

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

We are once again coming up on the end of our fiscal year. As you are all aware the elections for the SDMC Executive Board will be April 17th. Be sure and check out the biographies of those interested in running for an office in the March issue and also in April's issue. Please take this as a gentle reminder to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice.

So what have we done the past year? Here are highlights of some of the key events that happened last year. In April of last year we elected your current crop of Executive Board members. April showers also showed us a full dam when we went on Dam Run #5, "The Filling". May was a breath of fresh water when we waded our way to "Search for Madonna". A submarine may have been a more appropriate vehicle to make our way to the 5th running of this extremely popular event. May also brought the "Auto Museum on the Lawn, Car and Cycle Show". We also attended the "Maguire's Beach Boys Concert" and the day after took the visiting Dutch club on a run through San Diego County. During June we were treated to a very special "1st Progressive Dinner". Good food! Good company! It's Miata time!

Once again we celebrated the 4th of July by running our decorated Miatas in the Scripts Ranch 4th of July Parade. July also saw the most popular event of the San Diego Miata Club, "The Twilight Run". August was a very busy month with three major events happening. First we had the 7th Annual "Miles of Miatas" for MDA. Then we had the 4th running of "Debbie Does the Santee Drive-in". And last, but not least, we had a terrific "Luau at the Lewis's". September was another eventful month starting off with the SDMC Telethon for MDA and ending with the 1st (but not last!) running of "Moon Over Miatas". We started off October with the national all Mazda event, "Viva Vegas". The very next weekend the club rounded up to drive to the Miata corral at the "Classic Speed Festival" on Coronado. We also did the "SurfN'Safari 2004 Tour and Race".

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APRIL EVENTS: SEE INSIDE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!

	Event	Date	Time?	Where to Meet?
	Cruisin' Grand Escondido	Friday, April 2nd	6 pm eat 7 pm cruise	Toms #23 Escondido (see inside for directions)
	SDMC Annual Meeting	Saturday, April 17th	10 am	Miramar Speed Circuit Daytona Room
	Puke-O-Rama 2004	Sunday, April 18th	10 am	Dalton's Restaurant, San Marcos
	SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, April 22nd	6:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
	Not Quite Cactus Cruisin'	Friday April 23rd	9 am	Richie's Diner, Temecula
	Search for Madonna	Saturday, May 1st	7 am	McDonalds, I-5 and Oceanside Blvd.



Download Instructions SDMC Membership List

Currently 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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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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Cruisin' Grand Friday, April 2, 2004

Steve and Laurie Waid
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Every Friday night from April through September, Escondido opens up Grand Avenue for cruising. On the first Friday of every month San Diego Miata Club members meet at Tom's #23, at 6 pm to eat before leaving at 7 pm to cruise Grand. After taking Grand a couple of times we park and then walk Grand. You will see Hot Rods, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Restorations, Motorcycles and more. A fun "Blast from the Past."

Tom's #23 is located on the Southwest corner of Centre City Parkway and 5th Street. Exit on Centre City Parkway from Interstate 15.



Annual Meeting Saturday, April 17, 2004 Miramar Speed Circuit 10 am

Feel like running the show? Want to be the Head Honcho in Charge?

Now YOU have the opportunity! The San Diego Miata Club is electing a new slate of Executive Board officers on Saturday, 17 April 2004.

Now's your chance to either run for an office or come out and vote for your new leadership.

We are going to have the meeting at Miramar Speed Circuit, Kart racing track. The meeting will start at 1000 and last until about noon. We will be in the Daytona room which has direct access to the spectator area of the racing track. Not only will we be electing new officers but we will be selling raffle tickets for some fantastic prizes. Expect to see goodies from car vendors as well as some unique prizes like dinner for two at a really good restaurant. Our raffle chairman (alone with some board members) is busy gathering up some really nice prizes. You will have the opportunity to support your club and have a fun day with your friends.

The club will also provide a cake to celebrate our 8th anniversary.

We will also have the opportunity to check out the Miramar Speed Circuit Track, kart racing at it's best. If you are so inclined, you can elect to go racing after the meeting. Prices are reasonable and the fun is terrific. So come on down for a fun event with all your friends from the San Diego Miata Club. We hope to see you there.

