

# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOMS**

*S*ummertime: the smell of barbeques, the roar of holiday crowds at events throughout this great land, family and friends, picnics, parades and the beach. It's America's birthday and everyone is invited to the biggest celebration of the year.

July 4<sup>th</sup> marks the birth of our nation and although we are a group of car enthusiasts who drive a Japanese manufactured vehicle, SDMC members are true Americans. Many of our members presently serve in the military or have served in past years. Those members presently serving our country have left family, friends and the comforts of home to preserve our freedom and keep us from harms way. SDMC has participated in July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day parades for many years in honor of our military service men and women for the sacrifices they have made to keep American the "Land of the Free."

SDMC members during past years have shown up in great numbers to participate in July 4<sup>th</sup> parades to celebrate the birth of our nation. Members decorate their Matas in a vast array of RED, WHITE, and BLUE. American Flags are proudly displayed from antenna, roll bars, and windshield wipers. Miatas line up in rows of three and proudly drive the parade routes in true "American Spirit."

This year SDMC has been invited to participate in the CREST July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Celebration. Once again SDMC members will show up in record numbers to decorate their Miata's and proudly display American Flags and the colors of our freedom for we are true Americans.

In summary, America's Independence Day was best expressed in a quotation from the Virginia Gazette on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1777: "Thus may the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, that glorious and ever memorable day, be celebrated through America, by the sons of freedom, from age to age till time shall be no more. Amen and Amen."

Please plan on joining me and other members for the CREST July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Have a fun and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!  
Sue Hinkle, Your Zoom Zoom Prez

## **JULY EVENTS: SEE INSIDE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!**

	Event	Date	Time?	Where to Meet?
	Cruisin' Grand Escondido	Friday, July 1st	6 pm eat 7 pm cruise 8:30 pm pie	Toms #23 Escondido (See inside for directions)
	Miatas at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar	Sunday, July 3rd	10 am	See inside for directions
	Sweet and Savory Run	Sunday, July 3	10 am	Applebee's parking lot at Parkway Plaza/ Westfield Shopping Town Parkway, 107 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon
	Parade in Crest	Monday, 4th of July	7:15 am	Pat & Jay Minnich's Home, 825 Via La Cresta in Crest
	Run to the Hills and Summer Picnic	Sunday, July 24	10 am Run 12 noon Picnic	Simpson's Nursery, Jamul
	Twilight Fun Run	Saturday, July 30	3:30 pm lunch, Driver's Mtg 4:45 pm	Albertson's/Target shopping center in Rancho San Diego (El Cajon)
	SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, July 28th	6 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

### NEW MEMBERS

As of June 15, 2005 there are 291 memberships (107 single, 190 dual) and a total of 487 members.

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter): (5)

Kirby Lawton  
Solano Beach  
1996 Black

Richard & Susie Merino  
La Jolla  
1997 Dk Blue

Rene & Myra Nielsen  
Oceanside  
1997 BRG

Gabriel Rivera  
San Diego  
1999 Sapphire Blue

David Sexton  
El Cajon  
1997 Montego Blue

### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Memberships by Miata Color:

74 Red  
49 White  
28 Black  
17 Silver  
13 Titanium  
13 Montego Blue  
10 Yellow  
11 Sapphire Blue  
9 Mariner Blue  
8 Mahogany  
8 Emerald Green  
7 Twilight Blue  
7 Crystal Blue  
5 BRG  
4 Midnight Blue  
4 Starlight Blue  
4 Laguna Blue  
4 Garnet  
3 Marina Green  
2 Strato Blue  
2 Merlot  
2 Splash Green  
1 Laser Blue  
1 Black Cherry  
3 Unreported

### RENEWING MEMBERS (SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER):

Robert Holland & Carol Schwartz  
Greg & Beth Orth  
Ludwig Puchmayer  
Gloyd & Alice Crandall  
Leo Dailey & Kanyu Tsang  
Arthur L. Hamilton  
Cynthia S. Jones  
Michael & Cindy Knapp  
Fredrick & Lina Overman  
Cindy Paloma  
Frank Rimmer & Charm Johnson  
Kenneth & Kathy Roberts  
Judy Ryan  
Craig & Jessica Julian  
William Murphy & Sherrie Ford  
Anthony Wilde  
Gale Chan  
Bob & Vicky Krueger



### 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](mailto:vicky@teamvoodoo.com).



## JASON HINKLE RECEIVES MDA PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND CAL STATE SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Jason Hinkle, son of Sue and Jack Hinkle has been named recipient of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 2005 Personal Achievement Award for MDA's San Diego chapter and MDA California.

