

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, September 1
Annual Miata Labor Day
Telethon for MDA



September 5 - Friday
Cruisin' Grand
Wheels'N'Meals



September 7 - Sunday
SOCALM Best of the
Bunch IV Car Show



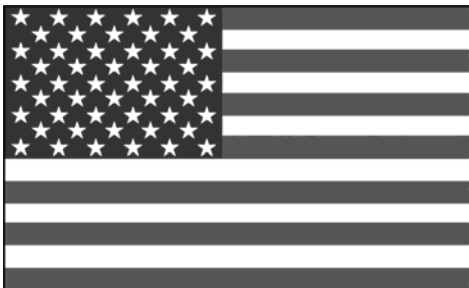
September 13 - Saturday
Moon Over Miatas



September 21—Sunday
Crazy Hunt 2003



September 25 - Thursday
Monthly Meeting



Support Our Troops

A NEW LOOK FOR THE SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWSLETTER

As many of you know, the editor of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB newsletter is retiring from his office. Anthony Wilde has done a tremendous job of providing us with a super quality newsletter for over four years. Along with his staff, VOODOO BOB KRUEGER, VICKY KRUEGER, DIANE LONG, and TOM SPRAGUE, Anthony has continued the tradition of excellence started by the original newsletter editor, STEF GOULD. Several other newsletter staff members are planning on retiring as well. We sincerely thank them for a job well done.

I have been working on getting new volunteers to take over the duties of the Newsletter Team. To this end I have (with lots of help) broken down the newsletter tasks into fairly simple processes. Using this approach will provide less work per person and allow more members to share in helping our club. "Many hands make light work" is my basic philosophy. At the end of this article I have posted an outline of all the positions we believe we will need. Some of these have already been filled but some have not. One of the main positions is that of Newsletter Editor. This was the position that Anthony and Stef filled. With the reorganization of the newsletter staff the position has changed to that of Senior Editor. The duties have been much reduced, however the Senior Editor is the person responsible for producing the newsletter. This is primarily an administrator/coordinator position that requires that person to stay in contact with the Newsletter Team and be the "spark plug" to keep the team on track and moving in the right direction. Currently I am filling this position on a temporary basis. Due to my work load both professionally and as president of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB I cannot continue in this position for more than a short while. Please look this position over and think about how you could fit into this position. Then let me know and we will go from there. You will have lots of help in learning this job so don't hesitate to volunteer. We also need to fill other positions so please look them over also.

Initially during the transition phase the Newsletter Team will be working to provide a MONTHLY newsletter. We will also be working to maintain the QUALITY. As members I ask that you understand that both of these goals may not be fully attainable for a month or two. I can assure you that the Newsletter Team is working diligently to get the newsletter back on track to the standards of

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quality and schedule that you are accustomed to.

What does the future hold? As with any change in administration and staff you can expect to see some new features and columns. I predict that you will be pleased with the new ideas that will be incorporated into the newsletter. If you have suggestions or ideas on things you would like to see covered in our newsletter then by all means contact the Newsletter Team and give them your idea. Now is the time to incorporate new ideas and methods into the newsletter. With the great foundation laid down by the Newsletter Team's predecessors we can only increase the quality and content of an already fine document.

Steven J. Kennison
President San Diego Miata Club

NEWSFLASH!
ALL NEWSLETTER
POSITIONS HAVE
NOW BEEN FILLED.
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

NEWSLETTER TEAM

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TO THIS HARDWORKING BUNCH!

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Although there is normally only one person listed in a position, there may be several others working to help. Example: Mailing Coordinator provides a place for the collation process but may have a person picking up the newsletters, getting stamps, etc. Other people would be involved in the collation process (i.e. stamping, labeling, etc.). Ultimately the Mailing Coordinator is responsible for that entire process but doesn't necessarily have to do all the work.

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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

Dedicated 24-hour voice message line:
(619) 434-2007

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NEW MEMBERS!

