# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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SDMC NOVEMBER EVENTS: SEE PG 3 & 4 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!							
	Event	Date	Time	Where to Meet?			
	Not a Clue Run	November 13th	9:00AM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.			
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	SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Nov. 18th	6:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.			

#### UNSUNG HEROES

ell Surf 'N' Safari '04 is over and we had a blast! Much has been mentioned about SNS04 and what a great time we had. I am truly sorry if you missed it, especially if you really wanted to go and just couldn't make it. But I'm not here to talk about the fun we had, I'm here to talk about why this event was so much fun and so successful.

We all know the huge amount of work that went into this event and we have already recognized the Central Committee and the Three Amigo's. I am very grateful for this great group of people and I know that they will get the recognition they deserve. Yet with all the effort, planning and work we still needed a large staff of volunteers to carry out this event. We had 70+ volunteers that helped put on this event. About ½ of them were not participants, they came up to provide what help they could because they wanted to make our club's regional event very successful. We even had close to a dozen people NOT in our club that volunteered to help. This is pretty representative of the quality of the people that participate as club members in our club as well as other clubs around the world.

Everybody deserves BIG thanks! I do want to mention a few people that stood out in my mind for really helping Paula and me. First off, even though she is a member of the Central Committee I really want to give a big hug to Roz Scott for being there to take a lot of pressure off Paula (and me) in the SDMC booth. Then there was Nick and Sharon Ponce who couldn't participate but worked 3 days as volunteers. They were extremely helpful in the



First Lady/Registrar Paula and President Steve Kennison Photo by Tom Wood

registration booth and in the SDMC booth. Daryled and Carleen Bristol spent a lot of time helping to coordinate the driving events. Veronica Didier and Laurie Waid put in extra time in the SDMC booth. I really want to say special thanks to my Vice President and good friend Bruce Lewis. Bruce led the Wino Tour...er Wine Country Tour as well as handling a large part of the Saturday Banquet.

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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 <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/">http://groups.yahoo.com/</a> (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.
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- Membership Roster.")
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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!

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB has established a dedicated World Wide Web Home Page at: www.sandiegomiataclub.org

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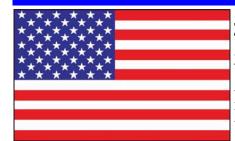
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Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. When possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions may also be mailed to the club's post office box.

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



#### NOVEMBER SDMC EVENTS



San Diego Veterans Day Parade Thursday, November 11th, 2004

11:00 A.M.

Harbor Drive, Downtown San Diego

This year, we are especially honoring

"Freedom's Warriors", those Guardsmen, Reservists, and Active Duty personnel in our community who have served in our Nations' War on Terrorism, both at home and abroad, in defense of freedom, as well as "Three-War Veterans" as the Grand Marshals.

This is where our Club's participation comes in! This is my fourth year coordinating vehicles for the Parade, and SDMC has been supporting this proud event much longer than that! Also, if you know other owners of convertibles, roadsters and antique or unique cars, you can invite them to volunteer to transport a Dignitary in the Parade. Volunteers are asked to reply to Scott Langhoff at slanghoff@cox.net, or (Day) (619) 400-5323, (Night) (619) 470-7860 for specific details. Please include your electronic and conventional mailing addresses, year and type of vehicle and telephone number. Drivers have the final decision on placement of Dignitaries in their vehicles, and are encouraged to decorate their vehicles in patriotic themes should they desire to do so. Final details will be promulgated a few days prior to the event."

## Not a Clue Run Saturday, November 13th 9:00AM

Run Leaders: Scott and Anita Rosin

Starting Point: Boll Weevil (where the monthly meetings are held) Brief Outline: Not a clue. Run directions: Not a clue





## 21st Annual Fall Mountain Run '04

Nov. 13th Saturday

6 - 8 – Registration and dinner at Walnut Grove Park at the corner of Olive & Sycamore off Twin Oaks Valley Rd

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday

7 - 9 - Registration at Dalton's Road house Parking Lot. Build your own Breakfast Burrito \$5 per person

7 - 3 – Fall Mountain Run

10 - 3 – Show/Shine at Bate's Nut Farm

12 - 2 – Hamburger Lunch at Bate's Nut

The Little Guys Car Club sanctioned by the San Diego Car Club Council is hosting this annual charity event that benefits the North County Special Olympics and the National M.S. Society.