Directions to: Miramar Speed Circuit: 8138 Miralani Drive
Take Pomerado Rd/.Miramar exit off of I-15 and go west on Miramar Rd. to Camino Ruiz. Turn right onto Camino Ruiz, then left onto Miralani Drive.

Puke O Rama 2004 Date: Sunday, April 18, 2004 Leaders: Steve and Laurie Waid, swaid@cox.net

The launch and the finish of the seventh annual Puke will take place this year in the new covered and enclosed patio of Dalton's Roadhouse. A \$10 buffet brunch will be served to us as a special provision by Dalton's beginning at 10 am. The drivers meeting will begin at 11 am in the patio.



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. Because the patio sits above the parking lot, we will be watching as the first group launches.

The groups will begin returning to Dalton's at approximately 4 pm. As we gather together to embellish upon our driving prowess as demonstrated during the Puke, we will again have the patio area and the wonderful menu of Dalton's.

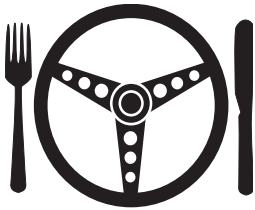
As always, the Puke is "SOCALM" friendly. It is scheduled on an open date in the SOCALM events calendar (at least it is as of this writing)...it starts and ends in North San Diego County near the Highway 78/ Interstate 15 interchange...brunch at 10 am, and finishes between 4 and 5 pm at Dalton's again.

Directions to Dalton's: 200 yards North of Highway 78 on Nordahl. Nordahl is the first exit West of Interstate 15 on Highway 78. From Interstate 5, take Highway 78 East to Nordahl and the exit will be just before the Interstate 15 interchange.



APRIL EVENTS

Monthly Meeting
Thurs, April 22, 2004
6 PM at Boll Weevil
9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD
(858)571-6225
(meeting starts at 7 PM)



This event is the single best way to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. Come eat and chat with your Miata friends, then get the scoop on what's happening with the Club at 7 PM. Don't miss the fun!!

SAVE THE DATES!

May 22nd —
Run Along the Border

July 31st—Twilight Run

August 28—SDMC
Moon over Miatas Run



Arizona Weekender April 23rd -25th Where: Hampton Inn of Prescott

To reserve a room, call (928) 443-5500 and mention the Sahuaro Miata Club group. The group rate is \$96 plus tax per night. They will hold open the group until April 10th. After that rooms will no longer be held as a group, but the rate will still be guaranteed as long as there are rooms available.

Two caravans will be leaving Southern California on Friday morning, April 23rd. One to accommodate SDMC members, and the other to accommodate SOCALM members. The Southern caravan will leave Richie's restaurant in Temecula at 9 am. Arrive early to enjoy a breakfast with fellow travelers. Richie's is in the Home Depot shopping center on the North side

of Highway 79, about 3 miles East of Interstate 15. There will be a planned rendezvous point for the two caravans (possibly in Indio, but not yet determined).

We will be taking a very scenic and fun route from Interstate 10 after we enter Arizona. The route will take us North to Prescott. The Sahuaro Miata Club has a casual, unstructured dinner-time available Friday night. On Saturday we will be driving roads to and through Jerome, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona and more. A dinner Saturday night will top off the day. Return home on Sunday.

To join the group, reserve a room at the Hampton Inn and email Steve Waid and Ben Cleaves so that we can coordinate the caravans and meals.

Steve Waid – swaid@cox.net
Ben Cleaves – azroadster@cableone.net

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 onto the Madonna Inn website at www.madonnainn.com and pick out a room by touring the 109 unique rooms. You 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 Miata Club, and then 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 for those that have confirmed their intentions.

The caravan from San Diego will leave the Oceanside McDonald's at 7 am on Saturday, May 1st and arrive at the Madonna Inn at approximately 1 pm for a late lunch.

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



Wild Thing Run

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2004

Time: 10:00am

Place: Stein Mart parking lot
Hwy 79 South, Temecula

Host: Tom & Marna Wood

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Prepaid reservations for Photo Caravan required by 5-8-04.