WELCOME to our newest members (since last newsletter):

DIANE & BRUCE HARTCORN
Fallbrook
2002 Silver Leather

FRAN HITT
San Diego
1999 Twilight Blue

**Renewing members
(since last newsletter):**

GALE CHAN
CHRIS CHISOLM
RAYMOND & BARBARA
D'ARGENIO
LEONARD & LOIS GARTH
JOHN & KATHRYN HEANEY
JAMES HIND
CRAIG & JESSICA JULIAN
DALLAS & MICHELLE KLASSEN
FRED LERNER
LOU & WENDY LOPEZ
SAM RAMEY
GENE & PINKIE STANLEY

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!

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of August 19, 2003, there are 361 memberships (138 single, 223 dual) for a total of 584 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

- 86 Red
- 52 White
- 35 Silver
- 33 Black
- 24 Emerald Green
- 14 BRG
- 14 Montego Blue
- 13 Twilight Blue
- 12 Sapphire Blue
- 12 Yellow
- 11 Crystal Blue
- 11 Mahogany
- 9 Laguna Blue
- 9 Mariner Blue
- 6 Midnight Blue
- 6 Titanium
- 5 Garnet
- 5 Marina Green
- 5 Starlight Blue
- 4 Merlot
- 3 Strato Blue
- 1 Evolution Orange
- 1 Laser Blue
- 1 Splash Green
- 1 Teal (custom)
- 1 Viper Pearl Blue (custom)
- 10 Unreported*

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

BADGES?

Have you wondered how 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 \$6.50 each, including shipping to your home, from VICKY KRUEGER. 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. See Vicky at a monthly meeting or e-mail her at vicky@teamvoodoo.com.

MEMBER PROFILES

To be included in our ongoing series of Member Profiles (see page 7 for this month's article) please write a short (200-400 words) summary and email it to:

newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org

You can also mail it to the Club PO Box. Please include a photo. We want to see your face. Your photo will be returned!

REGALIA

GOT ZOOM?

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

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM...

Get your SDMC Regalia directly from the Regalia Gals (BARB TEMPLETON & KATHY ROBERTS) 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 KATHY or BARB and let them know and they will personally hand deliver the items to you at the meeting.

Be sure to check at each monthly meeting for new items!

BARB TEMPLETON & KATHY ROBERTS
(760) 751-8636 or (858) 578-5727
or regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org.



ANNUAL MIATA LABOR DAY TELETHON FOR MDA

Monday, September 1, 2003
8:30 to 11:00 am

Join us at the telethon and manning the phones for one segment (only 30 - 45 minutes). Everyone has so much fun being with Miata friends and supporting MDA, a worthy cause, at the same time.

Our President, STEVE KENNISON, and DUSTIN LEWIS, MDA Miles of Miata Chairperson, will present the club's check while SDMC is manning the phones. Miata attire is always great for the TV coverage. Meet at the Hardy Avenue parking lot behind the KPBS Studio adjacent to the San Diego State University campus. Bagels, juice, and coffee will be served between 8:30 and 9:00. There is no "fishbowl" drive-thru this year. Next we will be training for the phone segment and then on to the phones at 10:00am. You will be free for the rest of the day at about 11:00 am.

We need at least 15 more people to man the phones. Please call SUE HINKLE, 760-735-9456 or PAMELA HUNT, 858-679-7711 to add your name to the list.

Directions to KPBS Studios;

Exit College Avenue off of I-8 and go south on College Ave. towards SDSU

Right on Linda Paseo

Right on Campanile

Left on Hardy

Left in to the parking garage



CRUISIN GRAND

Friday, September 5, 2003
6:00pm-9:00pm



Cruisin' Grand in Escondido is the place to go on the First Friday of Every month through September to see hot rods, street rods, vintage cars, muscle cars, music, and Miatas. For those wanting to eat before we cruise we meet at Tom's #23 at the Southwest corner of 5th Ave. and Centre City Parkway. Centre City Parkway is the "Old 395" loop through Escondido. At 7 PM we will leave Tom's to Cruise Grand, then stop to walk Grand and end by eating ice cream...unless someone has a better idea.

MOON OVER MIATAS

Saturday, September 13
8:30 PM to Midnight

This will be the Saturday night closest to the Full Harvest Moon (Actually September 10th). Spend a balmy evening, after dark, driving along Highway S2 in the desert below the mountains. With tops down we will be under the brightness of the full moon and a blanket of stars for our first late night run.