On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Jason was honored at a formal reception held at Cal State University San Marcos and named the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Jason was unanimously nominated for this award by faculty and staff at the University for his Dedication and commitment to creating awareness for the disabled community.

Jason obtained his Associate of Arts Degree in Radio and Television at Palomar Junior College. He also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Filmmaking Studies and a Degree in History from Cal State San Marcos University. While a student at Cal State San Marcos, Jason elected to produce a film "My Life", depicting how he handles the everyday challenges of Friedreich's Ataxia. During the past two years the film has received awards and recognition from various film festivals. Jason has traveled locally to promote and discuss the film, allowing him to talk about disability-related issues such as social interaction, discrimination, and activism. Presently he is considering producing a second film that will inform the public about transportation issues facing the disabled.

"The accomplishments of individuals like Jason Hinkle underscore that people with disabilities make valuable contributions to their communities," said Joan Ewing, Director of the San Diego MDA. "Through the Personal Achievement Award Program, MDA hopes to encourage society to develop more realistic and constructive attitudes toward people with disabilities."

Sue and Jack Hinkle have hosted several Miata Club charity runs for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the SDMC members have participated in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon hosted by KUSI. Sue and Jack plan to host another MDA event sometime in August and are asking for member volunteers to help with organizing the event. If you are interested contact the Hinkle's at (760) 735-9456.



Eight of us went to hear the Catillacs at the Galley in Chula Vista Saturday night (May 28).

Included were friends of Mary Martin and Norm, also named Mary and Norm.

Barb Shev may have them in a Miata by now! Mary and Barb had a great time cutting the rug!

Steve (Obi) Waid and Rick Malakoff attended the Danny McKeever Driving School/Track Day at the Streets of Willow on Memorial Day Weekend. Steve Diffenbacher of SOCALM got this great shot of Obi taking a curve in the "flaming Miata".





## EVENTS

### Cruising' Grand Friday, July 1, 2005 6 pm

Steve and Laurie Waid  
760-432-0727 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."

After cruisin' and walkin' Grand, we will drive the short distance to find ice cream. This will be a full evening of car fun for car people.

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

### Miatas at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar July 3rd 10 am

One more chance : SDMC members are welcomed to "Cruise in" on Sunday (July 3rd) as part of "Classics Galore". Meet in the Albertson's parking lot on the south side of Via de la Valle, just east of I-5 at 10 am. At 10:20 am, caravan with a police escort through traffic and into the fairgrounds along with cars from other car clubs. All occupants of the club vehicles are admitted free to the fairgrounds, and of course parking is free as well. You may leave whenever you wish.

The parking/viewing area on the racetrack is well-groomed, slightly moist dirt; it is dirt, but it is neither muddy nor dusty. Staff is on site asking the public to "look, but don't touch."

Plan your visit to the fair now, and join other Miataphiles in this **Free Event** until you start to find something to eat, that is. Fair food is yummy, greasy, and expensive.

### Sweet and Savory Run Sunday, July 3 10:00 am

Meeting Place: Applebee's parking lot at Parkway Plaza/Westfield Shopping  
Town Parkway, 107 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon

Contact: Jerry & Janice Boster, (619) 437-4465,  
jerry.boster@1989.usna.com

Join Jerry & Janice as their Shinsen earns its magnetics on a Sweet and Savory Run. We will start at Parkway Plaza (Westfield Shoppingtown Parkway) and head for Julian for our first stop at King Leo's Candy (the sweet). At King Leo's we'll enjoy some world famous peppermint and other tasty candies. Next a run across Mesa Grande over to Valley Center and Bates Nut Farm (the savory). After enjoying some delicious nuts and other savory items, it's off to the coast and Big Jim's BBQ (both sweet and savory) in Encinitas for a late lunch/early dinner. From North or South County, no problem as this run covers a large part of the county. We'll all be home in plenty of time to get ready for 4th of July/ Independence Day celebrations. See you there.