Description: We will gather in Temecula and wind our way south. Taking some of north San Diego County twistiest roads, we will meander our way to our final destination, the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Arriving around 12:00pm, we will have time for lunch and exploration of one of the premiere "Zoos" in the world. Here the people are caged and the animals roam free in habitats simulating their natural homes. Then at 5:00pm, 15 lucky people will get to enjoy a special Photo Caravan, reserved just for our group. Just as the park is closing to the public, we will board a special truck and venture out into the enclosures with the animals. As the day is cooling off, we will get to spend almost 2 hours up close and personal with giraffes, rhinoceros, zebras, and many other hoofed animals. We will get to feed the animals special treats and take lots of pictures. Children over 8 are welcome, with proof of age. The cost is \$81 a person, plus \$26.50 admission to the park and \$6 parking. If you are a member of the San Diego Zoological Society, admission and parking are already covered by your membership.

Directions: From the I-15 freeway, exit Hwy 79 South. Turn left (if you are coming from San Diego, turn right) and go about 2 miles. The parking lot is on your right, in a large shopping center on the corner of Hwy 79 and Red Hawk Parkway.

Gilroy Garlic Festival

Date: 23-25 July 2004 (Fri-Sun)

Time: All Day (every day)

Place: Somewhere around Simi Valley

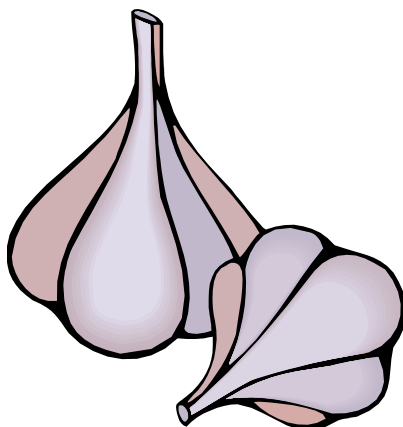
Host: Dean Rudenauer

secretary@socalm.org

Description: Enjoy a full day Friday of driving up the coast as we travel PCH on our way north to Gilroy and the 2004 Garlic Festival. We'll have dinner together on Friday night and stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, in the middle of the action.

We'll hit the streets on Saturday for a full day of fun at the festival. On Saturday evening, we will meet for dinner again for show and tell on what we saw and bought. On Sunday we'll drive more great Miata roads on our way back home.

Accommodations: I have reserved a block of 10 rooms for Friday and Saturday night at the Hilton Garden Inn, the destination of choice for this event. To make a reservation, call 408-840-7000



Yosemite by Moonlight

Date: August 27 -29, 2004

Meeting Time: 11:00am

Starting Place: Flying J, Frazier Park

Host: Marna Wood

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RSVP required as soon as possible. Hotel deadline is 7-27-04.

Description: Seeing El Capitan and Half Dome glowing in the light from a full moon is like seeing them for the first time. And being up on Glacier Point, looking down on Yosemite Valley and the twinkling campfires, this is what we will experience when we travel up to Oakhurst and enter Yosemite late at night.

We will drive up on Friday, have a leisurely day Saturday exploring the local hills, and then Saturday night we will drive into Yosemite after dinner.

The details for all of the activities are still being worked out. But if you want to join us, make your hotel reservations now. August is a popular time of the year at Yosemite and rooms will go fast.

Accommodations: The Shilo Inn. 40644 Highway 41, Oakhurst. Call 800-222-2244 and ask for the Miata Fun group booking. Room rates are \$95 per night. All rooms in the group booking are non-smoking rooms.

Directions: Take I-5 north, past Magic Mountain. Take the first exit past Gorman and turn left. Go under the freeway, you will see the Flying J on your left. Make sure you eat lunch before we continue north.



MEMBER'S PROFILE: GRAEME KINSEY—BY TOM SPRAGUE

We all know we have members in faraway places, like Japan, the Bahamas, South Carolina and Ramona. And our fame will spread even further with the upcoming SurfN'Safari, in October.

Two recent new members exemplify what attracts folks from outside the San Diego area to SDMC—Graeme Kinsey of Concord, CA and Billie Hyde/Richard Watson from Gilbert, Arizona. We are going to feature them in a two part series (a first for our newsletter!) this month and next.

Let's start with a report from Graeme and his car "Gina".

I live up in the Bay Area and some might wonder why I've joined the San Diego Miata Club. In a word: "People".