Put the date on your calendar. We will have a couple of dinner meeting places around the county, with a caravan to our run meeting point at Julian High School parking lot at 8:30 pm. We should be back into San Diego before midnight.



CRAZY HUNT 2003

Sunday, September 21, 2003

Start at Boll Weevil

9930 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD

Contact: Jesse Karras

<http://www.crazyhunt>

Join the group for a driving treasure hunt around San Diego—a perfect event for our fellow Miata enthusiasts! JESSE KARRAS is producing this event with Alan Wasdahl who has produced over twenty similar events here in recent years. They were so much fun that he is helping to produce this one.

Here's how it works: Participants travel both by car and on foot in teams of two or more searching for valuable information and solving riddles using a predetermined course. The course ultimately leads to a secret location where awards and festivities take place. You will be doing and looking for all sorts of crazy things for about 3 hours. It's a great time!

There is limited space open and Jesse hopes everyone gets a chance to participate who wants to. Teams can register and learn more about it at the website: www.crazyhunt.com.

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday,

September 25, 2003

6 PM at Boll Weevil

9930 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD

(858)571-6225

This event is the single best way to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, share stories. Don't miss the fun!



FUTURE EVENTS

SURF 'N SAFARI '04 PREQUEL RUN & RACE

AUGUST 28 (MONTHLY MEETING)



Six foam core Miata racers were auctioned. Individuals and teams of members who purchase a racer may enhance the cut out with additional signage and equipment and are expected to campaign these racers at SDMC activities until the October 19th race date.

OCTOBER 19 RUN TO THE RACE

9:00 am, meet at AM/PM at Mira Mesa Blvd. and Black Mt. Road, arrives at Pala Mesa Resort at 10:30 am.



TOUR OF SURF 'N SAFARI '04 RESORT

10:30 to 11:30 am—
Walking tour of the banquet and vendor areas, restaurants and rooms.

LUNCH on our own at Pala Mesa Restaurant 11:30-1:30

SURF N SAFARI '04 PREQUEL 250

Original auction 6 racers will compete in an interactive, high intensity race to the finish line.

CLASSIC SPEED FESTIVAL, CORONADO

Saturday-Sunday,
October 11-12, 2003



8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Contact: Stef Gould

The Classic returns for its sixth year in Coronado.

In the spirit of the famed Monterey weekend, the Speed Festival will treat the San Diego area to an historic automotive weekend at the North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado. Staged on the runways and taxiways with Navy aircraft and ships

in the background, the Speed Festival will feature over 200 of the world's top racing machines on a spectator-friendly 1.6 mile course.

Under the direction of HMSA and patterned after the world-renowned Monterey Historic Automobile Races, the Classic will feature some of the world's premier race cars from pre-World War II sports and racing cars to historic Trans-Ams. Marques such as Aston Martin, Jaguar, Ferrari, Lotus, Porsche, Shelby along with some fine Detroit iron will take to the track.

The paddock is open for you to wander, talk to the drivers and mechanics or take advantage of the FREE TOURS lead by very knowledgeable guides, available throughout the day!

There will be a variety of food, soft drinks and beer at the track, food sales benefit Navy charities.

TICKETS

The Fun Team will be selling tickets this year, watch for details.

Car Corral at the Speed Festival Parking with the club in the Car Club Corral is free, but you must have a pass! We need a tally of how many people are interested in parking in the Car Club Corral. If you are planning on attending the Speed Festival--please let STEF GOULD (stef@miata.net) know before September 1. ONLY Miatas will be allowed to park in our section of the corral, Other Than Miatas (OTMs) will be asked to park in the (free) general parking area.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT:

The Concours d' Elegance will be held at the Speed Festival with a new twist: this time called the "Classic Car Collection" opening it up to a wider variety of automobiles. On Saturday judges will tour the Car Club Corral and select five cars to be displayed in the Classic Car Collection tent on Sunday.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS:

The Fun Team will be coordinating small regional breakfasts and caravans to the race track on Sunday. STEF GOULD will coordinate the Saturday Early-Bird breakfast and WALLY STEVENS will coordinate Saturday dinner at Tent City.