The first 200 cars registered will receive on dash plaque, one mug, and dinner for two on Saturday and lunch for two on Sunday. Registration after October 31st is \$30 for both days, or \$25 for Sunday only. T-Shirts will be sold on Site.

For information call Bob Dietrich at (760) 726-4469 or Jan White at (760) 758-5613



SDMC Monthly Meeting

NOTE: ONE WEEK EARLIER to avoid Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, Nov 18, 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!!







# You are Cordially Invited SDMC HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 12th at 5 pm 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant at Montgomery Field. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Dinner choices include 12 oz. Sirloin Steak or Chicken Breast Mediterranean, and include salad, bread and butter, vegetables and starch d'maison, dessert, coffee and tea.

A no host bar will be available.

Purchase tickets from Laurie or Steve Waid or email them at swaid@cox.net to make reservations. Tickets must be purchased by December 2, 2004.

#### Traditional SDMC Holiday Gift Exchange:

If you choose to participate, please bring a wrapped, auto— or Miata Club related gift of around \$25 in value. For each gift you bring, you will get to choose one to take home.

Participation is voluntary.

Join us in some sharing and laughter!





### Miata Performance Driving School March 25, 26 and 27, 2005

Check your tires, put your helmet on and fasten your seat belt. The Miata Performance Driving School at Thunderhill Sports Park in Northern California is accepting registrations for the class of 2005. Now in

its ninth year, the 2005 Miata Performance Driving School will again bring Miata owners from all over the country to Thunderhill to learn how to get the most from their Miata.

The 2005 school will be held March 25, 26 and 27, 2005 at the Sport Car Club of America's Thunderhill track in Willows just off Highway 5, about an hour's drive north of Sacramento. The track has been the filming site for many car commercials, so you've probably seen it on TV. This course teaches Miata owners the basics of high speed driving, equipment, human limitations, proper steering techniques and lots of other skills necessary for safe performance driving.

The weekend is packed with activities beginning on Friday with a dinner, followed by classroom style lectures and training from SCCA instructors. Saturday morning the action turns to the track with some more instruction, both in and out of the Miata. Most of Saturday and Sunday will be spent on the track with some time in between sessions to talk to fellow Miata owners and see some on the latest Miata accessories.

For the second year in a row, Saturday night will feature a BBQ at

the track. This dinner gives students and instructors the opportunity to talk over the day's activities. "The entire goal of the weekend is to enable Miata owners to become better, more skillful drivers both on and off the track," said Ken Freeze, the event organizer.

The class is limited to 80 students with from 40 to 45 instructors, making for a 2-to-1-instructor ratio, a ratio higher than driving schools costing thousands of dollars.

There's nothing quite like having a Sport Car Club of America instructor right next to you as you drive lap after lap on a race course, helping you to learn just what you and your Miata are really capable of.

You can register via the Internet by going to the Miata Performance Driving School Web Site at <a href="www.teammiata.com/">www.teammiata.com/</a> thunder-<a href="hill/school.htm">hill/school.htm</a>. Fill out the online form, or download the PDF file and print it out and send it in with your check. If you don't have Internet access, send a self addressed, stamped envelope to: Ken Freeze, Miata School, 1521 Ridgewood Dr., Martinez, CA., 94553 and a complete packet will be sent to you. But hurry, the past two years the class was full by the first of December so don't wait until its too late and have to wait until 2006.

Come join us for a weekend of learning, while having a lot of fun, as you drive on the Thunderhill track with SCCA instructors and fellow Miata enthusiasts. At  $$400\:$  it's the best accessory you can add to your Miata and have fun while doing it! See you on the Track!

Ken Freeze (925) 370-8262 Voice (925) 370-8532 Fax



#### A LITTLE MIATA STORY

Received by JT Holland at the SDMC website:

Hello Everybody

My name is Dimitry Schneider, I am a Miata-Driver from Switzerland and a member of a local Miata Club here. I just bought a '95 Miata last Friday, after I had to sell my '99 Miata in the beginning of 2004 due to some troubles.

In 2001 I went to San Diego for 3 1/2 months to study English at a school in Old Town. I started to love beautiful San Diego from the first day on. I surely had the best time of my life in SD. Last March I came to San Diego again to visit some friends, but only for vacation. Anyway, when I went to the car dealer last Friday evening with my girlfriend to pick up the Miata, she said "Oh look at this sticker, it's from San Diego..." and she was right, there was a sticker on the window from the San Diego Miata Club. The car dealer told me the whole small window was full of stickers. He took all of them away, but he liked this one and thought it was kinda special... How right he was...:-) Well I know unfortunately I can't be a member of your club in San Diego, but for sure I will carefully maintain the car and its special sticker.

