

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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SDMC AUGUST EVENTS: SEE PG 3 & 4 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!

	Event	Date	Time?	Where to Meet?
	National City Automobile Heritage Day	Sunday, Aug. 1st	8:45 am	20th Street and Cleveland Avenue
	Cruisin' Grand Escondido	Friday, Aug. 6th	6 pm eat 7 pm cruise	Toms #23 Escondido (see page 5 for directions)
	Debby Does the Santee Drive-In	Saturday, August 14th	5 pm	Chicken Pie Diner, Poway
	SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Aug. 26th	6:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
	Moonlight Over Miatas	Saturday Aug. 28th	8:00 pm	Julian High School parking lot

NOT JUST A CAR CLUB! BY SDMC VICE PRES. BRUCE LEWIS

It strikes me, quite often, that there is a lot more going on here at the S.D.M.C. than just cars. I've seen other car clubs out there and it always impresses me that we always seem to stand out somehow. WHY? HOW? What's going on here? This month's message is an attempt to dig into this phenomenon.

First off, maybe we need to take a look at what got us all together, THE MIATA, Hmmm ..I think I see something here. Sporty, fun, unpretentious, little car that we use to have fun doing anything from autocross to parades. Well that's pretty darn versatile!

But then on the other hand, I've had everything from Home boys in their Hondas to Corvettes blast off of green lights trying to prove something to me. Hmmm .. maybe this isn't such a unpretentious little car. Sometimes I feel like making up a sign that says "Ok, so your 300 HP beast beat me off the line, now let's take this issue up to Engineers Road and discuss it further". It looks like that in addition to that "cute and fun" image there is some pride of ownership and a little of that "get me in my environment and I'll kick your butt attitude" ... Cool! Sometimes when Mrs. Vice and I get home from a "tough day at the office" we will jump in that little car, (top down, of course) and head for the hills, and before we know it, Voila! Smiles on our faces, and "no worries mate". I'm convinced that if there were more Miata owners in this world that there would also be a lot less psychiatrists and stress management classes. So what we have here is a serious, fun, unpretentious sports car. But there's so much more to this club It's about the people. Hmmm, I think I see a light at the end of the tunnel, hope it's not a Buick!

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



**National City
Automobile Heritage Day
Saturday, August 1st
Host: Scott Langhoff**

Anyone can participate in the Parade, but permission must be granted by the Entry Chairman to display a "Later Model Vehicle" in the show, for display purposes only (not competitive). Either way, there is a \$10 entry fee for the Parade and/or Show (\$15 after July 15th). HOWEVER, The SDMC Events Coordinator, Obi (Steve) Waid Kenobi, informs me that we have 10 free passes that have been sent to the Club for those interested in participating. "First come, first served"!



Entrants before July 15th will receive a dash plaque. Both the Parade and Show are open to the public for free, in case any of our members don't care to participate, but would like the opportunity to view some classic cars up close. Entry forms are available from me, either by fax or email. You can learn more about the event by visiting www.nationalcitychamber.org. Click on the "2004 Automobile Heritage Day" icon toward the bottom of the page. I'd prefer you'd register through me, as I am working with the Entry Chairman directly, and will protect your interests.

The Parade kicks off at 8:45 A.M. from 20th Street and Cleveland Avenue, just west of I-5. Vehicles entered for the Parade should arrive before 8:30 A.M. The Parade will enter Kimball Park (behind City Hall at National City Boulevard and Civic Center Drive) at 9:30 A.M. for the show. Vehicles not joining the Parade should proceed directly to Kimball Park before 9:30 A.M. The Show ends at 3:00 P.M.

We may be offered an opportunity to transport Dignitaries (the Michelin Man?) in the Parade. I'll keep all participants advised via email.

Those who would care to arrive earlier (Time TBA, probably around 7:00 A.M., rendezvous point TBA) could join us for a hearty breakfast at Mary J's Cafe, next to the starting line.

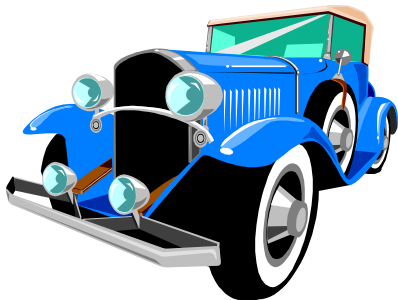
There will be music, food, and numerous vendors booths. T-shirts in sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL or XXXL are available for \$12 if ordered in advance before July 15, and \$15 the day of the event.

