEDERICO ABAD	Miata	7th
Novice	VERONICA DIDIER	Miata	19th
Novice	PAULA KENNISON	Miata	23rd

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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.

UPDATE: We now have SDMC logo hats in stock. These come in various colors to match (or accent) your Miata. Red, black, green, silver (gray), dark blue, and light blue. The hats are \$12 from the Regalia Gals.

AUTOCROSS AT THE "Q"



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

Saturday, December 8.....practice
Sunday, December 9.....championship
Saturday, December 22.....practice

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 SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members race at the autocross (timed event). To participate you need to register for a Solo2 card and number (\$15) and have a DOT approved helmet. Loaner helmets are available at the autocross.



Nine little Miatas joined the ranks of the San Diego Convertible Club, San Diego Corvette Club, and the San Diego BMW Club, among others, and had a grand time celebrating our community Veterans in the 14th Annual San Diego Veterans Day Parade on November 10th.

Many thanks to ANNE MARSHALL, ART HAMILTON, BARB SHEV, BILL SHAFFER, JENNIFER ROTH, JERRY & JANICE BOSTER, LOU STARK, ED ROSENTHAL, & SHERI FACER for their gracious support.

Special thanks to Anne Marshall for the yummy birthday cake in honor of her ??? Birthday. Rumor has it Art Hamilton had five pieces, since there wasn't any ice cream around.

The parade was followed by a scrumptious lunch at the Elephant & Castle Pub.

— SCOTT LANGHOFF



November 10 - Saturday
Veterans Day Parade



One of three 10AE's at the parade, Anne Marshall's carried Congresswoman Susan Davis.

PHOTO: SCOTT LANGHOFF



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This was my first, and it will not be my last, Veterans Day Parade. The experience was amazing. We arrived before 10 a.m. to line up with all the other convertibles. The Miatas were small in number but very mighty. It was ANNE MARSHALL's birthday; she had a giant American flag cake. We were all getting assignments for the dignitaries we would carry in our Miatas. Anne got Congresswoman Susan Davis. ART HAMILTON and SHERI FACER each had a councilman. For myself and a few others, we had the privilege to carry a Purple Heart recipient from WWII. As we were assembling for the start of the parade, directly in front of us were three of the Tuskegee Airmen. I felt so good inside for being part of this wonderful experience. Watching the crowd telling your passenger... *Thank You!* A wonderful experience! Next year maybe more of us will come out and participate.

— BARB SHEV



PHOTO: ART HAMILTON

Art Hamilton shared his 10AE with San Diego City Councilman Brian Maienschein.



PHOTO: ART HAMILTON

Barb Shev had the honor of carrying Carlos Quintana, Commander, Chapter #49, the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



PHOTO: ART HAMILTON

Barb Shev, Lou Stark, and Bill Schaeffer are on high alert for the start of the parade.



PHOTO: ART HAMILTON

Sheri Facer transported San Diego City Councilwoman Donna Frye.



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Jerry Boster and his distinguished passenger, Art Harris of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



MILEAGE AWARDS PROGRAM

The following table lists the mileage for the runs since our last update in the July newsletter. The total is for all runs for the year and is the final result for 2001. 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 Tallymaster, MIKE SHACK, at mjshack@cts.com or (858) 485-0278.

Run Name	Miles of Miatas	Twilight Run	Debbie Does Drive-In	Back to the 50's	Grave Yard Shifts	Slots of Fun	FINAL TOTAL YTD
Official Mileage Run Date	100 miles 8/4	112 miles 8/11	45 miles 8/25	150 miles 9/22/10/27	120 miles 11/3	59 miles	
Abad, Eric						59	212
Abad, Nancy						59	59
Abe, Kyoichi		112					112
Acevedo, Ray							136
Allsopp, Rich						59	59
Armstrong, Anita							109
Armstrong, Don						59	272
Baldwin, Don							136
Barchus, Paul							136
Barton, Ken		112			120		445
Bauman, Eunice		112	45	150			552
Begley, Ann							309
Begley, Fred							413
Best, Richard		112					896
Billingsley, Barry		112					112
Billingsley, Shirley		112					112
Blevins, Haven		112					357
Booth, Cathy		112	45	150			805
Booth, Mark		112	45	150			805
Boster, Janice			45	150	120	59	978
Boster, Jerry			45	150	120	59	1022
Breen, John	100			150	120		737
Breen, Linda	100			150	120		632
Broadbent, Zach	100						358
Brokaw, Charlene	100		45	150	120		1214
Brokaw, Jim			45	150	120		978
Brown, Bob			45				45
Brown, Brad						59	59
Brown, Liz			45				45
Bryan, Alex		112					154
Bryan, David	100	112					516
Bryan, Dennis							42
Bryan, Lori	100	112					254
Burgess, Jayne							109
Burgess, Jerry							109
Carmel, Diana							105
Case, Karen							105
Case, Kristi							105
Castillo, Xavier		112		150	120	59	738
Causarano, Geri			45		120	59	1293
Causarano, Sal			45		120	59	1207
Chan, Gail		112					509
Corn, Kenneth		112					112
Daoust, Phil							105
Davis, Bob							373
Davis, Juli							153
Delnagro, Amy							109
Dennstedt, Annette							153
Dennstedt, Larry							299
Didier, Dennis		112					351
Didier, Veronica		112					351
DiLustro, Jack			45	150	120	59	1088
DiLustro, Sue			45	150		59	662
Fahring, Geoff		112		150	120	59	843
Faircloth, Mike							395
Faircloth, Robin		112					796
Fore, Eileen							105
Garon, Dennis							628