Have a nice day and always sun to enjoy the Miata!

Best Wishes Dimitry





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These were some of the volunteers that stood out at this event. I'm sure that other members of the Central Committee and Three Amigo's have numerous names that they could mention. I want to say how thrilled I am to work with ALL the volunteers on this fantastic event. Although your name may not have been mentioned, I want you to feel extremely good about what you did for your club. You are all terrific people and I wish I could give a big hug to all of you (well the women anyway). I am very proud to be your president and represent the finest group of people I could ever hope to know.

Warm Regards, Steve "Nails" Kennison President, San Diego Miata Club

#### SURF 'N' SAFARI '04 REPORT—WHAT A WEEKEND!

he past couple of weeks have seen a sharing of thoughts and thanks, pictures, and other comments about Surf 'N' Safari '04; first by email, during the October chapter meeting, and at others times as we've seen one another. The comments are consistently positive and all agree that everyone – participants, volunteers, vendors and even the Pala Mesa Resort staff – enjoyed the four days.

The pages of this newsletter recap the runs, banquets, shopping and other activities of October 14-17. Harder to convey is the fun and fellowship, often after-hours. Surf 'N' Safari '04 reunited a number of Miata enthusiasts who attended the original event five years ago; it also introduced a number of participants to the great times that occur during a Miata get-away weekend. Our circle of friends has expanded to include Miata owners from throughout California and the Southwest all the way across the country, into Canada ... and even The Netherlands.



It's said that a flood is made up of individual raindrops. The time, effort and resourcefulness of many San Diego Miata Club members made Surf 'N' Safari '04 possible and are the reasons for a level of success that met and exceeded expectations. In recognition of the role you were able to perform in preparing for and during Surf 'N' Safari '04, I thank you on behalf of my fellow Co-chairmen Sue Hinkle and Dennis Didier and other Planning Committee members.

- Les Smith

Roz Scott, Veronica Didier and Dennis Didier in the San Diego Miata Club Booth—photo by Rainer Mueller



## MORE SNS '04



There's always a parking spot for Jay Leno Photo by Rainer Mueller

Amigo Rainer Mueller in the spirit of Fiesta on Friday Night

Photo by Voodoo Bob Krueger



## MORE SNS '04

Surf-N-Safari went deep into the San Diego bush on Friday, October 15th with 16 cars going and 16 cars returning to the beautiful base camp at the Pala Mesa Resort. Our journey started at 9:00AM with wonderful people from Texas, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Arizona, and California. All were seasoned Miata drivers; however, the twists and turns of Couser Canyon and Mesa Grande still proved to be challenging and exciting for all!

As we drove out Highway 76, after surviving Couser Canyon, we passed the casinos and didn't even lose anyone to those "Big Game Hunters". We stopped at Lake Henshaw for a photo and the obligatory potty stop. Even though the water level in the lake is low this year, the view was spectacular and the skies a beautiful blue.

We trekked up, down, and around Couser Canyon and just as we neared Mesa Grande, we came across a herd of wild animals crossing the road. Okay, it was about 20 wild turkeys, still exciting!

We took a well deserved break from the twisties and turns and spent a couple hours in the quaint little mining town of Julian. Some of us even tried the local wild "catch of the day"......buffalo burgers. They were very good; but, what wouldn't taste great on a Miata outing with so many wonderful people!!! We shopped, ate, checked out the museums, ate, and generally supported the local economy. We added to our provisions with apple sugar cookies and apple taffy before we headed back down the hill towards home.

We tempted fate and passed the "Big Game Hunter" casinos and again, didn't lose one of our safari members. We are proud of all of you! We made it back to base camp around 2:30, in plenty of time to check out the vendor jungle.

We would like to thank Mark Booth for designing the great run and for giving us the opportunity to lead it. We all had a great time and especially enjoyed meeting new friends on our Julian Safari.

~David and Pamela Hunt



#### SNS '04

#### **HOSPITALITY SWEET?**

After the rousing welcome to Surf n' Safari by Steve Kennison and the great appetizer buffet that was presented to all participants, we were invited to a dessert reception at the Chardonnay Hospitality Suite.

The presentation of a multitude of treats was made all the more fun and festive by the jungle animals and surf paraphernalia that adorned the suite not to mention the palm trees on the patio. There was no mistaking that we had been enveloped by Surf n' Safari 2004! There was a beautiful cake, cream puffs, candies, chips of all kinds, and assorted snacks to be washed down by coffee, water, tea, or sodas. I chose the cream puffs and a smidgeon of cake. Both were very tasty and topped off the earlier appetizer buffet perfectly.

