

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



This holiday season has been a busy month for the San Diego Miata Club with car shows, parades, Annual Holiday Party and our Annual Holiday Lights Run. Intermixed with these events has been the Habitat for Humanity fund raising “Steak and Beans” challenge. This fund raising event was kicked off by Tom and Marna Wood, and the infamous Steve Waid was challenged by a member of SOCALM to see which club could raise the most \$\$\$ by the 17th of December. During the past month, SDMC members continued to support this fundraising effort with their generous donations. As of this writing SDMC has raised over \$6,000.00.

Over the past twelve months we have had the opportunity to participate in many planned and impromptu events. Here is just a sampling of what SDMC members did over the past year: The Puke O Rama, Search for Madonna, Drive to the Getty, Palomar Observatory, Twilight Run, Crusin’ Grand, Moon Over Miatas and Palm Springs Run just to mention a few. Additionally, members participated in parades, car shows, tech days and autocross events. It gave me great pride to accept trophies from the San Marcos Hot Rod Car Show and the San Marcos Holiday Parade for our club’s participation.




2006 is a special year for the San Diego Miata Club as we will celebrate our 10th Anniversary. The year will kick off with our first run on January 1st, “The Miata Rose Parade”, and plans are in the works for a big “Anniversary Celebration”. If you have an event or run that you would like to plan, contact our Events Coordinator, Mark Booth to schedule a day or weekend.

As your President I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to those members who have organized and planned events during the past year. A special thanks to our volunteers who keep the wheels turning and our club running like a fine tuned Miata.

I would like to wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and will see you all at the Miata Rose Parade on January 1st.

- Sue Hinkle, President

JANUARY EVENTS: SEE INSIDE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!

	Event	Date	Time?	Where to Meet?
	Rose (Parade) Run	Sunday, Jan. 1	9:00 am	Westside Café, Escondido
	Scott’s Tech Day	Sunday, Jan. 21	10:00 am	6410 Garber Ave., San Diego
	SDMC Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 26	6:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New Members

As of December 16, 2005 there are 277 memberships (102 single, 175 dual) and a total of 452 members.

Welcome to our newest members (since last newsletter): (06)

Judy Becker
El Cajon
1990 Red

Jim Kocol
San Diego
1992 White

Carl Martens
San Diego
1997 Emerald Green

Nicola Reynolds
Coronado
1994 Laguna Blue

Archie Breeden
Escondido
1999 10 AE Sapphire Blue

Bill & Anne Maxwell
Aguana
2006 Galaxy Grey

Membership Statistics:

Memberships by Miata Color:

71 Red
41 White
24 Black
19 Silver
8 Emerald Green
11 Montego Blue
9 Yellow
12 BRG
6 Crystal Blue
6 Twilight Blue
6 Mahogany
11 Sapphire Blue
6 Crystal Blue
7 Mariner Blue
2 Marina Green
4 Laguna Blue
5 Garnet
1 Merlot
3 Midnight Blue
5 Starlight Blue
10 Titanium
2 Strato Blue
5 Garnet
1 Splash Green
1 Laser Blue
1 Black Cherry
3 Galaxy Grey
2 Winning Blue
3 Unreported

Renewing members (since last newsletter):

48 Renewing members—too

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Don't forget—now EVERYONE will renew in January prorated based on your previous year's renewal.

January	35.00
February	32.12
March	29.20
April	26.28
May	23.36
June	20.44
July	17.52
August	14.60
September	11.68
October	8.76
November	5.84
December	2.92

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006

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 get a burger or ice cream or ??? 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!!

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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.



Members at SDMC's December meeting overwhelmingly approved bylaws changes to put club dues on an annual basis and clarify the amendment and voting procedures.

President Sue Hinkle called to order the Special Meeting for this purpose, and announced that 42 members were present (counting dual members as one). This meant that 28 votes would be required to pass the bylaw changes.

Eligible voters were asked to stand to confirm the count. Those in favor of the changes were then asked to sit. The change to Article X appeared to pass unanimously. Article XII appeared to pass with one dissenting vote (or maybe Steve Waid was just stretching his legs).

Sue then adjourned the Special Meeting and opened the regular "fun" meeting. She welcomed two new members and one guest. One of the new members, Steve Coe of C2 Motorsports, discussed his proposal to foster a special Miata-only class within SCCA autocrossing, under rules that are better aligned with Miata owners' tastes.