**Cruisin' Grand
Friday, Aug. 6
6PM eat, 7 PM Cruise**

Steve & Laurie Waid
760-432-0727 or swaid@cox.net

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.



**Debby Does the Santee Drive-In
Saturday, August 14th**

Run Leaders: Bruce and Debbye Lewis

For the past three years we have been putting this run on and it's time to do it again! We usually kick things off around 5:00 for dinner at the Chicken Pie Shop in North Poway. Then we will have a wonderful 50 mile run through the county and end up at the Santee Drive-In Movie Theater for a double showing. As usual we will take a vote at the restaurant to decide which movies we will be seeing. This is a lot of fun and we hope to see you all there to have a really cool evening.

Be sure to bring folding chairs, snacks, and just in case, a blanket or two. We usually spread outside of our Miatas so that we can "stretch out". Bring an FM radio (boom box) because the audio is carried on FM.

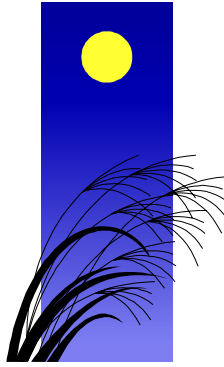
Directions to the Chicken Pie Diner: Exit Interstate 15 at Ted Williams Parkway and head east to Pomerado Road. Make the left turn onto Pomerado and an immediate right into the shopping center where the Outback Steakhouse is. Look for the Diner.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Moon Over Miatas Saturday, August 28th

Run leaders: Steve and Laurie Waid
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The Full Moon rises at 6:55 pm. We will be meeting in the Julian High School parking lot at 8 pm to begin a leisurely run under the full moon. As we descend into the desert, the temperature will rise and we will be under a blanket of stars in addition to the full moon. A wonderful way to spend a summer evening.

There will be groups meeting for dinner around the county before meeting at the starting point, so plan to hook up ahead of time with other club friends. You won't be seeing much of them in the dark.

SAMOA Scrabble Scramble Fri-Sat, Sept 24th-25th, 2004

SAMOA is now taking registrations for the 2004 SAMOA Scrabble Scramble.

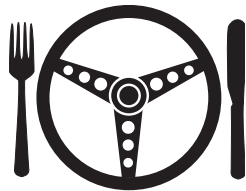
Don't miss your chance to participate in the Sept. 25th Scrabble Scramble. Hurry! This event was a sell-out last year. Participation is limited to 44 cars and we expect to have lots of out-of-town Miata enthusiasts join us for the fun. Also, Mazda is sponsoring the awards dinner, making this rally one of the best deals around.



For more information and the registration form, go to:
<http://www.samoa.org/samoa4a.cfm?link=332>

SDMC Monthly Meeting Thursday, Aug 26, 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, ask "car stuff" questions, then get the scoop on what's happening with the Club at 7 PM.

Regalia is available at the meetings also.

Don't miss the fun!!

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The people, YES, that's it! Every time we get together, be it for a run, a meeting, or a social function, I feel like I'm at a family reunion, minus the nasty aunts, uncles, and cousins that I can't stand. Do you realize that we are such a homogenous group that the main thing we bicker about is the color of our cars? Being a diverse group, I have to believe that we come from a variety of religious, social, economic, political and generational backgrounds, but you would never know it by attending one of our functions.

I have seen this sense of family expressed in many ways, from the good natured jokes at meetings, to helping others on their cars, to the outpouring of sympathy and care shown to Mark and Cathy Booth during their last year of medical difficulties. Outstanding!! I think that a lot of car clubs would disappear if you took away the "car". Not this group, I can just see us all buying pogo sticks and starting The San Diego Pogo Stick Club

just to have an excuse to all get together. And I also know that Steve Waid would buy a yellow pogo stick, and that Mark Booth's "immaculately detailed" red stick would beat him out at The San Diego Pogo Stick Museum's Show. We are also a giving group in that some of our most heavily attended club events are those that are for charity, and I think that this speaks highly for our character as well.

