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A CALL TO ACTION!

s you all know the time to elect new board members is coming up at our Annual Meeting. I believe that in the real world of politics incumbents as well as nominees would like to run unopposed to save themselves the expenditures, mudslinging, time, and work of achieving office. I wish to differ with that thinking as it relates to me, an elected official, seeking re-election in the San Diego Miata Club. Last year I ran unopposed as the vice-presidential candidate ... Guess what? I won! I would've much rather that the membership had a

choice. A club this size should have a choice at every position come election time. This will give the membership a voice in the direction and policies that affect our fun time as club members. Apathy is the ruination of the democratic process.

So, assuming that I have piqued your interest in a board position, what's involved? First off, I would recommend that you talk to any current board member and I think, without exception, that all would say that the last year has been a lot of fun. I also think that all would welcome more participation in all aspects of the club, including elections. Board positions vary in work and time needed with the office of President being the most involved. Please keep in mind that this is a labor of love, and I think that all board members, present and past, would say that it was a great experience and a lot of fun. After all that is what this club is all about. By the time this article comes out it will be too late to submit a profile to the newsletter, but all you need to do is attend the annual meeting and have someone (I'll do it) nominate you for the position you desire. This will assure fresh leadership and ideas for the upcoming year. See you at the Annual meeting!

Bruce Lewis, Vice-President

COMING EVENTS: SEE INSIDE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!				
	Event	Date	Time?	Where to Meet?
	Impromptu Run	March 13	10 am	Grossmont Center, near Tony Roma's
\otimes	Mazda Rev It Up	March 20 & 21	All day	Qualcomm Stadium
	SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, March 25	6:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
	SDMC Annual Meet-	Saturday, April 17th	10 am	Watch for exciting details!
	Puke-O-Rama 2004	Sunday, April 18th	10 am	Dalton's Restaurant, San Marcos

Download Instructions SDMC Membership List

urrently approximately 94% of our members have access to the Internet. 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 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. Voila! you now have 17 (or so) pages of the SDMC Membership Roster.

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MISSION STATEMENT

he 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 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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Submission deadline is the 15th of each month. Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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Dedicated 24-hour voice message line:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Planned Impromptu Run Saturday, March 13, 2004

Run leaders: YOU!

10 am at Grossmont Shopping Center, in front of Tony Roma's. Celebrate Spring with your Miata Club friends and some fun Miata driving. The route and destinations will be decided by those who show up.



Monthly Meeting Thurs, March. 25, 2004 6 PM at Boll Weevil 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD (858)571-6225

This event is the single best way to

meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. Don't miss the fun!

Mazda Rev It Up-San Diego March 20 and 21, 2004

IF YOU'VE GOT ADRENALINE, WE'VE GOT THE WHEELS (Sign up at www.mazdarevitup.com)

For more than 40 years, Mazda has dedicated itself to creating vehicles for drivers who truly savor the "emotion of motion."



That's why Mazda's the title sponsor of the second annual Mazda Rev It UpTM Competitive Driving Tour.

Mazda Rev It UpTM is a one-of-a-kind, hands-on event that's all about experiencing that fun-to-drive, connected-tothe-road feeling you get behind the wheel. \$40 for a great day of fun!

At Mazda, this special feeling is simply called "Zoom-Zoom." If you love driving, consider this a personal invitation to come along for the ride. And put yourself in some pretty fast company. So get it in gear and come see for your-self. At Mazda Rev It UpTM, you'll find lots of ways to put your driving skills to the test. Plus several ways to park yourself behind the wheel of a new, superb performing MAZDA3 - and pull out all the stops.

Puke-O-Rama 2004 Sunday, April 18, 2004

Leaders: Steve and Laurie Waid, swaid@cox.net

The launch of the seventh annual Puke will take place this year at Dalton's Roadhouse. Brunch will begin at 10 am with the drivers meeting at 11 am. The design of the Puke is to place back to back the twistiest roads that we can find, with the results being smiles on the faces of the drivers and a tendency to make the co-pilot's stomach a little unsettled. Smaller groups of cars (10 to 15) with staggered starts enhances the fun. The "Daffodil Group" will again be led by the lovely Laurie Waid in her award winning Sunburst Yellow.

IMPORTANT!

Cactus Cruisin' has been canceled due to low registration.