Reviewing past events, Sue made special mention of Chip Cushner's Palm Springs Getaway, the San Marcos Holiday Parade (where SDMC won the Governor's Trophy), and the club's Holiday Party, which drew 105 attendees. Chip is already working on next year's event, November 18-19, which may include a lap around the track at the Palm Springs Revival vintage race.

When Sue introduced the Regalia team, Mary Clark hyped Rain-X and long-sleeve T-shirts, while Linda Payne announced that the new brake-light flashers had already sold out. More products are on the way.

Judy Ryan announced that membership stands at 273.

Larry Dennstedt discussed the hazards of winter driving, even in San Diego's mild climate. Cold tires afford less traction, and low tread depth prevents adequate water channeling. He

suggested reducing pressures by 2-3 psi to reduce hydroplaning.

To maintain visibility, Larry suggested replacing wiper blades annually and using a product like Rain-X on the windshield and an anti-fog solution on the inside. He advised reducing speeds and increasing following distances in rain, and watching for "red mist" caused by brake lights shining through the spray ahead. Other tips included turning on headlights when wipers are running (a recent state law), cleaning pop-up headlights, and using the A/C to demist windshields. And hang up your !@#%\$ cell phone!

Sue announced that the club will sponsor a contest to design a special T-shirt commemorating our tenth anniversary. Entries will be accepted through February 14.

Steve Waid proclaimed that we had already raised about \$6300 for Habitat for Humanity in the Steak & Beans Challenge. SOCALM's total was believed to be about \$2700, but Steve cautioned that they could be sandbagging. Steve promised to be appropriately condescending at the dinner, and said he hoped to stage it at a restaurant where SDMC members could condescend with him. More seriously, Steve praised the "heart and charity of SDMC members," adding that he believed the contributions came not only from our club's pride and competitive spirit, but because "I think you folks really care." Sue and Mark Booth echoed Steve's sentiments. Mark specially acknowledged David Sexton's contribution of \$1250, our club's largest.

Mark announced coming events, including the Holiday Lights Tour and the Miata Rose (Parade) Run. Club participation at the S.D. Auto Show is uncertain. Scott Lewis is planning an air-horn installation party for January 21, billed as "Get Horny with Scott." Reservations were recommended for the Saguaro Club's prison tour in February and our Search for Madonna, which already has seven guests signed up from Puget Sound.

SDMC NEWSLETTER- THE INSIDE SCOOP- BY BRUCE LEWIS

FLASH! This just in:

"Upper Management Changes, Rock the San Diego Miata Club Newsletter". Film at Eleven!

OK! So you may not see this in any of the local "rags", but to me it is "front page stuff". The "changes" referred to are the retirement from the newsletter of Eunice Bauman, (Editor-in-Chief) and Laurie Waid, (Layout Editor).

Now, you may think that The Newsletter is just a "little 12-15 page piece of cake," but since taking the "Feature Editor" job I've learned differently. I am totally impressed by the time, dedication, professionalism, and patience exhibited by these two ladies besides that they are cool people. Hey, I'm not kissing any "you know what" 'cause they just retired! These are just volunteer positions, but especially around the 15th of the month when the newsletter is put together, you would think that it is a full-time position, and "I tell you what"- the pay sucks! I've seen Laurie pulling her hair out trying to get all the articles, and photos rounded up in time to format them and get them to press. I think that putting out this newsletter is like giving birth, it's painful but after delivery

it's easy to forget the pain when you see the new arrival. Keep this in mind though, these two ladies deliver twelve times a year! So, the next time that you see either Eunice or Laurie, pump their hand and thank them for a "job well done".

Now that I've scared the he-double hockey sticks out of Eunice and Laurie's replacements with all of these "hard work and long hours" stories, let me introduce your new Editor-in-Chief and Layout editor. At Editor-in-Chief will be Jerry Standefer who has been in the Club for about a year and has been contemplating volunteering for some time. At Layout Editor will be Larry Clark, a relatively new member who just brought us the very fine Pumpkin Pursuit Rally back in October. Larry has a great background in publishing, and is looking into upgrading and streamlining the layout process.

And so we say good-bye to Eunice and Laurie and welcome to Jerry and Larry, knowing that it has been and will be a "labor of love", and has been and will be greatly appreciated by the good people here at The San Diego Miata Club. For all you do This Newsletter is for you!



2006 Miata Rose (Parade) Run

Sunday Jan. 1, 2006

9:00 am breakfast—10:30 am run

Westside Café

912 S. Redwood St., Escondido

Corner of 9th Ave. & S. Redwood St.