In late 2001 I drove my sister's new '01 BRG – that was the first time I'd ever been in a Miata, though I always loved the looks of them. Once I found I could see out of the car if I took the sun visors off, I was hooked and went out and bought "Gina", my Classic Red '01. Red, of course. (I mean, you either know what I mean or you never will; it had to be RED. I get a kick out of these colorful discussions and sometimes stir the pot up a bit myself.)

Then, of course, I started driving. In 27 months I put 42K miles on Gina, and it's all been fun – she's not a daily driver. I get about 15K miles per set of tires, and have gone through the OEM Bridgestones, then Yokohama Paredo Spec 2's (pretty good, but noisy and the car never tracked straight on the highway). I don't commute (home office) and I have another car (Honda coupe) if I need to get someplace. But if I want to go for a drive, I get into Gina.

I watch the calendars to see what's coming up. I've been on more than eighty (80) Miata Club events in those 27 months. This includes a couple of driving classes at Willow Springs and Thunderhill – I'm down to my last one because I don't have a roll bar (personal decision, like red). On those events, I've met some really great people and made a lot of friends. AND, some of them have been from San Diego Miata Club! So, while I've never been on a San Diego Miata Club run, I'd formed a good opinion of the SDMC from the folks I'd met.

Then I heard about Surf 'N' Safari. I wanted to know more, and found out what a neat event it looked like! That did it. I sent my check in and became a member. Our Miata clubs need \$\$ for their expenses, and if I go on a run and discover a good club (I've never discovered a bad one), then I join the club as an indicator of my support, even though I can't get to a lot of their meetings.

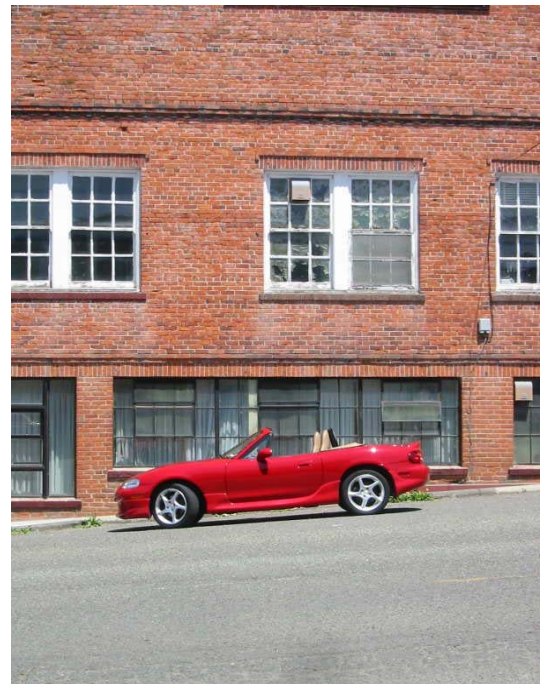
As a past president of Delta Miata Club, I came to understand that there is a core of Miata fanatics who show up at a lot of events, and there are also those who love their cars but can't enjoy them as much so we don't see them as often. But we're all having a good time.

As to the car itself, I love it as it is. The only additions I've made are sound-deadening in trunk, took the visors off, occasionally use a tonneau cover, same with Oris Windstop, and use a cockpit cover when parked during a run (great accessory!)

She came with ground effects – I never would have bought them but when I saw them on the lot I really liked the profile it gave to the car so I'm happy to have 'em.

I use Meguiar's for everything, and wax it about twice a year (I'm lucky -- she's garaged unless we're on a run so the finish is holding up well). I switched to Redline MTL in the 6 speed (which helped 1-2 crunch greatly), put Mobil One in the engine, hang a Valentine One on the windshield sometimes and put clutches in on a regular basis (well, it IS an '01).

A great car, fun people, a good Club – I look forward to seeing more of you on an event soon, and we'll all see a lot of each other come October!



Note:

Join us next month for the second half of this adventure.



High Fuel Costs? Just Stay “Home” This Fall

Driving home last week past gasoline stations with hourly “price adjustments” brought to mind a reality: I can’t afford to travel as much anymore -especially any long trips.

Thank heavens we own fuel-efficient Miatas; the impact on the wallet isn’t nearly as hard as with other vehicles. Yet, skyrocketing fuel costs have to be factored into any trip. What’s to be done?

