# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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SDMC DECEMBER EVENTS: SEE PG 3 & 4 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!				
	Event	Date	Time	Where to Meet?
Marine The Few. The Proud.	MCRD Car Show	Saturday, Dec. 4th	10 am to 2 PM	Marine Corp Recruit Depot
	San Marcos Holiday Parade	Sunday, Dec. 5th	1030 am	Dalton's Roadhouse,
	SDMC Holiday Party	Sunday, Dec. 12	5 PM	94th Aero Squadron Restaurant
	SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Dec. 16th	6:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Wow! Here it is the middle of November already and I haven't even started any Holiday shopping. Seems as though our plate has been pretty full lately what with SNS04, our work schedule, and a new set of identical twin granddaughters. But as things settle down, we have the opportunity to relax a bit and look ahead to the Holidays.

I really enjoy many things about the Holiday Season; I enjoy the food, laughter, giving presents, receiving presents and most of all the family. Part of our extended family is the San Diego Miata Club. One of the best ways to get together is to attend the Holiday Party that we put on every year. I would really like to see everybody at the Holiday Party (details in this newsletter) this year. Oh, and be sure to bring a present to exchange, it's really a lot of fun. Take the time to call your Miata Friends and arrange to go to dinner, a movie or for an impromptu run. This can be done individually or in a group of any size. The important thing is not the size but companions you go with.

If you are into getting presents for friends you might think about all the things you can get for one of you very best friends. No, not me (although that's a great idea J), I'm speaking of your Miata. There are certainly lots of goodies you can get for your Miata but doing the simple things are often best; a nice oil change, a fresh wash and wax detail, fixing that padding on your roll bar, or a myriad of other little things you can accomplish for your car. Of course you can also decide to go a bit more extravagant and get new shoes (tires) or maybe even some high performance shocks for your baby. And certainly you can treat yourself to some nice clothing from some of our fabulous vendors as well as the cool regalia items we have in stock (as well as some SNS04 stuff). The single best thing you can do for your Miata (and your Friends Miatas) is to take them for a ride. Go out and exercise those ponies under the hood and have a good time with some Miata Friends.

Have a safe, warm, happy Holiday Season. Drive safe, keep the shiny side up.

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



## 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.
- 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
- 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")
- 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.
- G. 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).

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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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#### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars—the Mazda Miata.

Owning and driving a Miata is one of life's great pleasures, and adding the company and camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts only enhances the experience. Won't you join the fun as we enjoy the beauty of San Diego County from the seat of a very special little roadster?

Let's have fun driving our Miatas!

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

Dedicated 24-hour voice message line: (619) 434-2007 P.O. Box 421506 San Diego CA 92142-1506

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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

## NOVEMBER SDMC EVENTS

San Diego Marine Corps Auto Hobby Shop Car Show December 4th, 10 am to 2 PM MCRD



Cost is \$5 and a new unwrapped toy that will go to a child of a Military Member aboard the Recruit

Depot at the Annual Special Event "Santa's Arrival".

Purpose of the event: To give the members of the Military community the opportunity to admire our cars and get ideas for their personal projects.

The Auto Hobby Shop aboard MCRD allows Military the opportunity to save money by performing maintenance and repairs to their personal vehicles in a safe and proper environment. Military members are also allowed to restore their cars that they would not normally be able to attempt because of a lack of personal garage space. The shop provides free technical support from Certified Car Care Mechanics, and offers free car care classes on basic vehicle maintenance projects.

If you are looking for a way to show your appreciation to the commitment of our Military personnel, and have a great "car guy" day, please consider attending this great event.

Questions: Art Hamilton, (619) 262-1565 (home) or (619) 994-1191 (cell)

San Marcos Holiday Parade Parade theme: Dr. Suess on the Loose for the Holidays Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Meet in Dalton's Roadhouse parking lot at 10:30 am.

Located on Nordahl just north of Highway 78 in San Marcos. Nordahl is the first exit off of Highway 78 west of Interstate 15. We will caravan to the parade staging area, leaving Dalton's at 10:45. The parade actually starts at 1 PM.