Search for Madonna 2004 May 1st through 3rd

For the 6th consecutive year, Miatas will travel to San Luis Obispo for lots of driving, great food, fellowship, car show, and of course the fabulous Madonna Inn. The Search is more than a great time with your Miata friends...it is an adventure. Just ask those who have been before. The unexpected is always expected.

To become a Searcher, merely go to the Madonna Inn website at www.madonnainn.com and pick out a room by touring the 109 unique rooms. You'd better come up with your first, second, and third choices in case your first pick is already taken. Then call Barbara at group

reservations, mention the San Diego Miata Club, and reserve your room for Saturday and Sunday nights. The last step is to call or email Steve Waid at (760) 432-0727 or email swaid@cox.net. Give him your room name and number, and the name(s) of the new Searchers. Then sit back and wait. The closer we get to May 1st, more information will be coming via the "secret" Search for Madonna email list. All questions can be answered by Steve Waid, but for the best information, just ask an "experienced Searcher". There are many, from all over California and Nevada, and even Texas and South Carolina!

2004 ELECTIONS—MEET THE CANDIDATES!

An e-mail was sent in February indicating that, if you are interested in being considered for election, you are encouraged to submit a short (200-300 word) biographical profile which included your name and a brief description of your qualifications, skills, desires, or goals as a member of the executive board.

This is an opportunity for potential nominees to let club members know about their desire to serve the membership. All bios sent to the newsletter by Feb. 15, 2004 are included below. However, a biographical profile is not a requirement for nomination and election at the annual meeting.



For President: Steve Kennison Hi Folks.

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the San Diego Miata Club this past year. With your help I have been successful in making our club the best in the nation. I would like to continue my association with the SDMC and continue to serve the membership for another year. To that end I am including an updated biography for you to review.

I joined SDMC in September of 99 along with my wife, Paula. I have been a motorhead for all of my adult life but mostly in the motorcycle world. When the Miata first came out I wanted one but didn't have the funds to support both habits (motorcycles and sports cars). Along came 1999 and I no longer had a motorcycle so I finally ended up getting the Miata I always wanted. I have been enjoying the club and the people in it ever since. Both Paula and I have volunteered for a number of events in the SDMC and Paula is currently the treasurer for Surf 'N'Safari '04. We have also earned our Magnetics and led several impromptu runs. With a lot of help from the club I initiated and conducted a Novice Drivers Safety School.

Professionally I am a computer scientist and have been project head for several large budget projects over the years. I have experience in leading teams and providing support to computer users. More importantly I have been involved with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader for 20 years. I have served in almost every major job in the BSA program including chairman of the adult leader training team for San Diego County Council. This volunteer experience has been very helpful when dealing with the running of our car club. I have provided leadership and direction to the San Diego Miata Club as the Vice President and President.

I wish to continue my role as president to complete the tasking I started with Surf N'Safari 04. I have a desire to help to continue the tradition of the San Diego Miata Club. I believe this is the finest organization and group of people I've ever been involved with. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as president for my second and last term and make this club zoom.

For Vice President: Bruce Lewis

I am hereby announcing my intention of running for another tour of duty as Vice-President of the San Diego Miata Club. My main reason for "reenlisting" is my desire to "give back" to what I feel is an exceptional club and an exceptional group of people. My wife Debbye and I have been active members for about three years now. Our son Dustin, who preceded us into the club, and convinced us to join, (a very good move), currently serves as Club Historian. Debbye's dad Ed is also a member and participates as his health allows. As you can see this has become a "family affair".

My automotive background includes being a good mechanic, and doing almost all of my own maintenance and upgrades, being a member of a semi-professional pit crew team for local and Baja races, racing motorcycles in local District 38 as well as Baja events, and, with a few buddies, organizing and running a major California points race in our local deserts. I enjoy thinking "outside the box" and making something run when all else has failed.

My hopes for the direction of the SDMC is to keep it basically "as is" because I believe that we have a good balance between car oriented events and just plain fun events. The biggest change I would like to see is more participation by the membership into running the club and putting on events. A small dedicated group of people in this club do a lot of work to keep this the fun club that it is. While this group does a fantastic job, it is very easy to get burned9+ out when they do so much for so long. I would like to see a lessening of their responsibilities by dividing these labors among more people. Also, in our membership, I see a wonderful pool of good will and talent that I would like to see come forth and freshen our club with new ideas and direction. See you at the next event!