So what we have here is a winning combination of a cool, fun car and cool, fun people...damn, that's better than peanut butter and jelly, or a Montego paint job with a tan interior, (sorry about that) (not really). See? That's just what I'm talking about when the Vice-President can make a joke like that and ... HEY! Where you guys going? Come on back here. Aww, you don't really want to read those autocross results ... do you? GEEZ !!



**Raging Mazda's
Benefit Car Show**
August 14, 2004
8:00am – Registration
10:00am – Show starts
Raging Waters,
11 Raging Waters Dr.,
San Dimas ph 909-802-2200
 Contact: Victoria Bakker
Victoria@ragingmazdas.org
 714-809-2628
 Registration: \$35.00 per entry

To Register and for more information go to www.ragingmazdas.org
 Come on out and join us for a fun day in the sun at the largest water park in Southern California – Raging Waters! Each participant will receive a day pass to the water park, a picnic lunch “on the beach”, a goodie bag filled with all sorts of good stuff, the chance to win an award and much, much more!

There will be RC Car Races, vendors, all sorts of cool Mazdas to check out, and raffle drawings with prizes ranging the gambit of Mazda marques.

And who you ask is this that we are raising the money for? Well, have you ever had a friend who would do anything for you – no matter what it was? Have you ever had a friend who was in an accident and was seriously injured? Have you ever felt like you wanted to do something for that friend, but didn't know what? Well, now is your chance to be able to help a friend who has been willing to do anything for his friends and who was in an accident and is now paralyzed from the waist down. Jon Dotson has been a great friend of the Mazda community for many years and he needs our help.

Jon is a young 29 year old guy who has had his life changed for him in a way that cannot be fixed (at least not yet). It is our goal as his friends

to make sure that he can live as comfortable of a life as possible with as much independence as he can. To this end, Barbara Beach and her family are donating her beloved 1st Generation RX-7 to be retrofit so that Jon can drive with his hands and Jon's father is renovating his home so that Jon can have mobility and freedom.

Now, as some of you have noticed, this event is happening on the same day as Hal Jandorf's great Mr. Pinos run. Don't worry; you will still be able to participate in that run too. The Car Show will be getting out at about 4:00pm which gives you plenty of time to head up the hill and join Hal for a picnic and a night of star gazing.

You can register online or via mail. All the information that you need is online, so check us out and come out and join us for this great event that promises to be a whole lot of fun!

Yosemite by Moonlight
Date: August 27 –29, 2004
Meeting Time: 11:00am
Place: Flying J, Frazier Park
Host: Marna Wood
miatafun@earthlink.net
 909-864-6271 h
 909-732-5487 c
 RSVP required as soon as possible.



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.



MEGUIAR'S AWARDS SHOW—BY WALLY STEVENS

It's not as if SDMC and SOCALM were looking for any more events, especially on June 19th. Added to the mix was the Meguiar's Award show at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood at Universal City.

Eunice Bauman, Wally Stevens, Lolita Noga and friend, Marce Ziolkowski had reserved seats in the 3rd balcony (and, yes there is a 4th!). Steve and Laurie Waid were fortunate to score some seats not in the nosebleed area. This FREE event was in the heart of historic Hollywood, the site of the Academy Awards ceremonies. It adjoins the historic Grauman's Chinese Theatre. The Kodak seats 3,400 and most seats were filled with car crazy guys and gals. The structure is a masterpiece of fine art and worth the trip alone.... and, with a free show, a great event.

The purpose of the event was to celebrate the collector car hobby and honor outstanding men and women in the business. The show is sponsored by the Meguiars family. You've all used their cleaning/polishing products, I am sure.

The evening began with Red Carpet interviews among cars on display at the Hollywood Boulevard entrance to the Kodak Theatre, followed by the Meguiar's Award ceremony and presentations at 6:30 pm. It concluded with a special Beatles tribute concert by The Fab Four.

Winner of the "Collector Car Hobby's Person of the Year 2004 Award" was Corky Coker, SEMA Chairman and President of Coker Tires. Coker Tires makes the special tires for old collector cars.

We watched hundreds of guys and gals drive their "collector car" down Hollywood Boulevard, park on the 6th level of the Theatre parking structure and enjoy an evening of dining and entertainment.