Helpful Links: Google Map of the Applebee's Meeting Location  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=107+Fletcher+Parkway,+El+Cajon,+CA&spn=0.024871826171875,0.03591119507345297&hl=en>



### 4th of July Parade in Crest 7:15 am Monday, July 4

Meeting Place: Pat & Jay Minnich's Home,  
825 Via La Cresta in Crest  
(directions below)

For Event Info: Mark Booth, (619) 670-3789, [E-mail Mark](#)

Regarding the Meeting Location: [Pat & Jay Minnich](#), (619) 441-0650,  
[E-mail Pat & Jay](#)

This will be the second year that SDMC shows off its Independence Day spirit by decorating our Miatas and parading through the streets of Crest. Crest is located "up in the hills" between El Cajon and Harbison Canyon.

Pat & Jay will, once again, play host for the pre-parade decorating of our Miatas. The club already has a large supply of July 4th Holiday decorations but please feel free to bring your own if you so choose.

We will meet at the Minnich's home at 7:15 a.m. to begin the decorating. Last year we missed the judging, which begins at 8:30 a.m., so please plan to get up bright and early and meet at the Minnich's at 7:15 a.m. Pat promises to have coffee and doughnuts for us.

The parade will finish at Nancy Jane Park where the town will be holding a good old fashioned country fair celebration, complete with food and entertainment.

**Directions:** East on Interstate 8 to the Greenfield Dr. exit. Go right (south) on Greenfield Dr. to La Cresta Road. Turn left onto La Cresta Rd. About 3 miles up you will come to Mountain View Rd. Turn left onto Mountain View Rd. followed quickly by another left onto La Cresta Blvd. Take the next possible left onto La Cresta Heights Rd. And, finally, the third possible right turn puts you onto Via La Cresta.



## RUN TO THE HILLS AND SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, July 24

10:00 am Run....12:00 pm Picnic

Simpson's Nursery, Jamul

Summer is here and the Miata owner's fancy turns to runs and eating (what else?). Well, to satisfy these primal urges we are putting together a short "RUN TO THE HILLS AND SUMMER PICNIC". We decided to go for a Sunday event to accommodate all of those that work and miss our usual Saturday events. Mark Booth will lead a short run that will start at 10:00am in the Chili's Restaurant parking lot at 10200 Scripps Poway Parkway, just east of I-15 in Poway. The run will end at Simpson's Nursery, 13925 Highway 94, just east of "downtown" Jamul. For those of you that can't make the run but want to attend the picnic plan to arrive at Simpson's at around noon. Drive past Simpson's entrance on Highway 94 and turn right onto Maxfield where you'll go 200 feet and turn right through the gate and into the picnic area.

Besides being a cool nursery, Simpson's has a very cool car museum on premise with many varied exhibits. Here the club will sponsor our summer picnic, yes that's right, it will be a "free" event in that the club will provide the main course of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins', potato salad, soft drinks and water plus two handsome "young" men that will cook for you! Also provided will be parking, a nice shaded picnic area, cool tunes and a guaranteed good time! OKAY! I know that by now you're saying "sounds like a blast... I'm in". COOL! Here's what you need to do-

Since we need to know how much food and drink to buy, we are asking **that you sign up by contacting Her Miatasty (Sue) at [sportscarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sportscarr@sbcglobal.net) or 760-735-9456** to let her know how many will be attending. Cut off for reservations is July 10, 2005. We are also asking that you plan to bring your favorite picnic dish (i.e. chips, pie, cookies). If you are on the run, you may want to bring an item that will transport safely (no ptomaine or salmonella please).



## Twilight Fun Run

Saturday, July 30

3:30 p.m. for a late lunch,

**Driver's Meeting starts promptly at 4:45 p.m.**

Meeting Place: Albertson's/Target shopping center in Rancho San Diego (El Cajon)

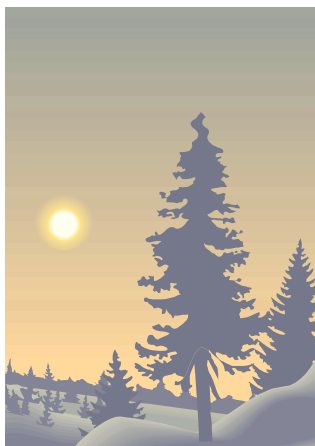
Contact: Mark & Cathy Booth, (619) 670-3789, [mark-booth@cox.net](mailto:mark-booth@cox.net)

This is a very LEISURELY ride along some of San Diego's most scenic East County roads. What makes this one different is that we do it during the late afternoon/early evening hours. You know, that special twilight period when the hot summer day slowly gives way to a comfortable summer evening!