2004 ELECTIONS—MEET THE CANDIDATES!

For Secretary: Sue Hinkle

Jack and I joined the San Diego Miata Club in August of 1996. SDMC was in its infancy at the time with only 60 or so members. Just a little car club I thought to myself but instantly Jack and I were welcomed with open arms and found that SDMC was much, much more than a car club. It is a Miata community we both feel privileged to be a part of.

I have served the club in many ways including the annual MDA Charity event and Co-chairing Surf 'N' Safari 99. Presently I serve the club as Secretary and committee member for the upcoming regional event Surf 'N' Safari 04. Entering my 93 Red Miata in the Best of the Bunch car show opened the door for a position with Affinity Development Group who at the time was managing the Miata Owners Club. I'm presently the Director of Member Sales and Support at ADG. In the club's February newsletter I was referred to as the club's cheerleader and that describes me to a tee. Who wouldn't want to stand up and cheer for the best Miata Club in the country.

Over the years Jack and I have belonged to many other clubs but none compare to the friendship and camaraderie we have experienced being members of SDMC.

Most of all we love our Miata. . .driving the twisties, taking long and short Miata road trips, attending tech days, and spending time with our Miata friends.

2003 has been a great year serving as the club Secretary and participating in many club sponsored events. Members will elect a new board for 2004 at the SDMC annual meeting in April and I would be honored to serve as the club Secretary for another term.

For Treasurer: Roz Scott

My name is Roz Scott and I am seeking re-election as your Treasurer. It has been my honor to have been elected to this office and serve the membership for the past year. I would like to continue to serve the San Diego Miata Club in this capacity for the next year. Gary AKA Mr. Roz Scott and I have been members of SDMC since Fall of 1999 and have participated in many of the club events. Many of you remember me as one the "Regalia Gals" that hawked trinkets (club regalia) with Paula Kennison for three years at the monthly meetings and Miata events. The upcoming year promises to be another fun-filled one, with lots to do. I hope that you consider my candidacy when you vote at the annual meeting. Thank you.

SJVMC St. Patrick's Day Charity Poker Run



When: Saturday,
March 20, 2004
Where: Clovis Cole Hotel Clovis, CA
Base Cost: \$45.00 per car
Contact:

Greg or Ro Almeida (Event Coordinators) Tel: 559-322-1575

Email: greg_al@hotmail.com Web Site: www.sjvmc.net You're invited to join the
San Joaquin Valley
Miata Club
for its 10th Annual
St. Patrick's Day Poker Run.
This event has become a Miata tradition here
in the Central Valley
and every year we are proud
to donate the net proceeds
to local charities.
We look forward to your
support and participation.

Hey Dudes and Dudettes:

Better get used to that greeting because it's the official mood-setting moniker of the Club's regional event October 14-17 ... that's only 228 days away from March 1! We'll be welcoming an expected 350+ Miataphiles, some from as far away as Holland, South Carolina and Ramona, for a never-to-be-forgotten weekend at Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook.

Here's what's happen' dude (or dudette)!

Volunteer Coordinator

Brenda Kay has accepted this instrumental role, and is working with Planning Committee members to "staff" SNS '04 activities. Don't be discouraged if you have expressed interested in lending a hand, but have not yet been contacted; that day is coming and it very likely will be in the form of personal contact by or a call from Brenda. (And who could say "no" to someone like her? Don't even try.)

SURF 'N SAFARI '04 Events

The Club's Fun Team, headed by Event's Chairman Steve Waid, is developing the core components for this weekend. Expect a series of 2-and 3-hour runs -- Palomar Mountain, Julian, Temecula Wine Country, San Diego Scenic Tour (for the out-of-towners who've never been to The Promised Land before) – on Friday, a Murder Mystery Rallye on Saturday, and a Show and Shine/Show and Grime car show on Sunday for starters.

Tech talks, swap meets and a

number of other activities are also being discussed; the end result will be far more than any one person can cover these four days.



Vendor Mall

Sue Hinkle continues to bring more and more vendors into the fold for SURF 'N SAFARI '04, so be sure and bring some extra money. If it fits on or otherwise has anything to do with a Miata, it should be there.

