



# TWISTS & TURNS

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## Les and Monte's classic rocks

MARY CLARK

Les Smith wanted to try an experiment: Create an educational run, rather than just a tour. He enlisted the help of his friend, Dr. Monte Marshall, a geologist and former SDSU professor. Together they created the Rock and Roll Run, a tour that visited various geologic sites in the San Diego area, accompanied by explanations of rock formations and dynamics.

The experiment apparently succeeded. By 8:30 a.m., I counted 22 cars at the Bread and Breakfast Restaurant in Alpine.

After everyone ordered breakfast, Monte spoke for about an hour on plate tectonics. He explained that the earth is covered by 13 plates; no area is vacant. We are on the Pacific Plate, which extends to Yuma. The North American plate, on which the rest of the United States resides, starts there. The San Andreas Fault lies at the junction of these two plates.

Monte explained the layers of the earth's crust, the movement of the earth's plates, convergent and divergent plates (moving together vs.

moving apart), and subduction (moving beneath one another). He also showed animations to clarify how some geologic actions occurred (available at <http://emvc.geol.ucsb.edu/downloads.php>). One animation showed how Baja California was originally attached to Mexico, and Santa Barbara was near San Diego. Plate movement caused the land to split, Santa Barbara rotating west and moving north, and water filling in to become the Gulf of California. Of course, this didn't happen overnight; it took 6 million years!

With a better understanding of what we might be looking at, we took off for our first rock site, which was nearby. Monte continued his explanation that we were looking at granitic rock, which is made of various crystals, and he demonstrated how various rocks sound different when struck with hammers.

At our second site we examined decomposed

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The fault rock at the Laguna Mountain shear formed at the edge a plate. Photo: Ranier Mueller

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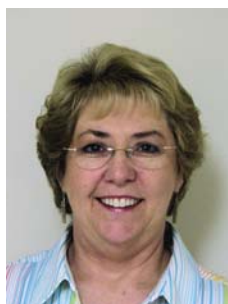
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Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. When possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions may also be mailed to the club's post office box.

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

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Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Yahoo Group named SDMC-List. A free Yahoo account is required. Follow these steps to join.

1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
5. In "Comment to Owner," state that you are an SDMC member.
6. Complete remaining selections, perform Word Verification, and click the "Join" button.
7. Your SDMC membership will be verified. The verification and approval process may take several days.

For more detailed instructions, see the club's website.

### Membership roster

The membership roster is available to SDMC members only. Follow these steps to access the roster.

1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List>.
2. Log in and click "Database"
3. Click on the most current table in the tables list
4. To print, click "Printable Report." The printed copy will be 15–20 pages.

For more detailed instructions and

# Membership Information

## New Members

Welcome to our newest members (since the previous newsletter):

**Randy Ames**, San Diego.....1991 Red  
**Dale Fierro**, San Diego ..... 1993 Black  
**Terrence Kelly & Kemo Newsome**, San Diego.....2004 Red  
**Mistie Shaw**, San Diego .....2006 Marble White

As of June 15, 2006, we have 289 memberships (110 single, 179 dual) and a total of 468 members.

## Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except in November and December when we meet on the third Thursday.

We meet at the Boll Weevil restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., in San Diego (between I-15

and SR 163). To contact the restaurant, call 858-571-6225.

Many members arrive around 6 p.m. to enjoy meals, snacks, or beverages while chatting with their Miata friends. The informal meeting starts at 7 p.m. We guarantee you'll have fun.

**This month's meeting date:**  
**Thursday, July 27**

## Special Election Vice-President Vacancy July 27, 2006

A Special Election will be held at the San Diego Miata Club's monthly meeting on July 27, 2006. This Special Election is being held to nominate and vote for a candidate to fill the vacant position of Vice-President. The club's existing bylaws do not include a provision for a vacated position, and the Executive Board has unanimously agreed that a Special Election will be held to fill the position.

Members interested in declaring their candidacy should contact a San Diego Miata Club board member. Candidates need to be present at the monthly meeting to be nominated. Members present will represent a quorum and will cast their ballot for the candidate of their choice.

Election results will be provided at the end of the meeting.