One solution is to vacation in San Diego County this Fall. Get away from it all— just don’t spend a lot of time and miles getting to that someplace special.

“Sounds good already”, I know you’re thinking. Now, add a location – Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook – and a four-day weekend: Thursday through Sunday, October 14-17.

The occasion is SURF ‘N’ SAFARI ‘04, sponsored by the San Diego Miata Club, which easily fits the bill for any vacation. First, you’ll be relaxing by doing something you love: driving, bragging about, showing off and “accessorizing” your Miata. You’ll be doing it on roads you know and enjoy. And you’ll be both with old friends and meeting new ones from throughout California, the Western United States and beyond.

And remember: you’ll be on vacation at Pala Mesa Resort. No beds to make or meals to cook; just 72-plus hours immersed in all-things-Miata. Runs are planned to familiar places and some new sites. The Friday and Saturday evening meals will be exceptional. And the list of activities and things to do just goes on and on ...

Yet the fondest memories you carry away from SURF ‘N’ SAFARI ‘04 probably won’t be from any one scheduled event. Miata event “veterans” always seem to enjoy themselves most as a result of the comradery that occur between the runs, and during the after-hours gatherings.



**WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
SEE NEXT PAGE FOR THE ANSWER!**



SURF N SAFARI '99 — REMEMBER WHEN? - BY STEVE WAID

As the Surf 'N' Safari 2004 committee continues to work towards the October event it occurred to me that many of our current SDMC members don't know what Surf n Safari really was like back in 1999. As President of SDMC at the time, I was right in the middle of it. I thought that you might like to see the article that expressed my thoughts in the November 1999 newsletter.

I'M SO PROUD

At a *Surf 'N' Safari* committee meeting in late June, I listed what I thought should be the three elements of success that we needed to focus on in order to make our first regional event an event that we could be proud of.

1. Every member from the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB would have a great time.
2. Every person that traveled to *Surf 'N' Safari* from outside of San Diego would also have a great time.
3. That *we* (the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB) would look good.

CHECK... CHECK... and CHECK

Mission accomplished! As you read the rest of this newsletter, which is rightly devoted to *Surf 'N' Safari*, you will see that all three of these goals were met and arguably surpassed. I am so proud. I have said in the past that the way I measure a successful event is

whether or not I had a great time. I had a GREAT time. I had such a great time that I told Laurie on Wednesday that I was disappointed that we wouldn't be doing it all again the next day. Yeah, it was a lot of work, but it was so much fun playing Miatas with everyone. As club president I also was blessed with person after person coming up to me and heaping accolades on me. You just can't wipe the smile off my face.

The *Surf 'N' Safari* committee has received the lion's share (a little safari term) of the thanks and appreciation from all of those who attended. But I don't want to stop there. One of the most successful parts of the event was the volunteer participation by many of you. One of the comments that was repeated over and over was how prepared we were. That impression was left because we did in fact plan, but primarily because we had enough people (volunteers) to implement the plan and react to unanticipated situations. Our club just looked so good, I can't say it enough.

The other benefit of having so many volunteers is that we have that many members who can take pride in what they helped to accomplish. Another indication of the success of the event is how people from outside SDMC were drawn into participating in the event and not just taking from it. At the banquet on Saturday night, the Minkoffs from SO-

CALM gave us some Miata renditions of some of our old favorite songs. There were other instances as well, but the observation that Barbara Beach made was probably the most profound. She said that she has attended every Miata event ever and this was the first where the participants did not want to leave the banquet. They were having so much fun that, even though they were "dead tired" from the poker run and the trip to the Wild Animal Park in record-setting heat, they didn't want it to end. As someone once said, always leave them wanting more.

If you haven't already figured it out, this success will present a problem. The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is already the club that is recognized for knowing how to have fun. After all, that is our mission statement. What that means is that our reputation will grow to be "nearly-legendary" (where have I heard that phrase before?). So we will be expected to do it again. Will we? Stay tuned as we "ride the wave" (a little surf terminology) of euphoria into the next century. We have more and more fun ahead of us. Don't get left behind. I know that I speak for all of us that helped in putting *Surf 'N' Safari* on the Miata map when I say that you don't want to miss the feeling of being a part of such success...next time.