Ever hear the expression: "No matter where I place my guests, they always like the kitchen best?" The same will likely be said for the regional's Vendor Mall, thanks to special activities that will be going on there each day.

Web Site and On-line Registration

Registering for and remaining updated on SNS '04 activities can't get any easier than the event's web site: www.miataconnection.com. Credit card provisions have been finalized (thanks especially to Brian Kiehl and Paula Kennison) for onestop service.

"What's happening?" information will be added as events and the schedule are confirmed, SNS '04 regalia can be pre-ordered; you can even link to Pala Mesa Resort to make your reservation for the weekend.

Got Room?

While attending SNS '04, you will not be required to drive your Miata 24 hours a day. And if you play golf, perhaps a bonus: The course at Pala Mesa Resort is being re-seeded during our event, so the volume of golfers will be considerably lower than normal. When making your hotel reservations, be sure and ask about tee time reservations.

Bye-bye Barb

The Planning Committee is saying good-bye to Facilities and Hospitality Chair Barb Templeton as she and John prepare the move (very shortly!) to Cedar City, Utah. Barb, who co-chaired SURF 'N SAFARI

'99 with Sue Hinkle, began putting together the key pieces for this year's event almost 12 months ago: locating our base site and negotiating the contract with Pala Mesa Resort for rooms, facilities and banquet services.

We all recognize and appreciate Barb's key work in the success of SURF 'N SAFARI '04, and she promises to return for this weekend in October.

Memories

Memories of SURF 'N SAFARI '99 are going to begin appearing in this newsletter next month, prepared by some of the people who participated in that weekend five years ago.

If you have been to an event such as this, you know that the "official program" is only the tip of the iceberg; it's the impromptu events, what goes on after hours, and the people you meet that will make this regional special. And unlike Las Vegas ("What happens here, stays here"), you will want what happens at Pala Mesa Resort and on the roads of San Diego County October 14-17 to go home with you.

European Marketing Junket

Co-chair Dennis Didier is on a three-month tour promoting SURF 'N SAFARI '04 throughout Germany and the principal cities of Europe ... and at no expense to the Club! (Occasionally he has to break away from this campaign to conduct training for some company that's paying the bills.)

We receive emails from Dennis sporadically; but with keyboards configured differently in Germany, even the Enigma code team can't figure out what he's trying to say. The only message fragments deciphered so far are "yellow" ... "Audi" ... "Paris" ... and "beer."



SURF 'N' SAFARI '04—SPECIAL UPDATE!

SURFERS, KOOKS, HODADS, GREMMIES AND WAHINES!

et ready to wax up your surfboards and gas up the Miatas 'cuz we're heading to the biggest event in the Western United States. That's right, it's gettin' close to the time for the super cool Surf'N'Safari '04.

What have we got planned? Check it out Dude!

- → Thursday Night Reception (No host bar)
- → Miata Road Fun Runs & Activities Friday
- Friday Night Dinner Fiesta (with entertainment)
- Surf 'N' Safari Murder Mystery Rallye - Saturday
- → Saturday Night Banquet Dinner (with entertainment)
- → Show and Shine/Show and Grime Car Show Sunday
- Special presentations, demonstrations and displays
- Raffle prizes, Door prizes and Surf prizes!
- → Vendor Mall Entire Event

So "Bennie", ya wanna know what the inside break is on this hot session? Well here it is:

SURF 'N' SAFARI '04
Exclusive Miata Getaway
October 14-16, 2004
Pala Mesa Resort
Registration: \$150 per person
After July 1, 2004:
\$170 per person

Registration Closes September 1, 2004



Yo Dude! You will need to book your hotel reservation separately

Hotel -

The host hotel is the Pala Mesa Resort 2001 Old Highway 395 Fallbrook, CA, 92028 (www.palamesa.com).

Rooms start at \$120 per night (and can be reserved at this special rate for a few days before and after the event if you wish an extended stay). Room rates good until Sept. 13, 2004.

For reservations call: (800) 722-4700 or (760) 728-5881 and ask for the San Diego Miata Club Event Special room rate.
Email reservations@palamesa.com.
You say you want some more information? Kool! Here it is.
Please see our website:
www.SanDiegoMiataClub.org/surf.

or contact our registrar Paula Kennison, (858) 271-8498 Or email at SNS04@san.rr.com.