## Dues

Dues are \$35 per calendar year, for either an individual or a dual membership (two members in the same household). Members who join the club in the first half of the calendar year (January through June) pay \$35 for their first year; those who join in the second half of the year pay \$20 for the remainder of the year.

## Badges

Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one?

Badges are available in colors to match your car. The cost is \$9.00 each for badges with safety-pin closures, or \$10.00 for badges with magnetic fasteners. Prices include shipping to your home.

Vicky Krueger handles the ordering. Badge request forms are available at the Regalia table at monthly meetings and on the club's web site. All orders must be prepaid.



## Our Mission

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!**



# A salute to volunteers

SUE HINKLE, PRESIDENT

**O**n July 4, we will celebrate the birth of our country. Our brave men and women who have volunteered to serve and protect this great nation will be honored all over the U.S. at Fourth of July celebrations. These men and women protect our shores, our borders, and fight for our freedoms at home and abroad. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude for their American spirit and service to our country.

Men, women, and children all over the United States volunteer in one way or another. Volunteers keep our borders safe, rush to offer aid when disaster strikes, and are there to help the needy. They rebuild homes, take in a child, and care for the disabled and elderly. Our country could not exist without volunteers, and they are needed everywhere, every single day.

## SDMC's volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to salute our San Diego Miata Club members who have unselfishly given their time and energy to keep the club moving forward. From those members who have held an elected or appointed position, to the many members who hosted events and runs, each of you has contributed to the ongoing success of the San Diego Miata Club.

Since our Annual meeting, we have filled the Historian and Events Coordinator positions. A member has volunteered to plan and organize our Holiday Party, and another member has volunteered to host our Summer Picnic. I was overjoyed with the response from members volunteering to fill the vacant Vice-President position, and I have planned a special election in July for you, the members,

to nominate and vote for a new Vice-President. Yes, we have more than one candidate. Several members have volunteered to organize a run or event, and many of us have volunteered to participate in the Coronado Fourth of July Parade.

## A few more opportunities

Thanks to members stepping forward, we need to fill only two more volunteer positions: Vendor Relations and the newsletter Production Editor. I look forward to working with the two members that volunteer their time and energy to fill these important positions.

Volunteering is work without pay in most instances—the branch of philanthropy in which time replaces the checkbook. It is an expression of individual freedom, reflecting sensitivity for the needs of others.

To those of you who volunteer in one way or another, I salute you for your willingness and commitment to serving others. For those members who have volunteered in the San Diego Miata Club, our members thank you and salute you for your commitment to the club.

Have a happy Independence Day!

## Moviegoers revved by *Cars*

It seemed only fitting, being lovers of sports cars, that Jack and I made plans to see the new Pixar release, *Cars*. Of course, the idea immediately came to me that I should arrange an impromptu event for members to join us for lunch and a movie.

Around noon on Sunday, June 11, 10 members met at the San Marcos



Brewery for lunch, including member Kathy McClelland, who drove in from Newport Beach.

The target audience for *Cars* was much younger than all of us, and we knew there would be a ton of kids at the theater. However, after reading all of the great reviews, I knew that this animated film would bring out the kid in all of us.

Lightning McQueen, the star, was a little red sports car adorned with lightning bolts and loads of sponsor stickers. Although he was a rookie race car, he was headed for the big time until a chain of events deposited him in the town of Radiator Springs, full of great scenery and lots of curvy roads. The movie even included two Miatas named Tia and Mia—red, of course—and they definitely resemble the Mazdaspeed.

A cast of animated characters from Doc Hudson to Tow Mater, a rusty old tow truck, kept us entertained for almost two hours. My favorite part is the cow-tipping—I mean tractor-tipping—scene, but I don't want to give it away. You'll just have to go and see for yourself. The movie runs like a charm, and is a real high-octane treat for everyone to see.

# Driving is not the only way Miatas give enjoyment

JERRY STANDEFER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**M**emorial Day has passed, June gloom is dissipating, and the kids have celebrated their last day of school. Those events can only mean one thing: Summer is here. That warm, dry weather signals a safe environment for those classic cars to come out of hibernation. It's time for many months of auto shows.

Most of our Miatas see all-year use, but that won't keep us from showing off our little roadsters. But before the shows, we must take our cars from merely beautiful to absolutely gorgeous. Do I hear the soothing sounds of orbital buffers?