TECH DAY IN RAMONA

Saturday, November 1

MIKE AND ROBIN FAIRCLOTH'S
16203 Oakley Rd
Ramona, CA
760-789-5171



Tech Day: MIKE FAIRCLOTH has impact wrenches and most tools available in a five car garage. Space will not be the issue. What would you like to see done? What would you like to do to your car? Install some new toy? Some basic maintenance? Email Mike with your wishes at fairfalcon@cox.net

Swap Meet: Bring that Miata toy that you didn't use or a spare part. Maybe you have two of something. Swap or sell some of those kinds of things.

Food will be on a "feed the kitty" basis. Simple food and drink.

SEARCH FOR MADONNA 2004

May 1-3, 2004

Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo,
(800) 543-9666
Saturday through Monday,

In order to be a 2004 Searcher there is little to do. If you want to be able



to get the room you want at the Madonna Inn, go to www.madonnainn.com and look through the rooms. Make your selection(s) and call Barbara in group reservation. Mention the Miata Club and she will see that you are included in the group. Be prepared with more than one room choice, just in case your first choice is already taken.



UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

SOCALM BEST OF THE BUNCH IV CAR SHOW AND CHARITY EVENT

Sunday, September 7

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Place: The Sonic Drive In,

1632 N. Lemon St., Anaheim,
(714) 992-4500

Host: Victoria (Tori) Bakker,
(714) 809-2628

Uh, oh - has it really been a year? Gee, I guess that it has been and it is time to start planning for our 4th annual Best of the Bunch Car Show. This year, Sonic, yes, the place where we have our Sunday President Socials, has offered to host this year's event. There is plenty of room with lots of good food to go along with our beautiful cars.

This year, a portion of our proceeds will benefit the families of our Military reservists who are either overseas at this time or have been called up for national security duty. In these times of uncertainty, we need to make sure to take care of those who are giving their lives to protect all of us.

So go out there and make your beauties all shiny and new and make sure to get your registration in early so that on the actual day of the event chaos doesn't reign supreme.

The registration fee for SDMC members is \$15, not \$45 as the registration form would seem to indicate. When registering, merely write SDMC member on the registration form and send them \$15.

Directions: Find your way to the 91 freeway in Anaheim (4 miles east of the 5 freeway and 4 miles west of the 57 freeway). Exit at LEMON STREET and turn north. The Sonic is on the right (east) side of the street.

SAMOA SCRABBLE™ SCRABBLE

September 26-28

Sierra foothills of Northern
California

Contact: Genny Paauwe,
genny@bobshome.org

The SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION and Mazda North America invite you to play in the Sierra foothills of Northern California. Enjoy a weekend filled with fun, games, and fantastic scenery on roads that were paved for Miatas. This event is limited to 44 cars, so register now!

VIVA MAZDA! ALL-MAZDA NATIONAL EVENT October 2-5 Las Vegas, Nevada



This historic event marks the first time all Mazda models will come together at a national event, combining their people power and resources to make for a spectacular car show as well as track event. It will be great to have a large group of RX-8 owners there as the newest Mazda model. Ticket price: \$140/person. The event will include a lavish kick-off party and buffet dinner with entertainment on Thursday, poker runs, a live concert by Al Jardine (founding member of The Beach Boys) and his band, and banquet awards brunch. Track events at Las Vegas Motor Speedway will be \$35

extra. Purchase tickets and keep track of updates to the event online at:

www.mazdaevents.com/vivamazda

Call Tuscany Hotel-Casino for room reservations (877) 887-2261. Rates are \$60/night for Thursday and \$90/night for Friday and Saturday-Reservation Code is MAZDA EVENTS.