Prepare to decorate your car and yourselves with either holiday or Dr. Suess or both themed décor. Every car needs to bring a stuffed toy to give to a child that "needs a hug and has a hug to give."

The San Marcos Holiday Parade is a fun, short, family oriented parade that allows us to show off our cars in a spirited manner. All are welcome. You may be asked to carry someone if you are a single, but you can also decline. Last year my granddaughter and I carried the Home Town Buffet mascot.

After the parade we will caravan back to the Waid's house for a late lunch, and a time to fellowship.

Questions: Steve and Laurie Waid, swaid@cox.net, (760)

You are Cordially Invited to the

## 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 5, 2004.

Send your check payable to SDMC with a self addressed, stamped envelope to

1772 David Dr, Escondido, CA 92026

#### 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!



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION—JUDY RYAN & LAURIE PATTON

SDMC Monthly Meeting

NOTE: ONE WEEK EARLIER to avoid

Christmas Holiday

Thursday, Dec. 16, 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!!



#### NEW MEMBERS

As of November 16, 2004 there are 300 memberships: (110 single, 190 dual) and a total of 490 members.

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter): (7)

Stanley Fry & Donna Sinkway

Riverside

1994 Black C pkg

Tom Kitterer Oceanside

2001 Metalic Blue (laser?)

Doug Levy Oceanside

1999 Emerald Green

Brian & Julie Lorentz San Diego

1995 Red C pkg

Steve & Leslee Newton-Reed

La Mesa 1992 White

Nickum & Barbara Parker

Oceanside

2003 Titanium Shinsen

Abraham Vargas Oceanside

1995 Classic Red

# MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Memberships by Miata Color:

79 Red

48 White

26 Black

26 Silver

12 Emerald Green

12 Titanium

11 Montego Blue

11 Yellow

10 Sapphire Blue

9 BRĜ

8 Mariner Blue

7 Twilight Blue

7 Crystal Blue

5 Laguna Blue

4 Garnet

4 Midnight Blue

4 Starlight Blue

3 Strato Blue

3 Marina Green

2 Splash Green

1 Merlot

1 Mahogany

1 Evolution Orange

1 Laser Blue

5 Unreported

#### RENEWING MEMBERS (SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER)

Renewing members (since last newsletter): (20)

Ed Dittman & Alice Erikson

Donald & Barbara Douglas

Rudy E. Garcia

Kevin & Karen Haywood

Kenneth & Stacy Hurd

Tina Ivany

Rick & Maiga Keach

Howard Kuzminski & Nancy Madison

Terry W. Merrill

Peter Nadan & Donna Feoranzo

Geronimo G. Omabtang

Laurie & Jim Patton

Ed & Marky Pitts

Ron & Frances Rowe

Bill Shaffer

Elliot Shev

Bob & Kathy Welty

Eunice E. Bauman

Brenda Kay

Gary & Rosalind Scott

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 be-

ginning 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 of 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

www.teammiata.com/ thunderhill/school.htm. 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) 0-8532 Fax



### THE HINKLES DOWN UNDER—BY SUE HINKLE

o rest for the restless. . . One might have thought that I needed a long winter's nap after Surf 'N' Safari but on Friday, October 22nd I was on my way to Sydney to meet up with Jack for a week vacation.

Prior to the journey I connected with Jean Cook from the New South Wales MX-5 club who planned and organized a mid-week run for us to meet their club members. On Wednesday, October 27th, Jean and another club member picked Jack and me up from the hotel. Sydney traffic was backed up in all directions due to high winds that had knocked down power lines, halted the rail, and simply put things in grid lock. This was certainly not a problem for Jean and Sharon (the other driver) as they were determined to get us to the meeting place at the other end of the Sydney Harbor Bridge. After several quick and swift moves we crossed the bridge and made it to the MX-5 meeting place.