Ray & Christine Corbyons, (760) 736-0156

rcorbyons@adelphia.net



Please join us for our very first run and the first planned event in 2006. Arrangements have been made with the Westside Cafe for a New Year's Day Breakfast. Departure from the Cafe will be at approximately 10:30 am and we will wind our way through a few twisties as we head for the community of Julian. We have allotted plenty of time for folks to stroll along Main Street and for eating that famous Julian Pie. There is a chill in the air this time of the year especially in the mountains so be sure to bring along hats, gloves, scarves and warm jackets.

Air Horn Installation Tech Day

10:00 AM

Saturday, Jan 21, 2006

Scott Lewis' Home, 6410 Garber Ave., San Diego

Contact: Scott Lewis, 619-890-8305

Scott is hosting an air horn installation tech day at his home. Scott will provide the wiring and will have some of the necessary "T" brackets. You need to bring your own set of air horns. The air horns you want to buy are the dual-trumpet (high/low) design. These can be found at places like Harbor Freight, Pep Boys and Kragen. We'll all chip in a few bucks and order some pizza for lunch.



Miata Spring Fling/Yuma Prison Run

Sahuaro Miata Club, Old Pueblo Miata Club, San Diego Miata Club

Feb. 18-19, 2006

Yuma, Arizona

Just for Fun, meet Miata owners from other clubs, a one-night get-a-way!

Host Club: "Sahuaro Miata Club", Phoenix



We have a block of 30 rooms at "Ramada Inn Chilton Conference Center" in Yuma. The group rate is \$79.00 for two people. You must mention "Sahuaro Miata Club" in order to get this rate. They have non-smoking, smoking, & H/C rooms. Complete breakfast is included. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 1, 2006. Make your own reservations (928-344-1050), 1-800-2-Ramada, or ramadainnchiltonyuma.com. There are also lots of other Motel Chain's available, Motel 6, Super 8, & more.

Saturday :

1:30pm - Welcome Party-Poolside (Hosted by Sahuaro Miata Club)

2:00pm - Miata games, some friendly competition between Clubs.

3:30pm - Tour to "The Peanut Patch", (optional) but yummy !!!!!

6:00pm - Group cruise through "beautiful downtown Yuma" to dinner.

6:30pm - Dinner at Texas Roadhouse, after dinner, map's to two Casino's (optional-so many machines!-so little time!)

Sunday:

7:00am - Full Buffet Breakfast (included)

10:30am - Check-out

11:00am - Cruise through town over very old one-lane bridge (neat picture) to Yuma Prison we will tour the prison, see a old west gunfight, take a group photo (keep your Club banner handy).



On Saturday, December 3, the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego put on their second annual car and motorcycle show. Like last year, all the car clubs in the county were invited to participate. And like last year, the weather seemed like it wouldn't cooperate. You could almost smell the rain in the air that Saturday morning. I was hoping that it wouldn't rain as it did last year, when we had to do Top-Up-Top-Down three or four times. The weatherman said "No Rain," but who believes the weatherman in San Diego?

I arrived at the Depot around 7:45 (I hate being late for anything), and I could see a few hot rods and vintage cars ahead of me checking in at the registration stand. As I got closer to the stand to check in, Mr. Jose Ortega-Garcia, who was in charge of the show, asked me, "Where are the rest of your club members?" I looked back at the line of cars behind me to see if I could spot at least one Miata in line. No such luck, so I turned and told Mr. Garcia, "They will be here a little later on" with my fingers crossed.

After checking in, I was told to park anywhere I wanted to. Last year, you had to park in your category group's row. For us, that was the "Import" category, which covers many, many cars. This year the show had nine categories: Bullit (Ford Mustang), Classic, Custom, Hot Rod, Import, Most Unique, Motorcycle, Muscle, and Truck. The awards go to the top three cars in each category, the top three motorcycles, the People's Choice, and the Commanding General's Choice.

I kept looking for other club members to show up as I was giving my Miata a last going-over with my duster and trying to save the parking spaces next to me. Other vehicles kept parking next to me, and I kept moving to other locations with more parking spaces around me, so if other members showed up, we could park together. Around 10:15 I gave up trying to save spaces for members who might arrive. There were just too many vehicles coming into the show, and no Miatas. Was I disappointed? Yes, very disappointed with the number of

members we have and no participation.