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So "drop-in" to San Diego where you can "carve" some really hot roads and "rip" through some really fun events. Don't be a "wannabe" cuz "DUDE! It's going OFF!"



Photo by Tom Wood

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE? ASK ANYONE IN IT!

TECH INFORMATION - BY SCOTT LEWIS, TECHNICAL EDITOR

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ello once again Miata fans! How about a little change in format. I will be asking our club members what they would like to see for future newsletter tech articles. I would like to see a change in how some of my newsletter articles are written in the future to better benefit everyone.

At this point and time, I would like to ask our members to submit any and all ideas you may have about different things you would like to read about. Please keep it simple in the form of a suggestion. It may be something written in previous articles from past newsletters that you would like to see again, or it may be something that "You", our members, would appreciate in print. There is so much knowledge about the Miata that many of you have learned over the years by trial and error. You may have accomplished the task, or you may have become frustrated with the issue. This is the reason I would like to ask for your input. Tell me what you would like read about in the future. Or...! I could tell you about all of the things I have done to my Miata! Do I have your attention now?

Please e-mail me directly at: KARTDRIVER@COX.NET with your ideas. I will be building a database for these ideas to be used in the future and include the person who submitted the idea when used in that Tech Article. Thank you in advance,

Scott Lewis, Tech Editor

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT MAZDA REV IT UP?

Some of you may have noticed Scott Lewis' email post regarding Mazda's Rev It Up. Last year, Scott participated in the Finals for Rev It Up and had a wonderful weekend at Laguna Seca.

This year, Mazda Rev It Up will be in San Diego on March 20-21. You can go to the website www.mazdarevitup.com and see for yourself some of the most exciting car-oriented things you can look forward to at Rev It Up.

The Mazda Rev It Up experience has won numerous awards in the advertising/events industry as the premier driving event of the year—well put together, enjoyable and inexpensive for the participant. Check out the website and see the action! Then sign up online and get ready to have a terrific time!

AUTOCROSS 2004

for those interested, here is a schedule through mid year of the dates for practice and races. Heck! Even if you are not interested! Come on down and enjoy watching the other Miatas and OTM's. Spectators are free and welcome to bring a chair.

2004 Partial Schedule at Qualcomm Stadium

Feb 14 WEST SCNAX PRACTICE Feb 15 WEST SCNAX CHAMP FEB 22 SE TART PRACTICE

MAR 5 WEST TOUR SCCA MAR 6 WEST TOUR SCCA MAR 7 WEST TOUR SCCA MAR 28 WEST SDAD CHAMP

APR 3 WEST DCCSD PRACTICE APR 4 WEST DCCSD PRACTICE APR 10 WEST SCAT CHAMP

MAY 2 WEST SCNAX CHAMP MAY 8 NE TART PRACTICE MAY 9 NE TART PRACTICE MAY 16 TENTATIVE PRACTICE MAY 22 WEST SDAD PRACTICE MAY 23 WEST SDAD CHAMP JUNE 6 WEST DCCSD CHAMP JUNE 26 WEST SCAT PRACTICE JUNE 27 WEST SCAT CHAMP

JULY 10 WEST SCNAX PRAC TICE JULY 11 WEST SCNAX CHAMP





VALENTINE'S DAY IMPROMPTU RUN—BY BRUCE LEWIS

Photo by Bruce Lewis



BEWARE THE DARK SIDE

he Valentine's Day Impromptu Run turned to the "dark side," as we waited for the 10:00 am start time. One by one they came, a Twilight, a Silver, a Montego, an Emerald Green. Where we wondered were the ever present Reds? After all this was Valentines Day - the day for RED. So we waited in came Ted and Sue Kessler doing power slides in their White car, hmmm, not a dark color, but as we know white is the total lack of color. Our wait continued. More Silvers, a Titanium, a Laguna, Brenda Kay and her Marina Blue - bright color yes, but we on the Dark Side embrace all of our Blue brothers. Well, it was time to saddle up and no Red cars in sight, not to mention our small, yet vocal (obnoxious?) contingency of Yellows. Anyway, off we went into the beautiful ,sunny ,warm, day well, actually.... it wasn't sunny, and it wasn't warm, and it did rain a little ... OK! ALL RIGHT! It was cloudy, damn cold, and it was really raining . I just didn't want the Reds and Yellows feeling smug that they didn't show up and their cars were still shiny and clean. Honestly though it was a blast and several hardy souls DID NOT put their tops up, including Dennis and Marianne Garon, though it should be noted that with a hard boot they did not have the option. Marianne did "weenie out" and put up her color coordinated blue umbrella, only to find out that 50 miles per hour and umbrellas do not mix. [for sale inverted blue umbrella ..cheap, see Marianne.] As the rain dwindled we wound our way through scenic Couser Canyon followed by Rice Canyon and on up into Temecula for a great lunch at Chuys. After lunch several folks opted to head back home but the bulk of the group headed up into Temecula to tour the Wine Country. The run finally ended at Wilson Creek Winery to cap off a really nice run. As we turned south to head home we finally got our clear skies and a gorgeous sunset. Reds and Yellows, we hope to see you on the next run, or else it will be a "Return To The Dark Side".