There was much laughter and camaraderie as participants went with the spirit of the event and reached out to each other from as near as Valley Center to as far as Holland with friendship and talk of their Miatas and their anticipation of the days to follow.

Kudos to those hard-working individuals behind the scenes who put this reception together with such imagination and attention to detail. What fun we had! The organizers thought of everything including a message board in the Chardonnay Hospitality Suite that participants could check for and/or leave messages (Hey Wrong Way, did you ever find Barb?). The dessert reception certainly gave us a *taste* of the fun times ahead.

- Debbye Lewis



The Hospitality Suite was a fun and relaxing place to hang out.



Photos by Mark Booth

The Three Amigos, Co Chairs Dennis Didier, Les Smith and Sue Hinkle, receive awards from President Steve Kennison and VP Bruce Lewis

#### JULIAN CRUISE INTO THE PAST—SNS '04

s a member of the "FUN TEAM" I was asked to lead one of the four (4) runs for Surf 'N' Safari '04. I decided to take the Julian run, thinking that most people have already been to Julian at one time or another, and that I wouldn't have too many Miatas on my run.

I know there were five runs scheduled for Surf 'N' Safari '04, but we started with four. Our Fun Team Leader, Obi Waid, made some changes, and added another run to Julian, one was to be a five-hour-plus run and two, two-hours runs, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. I ended up with the two two-hour runs, which was fine by me.

The run leaders were given a deadline when we were to make our dry-run and give the route instructions to our Team Leader. I made two dry-runs from Pala Mesa Resort to see how long it would take me. Remember I was suppose to get to and from Julian in two hours. On my first dry-run, I did it in two hours twenty-minutes, and my second run took me two hours and ten minutes, which was not bad, considering all the slow moving vehicles that I encountered that wouldn't move over.

Our Fun Team Leader, Obi Waid, did an outstanding job getting all these runs together with the run leaders. We had so many meetings at Boll Weevil Restaurant that I have lost count, we were meeting once a week, and we also met at Steve and Laurie's home a few times (Laurie keeps good Ice Cream and Pie at home). We were also planning the "Murder Mystery" at the same time. The Fun Team put in lots of work behind the scenes that only Obi Waid can really appreciate, because he was there and led it.

On Friday 15 October 2004 at 0915 my run to Julian was to meet at staging area "A". I had no idea how many Miatas would lineup for my run. As the Miatas started lining up in my staging area, I asked each driver what run they were going on, and all said, "Julian". I started thinking that I might need a sweep-car after all when I counted nine Miata's. I started asking who had a CB Radio with them, and James Hightchew from the PugetSound Miata Club with his beautiful black '97 Miata, said he had his CB Radio and would be happy to be my sweep-car. Then I remembered that I had to give my sweep-car driver an "Event Staff" T-Shirt, so I rushed over to the Vendor Mall to get the sweep-car driver a blue "event staff" shirt, and when I returned to the staging area, I had twelve Miatas lined up and ready to go.

I called my drivers' meeting, and gave them the low down on the run to Julian, and I told them that I didn't plan on making a pit stop, so go to the rest room, if you have to go, and I answered all the questions that were asked about the run. It was around 0925 by the time we started moving out. Then I found out that my CB wasn't work-

ing too good, I couldn't hear my sweep-car, but I kept trying to get my radio to work with not too much luck. About eight miles out I thought I heard someone say, "Queue Up", so the first chance I had, I pulled over to queue, and I could see all the Miatas pulling over in my rear view mirror, then all of a sudden, I see this yellow Miata and other Miatas just blew past me with their horn blowing, and I didn't know what was happening, so the first chance I got, I started moving again, then I heard on the CB that another run was behind us, so when I pulled over to queue, they passed us blowing their horns. With each run leader having their own CB Channel (we were on channel 25) I had no idea that another run was on our tail. When I pulled back on the highway with my group, I did know that I had two Miatas from the group that had just passed behind me, but I did hear someone on the CB say that we had two Miatas in our caravan that had just passed. As we got close to the turn-off to Palomar Mountain, I could see the Miatas in front of me turning off for Palomar Mountain, and as I passed the turnoff, I signaled for the two Miatas behind me to turn off for Palomar, which they did. Now I had my group back together again.