— PROUD STEVE

Did I sound like a prophet back in 1999? Maybe, but what I said then sure seems appropriate today. You are not going to want to miss out on riding this wave. Be prepared to climb on board. You won't regret it. No one did in 1999, and no one will in 2004.

-Still Proud Steve Waid

Answer to question:

SDMC donated around \$2,000 to the San Diego Wild Animal Park with funds earmarked from Surf 'N' Safari in memory of Lynn McClelland, a member and mom of Kathie McClelland. This photo and the one on the previous page are of SDMC members at the donating ceremony at Condor Ridge. There is now a permanent plaque at Condor Ridge with Lynn's name and SDMC. Check it out when you are at the Park!



SURFERS, KOOKS, HODADS, GREMMIES AND WAHINES!

Get 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 Rally - 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

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You say you want some more information? Kool! Here it is.

Please see our website:
www.SanDiegoMiataClub.org/surf.html

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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!"



A PICTURE-PERFECT MIATA DAY



Photo by Tom Thompson

***COLD CRISP AIR
GREETED THE
TOP-DOWN
CONTINGENCY
AS WE ROMPED
ALONG
WILSON VALLEY
ROAD ON
FEB. 29TH,
LEAP DAY.***



Photo by Tom Thompson



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Sunday, February 29th finally rolled around after four years of waiting. Because we had an extra day on our events calendar this year, what better time to put together a run for our SCAT friends who so graciously put together our Novice Drivers Training School back in November. SCAT (Southern California Autocross Team) likes to do the same things that we do...Eat and Drive, even though they don't all drive Miatas, so why not do it together?

We met at Miata Club friendly, Dalton's Roadhouse in San Marcos, and we had a number of people get "first-time acquainted" with their menu and ambiance. Great food and great service is what we have come to expect.

The group of approximately 25 vehicles (no one bothered to count) left Dalton's at a little after 11 am and headed North towards Couser Canyon. Most everyone was ready for a little more relaxed driving after we negotiated Couser Canyon and Rice Canyon back to back and started out Highway 79 east bound out of Temecula. A left onto Sage Road put us back onto the twisties and except for some OTM traffic (other than some SCAT members) we made some good time as we headed for the Dam Visitors Center of Dam Run fame for our only pit stop of the day.

After a time for resting, visiting, and touring, we saddled up for the rest of the 145 mile run that would finish at the Pala Casino. We turned South towards home onto Sage Road, and ultimately to one of my personal favorites in Riverside County, Wilson Valley Road. There was no traffic and as leader, I was able to blast through the quick undulating turns that take us over and through some rugged hill country on our way to connecting with Highway 371.

The rest of the way was a beautiful and smooth cruise along Highway 79 through Warner Springs to Highway 76 past Lake Henshaw and past Mt. Palomar to Pala. The weather had been grand, and the driving superb. I had a SCAT member tell me that the next day he had to rest his arms as they were tired from all of the turns. That is my kind of day.

SDMC expressed it's appreciation to SCAT in the best way we know how. Showing them some great roads, some good food, and some new friends. The next time you happen to be down at Qualcomm Stadium when there is Autocross going on, be sure to say hi to the "blue shirts". They are folks like us.



End of the trail—Pala Casino

Worn out First Lady and Mr. President



Photos by Laurie Waid



MAZDA REV IT UP PHOTO PAGE



Mazda Rev It Up was held at Qualcomm on March 20 and 21. Many SDMC members participated in 3 skills building sessions, a competitive autocross session, go karting and a chance to drive all the Mazda products, including RX-8, Mazda3, Mazda6, MazdaSpeed Miata, MVP and Tribute.

Photos by Laurie Waid



TECH INFORMATION - BY SCOTT LEWIS,

For this tech article, I thought I would share a bit of information with you about the Miata history. The following is a website that I had come across recently and found it to be fun and informative. Hope it may answer some of your questions.http://www.mx-5.org/oxford/guide_miata.htm

AUTOCROSS RESULTS 2004

SCCA National Tour
March 6 and 7, 2004—San Diego Qualcomm Stadium

Class	Name	Place
IS2	JT Holland	1
	Carol Schwartz	3
	Steve Waid	4
	Steven Kennison	5
B Modified	Larry Dennstedt	1
C Stock	Ron Chapman	7
	Jan Wagner	10
E Stock	Scott Lewis	4



SDMC unofficial cheerleaders, Barb Shev and Sue Hinkle, enjoy a light moment at Mazda Rev It Up before participating in the "Chalk Talk".