There were hand shakes, hugs and kisses a warm and genuine Aussie welcome. To my surprise everyone was asking about our regional event Surf 'N' Safari and knew that I had a new Mazdaspeed. . .word sure travels



quickly. Eighteen miatas showed up for this mid-week run and everyone was anxious to show us the twist and turns of the North Syd-

ney area. President, George Benedak held a brief drivers meeting and then we were off through the streets of North Sydney en route for non other than Fish & Chips. Upon arrival at our first eating spot we quickly ordered our meals and joined the group in a park adjacent a beautiful inlet cove. There was Miata chatter all around. I felt like I was at an SDMC meeting and this was definitely a drive - eat drive group as they were discussing the next food

Of course, Jack was most interested in being a co-pilot in one of their very fast cars and he got his wish, an SP modified three stage booster turbo. As Jean and I followed this silver miata I was astonished when the driver pulled out around the leader and seemed to disappear in a second. I was holding my breath just watching. But when we arrived at our next stop Jack was all smiles. . . this was definitely an "E" ticket ride for him.

In only a short block Jack and the pilot reached speeds of 160 KL. Our final stop was a popular beach area "Darwin" that is heavily populated with pubs and coffee shops. Little did we know but George and wife Kerry had called ahead and arranged for a coffee shop to handle this group. George presented Jack and I with lots of MX-5 club regalia including golf umbrellas and treated the entire group to coffee and dessert. SDMC pins were presented to our new friends and they were a hit.

On Friday evening George and Kerry invited us and some others to their home for a lovely dinner. Jack and George hit it off famously and we gals were already old friends. We all talk about the spectular views in San Diego but George and Kerry have a view of the Sydney Harbor Bridge and the Sydney Skyline from their front patio that is simply breathtaking.

Traveling to Sydney, Australia was a wonderful experience. . .being half way around the world and meeting up with folks who share the same passion that we do. . . our love for a terrific little roadster called a Miata was the icing on the cake. The Australian National Meet will be held in April of 2006 in Brisbane. Jack and I are planning to go back and join our new Aussie friends for their four day party in Brisbane. . . great roads, great food, racing, vendors and we hear that Bob Hall will be there too. Plans are in the works for this journey, if you interested let us know - we're working with the Aussies on early reservations and group rates for the hotels, airfares and Miata rentals with manual transmissions (no automatics in Australia). Can you image a whole group of SDMC'ers attending the Australian Nationals - - that would be a SDMC first. So mates what do you say, is it a date?



## **NOT A CLUE RUN 11/13/ 04 - BY BRUCE LEWIS**

here we goin'? - I dunno When we comin' back?
- I dunno How long we gonna be gone? - I
dunno Dude, YOU ARE CLUELESS! ..... and
that was the whole idea behind The Clueless Run put on by
Scott and Anita Rosin.

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We gathered at Boll Weevil in Clairmont Mesa (sound familiar?) at 9:00 AM and waited in the rain, hoping to "get a clue". Well. we never got one! Scott picked a sweep car, (a gorgeous, immaculately maintained Yellow M-1 belonging to Steve Waid), and said "follow me". So, without a "clue" we put up our tops, turned on our wipers and followed the Rosins out of the parking lot. The run that followed had more switch backs and direction changes than a John Kerry campaign. We went through Poway to Ramona, (yeah, it still smells the same), Lakeside, El Cajon, Crest, Harbison Canyon, Alpine, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Dehesa, Beautiful

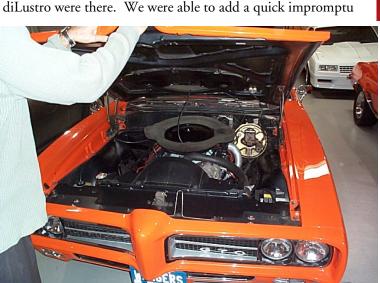
Jamul, and many other places that I'm sure that I forgot, until we came to the end of our run, and lunch in East Lake at Noodles, (don't laugh, it was pretty good). The rain retreated to the onslaught of a sunny, beautiful day, and the tops went down, (just the car tops), and the jackets were stuffed into the trunks. The day was perfect for a run and we all wondered where all the otm's were .... not a clue! Many of our stops were at little country stores, or antique shops that many of the women, (mine!) had to be pried out of to continue the run. The restroom at the Barona Casino store, where we stopped, was busier than a hot slot machine on a Saturday night. How many cars? ... not a clue, how many miles? ... not a clue, ... how much time? ... not a clue. But let me clue you on this, .. Scott and Anita put the "fun" into this fun run. Kudos you two for a nice day and a very unique run.