## Cosmetic surgery

I had the wonderful opportunity to show my 2006 at the San Diego Automotive Museum's Greatest Show of Turf in Balboa Park and the San Diego County Fair's Great Wheels daily car show. At each event, I was rewarded with getting a chance to hang out with fellow SDMC members, and talk about my car and Miatas in general to inquisitive admirers. But before the reward, there was a lot of work to get there.

Despite my car being less than a year old, its Brilliant Black paint was certainly lacking that promised brilliance. Swirl marks, light oxidation, and blemishes gave the paint a well-worn appearance. Unfortunately, my car lives outside under a "horror-berry" tree and birds at home, and seagulls and salt water spray at work. (I don't know what kind of tree dominates the home driveways, but the purple, splattering berries it drops several times a year are horrific little nightmares, hence the name I have given it.) A car cover helps, but it is only useful when the car is clean and dry, which lasts only a couple of days after a good wash.

The day before the Balboa Park show, I took the day off to play cosmetic surgeon with my car's finish. I have always been a big skeptic of claying. The thought of scraping contaminants off with a hunk of sticky clay always rubbed me the wrong way. However, after reading about claying on Meguiar's website, I decided to give it a try. Did you know Meguiar's clay system is incredibly hard to find?

I made the horrible mistake of shopping for supplies that morning. After visiting eight different stores in search of the Meguiar's clay system, I finally gave up and bought the Mother's system. I also purchased several different detailing items in the process, and a cheap canopy to work under. By 1 p.m. (three hours behind schedule), I was finally ready to wash my little black nightmare.

## Getting to work

After a thorough wash and dry involving chenille, four different brushes, Q-Tips, paper towels, and microfiber, I could finally unwrap that brick of silly putty and stare at it in distrust. Following the instructions word-for-word, I sprayed some of the included lubricant and dragged the clay across the paint. I was met with a terrible sound that resembled sandpaper working a piece of metal. I winced and repeated the action. Soon, the sound was gone. I rubbed the back of my hand across the surface I just tortured. It was as smooth as glass, and I was hooked. What was I so skeptical about?

After a complete claying, paint cleaning, polishing, and waxing, the Brilliant Black paint was brilliant once again. By this time, it was 7 p.m. and I still had not touched the interior, trunk, or under the hood. I quickly worked through these areas, finishing up with a flashlight to see



what I was doing since the sun had betrayed me and set. Anything I missed I could get in the morning, or so I thought.

## Toil and revelation

When I was detailing the car, the sun beat down on me with temperatures that certainly signaled summer was here. Even at 9 p.m., the temperature was still warm. I put the cover on with full expectations of seeing the results of my hard work intact in the morning. Boy, was I in for a shock. The next morning was hidden in a dense fog, and everything outside was dripping wet. The dew was bad enough to condense on my Miata underneath the car cover, so I had to literally peel it off. The wax didn't have enough time and temperature to cure before getting wet, so it was clouded. And the wax and polish residue dust in between the body panels had glued onto the metal and rubber trim. Ugh!

I managed to fix most of it before the show started, but I was not a happy Miata owner. I didn't win anything, but I wasn't expecting to. At least something went right! So what was the point to all of this sweat and frustration? It's the same point as all of our club events: SDMC camaraderie and car-talk. And that's worth all of the sweat and frustration in the world.

# Coming Events

## SCCA Autocrosses

**Dates:** Saturday–Sunday, July 1–2; and  
Saturday–Sunday, July 29–30  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Meet:** Qualcomm Stadium  
**Link:** [www.sdr-scca.com/solo2](http://www.sdr-scca.com/solo2)

## Cruise-In to the County Fair

**Dates:** Sunday, July 2  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Meet:** Albertson's parking lot on the south side of  
Via De La Valle, just east of I-5  
**Contact:** Mark Booth, 619-670-3789, [markbooth@cox.net](mailto:markbooth@cox.net)  
**Details:** Every Sunday during the run of the San Diego  
County Fair, SDMC members are welcomed to "Cruise-In"  
on Sunday as part of "Classics Galore." Meet in the Albert-  
son's parking lot at 10:00 a.m. At 10:20 a.m., we will cara-  
van with a police escort through traffic and onto the fair-  
grounds along with cars from other car clubs. All occu-  
pants of the club vehicles are admitted *free* to the fair-  
grounds and, of course, parking is free as well. You may  
leave the fairgrounds whenever you wish.