On the way up, the ladies enjoyed a picnic basket full of cheese, sausage, nuts and fruit, prepared by driver, Lolita. Following the show at 9:30 pm, Lolita, Marce and Eunice dined at The Grill on Hollywood, one of the many fine restaurants surrounding the theatre. (Wally and his guest Dona Dixon dined at "The Vert", Wolfgang Puck's cool restaurant. It alone was worth the trip. Nice with great food and surprisingly modest prices.) We all arrived back home at about 2 am. Weary, but happy.

This gala event was filmed and will be shown as a "Meguiar's Car Crazy" episode on the SPEED Channel (Cox 56) later this year. Last year they had the Beach Boys and maybe next year will be "Elvis" (not confirmed).

**TOM & ROBIN
PAINE
IN THEIR
'99 SILVER**



MEMBER'S PROFILE: TOM & ROBIN PAINE — BY TOM SPRAGUE

Tom and Robin Paine have seven bikes, one sailboat, two Kias, a Ford pickup, a closet full of running shoes and one 1999 base model Silver Miata. Guess which they like best?

It's no contest, although the others have a place when the Miata isn't the primary mode of transportation.

Tom drove sports cars from age 17 to 27, and says, "I couldn't imagine why anyone would buy a car with a real top." His Sprite didn't even have real windows. He also drove an Austin Healy 3000, a 1965 Mustang fastback, an RX-7 and a Spitfire.

Like so many club members, his first sports car was an MG. Since he had owned '65 and '67 Corvettes, when it was time to move back into sports cars, the natural choice was a Corvette. But "they aren't the same any more," says Tom. A friend at work had a Miata and Tom took it for a test ride. The usual "love at first sight" that hits all of us then kicked in.

The Paines found the Miata with 34,000 miles on the odo, and decided that was the car for them. "We like the base model," says Tom, "without a bunch of extra stuff that can break."

They then looked on the Internet to learn more about Miata, discovered the SDMC, and after attending just one meeting signed up. "Great people, great runs and even a discount," says Tom. He had belonged to other sports car clubs before, including the Four-Cylinder Club when he was driving the Spitfire and MG midget.

The first SDMC run for the Paines was to the Del Mar Fair, giving them a chance to see what the Club is like and whetting their appetite for future events.

There is more than Miata in the Paine fun pack. Both have competed and won medals in biathlon (distance running and biking) and triathlon (add swimming). Robin is especially adept at running, and does 6-8 miles almost every day as part of a train-

ing regime. Tom tags along for 2-3 miles. Since they spend half of their time in Imperial Valley, much of the running is in the early morning while watching the sun rise.

Both have found the Senior Olympics really fun since they became eligible at age 50 three years ago. In addition to running and biking, Tom even came in second with the air rifle.

The Kia cars are used to commute from San Diego to the desert, where both are teachers at Imperial Valley College. "We paid \$7,600 for each Kia, and they now have over 70,000 miles on them," says Tom.

While with Xerox for 21 years, Tom had a company car and couldn't indulge in sports cars. Robin was with PacBell for the same 21 years, and then both decided on another career. At Imperial Valley College, Tom teaches computer systems and Robin teaches reading.

You can recognize their '99 Silver easily by looking at the license plate. It is not personalized, but faded so badly the letters are barely visible. It was that way when they bought the car, and they figure it just adds a bit of mystique and blends with the silver color.

There is one time when the Miata takes a back seat. That is to watch the Fourth of July fireworks at Sea World. A couple of bikes on the road or the sailboat on the Bay make more sense to relax and avoid all the OTMs with crazy drivers that night.



JAN WAGNER'S JULIAN RUN 7/3/04 - BY BRUCE LEWIS

Jan Wagner's run to the Julian Historical Society Car Show was one of many SDMC events planned for the July 4th weekend.

It all started in a fog shrouded Costco parking lot in Mission Valley, where Jan was presented with a set of red SDMC magnetics. It soon became clear that Jan had come well prepared, having consulted a G.P.S., Map Quest, his horoscope, Thomas Bros., Farmers Almanac, and a traffic cop in order to find the best route. All kidding aside, we hit I-8 East and finally broke into the sun past Alpine. With a rest stop under our belts we hit Highway 79 to Julian. Here's where it gets interesting. I swear by my VooDoo Knob that we went from I-8 into Julian without seeing one stinkin' OTM, (well there was that one Toyota, but he pulled over like a scared jack rabbit when he saw us coming). That will never happen again ! Maybe Jan has a little voodoo of his own ??