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Garon, Maryanne		112					747
Garth, Len							136
Garth, Lois							136
Goodman, Grant							329
Gould, Stef		112					353
Gould, Tom		112					353
Hamilton, Art	100	112		150	120	59	1276
Haywood, Kevin							109
Hedvill, Bob						59	59
Heinitz, Michael	100	112			120		436
Herd, Greg		112					154
Herd, Mary		112					154
Hill, MG			45	150			195
Hill, Sally			45	150			195
Hind, Jim		112					112
Hinkle, Jack	100		45				950
Hinkle, Sue	100		45	150			900
Holland, J.T.							153
Horsman, Delores	100						100
Horsman, John	100						100
Hoskinson, Jeannie		112					112
Hoskinson, Larry		112					112
Hunt, Dave							328
Hunt, Pam							198
Jewell, Carole							353
Jewell, Wally		112					465
Johnson, Dee		112					716
Johnson, Wayne		112					716
Karras, Nick		112	45				157
Keach, Rick	100						100
Kennison, Paula		112	45	150	120		778
Kennison, Steve		112	45	150	120		1186
Kershaw, Barry							86
Kessler, Sue					120		473
Kessler, Ted	100	112			120		685
Kilgore, Charlie		112					332
Kilgore, Lisa		112					332
Kitterer, Annice		112					112
Kitterer, Bob		112					332
Knepper, Bill		112					650
Knepper, Charlette		112					112
Krueger, Bob		112					401
Krueger, Vicky		112					248
Kulik, W.J.							153
Kuzaminski, Howard							153
Langhoff, Joanna							146
Langhoff, Scott							146
Langmaid, Ed		112					217
Langmaid, Michelle		112					217
Lee, Sharon							109
Lewis, Bruce	100		45				145
Lewis, Debbie	100		45				249
Lewis, Dustin			45	150	120		660
Lima, JD	100		45	150	120	59	1275
Lionello, Roberto							109
Llewellyn, Bob							241
Llewellyn, Debbie							105
Long, Diane							136
Long, Gordon							289
Lynn, David							207
Lynn, Gary		112					112
Lynn, Leanne							207
Mansfield, Michael					120		120
Marshall, Ann		112					351

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Martin, Arthur							105
Martin, Dave		112			120		646
Martin, Lois		112			120		232
Martinez, Jon							256
May, Bill							153
May, Jean							153
McClelland, Kathie		112					540
Merkin, Adine							109
Miller, Cynthia				150	120		270
Misko, Louis							109
Moore, Rick							109
Mudarri, Paula				150			389
Mueller, Maryanne		112					154
Mueller, Rainer		112					349
Noriega, Alfred							214
Obden, Bill							109
Pabian, Al							175
Pabian, Linda							175
Page, Diana							175
Page, Mike							175
Palmatier, Wallace							136
Pasterkiewicz, Susan							153
Patterson, Randy						59	321
Patterson, Susan						59	212
Pearce, Bob	100						100
Penta, Jeff							220
Penta, Kim							220
Perry, Carol							109
Pfeiffer, Bob							209
Phillips, Cathy							86
Phillips, Jim							86
Pierce, Al							86
Ponce, Nick				150		59	209
Ponce, Sharon				150			150
Powell, Judy							256
Preston, Billye							105
Ramsey, Donna		112					259
Ramsey, Rick		112					259
Rath, Dixie							109
Readey, Carole				150			150
Reaves, Mike		112					112
Richardson, John		112					326
Richardson, Joyce		112					221
Roberts, Kathy							255
Roberts, Ken							391
Rosenthal, Ed							136
Rosin, Scott							104
Ross, Deb			45				149
Roth, Jennifer			45				45
Rundall, Ann							42
Russell, Bari	100						358
Russell, Bobby							109
Sanchez, Rudy							109
Sanders, Jim						59	59
Sankpill, Conrad							257
Sankpill, Linda							343
Schultz, Kelley	100						100
Schwartz, Andra							153
Schwartz, Mike							458
Scott, Gary		112	45	150	120		1137
Scott, Jered				150			475
Scott, Roz		112	45		120		868
Shack, Elinor	100		45	150	120		690
Shack, Mike	100		45	150	120		1077
Shaffer, Bill	100	112			120	59	1348