The parking/viewing area on the racetrack is well-  
groomed, slightly moist dirt. Yes, dirt! But it is neither  
muddy nor terribly dusty. Fair staff will be on-site asking  
the public to "look, but don't touch."

## 4th of July Parade in Coronado

**Date:** Tuesday, July 4  
**Time:** TBA  
**Meet:** TBA  
**Contact:** Sue Hinkle, 760-735-9456,  
[president@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:president@sandiegomiataclub.org)  
**Details:** SDMC has been invited to participate in the  
4th of July parade in Coronado. Participation is limited  
to 10 Miatas for dignitaries, 10 for wounded veterans,  
and another 10 as part of the parade. Further informa-  
tion TBA.

## Cruisin' Grand

**Date:** Fridays, July 7, August 4, September 1  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. for dinner; 7:00 p.m. to cruise  
**Meet:** Tom's #23 restaurant in Escondido (SW  
corner of Centre City Parkway and 5th St.)  
**Contact:** Steve & Laurie Waid, 760-432-0727,  
[swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net)  
**Details:** On Friday nights from April through Septem-  
ber, Escondido opens up Grand Avenue for cruising. On  
the *first* Friday of each month, SDMC members meet at  
Tom's #23 at 6:00 p.m. to eat before leaving at 7:00 p.m.  
to cruise Grand. After taking a spin up and down Grand

a few times, we park and then walk Grand. You will see  
hot rods, street rods, muscle cars, restorations, motorcy-  
cles, and more. A fun "Blast from the Past."

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

## Garden Party Run

**Date:** Sunday, July 9  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Meet:** Vista Grande Elementary School,  
5606 Antigua Blvd., San Diego  
**Contact:** Linda Payne, 858-560-4272,  
[lpayne1@san.rr.com](mailto:lpayne1@san.rr.com)  
**Details:** Linda and Peter Payne invite you to join  
them on a fun run through some east county twisties.  
Following the run, everyone is invited to the Payne's  
garden for coffee, cake, cookies, and camaraderie. If you  
cannot go on the run but still would like some of the 4-  
C's mentioned above, please join us at approximately  
3:30 p.m. at 5590 Antigua Blvd. There is plenty of park-  
ing at the school, just two doors north of the house.

## Twilight Fun Run

**Date:** Saturday, July 15  
**Time:** 3:45 p.m. for late lunch;  
5:00 p.m. for drivers meeting  
**Meet:** Albertson's/Target shopping center in Ran-  
cho San Diego/El Cajon (at the corner of Hwy  
94 and Hwy 54/Jamacha Rd.)  
**Contact:** Mark & Cathy Booth, 619-670-3789,  
[markbooth@cox.net](mailto:markbooth@cox.net)  
**Details:** This is a very *leisurely* ride along some of San  
Diego's most scenic roads. What makes this one differ-  
ent is that we do it during the evening hours—that spe-  
cial twilight period when the hot summer day slowly  
gives way to a comfortable summer night.  
The drivers meeting will start promptly at 5:00 p.m.  
There are no food stops planned along the run route. So  
you won't go hungry, arrive early 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  
9:00 p.m.

## Debbye Does the Santee Drive-In

**Date:** Saturday, August 5  
**Time:** TBA  
**Meet:** TBA  
**Contact:** Bruce and Debbye Lewis, 619-447-0930,  
[ouizoom@yahoo.com](mailto:ouizoom@yahoo.com)



**Details:** Bruce and Debbye Lewis will once again lead us on a short run to the Santee Drive-In for movies, Miata-style! More details to come!

## Meguiar's Car Care Tech Day

**Date:** Saturday, September 9

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. caravan; 9:00 a.m. class in Irvine

**Meet:** McDonald's parking lot, Oceanside (on the south side of Oceanside Blvd., just east of I-5.)

**Contact:** Ken Hurd, 858-459-4847,  
[khurd@semprautilities.com](mailto:khurd@semprautilities.com)

**Details:** This class will involve hands-on demonstrations of Meguiar's five-step paint care cycle, Meguiar's consumer line of products, and Meguiar's professional line of products. The use and techniques for hand application, rotary buffers, and dual-action polishers will be

covered. In addition, each participant will receive a Meguiar's gift bag.