Much to our surprise when we reached Menghini Winery, the site of the car show ,we were parked on the lawn with the other participants. I guess they know cool cars when they see them! This is the Historical Society's first ever 4th of July car show and while small, they made up for it with some really unique and interesting cars, motorcycles, and old tractors. If this show continues to grow it's going to be a great one. Thanks Jan for kicking off a great 4th of July Weekend !

VEEP BRUCE LEWIS (L) PRESENTS MAGNETICS TO JAN WAGNER (R)





**UNCLE SAM AKA SDMC PRESIDENT OF VICE
WITH HIS FULLY-DECORATED 4TH OF JULY MOBILE**

I feel that our most recent parade endeavor, The Crest Fourth of July parade, has a lot in common with our club. Both of us are into having a great time with family, friends, and community while keeping the focus on simplicity and fun. In short, this parade was "a whole lotta fun". The community of Crest, as you know, was devastated by our recent wild fires, and the community was long overdue for a day of fun and laughter. I think that our parade entry provided a little of just that. Because of our decision not to participate in the Scripps Ranch parade, the word went out to find a last minute replacement. Answering this call were John and Pat Minnich, who are also Crest residents. They provided a place to decorate our cars, as well as food, drinks, and lots of Crest hospitality. We then made a very short jaunt to the staging area with our eleven "profusely" decorated cars. While waiting for our turn to go I could really feel the sense of community and camaraderie all around us. As we started out we were slotted behind The Women's Lawn Chair Drill Team, and let me tell you that they were about the best that I've ever seen. As we progressed we found out that we were a hit with lots of laughter and pointing at our cars, decorations, waving flags, and maybe even some for our crazy Uncle Sam. This parade was a 100% "small town Americana" and it was a real honor and pleasure to be there. Hopefully our Fourth of July parade talents have found a new venue.



How many San Diego Miata Club members does it take to host a regional event? One ... and that person is you! Actually, Surf 'N' Safari is going to require the work of many SDMC members. The Fun Team is detailing the core events across these four days. People have to be registered. An information booth has to be staffed. Vendors are going to need to be accommodated. A daily newsheet needs to be written, updated, produced and circulated. Preparations for receptions and banquets need to occur. Regalia need to be sold. And the list goes on and on ...

This may sound like a broken record issue after issue of this newsletter, but it's true. Great events – and October 14-17 will be a great weekend – just don't come together without the efforts of a lot of people. And if a lot of us each do a little, a few won't have to do it all.

So, are you beginning to get into a Surf 'N' Safari mindset? Most runs and other events, we drive a while ... stop to eat ... drive some more ... maybe eat again ... and then go home. Nice way to spend part of a day or evening. Imagine, though, being immersed in All-Things-Miata for four straight days (or whatever portion of this weekend that works for you)! Why, it's like ... a vacation! Only you'll have your own wheels, have more events and activities to choose from than you can possibly fit in, and be with friends old and new. And if you stay at Pala Mesa Resort, you won't have any beds to make up or dishes to wash.

If you attended the inaugural Surf 'N' Safari in 1999, welcome back to this fifth anniversary sequel; we know you won't want to miss this encore. First-timers? Do we have a treat in store for you!

Go the club website. Click on the Surf 'N' Safari link and register. Then click on to the Pala Mesa Resort website and grab a room. Only about 70 days of waiting remain.



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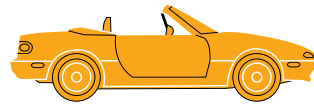
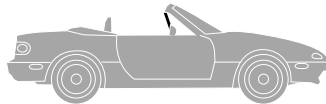
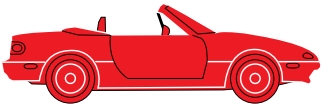


CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF SDMC!