The driver's meeting will start PROMPTLY at 4:45 p.m. There are no food stops planned along the run route. So you won't go hungry, arrive early (3:30 p.m.) to get a late lunch at one of the many restaurants available in the shopping center (TGI Fridays, Carl's Jr., Submarina, etc.). The run will finish back near the starting point at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take your favorite route to get to Highway 94 east. Continue on Highway 94 into La Mesa. (Watch those signs carefully, Highway 94 east merges off to the right a little past Lemon Grove Ave.) Stay on Highway 94 east all the way into Rancho San Diego. The Albertson's/Target/TGI Fridays shopping center is at the corner of Highway 94 and Highway 54 (Jamacha Rd.). There is a Mobil gas station in the same shopping center.

Helpful Links: Google Map of the Albertson's/Target Location



## Monthly Meeting

Thursday July 28, 2005

6 pm at Boll Weevil

9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD (858)  
571-6225

(meeting starts at 7 PM)

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

Helpful Links:

Google Map of the Boll Weevil Location

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=9330+Clairemont+mesa+Blvd,+San+Diego+CA&hl=en>



## MORE EVENTS

### Autocross Events:

For complete information, see the the SCCA/San Diego Region web site at <http://www.sdr-scca.com/>

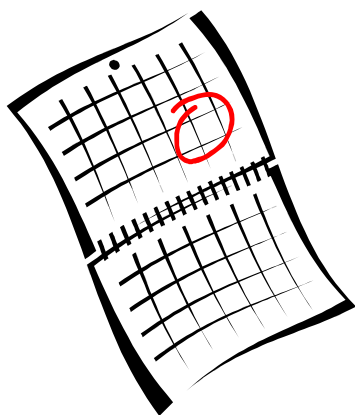
At last notice, autocross Solo II events at Qualcomm Stadium were scheduled as follows:

Saturday, July 16 - Autocross Practice - At Qualcomm, hosted by SDAD

Sunday, July 17 - Autocross Championship



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### SDMC Events coming in August:

Friday, August 5 - Cruisin' Grand

Saturday, August 6 - Debbye Does The Santee Drive-In

Friday-Sunday, August 19-21 - Miatas at Monterey Historics

Saturday, August 20 - Moon Over Miatas

Thursday, August 25 - Monthly Meeting

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**  
**HAVE FUN & PLAY SAFELY!**





Your tires may be talking to you and telling you something. The Miata famous 65 MPH shimmy or shaking is usually related to improper wheel balance. The Miata's suspension is very sensitive by design, and proper and accurate wheel balancing is a must to avoid the shimmy problems. High speed balancing is the best method for balancing. Over time your wheels may lose a wheel weight used in the wheel balancing process. I would suggest every 10,000 miles or so your wheels should be rebalanced. Proper tire inflation is very important. 28 PSI cold is the best for over all around driving conditions.

Many autocrosser's on the track run 33 PSI and up. Tire rotation will also increase your tire life. Remember, the best rule of thumb may be front to back not criss-cross. Tire rotation should be done every 6K or every other oil change and lug nuts torqued to 80(check your specs) ft-lbs to prevent rotor warpage.

Now lets talk a little about old/new tires. Our club has many older cars with low mileage that still have the original factory or replacement tires on them. Yes, they have lots of tread life on them, but the tires over time may have lost their grip and handling characteristics. What's wrong?...Time has taken it's toll on the tire compound - they have hardened. Maybe hair-line cracks will be found in the side walls and tread. UV rays have taken their toll on tire compound also. The hardening process is slow and you may have not noticed it creep up. Here is a little example that we all see every couple of years with our windshield wipers. New wiper blades slide across our windshield clean, smooth, and don't bounce when its a little cold. After a year or so they don't clean as well and they bounce when it is a little cold. The compound in the wiper blades has hardened with time and UV rays, just as our old/new tires have done.

Miatas like a soft tire - 140 to 300 tire wear compound; in other words nothing over 45,000 mile tire. Dry and wet handling can usually be found in a softer compound and tire design. Do some research online or ask your fellow club members what treadwear compound they may have on their Miata. Drive carefully.



Mike Heinitz corners a cone at Autocross.