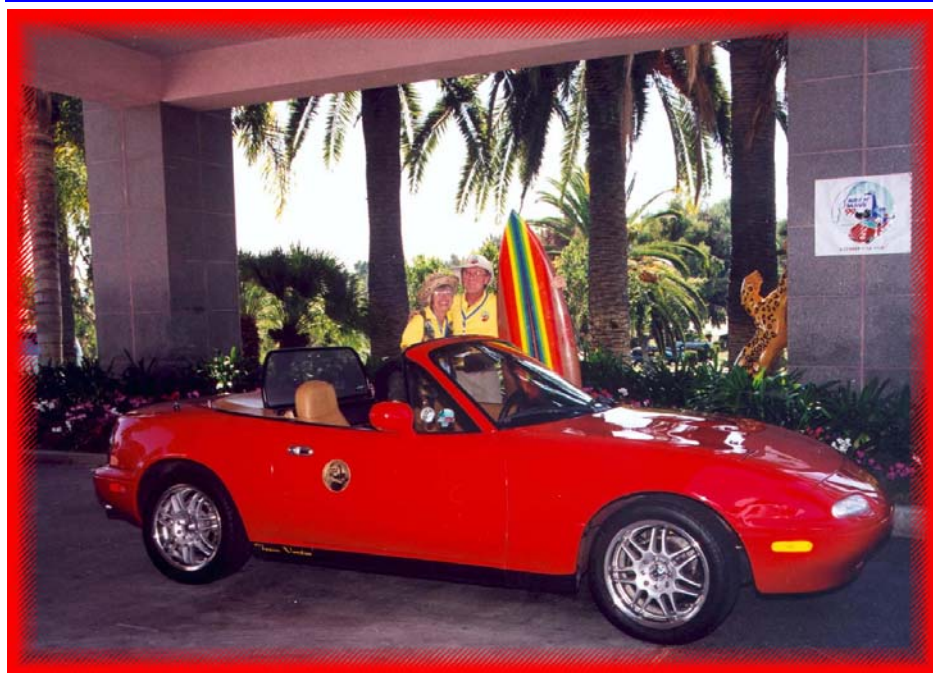
EVENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN!

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.

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. 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 Miataphiles along for the ride!





JACK AND SUE HINKLE

Sometimes the sight of a cute little sports car can simply overpower rational thinking in other areas of one's life.

Such was the case in 1971 when a smiling JACK HINKLE brought home a shiny TR6, only to find a frowning SUE HINKLE asking, "Well, where is the baby going to sit?" Oh, I forgot," said a sheepish Jack, who then turned to his fatherly mode and got a Volvo.

But when their son was old enough, they jumped right back into sports cars in 1993 with a Red C package Miata. Both Jack and Sue have a life-long love of fun cars. "I've always been an adrenalin junkie, whether it was climbing the steepest hill I could find in a jeep or flying off a dune in a sand rail at night or tearing up the twisties in a Miata or doing 130 on a dippy desert road in a TT," says Jack. "I'm thankful that I have Sue to keep me semi-grounded and safe during these times".

One of the first unofficial SDMC tech days was at the Hinkle house, and Jack got help from folks like ANTHONY WILDE, ELLIOT SHEV, AND VOODOO BOB putting in the cold air

induction, header, springs, and shocks. Recently TED KESSLER helped Jack install a roll bar. Jack enjoys doing the work on the Miata, as well as his OTM toy, an Audi TT they bought three years ago.

The Miata was to be Jack's daily driver until he accepted a job in Boston. Sue and their son took a long trip to Boston to relocate, and then common sense took over and they decided to stay in California. Since Jack's work in customer service takes him regularly all around the world, where the family calls home did not matter much.

The Hinkles joined SDMC in August of 1996. Sue has held a number of positions, including being a tireless worker for Surf N Safari 99, and currently serving as Secretary. Entering the 93 Classic Red Miata in the Best of the Bunch Car Show and winning Best Street Prepared 93 opened the door for Sue to obtain her current job - Director of Member Sales and Service with Affinity Development Group which works with various car clubs and other organizations.

Jack and Sue enjoy taking long vacations in their Miata, like to Dallas for the 10th Miata anniversary

which they coupled with side trips including a week up the California and Oregon Coast. They plan a touring trip sandwiched around the Viva Las Vegas Event in October.