SDMC is the official sponsor of Surf N Safari '04. That means if you are a member of SDMC, you are an official host or hostess of SNS '04. We are looking for lots and lots of volunteers. Volunteers do not have to be paid registrants of SNS '04 to serve as a volunteer. Some volunteer work will be needed prior to the event (up to a month earlier than the actual event in October.) Some volunteer work will be needed at the event. That way, you have a sneak peak at the venue and activities, without having to pay the registration fee. Of course, only folks who have registered can participate in events (such as the road rallies, the banquets, the dancing). But ALL volunteers will receive a free tee shirt. This is a special SNS '04 tee shirt different from everyone else that only volunteers will receive.

We are lucky to have in place a wonderful committee of folks who will do the layout and printing of the program to be distributed to all registered participants. But we have a special need for someone to collect all the text, artwork, run directions from run leaders, and vendor information to get it to the program editor. If chasing loose ends is your special gift, please consider serving your club in this way.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING
AS A VOLUNTEER IN ANY WAY,
PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
TO BRENDA KAY AT BrendaKay100@yahoo.com



If you are wondering what kind of duties you can volunteer for SNS, here are some ideas:

Registration – Chairman is Paula Kennison: Pre-event mailing, goodie bags, registration set up, welcome booth.

Decorating - pre-event coordination and purchase of decorating items for Welcome Booth, Vendor Mall, Fiesta, Banquet. Rental or borrowing of props - surf boards, etc. Event - decorating fiesta and banquet areas

Traffic Control - Friday, Saturday, Sunday - coordinated with the various driving events -

Vendor Mall - Help in following up with vendors, setting up the vendor mall area, daily raffles, communication boards, etc.

Activities - Chairman is Steve.

San Diego Miata Club Booth - needs to be manned by club members during Friday, Saturday 1/2 day Sunday.

Set Up/Tear Down Volunteers - need folks to help us get it all set up and folks to help us get it all torn down - return rental items, props, etc.

Security/Car Wash Area - someone to coordinate and get hoses, buckets, sponges donated and old towels (from club members). Container for wet towels. Area needs to be checked to insure that water is turned off and towels, etc. are picked up.

Remember, you do not have to be a paid registrant to serve as a volunteer. That means if you sign up ahead of time and serve as a volunteer, you can come on up to the Pala Resort and see what all the fun is about, without having to pay the registration fee. Of course, only folks who have paid the registration fee can participate in events (such as the road rallies, the banquets, the dancing). But all volunteers will receive a FREE tee shirt. This is a highly-coveted SNS '04 volunteer tee shirt that only people who sign up ahead of time and serve as volunteers will receive.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in any way, please send me an e-mail with your contact information and your area of interest.

Your SNS '04 Volunteer Coordinator
Brenda Kay
(e-mail: BrendaKay100@yahoo.com)



NOISY SPEC MIATA—BY KEVIN HAYWOOD

Listen for our Spec Miata in the upcoming release of EA Games *Need For Speed Underground 2* video game.

We were invited to take our Spec Miata to a sound recording session for the development of the upcoming version of the *Need For Speed* video game. Our car had been observed racing at Willow Springs and was selected to participate in this sound session. We took the car to Shine Street in Carson where the session was being conducted.

When I was first contacted with this request I was very skeptical. I had been contacted by Nology Engineering who said that they had been contacted regarding this Nology sponsored Spec Miata that had been seen at the track. I asked repeatedly if, in fact, it was our Miata that they were asking for. I assumed there had been some mix up about just which car they saw. I guess I found it hard to believe that these guys really wanted to use our car. After all, this game appeals to the tuner car crowd and Miatas just don't top the list of desirables. I fully expected to arrive in Carson only to find that it had all been a mistake and that it was really the 350Z, S2000, Eclipse, Civic



or (you name it) that they had wanted. No, they really wanted our Spec Miata.

A representative from Electronic Arts (EA) was on hand to direct the activities of the sound engineers and the dynamometer mechanic. They were expecting a large number of cars and had asked if we could come back later in the day. When they learned that we had towed the car from San

Diego they worked us into an earlier slot in the schedule. This consideration was representative of the entire experience. All parties involved were very hospitable.

Our Spec Miata was out of place with the variety of tuner/show cars on hand. But sound, not volume, was what it was all about. Several otherwise highly desirable cars were turned away. One of the other car owners was ribbing me and after looking over our car asked, "Do they make an exhaust pipe any smaller than that?" Once on the dyno, though, the Spec Miata showed its colors. Our Spec Miata really does have a nice intake and exhaust note.