Who's doing the next run? ... not a clue!

### FALL MOUNTAIN RUN—BY STEVE WAID

ffter, what seemed like a really long time without any Miata driving other than to work, I had spent Saturday having Not a Clue and running with about 20 Miatas, but that was still not enough. Laurie and I had registered in advance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Mountain Run, a charity event sanctioned by the San Diego Car Club Council and hosted by the Little Guys Car Club (Street Rods). That meant that we had a spaghetti dinner to go to that night, before the festivities on Sunday. Dennis Allen of Allen's Wrench was there so we knew someone right away. You can never have too much spaghetti.

Sunday morning found three Miatas at Dalton's Roadhouse to start the Fall Mountain Run. In addition to Laurie and me, Dennis and Maryanne Garon, and Jack and Sue (Saturday wife) diLustro were there. We were able to add a quick impromptu



Wangers Warehouse offers everything from '60s muscle cars to a 1999 360 Modena Ferrari.

Photo by Laurie Waid





trip over to the AMCI Marketing, Wangers Warehouse (Laurie's employer) to attend the beginning of a giant Goat Meet (GTO's) that Jim Wangers (Godfather of the Muscle Car) was hosting for over 120 Pontiac enthusiasts. We spent about 45 minutes talking to Jim, seeing the stable of historic Pontiac's in his collection, a 1936 Rolls Royce Barker Phantom III, 1999 Ferrari, 700 HP Corvette Z06, 1000 HP Jaguar, and scads and scads of old GTO's before we left for the run.

Leaving the warehouse we proceeded towards Julian adding Old Julian Highway and Wynola Road to the course. On the return to Bates Nut Farm we also changed the course to include Mesa Grande Road. It was a gloriously sunny day, I'm told, as I was busy driving. Upon arriving at Bates Nut Farm we were directed to the Car Show area where we proudly put up the SDMC banner and displayed our cars among over 200 hot rods, street rods, muscle cars, woodies, and one hearse. We enjoyed our hamburger lunch, the music, the camaraderie, the cars and Bates. After partaking in everything we wanted too, we packed up, went home, and took a nap. What a perfect end to a perfect weekend. And the Chargers had a bye to boot!

## MEMBER PROFILE—JASON AND JOY BRENT

t was a beautiful, cool and sunny afternoon in November of 2001 when Joy and I drove past the lot at Hine Mazda in Mission Valley. There on the side of the showroom was an Emerald Green Miata. It instantly struck a cord. My first experience with a sports car was with a 1965 Triumph Spitfire. It church mixer for new students in a large was British Racing Green with a tan interior and wire wheels, and it quickly became the vehicular love of my life. While it had been many years since I sold it, it was never really out of my mind. We had substituted some of the excitement of the open road by riding a Honda Goldwing with the San Diego Touring Society for several years. After riding the motorcycle became more like work than fun we sold it, but there was now a large void where the rides and social activities had been. That same day we became the proud owners of our new 2002 Miata. We quickly joined the San Diego Miata Club and have been happily ter taking some additional accounting

waukee Wisconsin, I am happy to say that the Miata's tight roof, doors, heater and A/C is a welcome change from the days of the Spitfire. While they might not be as critical as they would have been in Wisconsin, they still are welcome features.

The Miata's

repair shop, except for scheduled

since.

Born and raised in Milmaintenance is also a nice difference from the "old" days of sport motoring.