After all of those problems, I told the group, who had CBs, that I would stop in Santa Ysabel for a pit stop for ten minutes, which we did. I was surprised at how many in the group needed to go to the rest room. I had another drivers' meeting before we headed up to Julian, and one couple wanted to know if they could stay in Julian and do some shopping, and I said "Sure, does anyone else want to stay?" When we hit the main streets of Julian, I was surprised at how empty the streets were, lots of parking on the street, etc. I was tempted to stop at "MOMs" and get some Ice Cream, but we were already behind schedule, so we drove thru Julian and I queued-up on the outskirts of Julian. I told the drivers we would return to Pala Mesa Resort. One couple wanted to stop and shop in Santa Ysabel, I said "Why not, have fun" we also made a pit stop at Lake Henshaw and many in the group broke out their cameras, and took pictures of the lake and surrounding area.

On the way back to Pala Mesa Resort we passed a caravan of Miatas. I don't know which run that was, but we all flashed our lights and blew our horns at each other as we passed. It was just past twelve when we pulled back into the Resort, and I was thinking, "Aanother run to go within an hour".

My secound run was to start at 1345 at staging area "B". I didn't eat lunch during my break between runs. I went to the Chardonnay Hospitality Suite and snacked on some junk food because I know that if you eat a heavy lunch on a hot day it would make you sleepy. At 1340 I drove up to staging area "A" and one couple pulled in behind me, and I asked what run they were going

on, and they said "The Palo-

mar

Ummm!—photo by Tom Wood



Mountain Run" and I said,"Are you sure you are in the right staging area?" That's when Jack pulled up in his golf cart, and wanted to know if I was in the right staging area, and I said of course, staging area "A", but I better check the program book again. Sure enough, I was at the wrong staging area, I was supposed to be at "B". I drove to staging area B" and there were already three Miatas in line, and I again asked each driver what run they were going on, and all answered to 'Julian". As I was talking to the drivers, Jack Hinkle again pulled up in his golf cart and said that he received a call and that there are some people that were on the "Wine and Roadsters" run that wanted to go with us to Julian and would we mind waiting for them, because they was only about ten minutes out. I checked with the group and they didn't mind, so we waited, and ten minutes passed with no word, so I decided to move my group out. Then came Jack again, and said that there are more people on the Wine run that wanted to make my Julian run, and now they were about twenty minutes out. That told me something right there, and my group was getting restless, so I decided to leave with my five Miatas. We were about six miles out when the Wine group passed us going back to the Resort. With such a small group, I didn't need a sweep-car and we made pretty good time going to Julian. There were only a few slow moving cars on the road, and most of them did move over when they had a chance. This time when we arrived in Julian, the town was hopping, lots of people on the street and no parking spaces to be found on the main drag.

On the way back to the Resort, we passed a few solo Miatas going in the other direction, and I don't know if they were part of the event or not. We arrived back at Pala Mesa Resort close to 1700, and I was really surprised that throughout the rest of Surf 'N' Safari, the people who made my run were coming up to me and saying that they really enjoyed the run. That really blew my mind because it were more then seven people who told me that. After that I stopped counting, and yes I did enjoy myself at this great event, and I want to thank Obi Waid and the rest of the Fun Team that worked on the "Murder Mystery" attending all those meetings. It really all paid off in the end, and I am happy to have been a part of it.

- Art Hamilton

## SNS '04-HOMECOMING, SURF 'N SAFARI STYLE

They say you can never go home. But my experience at Surf 'n Safari '04 appears to be an exception to the rule.

After living in San Diego three times totaling 31 years and joining SDMC in December '97, Lois and I moved to Independence, Oregon, in June of '03. We looked forward to small-town living (6375 is the official population), being nearer our grandchildren (70 miles away in Portland), and building a house on a residential airpark (we moved in last December 6).

Even before leaving San Diego, I committed to returning for Surf 'n Safari '04, and I did. Lois had taken on a lot of community responsibilities and obligations in Independence... plus the need to tend to our newly grown horticulture before winter sets in. (She took a Master Gardeners' course and is practicing all the lessons learned.)

So I talked neighbor Rod Gabel into signing up for Surf 'n Safari with me. He and his wife, Carole, share ownership of a red '93 with their daughter, and I told Rod we could go in his car and I would buy the gasoline, or we could reverse that and travel in my white '93. Rod is a wrench guy who is retired from being a field tech rep for a large truck manufacturer. So he used S 'n S as motivation to go through his Miata for the trip. He replaced the timing belt and all other belts and hoses and the brake pads and the water pump.