The Hinkles have been members of several other clubs, but say none can compare to SDMC. "We have made so many great friends who have become part of our family," Jack says "Surprisingly I find the TT staying in the garage while we're out driving the Miata at club events." Sue adds "I've come to realize there is more to owning a sports car than the car itself. We both belong to a number of organizations, and volunteering is a large part of our lives".

One group they support strongly is the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Sue is on the Executive Committee for MDA, and has served as President and Vice President in the last five years. Jack and Sue have been a major force in SDMC's seven annual runs "Miles of Miatas for MDA" which have raised nearly \$50,000. This year's run garnered enough funds to send eight kids with disabilities to MDA camp. It's not only the camp experience for the youngsters, but a welcome respite for Mom and Dad who have 24/7 duties with their disabled children.

"It is truly heart warming to see how our Miata friends jump in to help in every way," says Jack. "They are good people."

The first Miles of Miatas for MDA was organized by Mark Booth, when he learned that the Hinkle's son, Jason, was afflicted. Jason, who was adopted when only five days old, had an active and fairly routine life until age 16, when he was diagnosed with the muscular disorder Friedricks Ataxia. Jason has used his walker while earning two college degrees.

This year Jack and Sue celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary. And you can bet the Miata is a big part of it.

-TOM SPRAGUE



7TH ANNUAL MILES OF MIATAS FOR MDA

The 7th Annual “Miles of Miatas” for MDA was a great success. Our hardy gang of twenty-five cars braved the heat to meet at Grossmont Center Mall in La Mesa on Saturday morning. There we were treated to bottled water, fresh fruit and bottled iced coffee drinks all courtesy of MDA, also let’s not forget about all those delicious doughnuts provided by SUE HINKLE. People got a chance to socialize, compare cars and purchase raffle tickets for some of the wonderful prize donations. I would also like to say how wonderful it was to see PAM HUNT returning to the crazy world of Miata people. Welcome back, beautiful! As we were preparing to leave the mall, one of our members got a flat tire in the parking lot so we patiently waited while he had it patched at a near by tire shop. Once that was taken care of, we pointed the gang East for some great country roads. Jack Hinkle ran sweep to ensure no one got misplaced and of course to provide classy, sophisticated social commentary.



PHOTO: DUSTIN LEWIS

The run took us through Mt. Helix, Rancho San Diego, Dulzura, Potrero, and Pine Valley, touched the Julian area and ended in Jamul. I think everyone was extremely happy to turn into the rest stop about half way through the day. Everyone was chugging water and other drinks like there was no tomorrow. We were all a little tired of sitting in that hot driver’s seat too. Fortunately for me, my navigator, Sarah Hunt (Pam & Dave’s daughter and one of my best friends) was tired of being navigator and graciously accepted the job of leading the last half of the run! So Sarah piloted the gang towards Jamul and the wonderful dinner that waited there.

Around one-thirty the hot and anxious line of Miatas was led down the driveway and to the fantastic time waiting for them. We lounged around in the shade until our energy came back, but when it came back it came back strong for most. SUE HINKLE declared we needed a wake up and started mixing rum, and fresh bananas & a few other things to make up fresh banana smoothies. Joe Zizzo the caterer was serving his delicious meal while ROZ AND BARB TEMPLETON started slicing the cake. We also had special guest Jason Hinkle in attendance for dinner. Sarah and I had someone to talk to and drive crazy. Once dinner was finished, can you guess who was first in line for ice cream and cake? That right, it was Art! And where were the run leaders throughout all of this? Right again, sitting on their rears!

After dinner the raffle finally took place! We had so many wonderful prizes this year no one was disappointed! Just about everyone won something. Perhaps the top two winners were Barb Templeton who won an all Aluminum Performance Radiator and Laurie Patton who won a new Robbins top with window and free labor to install it! However, Barb struck a deal with Laurie and ended up with the top, too! After that raffle people started making their way west and onto cooler climates. It was a great day for all I dare say. A few people stayed behind to help clean up and to just hang out. Jason Hinkle and I ditched the rest of the gang so he could take a spin in the DeLorean.