The car show was great, with all types of cars. New cars, vintage cars, and motorcycles filled the parade deck. The number of vehicles that participated was close to one hundred. The four-hour showcase also featured a holiday charity (Toys for Tots). A local disc jockey from one of the radio stations played some really good music. Lot of vendors were selling some really good items (and the prices were good). People walked around talking with one another about their vehicles and the specifications and upgrades they put on their cars. I didn't take note, so I can't tell you the winner in each category and I didn't take any pictures—plus I had no idea that I would be asked to do this brief write-up on the car show.

As I was leaving the show around 2:45, Mr. Jose Ortega-Garcia spotted me in the line of cars leaving. He ran up to me and wanted know what happened to my club members. I told him, "There are lot of car events in the county today, and some of the members might be down at the Q autocross," trying to make excuses for the no-shows. I felt bad, because a few days before our November meeting, I went to the Depot to pick-up some flyers to pass out at the meeting. Mr. Garcia gave me ten flyers on the car show, and I told him that we have a large club and that I would need more then just ten. He asked, "How many do you think you will need?" I said, "Give me about fifty—the more the better." The club event calendar gave all the detail, and the events coordinator discussed the show. I passed out some of the flyers, and I gave some more to the events coordinator to pass out.

I hope this doesn't happen again to any event that this club is invited to. I thought last year was bad when we had only nine Miatas at the car show. What I wouldn't have done to have just one more Miata with me this year. I realize that not everyone is into car shows after we had a show of hands at one of the monthly meetings not long ago. But with the number of members that we have, we should be able to make a good showing at any event.

Photos from the Street Masters 20th Annual Cruise For The Kids on December 11-by Mark Booth



Although I was a little nervous putting together my first run, we smoothly went from Palms to Pines to Palms and I think everybody had a great time.

We started with a rainbow of eleven Miatas at North County Fair on a beautiful Saturday morning. The easiest way to get to Palm Springs would be to take the freeway north toward Riverside and then go east toward the 10, but what fun would that be on a glorious day with the top down?

Instead, we headed up the 15 to 76 and curved over to Pala, then up to Temecula and the 79. Temecula has become a sea of suburban sprawl and we did get a bit separated by the stoplights, but we were back together and going strong by the time we were ready to turn north on 371 into the mountains. We made a quick stop for gas and “Dilly Bars” in Anza and then headed out again toward the desert. There is a vista point near the top of the 74 where we stopped to take in the view. The whole Coachella Valley lay before us, and to the east you could see all the way to the Salton Sea and beyond. It truly was a magnificent day and we still had the switchbacks down to the desert floor in front of us. I can only say I was glad my Volvo was sitting at home in the driveway.

Once we hit the Desert we stopped for lunch and Miata conversation at Babes BBQ in Rancho Mirage. It isn't every day you have the opportunity to see a pair of huge bronze pigs apparently pleased about being on the menu. We then set out west on 111 to Palm Springs, the car show, and auction. The traffic going across the valley was definitely not the high point of the trip, but the lights cooperated and it was not too much of a chore.

The event was actually a “twofer,” a car show and an auction. And, since it was at a casino to boot, I guess that makes it a “threefer”. I did see a few of the group at the tables and machines but I didn't catch how anybody did. They made a mean Bloody Mary at the bar for only \$2.50 so as far as I'm concerned, I did great. The car show was on the street outside the casino and besides the normal array of classics and muscle cars they had some interesting entries. I liked the Luau PT Cruiser complete with not just a bar, but a waterfall with live fish. The Cadillac Coupe de Ville jacked up with huge tires was really my idea of off-roading with style. I also liked the dragster with the 1600 hp engine; did I mention it was a Nash Metro?

The auction was held in the adjacent parking lot had an entry fee of \$10.00. We discovered when we got there however that if you joined the Casino's club (for free) entry was included by just showing your card. The auction was certainly an eclectic mix. Although no Miatas (their loss), it included everything from a 1929 Ford Roadster to a 2005 Ford GT. Also there was a '57 BMW Isetta, a '53 Jaguar XK120 Roadster, a '53 Kaiser Manhattan, an '89 Avanti Sports Coupe, Ford Mustangs and T-Birds, Rolls Royces and Porsches just to name a few. I decided not to buy anything myself but the Avanti only went for eleven grand, now that's a thought.