Leaving Independence on Wednesday October 13, we were at Pala Mesa by mid-afternoon on the 14<sup>th</sup>, having stopped in Sacramento. Rod's car ran beautifully and got 31.5 mpg over the 1,027-mile run. I was greeted by everybody I knew, and Rod also received a royal welcome. At the Thurs-

day night reception, we sat with the Shacks, the Templetons, the Hunts, the Kennisons and the Hinkles. We were off to a great start.

Friday morning, Rod and I chose the longer Julian run, and I volunteered us for sweep car. Rod drove the curvys and I yakked on the radio. We chose the typical Julian Pie Company lunch: a slice of apple pie a la mode, and we walked a bit of that off with a climb up Pioneer Cemetery Hill for a great view of the town and a few pictures. On the way back to Pala Mesa Resort, I drove and Rod served up the sweep car commentary. Driving Wynola Road at the usual SDMC speed was gratifying. (On my magnetics-winning SDMC run as leader, I got our group stuck behind a fully loaded concrete truck on Wynola Road.)

Back at Pala Mesa, we spent time in the Vendors' Mall. Rod bought a nearly legendary Voodoo knob as a gift for his daughter (yeah, sure, Rod), and we were present for Scott Rosen's scary outburst at soon-to-be-dispatched Private Investigator Shamus. I'd briefed Rod on the club's previous murder mystery rally and speculated that the game had begun. Actually, first clues were earlier in the day and on Thursday evening.

We lined up Saturday morning for the rally, got sort of lost on the way to the Temecula witness station but managed to find it, and would have finished back at Pala Mesa by 1:30. But Rod wisely decided to replace his wiper blades and drove into Fallbrook for a set. (We had been asked to bring rain as San Diego County hadn't seen any in 181 days, and we came through late Saturday night; everything was wet as we left for

home Sunday morning. Flash flood warnings were being issued on the radio. Glad to have been of service.)

The Saturday night banquet was wonderful, featuring the Cat-ilacs' music, the traditional kidnapped-dolphin songfest (I hope you were there), the murder mystery solution confirming that we got it right, and Sue Hinkles' participation award provided by Jack Hinkle. Surf 'n Safari '04 was wonderful. Rod Gabel concurs.

- Dave Martin



Photo by Rainer Mueller

#### SNS '04— HOLY TOM MATANO! - WHAT A SHOW SNS O4 WAS!

t was my great pleasure to lead one of the many runs that left from Pala Mesa Resort for Surfin' Safari '04. My run was up to the Temecula Wine Country, (yeah, me doing a wine run ... go and figure huh?) and it's name was The Day of Wine and Roadsters. At 19 cars I believe that it was the largest run done on Friday. While I would like to believe that this showing was due to my personality, good looks, run leading skills, and great looking new car, in reality it was probably the fact that this club has a wealth of wine connoisseurs, (winos). We careened up Rice Canyon and into Temecula for another award winning lunch at Chueys Restaurant, and then it was down to business and up to the wineries. Our first "swirl, sniff, and gulp was





Palumbo Winery, perhaps the smallest but, (in my opinion) the best wine in the valley. We totally filled this small tasting room, and parking lot and our hosts, The Palumbos, were working double time to get us all served. From here it was a short jaunt, (across the street) to my other "best winery in Temcula" Wilson Creek. Here we finished lavishing our palettes with the likes of Almond Champagne, and Chocolate Decadencia served in a small cup of Belgium Chocolate, OH ... MY ... GOD! After we were done licking our fingers, it was back on the road for some nice "country driving" until we returned to our lavish digs at Pala Mesa Resort. I just want to say what a great event this was! The Pala Mesa Resort, the great job the organizers did, the great runs, the food, the Vendor Mall, (where I spent way too much money) and as always the camaraderie, were top notch all weekend and combined to give this event a magical quality - JUST FREAK-ING FANTASTIC !!!

> - Bruce Lewis Proud Vice-President

Top: Tom Matano and Sue Hinkle cut a rug. Left: Terri and Bill Cardell of Flyin' Miata celebrate!