As it turned out, the dyno mechanic on this project is a fellow Touring Car Club racer. He was nice enough to provide me a printout of the full power run. The car's power performance was such that he had to confirm whether or not it was a 1.6 liter or 1.8 liter engine (it's a 1.6 liter). And, no, I won't be sharing those printouts.

In truth, we may never know if they actually use the recordings they made of our racecar. I doubt I would be able to identify the car from the game's sound track. It was a fun experience and certainly good publicity for our sponsors and for the Spec Miata community.





**IMAGES FROM
SNS '99**

**WILL YOU BE HERE
IN OCTOBER?**

**PHOTOS BY
MARK BOOTH**



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter): (8)

Bob Almand
Jennie Moss
San Diego
2002 Yellow

Robert Aylor
Celeste
Poway
1994 Red

Paul Chandler
San Diego
1990 Red

Shawn Kelson
Solana Beach
1992 Black

Janet Miller
Jerry Miller
San Diego
1997 Monego Blue

Jonathan Tang
Minh-Ha Do
Irvine
1999 Emerald Mica

David Trudrung
Angela Ayers
San Diego
1997 Blue

Greg Willis
San Diego
1992 white

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Renewing members (since last newsletter): (19)

Ken & Barbara Barton

Barry & Shirley Billingsley

Mark & Cathy Booth

Michael Chiappetta
Lauren Jackson

Chuck & Jean Cole

Jennie Digilio

Jack & Sue Dilustro

Stef & Tom Gould

James W. Hind

Tony & Maria Igar

Bob & Vicky Krueger

Laura Lindsay
Steve Ward

Rainer & Marianne Mueller

Greg Orth

Kenneth & Kathy Roberts

Richard Scherschel

Tom Sprague

Gene & Pinkie Stanley

Ruth & Lou Stark



RENEWING MEMBERS (SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER)

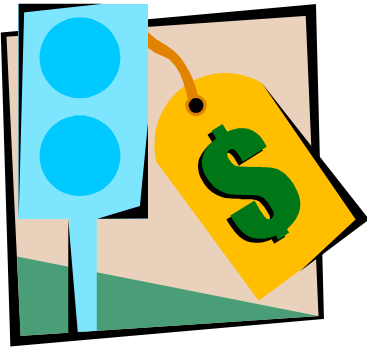
As of July 19, 2004, there are 301 memberships (106 single, 195 dual) and a total of 4 Memberships by Miata Color:

75 Red
49 White
31 Black
26 Silver
16 Emerald Green
11 BRG
10 Montego Blue
13 Yellow
8 Twilight Blue
10 Sapphire Blue
8 Mahogany
8 Mariner Blue
5 Marina Green
9 Titanium
6 Crystal Blue
4 Laguna Blue
5 Garnet
4 Midnight Blue
3 Starlight Blue
3 Strato Blue
2 Merlot
2 Splash Green
1 Evolution Orange
1 Teal (custom)
7 Unreported

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 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

For Sale: from a 1994 Brilliant Black: Miata Mesh Grill with Logo \$15.00, Left & Right Tail Light Assembly \$40.00, Sun visors \$10.00, Tan Floor mats used \$20, Black Gas Bib \$5.00, Front left & right Turn Signal Assembly \$40.00, Rear View Mirror \$5.00, BSP Tan Leather Style Bar Cover \$10.00, Brass and Chrome License Plate Frame with Logo \$10.00, Eye Ball Vents Set of 4 \$20, 4 Side Markers \$20.00, Parking Brake Handle \$2.00, Gas Lid \$20.00, Oris Windscreen Case \$2.00, Miata Logo Factory Bra Used \$20.00, OEM Shift knob \$1.00 Stan Fry (909) 780-3963 or seagalfan4life@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1999 Emerald Green with a Red Stripe, 61,000 miles \$10,000 OBO. Evenings: 760-796-7704 or email: rndramz@hotmail.com Donna Ramsey

For Sale: 1990 White, base model Miata, AM/FM cassette, 5 speed, No A/C. New engine at 100,000 miles.