After the car show we had a few hours before dinner and

every one did there own thing. A few of the group went up the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to check out the view which I heard was magnificent. I checked into the hotel. The Riviera Resort turned out to be fine, just a few blocks away with nice rooms and a huge pool and spa in the middle surrounded by palm trees. I can tell you from personal experience it was very relaxing. Just across the street, in the evening we met for dinner at one of Palm Springs nicest restaurants, the Uptown Grill. The food was great, the service was great, the piano bar was great and we had 14 Miata people for great conversation. All in all, it was an excellent meal.

On Sunday morning our group was down to four for the vintage auto races. For breakfast, we headed out to Keedys in Palm Desert for yet another wonderful meal, then east to Indio and the Inaugural Palm Springs Revival, historic auto races.

When we got to the race site at Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport, we were out in the middle of nowhere. It was nice to be in a part of the valley to which the suburbs had not yet gotten. I don't think that will last for long though. There was an interesting shuttle from the parking lot to the site, a tram car pulled by a tractor. Kind of Disneyland meets Green Acres. The races were great however and probably my favorite part of the event.

One of the first things we saw when we got there had nothing to do with cars at all but a Mig Jet and a B25 Bomber, after all this was an airport. We later got to see the B25 fly as it made a couple passes over the field, quite a sight in the air. To get from the entrance to the track you went through the pits and as well as the cars that were to be racing there was a group of Shelby Cobra's from a local club and at the lunch break they took to the track for a couple laps.

The track was 2.2 miles with eight turns, including a few hairpins. We missed the first group which included small and medium bore production cars, mostly '60s European and Japanese and the second Lotus, Titan Crossle, etc. We did arrive just in time to catch the tail end of the third group, Porsches from the late '50s to the early '70s. Then the fourth group was vintage '50s sport racers, the fifth, Boss Super Cup and Formula 2.0, then the sixth group Historic Stock Cars. By the way, apparently a historic stock car is anything more than a few years old, the oldest was a 1986 Pontiac Grand Prix and the newest a 2002 Dodge Intrepid. The seventh group was Cam-Am and the last, big bore production cars which included a lot of mid sixties Mustangs, Sheldys and Corvettes. Each class lasted about 25 minutes and really gave you a chance to see how each class runs the track.

Then as the sun began its descent, it was time to head back to San Diego, work and Thanksgiving preparations. For next year's races, I am trying to arrange for the club to participate with a couple laps during a break and parking in the paddock. Either way, I tell you right now, put this event on your calendar. It will again be the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 18 and 19, 2006.





The views, the company
and the weather were great!

Photos by Charles Kushner



2006: New Year, New Look! SDMC 10-Year Anniversary Design Contest for New Shirts

Calling all our Vera Wang- and Dior-wannabees. Your expertise is needed to design a special shirt to commemorate the SDMC's 10-year anniversary! Entries will be accepted from New Year's Day through Valentine's Day. E-mail your entry to regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org.



Entries will be posted to the SDMC Web site, and also displayed at the February SDMC meeting. Members will vote for their favorite design at the meeting. The designer will receive the very first shirt, "hot off the press!"

Guidelines: Remember to KISS (keep it simple, silly)! More colors = more cost and time to produce. "Choose Wisely." The design should look awesome on a long-sleeved, collared shirt. Also, if the design is not dependant on making different shirts for each car color, we can get the shirts produced more quickly.

We will begin taking orders for the new shirt at the February meeting (after the voting), and we are hoping to have them available for distribution within a couple of months.

NOTE: We are **not** changing the club logo. This will be a special edition shirt.

If you do not wish to submit your entry via e-mail, contact one of the Regalia gals for assistance. If you have any questions or suggestions about the contest itself, send us an e-mail at regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org or stop by and see us at the Regalia table at the January meeting. Can't wait to see what our Chanel-esque contingent will come up with!

- Your SDMC Regalia Gals



THE SAN MARCOS HOLIDAY PARADE- BY BRUCE LEWIS

I love a parade, especially when it's not raining like last year's Holiday Parade. The weather was perfect "parade weather" as seven cars quued up at Dalton's Roadhouse. We then bee-lined it over to Palomar College, and had almost three hours to decorate our float. It should be noted that even though we had seven separate cars, we were to be judged as one float. The theme for this year's parade was "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", and we came to town ready to decorate! Some of us were done decorating in an hour or two and some, (me) took all of the allotted time to finish the task. Hey, I'll admit to getting a "little" carried away on my parade endeavors. Anyway, when the dust had settled, there were seven of the most beautiful parade cars I've ever seen. As we were putting the finishing touches on our entries, the judges came by and checked us out. They must've liked what they saw because just a little later Sue Hinkle came running up with a huge trophy cup! Yup, we had won the Governors' Trophy and we were voted the float "best representing the Parades' theme". Hmm- I didn't even see the "Governor there! Too bad, there were a few things I wanted to discuss with "Ahnold". Three cars were picked to carry dignitaries at the front of the Parade. Now most of the time this is some old mayor or council person, so you can imagine Dennis Garon's delight when two beau-