Photos by Mark Booth

## SNS '04— SHINE 'N' GRIME PRESENTED BY SOCALM

Award	Winners	Car	License Plate
P.E.T.A. Fugitive Award	Garon	2002 Vivid Yellow	BST YLOW
Biggest Rack	Bruce Cliff + Cathy Coward	2004 MazdaSpeed	
Tax Evading Shade Tree Mechanic	Bill Coull		
Drove the farthest +Unique Roll-bar	Joseph + Joyce Lamphere		
Came the farthest	Petra Van den Berg +Robin Setzpfand	200- Evolution Orange	
Best Sound System	Elliot Shev	Blue w/White Stripes	
Best Miata (1990-1997)	James Hightchew	1997 Brilliant Black	1JALOPY
Best Miata (1999-2004)	Charlie + Lisa Kilgore	2003 Strato Blue	2ZOOMIN
Most Road Tar and Dirt	Bonnie + Dave Lutz	2003 Vivid Yellow	5GZK348
Most Modified Miata	David Woolery	1990 Mutant Primer/White	THUPER
Best of Show	Mark + Cathy Booth	2001 Classic Red	SDMIATA





Top left: Tom and Marna Wood award prizes with Fun Team Leader Steve "Obi" Waid

Top Right: Elliot Shev receives the prize for best sound system

Above Photos by Mark Booth

Left: Cathy and Mark Booth show off their plaque for best of show .

> (Mark's camera— Laurie Waid's photo :)



## SNS '04—THE MURDER MYSTERY SOLUTION







Winners of the Murder Mystery Abe Mara and Janna Lewis

Photo by Mark Booth

#### SNS '04—THE MURDER MYSTERY SOLUTION







## SNS '04—OUR FRIENDS



Bill & Teri Cardell and Jeremy from Flyin' Miata

Photo by Voodoo Bob Krueger

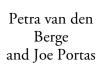


Photo by Voodoo Bob Krueger



## SNS '04—THE SOUNDS

Sue Hinkle sounds off as Jason Shamus gets shot at the Friday Night Fiesta

Photo by Voodoo Bob Krueger





The Catillacs provided familiar tunes for Saturday Night's Banquet

Photo by Voodoo Bob Krueger

#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION—JUDY RYAN

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

As of October 19, 2004 there are 305 memberships (113 single, 192 dual) and a total of 497 members.

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter): (6)

Steven Fraioli Adele Escondido 2004 Titanium Mazdaspeed

Hal Haley Carolann La Mesa 2001 BRG SE

Jim Kelley Poway 1997 Black touring

Steve Ranzani Winchester 1991 BRG

Dean Rudenauer Tassy Covina 1999 custom paint

Derek Sellin San Diego 2004 Titanium Mazdaspeed

## MEMBERSHIP **STATISTICS**

Memberships by Miata Color:

80 Red

48 White

28 Black

25 Silver

12 Emerald Green

11 BRG

11 Montego Blue

11 Yellow

7 Twilight Blue

10 Sapphire Blue

5 Mahogany

8 Mariner Blue

5 Marina Green

11 Titanium

7 Crystal Blue

5 Laguna Blue

4 Garnet

4 Midnight Blue

4 Starlight Blue

3 Strato Blue

1 Merlot

2 Splash Green

1 Evolution Orange

1 Laser Blue

5 Unreported

## RENEWING MEMBERS (SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER)

Renewing members (since last newsletter): (10)

Larry Clapper Gretchen Vik

Phil Daoust Gina Seashore

Annette & Larry Dennstedt

Daniel & Christine Garcia

Nick & Sharon Ponce

David & Stephanie Shabestari

Barbara & Ben Shev

Ken & Carla Jean Tooker

Robin Walker-Faircloth Michael Faircloth

Steven & Paula Kennison



#### **BADGES?**

ave 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 email her at vicky@teamvoodoo.com.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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: Complete set of four 14" BBS light weight spoke wheels mounted with as-new Dunlop D-60 A-2 tires. Complete set includes: 4-wheels, 4-center caps, 4-valve caps, center cap wrench, 4-tires SHOWROOM CONDITION! \$1000.00 firm. One 14" BBS light weight spoke wheel (complete set, but no tire). \$225.00; One BBS wheel CENTER CAP. \$60.00 ... Note: a special price may be possible for complete package. TAN TOP BOOT FOR M-1 (used, but in great shape). \$125.00 David Bryan (619) 334-4624 dbryanzoo@aol.com