A few thanks are definitely in order for this huge event to happen! I would like to thank SUE HINKLE for her guidance throughout this entire event, Jack Hinkle for running sweep, BARB TEMPLETON AND PAULA KENNISON for helping set up, BRUCE AND DEBBYE LEWIS for opening their home and setting up, ROZ SCOTT for jumping in and working during dinner, Joe Zizzo for providing that wonderful meal, Sarah Hunt for being a great navigator and leading her first run ever, Stacy from MDA who perfectly executed her tasks for her first Miles of Miatas event and a huge thanks to all our donating vendors!!!! I couldn’t have done this event without any of you guys, thank you for all you did! Let’s see if we can make next years 8th Annual “Miles of Miatas” even better. See you there!!!!

-DUSTIN LEWIS



DONATING VENDORS FOR THIS YEARS MDA RAFFLE:

Dave Turner Motorsports
Jim's Upholstery
Dennstedt's Auto Repair
Miata Magazine
Geri's Bazaar
Moss Motorsports
Borla
Zizzos Restaurant
AWR Racing
Thompson Automotive
Mazda
Racing Beat
Miatfun.Net (Tom & Marna Wood)



PHOTOS: TOM GOULD

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

On Friday July 25 seven members of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB volunteered their time to an event honoring the Navy men and women who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and their families. STEF GOULD was asked to assemble a small group of race and show Miatas in a week for this one-time-only event sponsored by the U.S. Navy Morale, Welfare & Recreation program (MWR) in conjunction with the Chrysler Classic Speed Festival. A message was sent to the membership via e-mail and quickly PHIL DAOUST, DENNIS DIDIER, ART HAMILTON, KEVIN HAYWOOD, LAURIE PATTON, STEVE ROBBINS, AND STEF GOULD volunteered to spend the day at the Freedom Festival showing our Miatas and talking to the men and women of the U.S. Navy. —STEF GOULD





This photo from SDMC member JACK DOSTAL gives a great perspective on the Twilight Run from the back. Thanks for sharing your photos, Jack!

Send your best SDMC photos. We are in need of your SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB related photos! Please send any photos you can to DUSTIN LEWIS, the Club Historian. Send digital pictures to him at: d2bjamul@sdcoe.k12.ca.us or you may send physical pictures to:

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Club Treasurer ROZ SCOTT & husband GARY are enjoying their new 2002 Vivid Yellow Miata. Congratulations, Roz and Gary.

DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS FOR SDMC MEMBERSHIP LIST

Currently we have 379 memberships of which 23 did NOT have an e-mail account listed. This means that ~94% have access to the Internet. Part of this capability allows you, as a club member, access to Yahoo groups. What's so special about Yahoo Groups? This gives us access to all the SDMC email, photo catalogs, and list information. On this site we offer club members a membership list that includes, name (both member and SO), phone number (this field is blank if you request it), car year, car color, license plate, and home city (NOT address or zip). This information is available to SDMC members ONLY! To access this information you MUST acquire (FREE!) a Yahoo Group account. Once you have this account setup do this:

1. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> (on left, top of screen you will see sign in section, logon here with name and password) note; most browsers will

allow you to save this location with your password and login name. Bookmark this location and everything will be automatic after this point in time.

2. In the upper left corner you will see a section that says "My Groups." Put your cursor on SDMC-LIST and single click the left mouse button.

3. You are now on our group site. You can get to email, photos and other sources. In this case, look in the upper left section and place your cursor over "Database" and single click.

4. You are now in the Database section and you will see a list of available club databases. Single click on the desired database (most current as of this instruction is "July 2003 SDMC Membership Roster."

5. You are now in the database and you will see a list of all club members. To sort (alphabetize by last name), single click on the field labeled "Last Name." You can sort on any other field you desire.

6. To print; single click on "Printable Report." On your browser go to "File" (upper left corner) and single click. This will drop a pull down menu of file functions. Near the bottom of the drop down menu you will see "Print." Single click this command.

7. A print menu will pop up giving you access to your printer controls (this presupposes that you have a printer hooked up to your computer). Once your printer is configured to your liking single click on the "OK" or "Print" button.

8. WALA! Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich! (you have to know Sesame Street to get this joke) you now have 17 (or so) pages of the SDMC Membership Roster.

— STEVEN KENNISON, President