### San Diego Region SCCA May 8th 2005

B Stock  
3rd Jan Wagner

E Stock  
1st Scott Lewis  
2nd Daryled Bristol  
3rd Carol Schwartz

SM2  
1st Michael Heinitz  
3rd Abe Mara

IS2  
1st 'JT' holland  
4th Joe Moore

B Mod  
1st Don Baird  
2nd Larry Dennstedt





## IN A MIATA'S OWN WORDS: THE CAR SHOW EXPERIENCE

You start to recognize the clues that something's up. The long, leisurely bath ... a full body waxing ... and those almost lovesick looks from a driver the week or two before.

Then, the big day arrives! It's up early, throw off the cover and run down to Balboa Park for The Greatest Show on Turf. A beauty contest, if you will with lots of entrants. Myself and eight other club vehicles that I often run with all lined up, side by side on the grass for the whole wide world to see.

That has to be the most unnerving part. Standing there, topless (actually I kept my bra on), mouth wide open ... and my "trunk" showing also! Although I'm older than many of the

others, I think I'm holding up quite well. Firm where I need to be, although I live with the fact that some of the others have bigger you know whats.

I'm the only black in the group today, but it sure pays off. Even with the day's overcast sky, half of the others were bright red from the start. Ouch! (And I don't know why two members of our group were so blue.) In truth, I get off on the passing parade of people throughout the morning and afternoon ... watching them stare at me ... hearing the interesting comments they make, like "how well I'm put together." I just kept my eyes closed the whole time and daydreamed about the good times I often have on places like Wynola Road and Couser Canyon.



Then, no matter how hard you've prepared for it, THEY show up. The Judges. Two men this time. Round and round they walk ... and peer ... their eyes dead on and slowly scanning every inch of me. The quiet, under-the-breath comments they make to each other. Oh, I know their type! I bet each is just dying to get in me, rub his hands all over me, feel my ... Heavens, I must stop those nasty thoughts! Actually, I will say these two judges were quite decent ... looking absolutely everywhere, yet observing the San Diego's "no touch" law. Turns out, they pick up one of the sunburned Miatas and another with hardly any color at all!

Then, time to say goodbye to the others and head home. It's been a fun day ... one I look forward to again.

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As communicated to Les Smith

I just stood still, kept my eyes closed and opened wide for judges Rick DeHaven and Steve Sleboida. I've been with mechanics who didn't get this close.

Photo by Les Smith

That's judge Rick DeHaven looking over Tom Thompson's Miata's engine compartment.

Photo by Mark Booth







Photo by Voodoo Bob Krueger

It was an early overcast morning in Balboa Park that found 10 sparkling Miatas brightening the lawn by the Hall of Champions at the Greatest Show on the Turf. This impressive display was the end result of several weeks of hard work and coordination by Mark Booth in getting us our own class, arranging for judges and being a general cheer leader.

So it was that Mark Booth, Jerry & Janice Boster, Tom Thompson, Art Hamilton, Jan Wagner, Mike Herbst, Les & Diana Smith, Linda Payne, Wally Stevens, and Bruce Lewis lined up their cars (in that order) for a final shine. However, little did we know that Senor Murphy was about to make an appearance. As the participants read the literature provided at arrival, it was noted that trunks and hoods were supposed to be open for judging. With only an hour and a half until the judging was to begin, this stalwart group of Miataphiles scurried into action cleaning out trunks and sprucing up engine compartments. With barely a minute to spare the last dirty yellow towel (the only thing that yellow is good for is to attract dirt) was discarded and everybody was able to sit down and catch their breath.

So the judging began. And was it ever thorough. The judges peered and examined for what seemed like hours and hours. In actuality it took them about 2 hours to judge all nine cars (Mark excused himself since he won last year and arranged for the judges this year). Finally it was all done and the scores were tallied. With a flourish, the judges placed the Trophy Winner signs on the windshields of Tom Thompson's 2001

Classic Red and Jerry & Janice Boster's 2003 Shinsen. Talking to the judges later, it turns out the reason they spent so much time in judging was due to all the cars looking spectacular.

One of the best facets of the show was the SDMC friendship that was exhibited. As we worked to make final preparations, although we were competitors, we are all friends first. This was exemplified by the communal sharing of knowledge and prep equipment such as Bruce sharing his tire brush as well as all SDMC participants staying until after the awards ceremony when people from all the other categories were leaving since they weren't receiving an award.

All-in-all, it was a great day and fun was had by all. We look forward to participating again next year. Watch out Mark, and Obi-Waid, we are gunning for your title!