For Sale: Strut bar for 90-97 MX-5. \$25.00 Factory air filter element for 90-97 MX-5 Brand new, Mazda Part # B687-13-Z409U \$15.00 Set of four 14" factory mag wheels [SHOW ROOM CONDITION] and tires with 20k miles.\$59.95 for two, get two FREE! Contact: Fred Lerner home: (760)761-1106 overthefence@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: Four new Bridgestone Potenza High Performance All-weather tires 185/60R14 (45,000 mile warranty) mounted on 1991 Miata 14x5.5 alloys in very good condition. Installed on 6-17-04 by Costco and driven 482 miles before I decided to upgrade to 15" wheels. Paid \$354.28 for tires; asking \$300.00 for wheels and tires. Also four Goodyear Eagle LS 185/60R15 tires mounted on 15x6 black steel wheels (same bolt pattern as Miata) taken off my 2004 Scion Xb and driven 4200 miles. Asking \$100.00 for wheels and tires. Contact Steven Fortson at 619-286-7394 or e-mail sfortson2001@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1999 Miata, white with black interior. Excellent conition. 5 speed, A/C PS, PB, PW, cruise control AM/FM CD. Must sell, just bought 10th Anniverary Edition. \$9950 or best offer. Please call 760 758-5858. Neil Monastero 760 470-6226 dynaglide@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 2003 Mazda Miata Mileage (as of Oct. 18, 2004): 9,186 Condition: EXCELLENT, needs nothing, professionally serviced. Power Windows AM/FM Stereo Single Compact Disc Premium Sound Dual Front Air Bags Alloy Wheels Color: RED with a black vinyl top and black cloth upholstery (protected by seat covers since new) - 5-speed manual transmission and Mazda sport suspension except for upgrades as noted below:

PLUS this ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:

AutoPower roll bar (with perfectly trimmed

- moldings at base to fit looks like factory) Elliptical padding for roll bar (more padding closer to the driver and passengers' heads)
- Custom, professionally made and installed roll bar cover
- Custom, professionally modified tonneau cover to fit the roll bar
- NOTES regarding the audio system (I think that this is the best-sounding audio system I've ever had in a car, even better-sounding than the Bose in my MazdaSpeed Miata):
- Pioneer head unit with CD
- Power amp tucked behind passenger seat (thin, doesn't waste space)
- Infinity speakers (woofers and tweeters) & audio insulation in doors
- Professionally installed by a specialty audio shop that knows Miatas
- Racing Beat larger diameter front sway bar
- Polished stainless steel exhaust from Goodwin Racing
- Externally adjustable Koni shock absorbers
- Kelly Blue Book "Private Party Value": \$16,205 & I'll include all the upgrades for FREE.
- Price these upgrades INCLUDING LA-BOR and you'll realize what a great offer
- Note: NO air conditioning or power steering on this model. The K.B.B. price reflects this. This car is for sale because I bought a MazdaSpeed Miata and a Prius after I created my ideal Miata. I also have a 2001 Focus station wagon. The bottom line is I have too many cars (4) and must sell one now. So, for more information or to make an offer on this exceptional Miata, please contact: Jan Wagner <u>Iwagner2@san.rr.com</u> (858) 792-9567

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For Sale: 4 Stock steel wheels from 90 Miata. Tires mounted on them but stored for years - \$80 1 90 Miata car cover - North Coast - \$20 Anne Henry 858-273-8460 altres10@earthlink.net

For Sale: Air filter replacement for 90-97 MX-5 \$10.32; strut brace for M1 models "Ractive" brand \$16.48 Call Fred Lerner @ 760.761.1106 or e-mail overthefence@sbcglobal.net

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\$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: 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 jtbob@teamvoodoo.com

For Sale: 2003 Miata Shinsen 5-spd, 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. \$17,500/obo. Judy Zarevich650-704.8484, email: Judy.zarevich@gcinc.com

For Sale: Red Hardtop, original factory top in good condition, includes fasteners \$1,000. 1.8 liter engines: two 1994s, a1995 and a 1999 short block, good six speed transmission and one not so good, 5 speeds, body and mechanical parts from '90,'91 '92, '94, 95, 96 and a complete interior with seats and top from a 99 10AE and various parts. **Also:** Complete 1996 "C" package Miata, 110,000 miles, AC, original AM/FM/CD/Tape player, Tan top recently replaced (glass window with zipper), never wrecked-clean title, Color: black \$5,900 Wally Stevens, (619) 232-2801 ext 313, or evenings 619-234-2858, 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 Keach 619-702-8077 or e-mail maigaberzins@aol.com

1999 red Miata, auto, power, AC, CD, only 8,675 miles, like new,\$10,500, rdargenio@cox.net, 619 232 7872.

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

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Discount: 15% on Axxis Ultimate products, special Discount: 10% on labor pricing on other products.

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

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