Joy and I met when we both went back to college, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, I for my bachelors and Joy for an advanced degree. We attended a Methodist church across from the student union. Years later I saw her diary page from that day where she had entered "no interesting men at the party." Personally, I found her very interesting and decided to pursue her. Persistence on my part paid off, and six months later we were married. After graduation I went to work for Tandy Electronics Business Division and eventually was transferred to San Diego in 1985. While the new venture for Tandy only lasted three years, we were firmly in love with the southern California lifestyle and had no desire to return to the land of ice and snow. Af-

credits at San Diego State, I returned to an earlier career of Hospitality Accounting, working for some of San Diego's nicest resorts. I eventually drifted into property management and now manage 243 senior and disabled units for the San Diego Housing Commission. Joy used her innate love of people and her desire to serve the greater good by joining San Diego County social services. After many years with Children's protective services she migrated to Aging and Independent Services for seniors and other adults were she works on the triage "hot line", very close to our meeting place at the Boll Weevil.

We hope to become even more active in the coming year, perhaps serving in some capacity as a committee member or officer. It is also a goal to win our magnetics in 2005.



## CORONADO HISTORIC SPEED FESTIVAL - BY VOODOO BOB KRUEGER





## Above:

Gary Byrd and his 1925 Vauxhall 30-98 at turn 4.

## Left:

The Speed Festival is historical in more ways than one

## Right:

Group 7 smokes 'em going into turn 1



## Below:

Group 1 motors down the back straight



## RAINY WEATHER TECH TIPS—BY SCOTT LEWIS

ince we are well into the rainy season, I thought a few helpful maintenance tips would be a good idea to keep our Miatas pointed in the right direction.

Lets start with the wiper blades... New blades can run anywhere fro \$3.00 to \$10.00 each. ANCO brand has always been a good choice over the years. Wal-Mart for instance has many brands to choose from. Most Miata blades are 18" for left and right side applications. Note: The use of "dual" style blades can cause premature wiper motor failure over time. The purpose of the "dual" wiper on one single blade is to help clear what the first has not cleaned. This can and will increase the drag on the wiper motor for obvious reasons.

Tire tread depths... Your tires tread depths, or the lack of, greatly affects the handling on you Miata. Have you ever been driving in moderate rain up a hill and felt the car surge and rev? That is the obvious hydroplane condition that can be difficult to correct. Because our cars are lightweight, there may not be enough weight on the drive wheels to avoid hydroplaning. Standing water is just as bad if not worse. Making sure your tread depth is within legal limits is easy to do. One way is to get a penny, turn it to where Lincoln's head is upside down, insert it into the shallowest groove on the treaded area. You should not be able to see the top of his head when in the groove. Check a couple places on your tires. Depth measured to approximately 1/4" or more is

good. A great indication is the narrow bands, sometimes called "wear bars", that appear across the tread when 2/32" of tread remains. Another great idea is tire "siping". Siping can be performed on brand new tires, as well as used tires that have at least 50% of the original tread left. Siping machines cut thousands of slits across the facing of the tire tread, from 5/32" to 11/32" deep. These slits create thousands of sharp, gripping edges to provide extra traction and safer braking under wet, icy, and snowy conditions. The slits are so thin, no loss of rubber occurs and the results are similar to studding your tires.

Brakes...Another obvious and important subject. Not much to be said here besides making sure your brakes are still within minimum specifications. Just be careful after driving thru large deep puddles or sheeting water on the roadway. This can cause what may feel like the brakes aren't working after you apply them on the other side of the water. If you know you are going to go thru deep water, just apply slight braking as to keep the rotors and pads dry.

Convertable top leakage...You are on your own here. Mine leaks sometimes just a bit. I usually push down on the top over the center of the door window to get a better seal. It works. But...I know some of you just never put the top up in the first place. Kinda makes for a bad hair day. I just wear



## Rainy Day

The Not A Clue Run started out on a rainy morning in Kearny Mesa, but ended as a glorious sunny fall day! Photo by Daryled Bristol



#### **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 e-mail 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: 1999 Emerald Green, leather package, Torsen LSD, tan top, stock, 51,000 miles, \$9400/OBO. John Tellew 858-229-3439 or <a href="mailto:itellew@san.rr.com">itellew@san.rr.com</a>.