We will meet in Oceanside and caravan to Meguiar's offices. If you prefer to meet at Meguiar's, the address is 17991 Mitchell South, Irvine. The class starts at 9:00 a.m.

Due to limited space, *only 30 people may attend*. Couples are welcome but count as two, so please make sure that everyone attending will enjoy and benefit from this event. Otherwise, please allow the spaces for other members to learn about the Meguiar's product line.

You *must* RSVP for this event by visiting the link below. You *must* become a Meguiar's Forum Member and RSVP in the Forum thread provided. If you *don't* RSVP, there will be a \$30 charge.

**Link:** <http://meguiarsonline.com/forums/showthread.php?threadid=11113>

## Viewpoints

### Greatest Show on Turf

In 2005, I entered The Greatest Show on Turf, confident that my newly acquired flames would certainly win me a trophy. However, to my surprise, I didn't win anything. I began to wonder what the judges were looking for that my car lacked. After much discussion with other club members and other participants in the car show, I concluded that cleanliness was the key. When I took another look at my car, I saw a dirty engine compartment, greasy calipers showing through the spokes, and even visible soil on the boot and backs of the seats. No wonder I was passed over!

My preparations for the 2006 show were much more rigorous. Christopher and I cleaned the engine with Griot's Engine Cleaner, which seemed to work very well. Only a few spots required a second treatment, and the engine looked almost new. Then Chris removed the wheels, one by one, so we could scrub the front and back of each tire and shine up the calipers a little. Next, I cleaned all of the leather/vinyl parts (seats, boot, top, etc.) with a double strength solution of Simple Green. I was amazed at the amount of dirt that came off and how much better my tan interior looked when I was done. The day before the show, I spent a couple of hours washing and polishing the outside of the car, and I also shined up the windows until they sparkled.

It was a lot of work, but my efforts paid off! I am gratified to have won the second place trophy. I plan to be there again next year, and I highly recommend that other members come along and join the fun. It is a very cool event, whether you win or not.

— Linda Payne

### Tech Day

Just gotta love the guys in our club. First, thanks to Larry and Rocky; they are just *there* for everyone who needs assistance. My big thanks also goes out to Darryled, who started me off on my new front brakes

and said not only do-this and do-that, but the why of it, which was great. Then along came Scott Lewis, who helped in the finishing up and bleeding of the brake lines. Really, gals, I got plenty dirty and did participate, but I doubt I would have been finished by 10:30 without our guys. Oh, did I forget Ted? Thanks for the harassment Ted, it really did spice up the morning.

— Mary Chabot (aka Martin)

Well, well, well. What a day; approximately 30 cars rolled through the property. Happy faces were everywhere. A brake job, timing belt, trunk lock, clutch slave cylinder, oil changes, and more. You people made this a great day. Thanks for all your help. Six boxes of pizza and 60 sodas were obliterated. We even learned how to put our car covers on in a stiff breeze. And we all thought we "knew it all." Special thanks to the out-of-towners that participated and helped so much. I got a few pictures but need somebody's knowledge to get the digitals out of my camera and into the newsletter. What a day!

— Larry Dennstedt

Thanks a whole bunch to people who helped. I don't even remember everyone's names. At my first tech day, I was able to get the much-needed timing belt change done. Thanks, Larry and Rocky, for letting me use the space, expertise, and tools. Not only did I save resources at the tech day, I was able to learn a great deal about the engine. See you all at the next meeting!

— Jerry Lee

Wow! Great tech day at Larry Dennstedt's! I got my project done (security trunk lock conversion), and many others got *much* bigger projects finished, due to the hospitality and expert assistance of Rocky and Larry. The pizza was good, too! Thanks ever so much, Larry, for opening up your shop to the club.

— Barry Billingsley

# San Diego Miata Club Rock and Roll Run

JAN WAGNER

Is there such a thing as an educational car club run? You bet! Recently Dr. Monte Marshall, a native San Diegan and retired San Diego State University geology professor, guided fascinated members of the San Diego Miata Club on a geological tour of some of San Diego's beautiful countryside. The tour was organized by SDMC member Les Smith.