Runs strong. Comes with Stylebar, tonneau cover, chassis braces and SDMC magnetics. Recently tuned with new timing belt and smogged. This car was responsible for 5 Dam Runs. Must sell as our other sports car must take its place in the garage. \$3200 OBO. Contact John & Joyce Richardson. 909-696-1892 or at miatajuan@hotmail.com

For Sale: '77 MGB Lots of extra parts, short block, Head, overdrive tranny, 60amp alternator, In-take/exhaust manifold. extra carburetors. New catalytic converter. and more. Car in running order, Recent smog, Compression 135 across. Lots of new parts John @ 760-789-8199 Stjohn55@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 2001 silver Miata. MX-5 - 5 speed 43,000 miles. Great condition. Just off warranty. Need larger car. call (619) 449-5626 or e-mail foxlaw@cox.net

For Sale: 1994 MAZDA MIATA - 4 cyl, 5spd, ps, pb, ac, p/mirrors, stereo am/fm/cd, M - new tires, new paint (deep blue), w/tan leather. 95K, \$5350/OBO, Call Patrick (760) 753-5440 or rchvlvh@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Silver 90, original owner, loving care. Good top with glass window. New engine at 93,165. Just smogged. Ready to roll. Body smooth. 152,000 miles. \$2,850. Tom Sprague, 858/566-2254, tspraguepr@aol.com.

For Sale: New and unused Blue and Black B&I Carbon fiber dash kit applicable to model years '90-'93. This kit is brand new, in the box, and is the best quality on the market. It's blue and black woven together, and it looks just insane in the light. Make a reasonable offer, and it is yours. Was \$370 new. I will take any reasonable offer, so come and get it. Email me for detailed pics.

I would prefer a local buyer, yet if you want it shipped, I will do so, as long as you pay for the shipping costs, and it is expensive to ship a flat item like this one, at least \$30, so keep that in mind. Location: Cardiff. Michael Adcock (760) 436-8311, machmx5@adelphia.net

For Sale: 1992 Viscous Limited Slip Differential. Includes half-shafts and driveshaft, \$50. Racing Beat original 2-point Style Bar, \$20. For details, call Robert Holland at 858-541-0935 or email at jrbob@teamvoodoo.com

For Sale: 1990 Miata aluminum wheels very good condition - \$20 each. Leather steering with air bag in excellent condition, make offer. Tom Tratar 619 501-2785 tratar@cox.net

For Sale: 2003 Miata Shinsen 5-sp, titanium body, blue top, 5-yr/50kmile warranty; cruise, alloys,

AC,CD,PW,PL, Karr Alarm, Lojack; 6300miles. Beautiful car, like brand new. Job transfer, must sell. \$20k/obo. Judy Zarevich 619-282-2251 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm/858-484-6183 evenings and weekends. JZarevich@moderncontinental.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 maigaberzins@aol.com

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

SD 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.

Al & Ed's Auto Sound, Car alarms too!
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Discount: 14%

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Discount: 10% (except oil changes)

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

Brakewerks.com, Axxis Ultimate, Cobalt Friction, Ferodo, Hawk, Pagid, and Performance Friction braking products. ATE brake fluids.
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Coast Car Covers, Inc., Car covers, cockpit covers
1229 Morena Blvd., San Diego (619) 275-7100
Discount: Wholesale price

Dent Man, Mobile, paintless dent removal
(800) 965-5475
Discount: 15%

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

Good-Win Racing LLC, Miata performance products including shocks, springs, exhausts, light alloy wheels & everything from Racing Beat, Moss Motors, & Jackson Racing. www.good-win-racing.com
(858) 775-6259 or FAX (858) 270-3268
Discount: Special Club Price on Everything

Just Dings Ltd., Just Dings Ltd. Mobile Paintless Dent Removal, 858-569-3464 Discount: 15%

Kesler Customs, Miata Chassis Braces, Adjustable Dead Pedals, Hide-a-way License Plate Brackets. Installation of after market parts, fabrication and light welding.
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Larry Dennstedt's Auto Repair
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Discount: 10% on labor

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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1767 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa (949) 548-4470
Discount: 15% off Porterfield & Hawk brake pads, \$10 off rotors, \$9 for Motul 600 brake fluid (1 pint).

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Discount: 25% on wash, wax, or complete detail
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Discount: 10% on attorneys fees. No recovery, no fee. Contact: Anita D. Eoff-Rosin, (619) 543-9600

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