For Sale: 1999 Miata \$9500 Black with Tan Leather, 66,000 miles, CD / Bose Sound System, Power Windows, Mirrors & Antenna, Fog Lights, Keyless Remote, Car Cover, Dealer Serviced, Recent 60K, Check-Up, All Records, Garage Stored, Grant W 760-725-9902 H 760-729-9186 LejonvarnGE@i-mef.usmc.mil

For Sale: 1999 Mazda Miata convertible, in show-room condition Only 20,000 miles, hardly ever driven. Black with leather interior, automatic 5 speed transmission, fully loaded. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$10,500 obo. Please call Kevin at (909) 393-6603 tk.smith1@earthlink.net.

For Sale: 1999 Miata, white with black interior. Excellent condition. 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 Neil Monastero 760 758-5858 <a href="mailto:dynastero">dynastero</a> 760 758-5858 <a href="mailto:dynastero">dynastero</a> 760 758-5858 <a href="mailto:dynastero">dynastero</a> dynastero</a> 760 758-5858 <a href="mailto:dynastero">dynastero</a> 760 758-5858 <a href="mailto:dynas

For Sale: Early 91 1.6l engine \$150, 91 5 spd tranny no grinds \$100, Jackson Racing 89-93 header. \$150, first generation wheels with Kumho victor racer tires 195/60 R14 40% tread left. \$200. All items are pick up only <a href="mailto:cozmodave@cox.net">cozmodave@cox.net</a>

For Sale: 2003 Miata - \$16,995 obo PRICE SLASHED by \$1,000 - must sell NOW to pay some bills. WARRANTY: - balance of the four year, 50,000 mile Mazda warranty is transferable. INCREDIBLE DEAL: Approx. value of carefully selected upgrades is almost \$3,300! Perfect condition, California car kept in a garage, never been in an accident. Low miles (9,186) Beautiful red exterior with black cloth interior (the seats were always covered so they are like new). Professionally installed, awesome-sounding audio system with plenty of power for use in a convertible: includes Pioneer head unit with cd & remote control, Infinity speakers (woofer, tweeter & crossover in each door, set in high grade sound insulation) and "Performance Teknique" amplifier (mounted outof-the-way, behind the passenger seat). Very rare MAZDA FACTORY LIGHTWEIGHT "Club Sport" PERFORMANCE model (no A/C or power assisted steering) with a special "factorytuned suspension" and torque-sensing limited slip differential. This special Miata was designed for maximized performance as compared to all other 2003 Miata models. 16-inch alloy Mazda wheels. Five-speed manual transmission. Mazda factory sport suspension upgraded with externally adjustable KONI shocks and Racing Beat larger diameter front swaybar (all professionally installed). Autopower rollover bar with SFI elliptical padding (provides more padding closer to the occupants' heads) and custom, professionally upholstered black cover. Professionally reupholstered boot

cover to fit around base of rollover bar, all plastic interior pieces carefully trimmed around base of rollover bar. GoodWin Racing polished stainless steel, nice-sounding exhaust. - Original parts (Bilstein shocks, stock front swaybar, exhaust, etc.) were kept, are also like new and are included. Professionally maintained, and warranty-related updates performed (including the clutch update), by the selling Mazda dealer. I did not intend to sell this car so I spared no reasonable expense and took the time to do the research and set it up just right. Jan Wagner (858) 792-9567 jwagner2@san.rr.com

For Sale: 4 Stock steel wheels from 90 Miata. Tires mounted on them but stored for years - \$80. '90 Miata car cover - North Coast - \$20. Anne Henry 858-273-8460 <a href="mailto:altres10@earthlink.net">altres10@earthlink.net</a>

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 <a href="mailto:dbryanzoo@aol.com">dbryanzoo@aol.com</a>

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 over the ence@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

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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 <a href="mailto:jrbob@teamvoodoo.com">jrbob@teamvoodoo.com</a>

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

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