Jan Wagner's Engine—  
photo by Voodoo Bob Krueger





## GREATEST SHOW ON TURF—PHOTOS



Tom Thompson's Miata was a winner from all sides—as evidenced by these photos!

1. by Voodoo Bob Krueger
2. by Mark Booth
3. by Voodoo Bob Krueger
4. by Bruce Lewis





Everyone had a great time  
waiting and watching.

5. by Bruce Lewis

6. and 8. by Voodoo Bob Krueger

7. by Linda Payne



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### Crystal Blue with flames? Yes!

If you attended last month's meeting, you probably saw the jazzy new paint job on Linda Payne's Crystal Blue 2002. Ghost flames, outlined in purple. Just stunning! The masterpiece was hand-painted by Lenny Lockmiller at Syndicate Automotive Concepts, 5620 Kearny Mesa Road, Suite A (next to Harley Davidson). 858-505-4600



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## CACTUS CRUISIN' THE SEQUEL—STEVE & LAURIE WAID

It is said that pictures are worth a thousand words, so we will show you how much fun we had with the photos! For the second year in a row the Sahuaro Miata Club has allowed some of us Californians to invite themselves to Arizona for a 3 day weekend. The one thing that this has proven is that they really know how to host a group of Miataphiles. The most difficult thing that we had to do during the trip was clean those pesky bugs off of the Miata's nose.

Thanks have to go to Ben and Faith Cleaves and Rook (new Sahuaro president) and Debbie Younger for setting this event up. The Cleaves from Prescott and the Youngers from Phoenix shared in scoring some great accommodations. A \$79 two room suite in Scottsdale that came with a free happy hour and breakfast would be hard to beat. The Prescott Hampton Inn has been our home in Prescott both years and for the \$109 we got a continental breakfast and a wonderful lobby that played out as our meeting room for all drivers meetings. I mention these specifics because this was not a really expensive trip.

We ate, we visited and we DROVE! The Sahuaro Club hosted a great party Friday night at our hotel, complete with an Hawaiian themed contest. Marna Wood won some Sahuaro regalia for the best Hawaiian "shirt" (which was a complete dress!) and Laurie Waid won for the best lei (It was Steve and Laurie's 38th wedding anniversary, so Steve had an orchid lei flown in and delivered to the hotel as a surprise for Laurie). Before and after the partying, many of us had a great dinner at the hotel's 4th Floor Grill.

Ben and Rook joined forces in putting together a 283 mile run from Scottsdale to Prescott on Saturday that featured the High Country of Arizona. Leaving Scottsdale where the high was to be 95 degrees, we climbed to over 6000 feet through the Rim Country and into the Mormon Lakes area where the temperatures were in the low 60's for lunch at a great mountain lodge restaurant. Then back into the desert through Cottonwood and back up into Jerome and the mountains. We even got a few raindrops. We traveled through red rock country, real desert, pine covered mountains and dusty

desert villages. We saw deer and buffalo (really!), lakes, streams and dry gulches.

Saturday's dinner was at the historic Hasayampa Inn where we had a Mexican buffet feast and walked around the downtown Prescott historic buildings.

Driving "the Spars", a beautiful road of arching curves out of Prescott on a cool, sunny morning was an exhilarating way to begin the hot journey home.

All we can say in closing is that if we are successful in inviting ourselves again next year, then we recommend that if you haven't made this trip before, put it down as a must. We always like it when somebody else does all of the work, and all Steve has to do is drive his Miata (and clean off the bugs). Enjoy the mixture of photos!

Thanks Ben, Faith, Rook, Debbie, and all of your Sahuaro conspirators



From the Hills of Phoenix  
to the Mountains of Prescott.  
Left photo by Tom Wood  
Below by Laurie Waid







Top left—  
Sunshine on a  
gloomy day at  
Mormon Lake Lodge.  
Photo by Laurie Waid



Top right—  
Sahuaro President  
Rook Younger.  
Photo by Tom Wood



Left—"Biker Mike"  
keeps the deputy  
on track.  
Photo by Robin  
Faircloth.



Right—Winners of  
the Hawaiian contests  
Photo by Robin  
Faircloth



Left—  
Hassayampa Inn  
Photo by Robin  
Faircloth

Right—Ben  
Cleaves with  
adornment pro-  
vided by Dennis  
Didier. Photo  
by Robin  
Faircloth



## 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.
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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?

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