Bruce Lewis, Vice-President

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter):

John Hopkins Ramona 1992 Red

Alan Kagan Jill Wilson Oceanside 1999 10AE (Sapphire Blue)

Milton Turner San Diego 1994 White

RENEWING MEMBERS

(SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER):

Eric & Nancy Abad John & Linda Breen

B Jason & Joy Brent Sal & Geri Causarano

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Joshua & Sylvia Cheek

Tom & Ginny Foster

Tom & Diane Ghezzi

Andy Kearl

Beata Jedrzejczak

Charlie & Lisa Kilgore

Bill Knepper

John Palan

Michael & Susan Pasterkiewicz

Bob Pfeiffer

Deb Ross

John Robbins

Dennis Sattler

Wally Stevens

Mamiko Suzuki

Wes Tewksbury

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of February 17, 2004, there are 334 memberships (129 single, 205 dual) and a total of 539 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

78 Red

52 White

37 Black

29 Silver

19 Emerald Green

14 BRG

12 Montego Blue

13 Yellow

11 Twilight Blue

12 Sapphire Blue

9 Mahogany

9 Mariner Blue

7 Marina Green

7 Titanium

8 Crystal Blue

6 Laguna Blue

6 Garnet

5 Midnight Blue

4 Starlight Blue

3 Strato Blue

2 Merlot

1 Splash Green

1 Evolution Orange

1 Laser Blue

1 Teal (custom)

9 Unreported



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HATS,
HOODED ZIP SWEATSHIRTS,
PINS,
PENS,
HAT CHUMS,
CARABINEER KEY CHAINS,
AND WINDOW CLINGS.

Pick up your SDMC Regalia at the monthly meeting or e-mail the Regalia Gals for special requests. Something new is coming: details to follow. Watch your e-mail!

Contact the Regalia Gals VERONICA DIDIER & KATHY ROBERTS (858) 578-5727, regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org.



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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

lassified ad space is provided free of charge to members only. Ads must include your first and last name, telephone number, and e-mail address with each submission. Must agree with current club roster.

Send to: newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org

WARNING.....THE FOLLOW-ING AD IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART!!

In a parts search across the southwest I ran across 2 SALVAGE late model Miatas. They are in need of foster homes as the former "parents" are no longer deemed fit to drive them.

For Sale: 1) 2001 BRG "special edition", 6 speed, both hard and soft top, Left front damage above the frame rail. Air bags have been used...but only once. \$4850 as is. 2) 2003 Black, 5speed, with "custom paint" This poor Miata found a full can of white paint somewhere on the twisties. It makes that new color "splash" seem more appropriate. It also has left rear damage and left side suspension damage. \$ 6874 as is. I have located many of the parts for repair of either. If you ever wanted to build a Miata on "the cheap" now's your chance. Bill Knepper 619-670-4430 cell: 619 733-7455 e- mail: vk707@aol.com

For Sale: Scott Mountain Bike -perfect condition - ridden less than 6 times. \$200 OBO; 2 Phillips Portable CD Players with battery pack and chargers, never used,



in original box. \$100.00 each; Recumbent Exercise Bike - like new, rarely used. For more information, contact Sue Hinkle - sportscarr@cox.net (760) 735-9456.