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Shev, Barb	100	112	45	150	120	59	1600
Shev, Elliot	100	112	45	150	120		1591
Sprague, Tom		112					112
Stanley, Gene							105
Stark, Lou							195
Stark, Ruth							109
Stevens, Delores							86
Stevens, Norm							195
Stevens, Wally	100						418
Stoneburner, Genai							153
Stoneburner, Jay							153
Taylor, Virginia							153
Templeton, Barbara	100			150			539
Templeton, John							255
Thompson, Dona		112		150			476
Thompson, Tom	100	112		150			865
Timmons, Tamara							151
Timmons, Ted							151
Toole, Kathleen	100						524
Tucker, Ken		112					112
Waid, Laurie	100		45				776
Waid, Steve	100		45			59	1090
Wallner, MaryAnn							406
Wellington, Viktoria			45				181
Wilde, Anthony		112		150			551
Williams, Garret							109
Williams, Melissa							109
Wood, Karen	100				120		809
Wood, Tra	100				120		325
Woods, Jennifer							109
Woods, Todd							109

CLASSIFIED ADS

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For Sale: 1990 White B package. Excellent condition with 77k miles. M Edition polished aluminum wheels, car cover, AM/FM/CASS/CD, headrest speakers, A/C, power windows, cruise control. Jackson Racing headers, cold air induction, and cat-back exhaust. Brainstorm low-profile headlight conversion. New shocks, brakes, & timing belt, and more. Garage kept for the eight years and 28k miles I have had it. \$5600 OBO
Jeri, (858) 486-6771 days or (858) 485-0750.

For Sale: Direct from the "Best of the Best of the Bunch 2001" show car. The red 2000 Miata is being brought back to stock and all the aftermarket goodies are for sale at half of the original price. Remaining items for sale are: Moss Motors hard boot, JR strut brace, JR Autometer gauges, chrome side markers, Moretti headlights, Moretti taillights, chrome style bar, custom grille, custom hood, Mazdaspeed four-piece body kit, rear strut. Call for all the details.
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For Sale: 2000 Itasca Sundancer motorhome. 30 foot, C-Class, E-450 Triton V10, queen island bed, tan interior, Onan generator, slide-out, fully equipped, RV cover, many, many extras. Includes campground membership worth \$3000. Excellent condition, 4800 miles, MUST SACRIFICE. \$63,000.
Sal (760) 787-0624 or wood-dust@home.com

Wanted: Set of 4 16-inch stock wheels for 2001 Miata LS.
Ed, (760) 414-1248 or edpitts@yahoo.com

For Sale: Set of Eibach springs, only 1000 miles of use, \$250. 1999 federal exhaust manifold (good for 6 hp), \$370. Stock cat-back exhaust system for 1.6 and 1.8 Miatas. Stock 1.8 cat converter and exhaust manifold. Three sets of stock springs. Stock sway bars. Complete 1.6 engine with 80k miles. Damaged crank keyway but excellent compression. Five speed transmission for case or parts.
Larry, (619) 284-4911 or larrydennstedt@hotmail.com

For Sale: 2000 Miata LS, Emerald Green with tan leather interior and tan top, appearance package, and all the LS features. Only 7100 miles and driven conservatively, no modifications, always garaged and never driven in the rain. In absolutely 100% perfect

condition, asking \$19,2000.

Jeff, (858) 451-2423 or jadouglass47@cs.com

For Sale: 1993 White "B" package. 70k miles. Jackson CAI, white Robbins top with matching boot cover, Wet Okole seat covers, Voodoo knob & brake handle, Oris Windstop. Spare set of wheels & mis-matched tires. Too many options to list! \$7,750 OBO.
Kathie, kmiatacat@aol.com or (949) 644-1327

For Sale: from my '90 (not much left): 14x6 alloy wheels, radiator, shocks, springs, sway bars, soft top, passenger seat, steel antenna, spare wheel, some carpet and trim, seat belt and shoulder belt, intake air box, door speakers.
Kevin, (858) 651-5167, khaywood@qualcomm.com

For Sale: 1990 1.6-liter engine. This engine has 154K miles on it but runs well, \$250. Also misc. parts from same car (license plate surround, etc.). Also have starter, alternator, and misc. engine, suspension, and body parts including windshield, doors, mirrors, rear fenders, and bumper. All recently repainted (red); in good condition.
Wally (619) 232-2801 ext 313, 234-2858, or wallymiata@juno.com