Dr. Monte Marshall Photo: Jan Wagner

Dr. Marshall has excellent credentials. After graduating from the San Diego State Geology Department in 1966, he went on to receive a PhD in geology and geophysics from Stanford. At one point in his long and interesting career, he served as the first professor from a non-communist country to be a faculty member at the university in St. Petersburg since the 1917 revolution. He remembers "having to stand in the snow to buy a loaf of bread, and make my way up and down stairwells and along the dark corridors of my apartment building when the stores were out of light

bulbs. The tenants were stealing them to use in their own rooms!" He has also taught at the University of Rennes in western France and his last sabbatical was at the University of Prague. We were unbelievably fortunate to have him teach us, too.

Our run began as it often does. We converged on a restaurant, where we fortified ourselves for the day's activities. The Bread Basket restaurant in Alpine is billed as the "Home of the original Bread Basket" and features "From Scratch" bread, assorted pastries and specialty bakery goods. Judging by the large Saturday morning crowd inside and out, I'd say that it's a pretty popular place to eat. If you'd like to check them out for your own weekend brunch, they are located at 1347 Tavern Road in Alpine (91901). That's about 24 miles east of San Diego's I-8/I-15 interchange. Just take the Tavern Road exit off of I-8 and then proceed a short distance south to the shopping center on your left. It is a great place to begin (or end) a scenic drive.

Before we left the restaurant, Dr. Marshall presented a short lecture, complete with a slide show. His specialty is geology, so he prepared us for the geology that we would be seeing on our drive. We also learned a little bit about earthquakes. Then we were given route maps for a 91.6 mile run. Ten stops were planned along the way.



From the restaurant, we headed out in our Miatas on an exploration that included the Sunrise Highway and the area around Julian (yes, I stopped to buy one of their famous apple pies).

Learning about the geology that surrounded us was an excellent reason for a car club run. Every so often, after we'd driven for a while on scenic back country roadways, we stopped at one of the predetermined places, where Dr. Marshall would teach us about the geology of the area. It was just like a university field trip—but with no exam afterwards!

Each stop was interesting and yet different, and our route maps gave us a brief synopsis of what we'd be learning from Monte along the way. For example, this is what was to be discussed at Stop #5 at Inspiration Point: "(Elevation 4,600') This is a great view of Banner Grade (Stop #8) and the desert mountains. The closest large, active, dangerous fault EAST of San Diego, the Elsinore



Eager rock and rollers learn to take nothing for granite. Photo: Jan Wagner



Fault (Zone). It runs down this gorge/canyon – can you see it?”

For about as long as I’ve lived in San Diego County and as I’ve driven north on I-15 to Temecula and Las Vegas, I have often admired the huge, rounded boulders scattered up the sides and on top of the tall hills (short mountains?). I had always assumed that the boulders were deposited there long ago from some receding glacier. Dr. Marshall told us how they really got there. While I admit that I was paying a lot more attention to my photography instead of what Dr. Marshall was saying, I still managed to learn that the boulders were what remained when the mountains around them weathered and basically dissolved into dirt over time.

We ended up cutting our Rock and Roll Run short. Thanks to Dr. Marshall’s wealth of information and our never-ending questions, we ran out of time. Needless to say, we had a great time.



**Life on the edge—not for the faint of heart.**  
*Photo: Jan Wagner*

By the way, this run reminded me of how much I enjoy membership in car clubs. I had been thinking of selling my Miata and getting some-

thing else, but my enjoyment of the run prompted me to decide to keep the car after all. I strongly recommend buying a car that is associated with an active car club. Being able to participate in their activities is a big benefit of ownership. In addition to the San Diego Miata Club, I have personally belonged to the San Diego chapters of the BMW Car Club of America and also the Porsche Club of America. Both clubs hold social and driving events throughout the year. You’ll find that there are many other such clubs in the area too.

As always, please share your stories and send your comments to [AutoMatters@gmail.com](mailto:AutoMatters@gmail.com). Enjoy the archives and more at [www.AutoMatters.net](http://www.AutoMatters.net). Drive safely and do join me again next time.