Above photos by Linda Payne



tiful princesses perched on his back deck! Dennis was last seen re-adjusting his rear-view mirror as the Parade started. As we turned onto the Parade route we began our usual antics of weaving in and out, pretending to "almost" run into each other, high fiving and giving candy to the kids, circling one another, as well as driving backwards. Judging by the crowds' reaction, we were a hit! At the judges stand we were well received and made to feel welcome, unlike that "other" parade we used to do. Does anyone remember where that was? Anyway I hope that you get to see some photos of the Parade because words cannot describe how good and professional we looked. If you have never done one of our parades, I highly recommend it! Parades' make you feel like a kid again, and these "kids" just won the Governors' Trophy".

.... YEE HAA!

Left photo by Mark Booth



On Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 PM over a hundred S.D.M.C. members descended, like falling snow, on The 94th Aero Squadron in Kearny Mesa. Why? To celebrate the Christmas Spirit and, unknown to us, celebrate another surprise event.

Now I've been to a lot of Christmas parties, where people talk about work, the kids, their migraine headaches, and the general stress of the Holidays, but this party was different somehow. It may sound "smarmy" but this gathering had the feel of a family reunion. No—not the family that you can't stand but rather, the family that is really cool to be with. The "Christmas Camaraderie" was very present on this evening. There was not a dull moment in this whole evening which culminated in the "Holiday Gift Exchange". Sue, "Her Miatasty" Hinkle started things off with some recognition and appreciation of some of the members and nothing was amiss when Judy Ryan stepped up for a little "Membership Team" recognition. Furthermore, nothing was out of line when Scott Lewis followed Judy up to the front of the room because as everyone knows Judy doesn't speak in public and has Scott do her talking for her. Now what to everyone's wondering eyes should appear but Scott getting down on one knee in front of Judy! Why? Did he lose a contact lens? Did his trick knee give out? Was he showing off his bald spot? Nay, none of the above, but right there in front of God and Miata Club he proposed marriage to the afore mentioned maiden!

Holy "it's about time, Batman" we didn't see this coming at all. After we regained our senses, we broke out in applause, congratulations, and a hearty chorus of "IT'S ABOUT TIME, SCOTT!" Anyone that knows these two will tell you what a great couple they make and we sincerely hope that the commitment that they made will bring much happiness, and act to strengthen and broaden their love and friendship. Way to go, guys! Oh Scott, now that you are engaged, I think that you better forget all about that "speaking for Judy" thing!!

Well, we had accomplished quite a lot at this point in the evening and it wasn't even half way over. Dinner consisting of New York Steak or Chicken Marsala, was then served. I didn't see what Steve Waid was eating but I have a feeling that it was THE STEAK. After dinner and desert were dispatched it was time for the Gift Exchange and the drawing of raffle tickets for An Evening with Automotive Celebrity Jim Wangers.

The Gift Exchange was officiated by Steve Waid and Mark Booth and this year each gift could only be "stolen" two times instead of the usual three. Miata neckties and wheel clocks seemed to be the most stolen items. Marianne Garon must've felt

like a Seven Eleven night clerk, as she was "robbed" more than anyone else! Maybe next year I'll actually be able to keep one of those Miata neckties. I think that on the next run I'll lock my car up, because this club Seems to have quite a talent when it comes to stealing things! Next up was the drawing for the Evening with Jim Wangers, with all raffle proceeds going to our Habitat for Humanity Endeavor which, as you know, is connected to our effort to bury SOCALM in beans. And the winner is— drum roll please- Jack and Sue Hinkle! Very cool, our Zoom-Zoom Prez scores big!

The only thing left to do was to thank everyone and to say "Merry Christmas to all, and to all, a good night, after which we all went home to "snuggle in our beds while visions of next year's party danced in our heads.



Scott Lewis, on his knees, proposes to Judy Ryan. Photo by Laurie Waid



Zoom Zoom Prez Sue Hinkle and First Guy Jack celebrate in style. Photo by Mark Booth



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.
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