CONT'D—PREZ MESSAGE

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November was a bit of a downer when we had to postpone the tech day with the Faircloths because of the horrible fires. November was eventful even with all the destruction of the fires. We did the "Ladies on the Left" run and also the "Novice Drivers Safety School" that was a huge success. In December we had two DeJaVu runs and a parade. First was the "Toy Drive" and second was the "Julian Pie Run and Christmas Card Lane tour". The parade was the 8th Annual San Marcos Holliday Parade. Of course we had the well-attended SDMC Holiday Party in December also. Around rolls January and the postponed Tech Day is done with a fantastic turnout. January also saw another DeJaVu run, "Picnic at the Circle" in Borrego Springs. For February we shot a Cupid arrow into our Miata and went for a lovely run on Valentine's Day and also the very successful SCAT Appreciation Run. March brought us the Autocross Solo II National Tour. This was for the fantastic job the Southern California Autocross Team (SCAT) did in helping to put on our first Novice Drivers School.

Interspaced among all these major events there were impromptu runs, meals and wheels, Autocross practices and championship events, Cruizin' Grand, monthly meetings and of course the companionship of the best people I could ever know. The SDMC is a very active club that we members can be proud of.

I wish to thank everybody that participates in this club for the extraordinary amount of effort that goes into making this the best Miata club...no the best car club in the world! Each and every one of you can pat yourselves on the back for keeping this club going and making it what it is today. Keep up the great work and enjoy yourselves because you deserve it.

Regards,
Steve Kennison
President
San Diego Miata
Club



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members
(since last newsletter):

Jim Dickinson
La Jolla
1999 Emerald Mica

Ramond Gogolewski
Kathe
Oceanside
2003 White

Colin McCroskey
Elizabeth Whalen
San Diego
1995 Montego Blue Mica

Neil S Monastero
Carlsbad
1999 White

David Shufford
San Diego
1995 Back

Bruce & Lucy Thurston
San Diego
1990 Red

Walter Wong
San Diego
1993 Black

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

As of February 17, 2004, there are
334 memberships (130 single, 206
dual) and a total of 542 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

78 Red
54 White
38 Black
28 Silver
19 Emerald Green
13 BRG
13 Montego Blue
13 Yellow
11 Twilight Blue
12 Sapphire Blue
9 Mahogany
9 Mariner Blue
7 Marina Green
7 Titanium
7 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)
8 Unreported

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For Sale: M1 Custom Rear Bumper, Hood, Tokico Adjustable Shocks, Tower Strut Bar. Custom Rear Bumper White—one of a kind with molded in OEM r-lower rear spoiler and OEM rear mud flaps. Set up for dual exhaust, however one side could be filled in. Stripes are tape and could be removed. White M1 hood with removable black tape stripes, in perfect condition. \$300. 2 front Tokico gas Illumina 5-way adjustable shocks for M1. One shock is new and unused, the other one is like new, just installed. The Illumina Shock is 5-way adjustable, allowing you to fine-tune your car's handling setup. Cost was \$115. each, plus tax and shipping, from Moss Motors. Sell individually for \$80. each. Show quality, chrome tower strut bar. I went super-charged and this bar will not work. I felt this bar did a great job to improve handling; the look under the hood is super also. \$330 invested, sell for \$150. Outstanding look and workmanship. \$800 invested, sell for \$300 Dean King lndking@juno.com (858)536-8764

For Sale: 1992 Viscous Limited Slip Differential. Includes half-shafts and driveshaft, \$100. Racing Beat original 2-point Style Bar, \$40. Reclining Sofa and Loveseat, tan/brown color, excellent condition, \$400. For details, call Robert Holland at 858-229-6226 or email at jtbob@teamvoodoo.com

WARNING.....THE FOLLOWING 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: yk707@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 rhklassenz@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, 234-2858, or wallymiata@juno.com

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 maigabertz-ins@aol.com

For Sale: 2003 Miata LS, 5K mi, xlnt 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 larrydennstedt@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 roll-bar, 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 rodney56@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



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