For Sale: 2002 Miata, xlnt cond, 5 speed manual, sunlight silver metallic, black interior with cloth sport seating. Extended Warranty: 84 months or 100,000 miles. Car was purchased May 2002. Currently has 10k miles on it. Paint & Interior Protection Warranty. Includes Sport Suspension Package: 16 inch alloy wheel w/locks 205/45R16 Radial Tires, Bilstein Shock Absorbers. Strut Tower Brace' Torsen Limited-Slip Differential. Such a fun car. Sad to see it go but we are moving so we have to sell it. \$16k/obo For more information call Dallas @ 619-528-0114 or theklassenz@cox.net

For Sale: 1997 MAZDA MIATA - 5SPD, loaded, alarm, 35K Miles, All Original, Always garaged, Super Clean in & out. Great top & window, newer tires, \$7900.00, 858-689-2884 or speedbolt@netzero.com.

For Sale: Jackson header for a 94 and Hi flow cat, also have 94 1.8 liter engine, transmission, body and mechanical parts from '90, '92, '94, 96 and a complete interior and top from a 99 10AE and various parts.

Wally, (619) 232-2801 ext 313,

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For Sale: Parts from my '91 with 125K Miles, Strong Engine, 5-Speed Gear Box & Differential (With Prop Shaft & Axles) - Call for Details-Rick 619-702-8077 or e-mail maigaberzins@aol.com

For Sale: 2003 Miata LS, 5K mi, xclnt cond, garnet exterior, tan interior and top, wood trim dash

kit added. Job changes force sale. \$18K/obo. Dale Thompson (858) 481-5088 dthompson1@san.rr.com

For Sale:1999 and newer Like-New items --Brainstorm -muffler mellow sound /not loud, make offer. -- slotted and cross drilled REAR rotors for '94- 2002 and "sport suspension" / --H&R springs front and rear fits '99-2002. Dennstedt, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm 619-284-4911 larry-dennstedt@hotmail.com

For Sale: Set of 16-inch, 5-spoke alloy wheels for (Miata MX-5 2001) In very good shape, not perfect. Set for \$100. Blane, (760) 739-5423

For Sale: Road Bike 25 inch (63.5 cm)—700 25C tires. Helmet, 2 pair shoes, clothing, bike stand, cyclo computer. \$250 OBO. Len Garth, (760) 726-3814

For Sale: Acrylic TC Windblocker—"rated best value, extremely effective, looks good" on Miata.net. For M2 Miatas. Worked great in my 2001 Miata for two months until I added a real rollbar, now it doesn't fit. Blocker, storage bag, mounts, installation instructions, \$75. Bud, (760) 439-8491

For Sale: '92 Honda VFR750F motorcycle. One step down from a Miata. It's fast and it's black. With low miles it looks almost new and runs like new. \$2300 is all I'm asking since it has a salvage title due to a lay down. Can send photos via e-mail as well answer all questions. I've owned this bike since '92. Tom (619) 303-3062 or rodneyt56@cox.net

Buying or selling your Miata or Miata accessories? You can do it for free on Miatamart— the Miata For Sale –web site, run by SDMC member Rainer Mueller. Check it out at www.miatamart.com.

LOCAL BUSINESS DISCOUNTS

Miata Club members receive a substantial discount on parts and labor. The club does not endorse any vendors. To receive your discount, simply present a current SDMC membership card at the time of your purchase or service.

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American Battery, Miata batteries & all other batteries 525 West Washington, Escondido (760) 746-8010 Discount: Fleet discount on all products Contact: Jeff Hartmayer

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Express Tire, Auto repair, tires. 12619 Poway Road, Poway, (858)748-6330 Manager: David DolanDiscount: 10% on parts and labor, including tires.

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB P.O. Box 17253 San Diego CA 92177 Good-Win Racing LLC, Miata performance products including shocks, springs, exhausts, light alloy wheels & everything from Racing Beat, Moss Motors, & Jackson Racing. www.good-winracing.com

(858) 775-6259 or FAX (858) 270-3268 Discount: Special Club Price on Everything

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Leucadia Auto Body 1508 N. Coast Hwy., Leucadia (760) 634-1671 Discount: 10% on Parts and labor Contact: Larry Sukay

Lutz Tire & Service, Alignment specialist, tires 2853 Market Street, San Diego (619) 232-2957 Discount: 10% on parts (tires not included) Ask for Mike

Magnolia Auto Body, Restorations, body work 8500 Ablette Road, Santee (619) 562-7861 Discount: 10% on labor and parts; ask for T.J.

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