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### **CLASSIC ROCKS** *(Continued from page 1)*

granite—DG for short, often used in landscaping—which began as the same rocks we saw previously, but has been eroded. Monte also showed us a special rock hammer, with a square end for pounding and a pick on the other end for scraping.

Our third site was an excellent example of horizontal joints. This one had a black basalt intrusion in the middle that went perpendicular to the ground. It also had some drill holes that were made by Monte’s students. In my opinion, this was the prettiest rock formation.

Onward to the fourth site. At the Laguna Mountain shear we were treated to a fault rock that was uncovered while developers were excavating. This is a piece of rock that formed the edge of the plate along a fault. I almost wanted to put a marker there so others would understand the importance of this formation.

Continuing on, we went to the Laguna ridge, where, from 5,400 feet of elevation, we looked down into the valley to see the fault and various “mountains.” A really nice image was Monte, sitting on the rocks with a fault map in his hands, explaining to his surrounding “students” the locations of the Rose Canyon fault (literally in San Diego), the Elsinore fault, and the San Andreas. He also explained that, when a fault slides, the whole thing does not go at once. It slides in sections, so it is highly unlikely that California will drop into the ocean!

Because of other commitments, I had to leave before the run ended. I understand the group

made one more stop, then enjoyed a late lunch in Julian. In light of the late hour, it was agreed to forgo the four more stops that had been planned. Is Rock and Roll #2 in the works?

Thanks to Les and Monte for a very interesting and informative event.



**Dr. Marshall demonstrates how to use a rock hammer.** *Photo: Ranier Mueller*

# An alternate goes to the County Fair

ART HAMILTON

**T**his is the fourth year that I have participated in the San Diego County Fair car show, which is why I told Mark Booth, our Events Coordinator, some time ago that I wouldn't volunteer this year. I had already participated three years in a row, and I wanted to leave space for other members to participate. Since I don't punch a time clock anymore, I had always volunteered for the Wednesday show. This leaves space open in the Saturday show for members who still have to punch a clock.

I told Mark that I wouldn't mind being an alternate in case someone drops out. I didn't think anyone would, but I thought wrong and Mark e-mailed me on June 7. He asked if I was still available for the Wednesday show, because a few members had to drop out.

I was scheduled to be the Range Master the morning of June 14 at my Gun Club range, so I placed a few calls and made arrangements with a friend to fill in for me as Range Master, which we do all the time in that club. I e-mailed Mark and told him that I was in for the car show. I always try to keep my word.

I departed my house at 7:00 a.m. to meet the rest of the members at the Albertson's parking lot in Del Mar, and I was the first one there. A couple of T-Bird's showed up shortly after, and I went over and shot the bull with them about cars until I saw Eunice Bauman drive up with Wally Stevens riding shotgun. Then Jerry Standerfer drove up, followed by Dan Garcia, Mary Martin, Joe Moore, Tom Paine, and finally Linda Payne.

About 8:30 a.m., we had a brief drivers meeting, and I led our little caravan to the "Chute Gate" aka the "Saddle Club Entrance." The guard waved us into the entrance, but the gate was closed. After waiting for a few minutes, Wally and I walked up to the gate. I saw that it was not locked, so, I opened it. The Guard

yelled for me to close the gate, and stated that someone was on their way down to open the gate for us. In the meantime, the T-Birds had pulled into the entrance and waited with us.

After about five minute of waiting, a young lady came and opened the gate for us. I led the caravan to the car show location. Bob Meigs, the show coordinator, told us where to position our cars. He gave us brief instructions on filling out the car sheets, and gave us a time to be back in the area to remove our cars. Then Bob took pictures of all the cars, with their owners if they wanted, and we were on our own until 2:50 p.m.

The first thing I wanted to do was to go have a cinnamon bun and coffee. Linda Payne said that was what she wanted also, and the group split up in all directions to do their own things. Linda and I went and had our cinnamon buns and coffee, which was not bad, but of course the price was up from last year, like everything else at the fair.

Linda and I then walked over to the O'Brien Hall to check out the vendors and exhibits. Afterwards, we split up to do our own things. I really enjoyed myself walking around, seeing everything that the vendors had for sale, as I do every year at he fair.

My cell phone rang a little after 11:00 a.m., and it was Wally, wanting to know if I would like to have lunch with him and Eunice at the same BBQ chicken and rib place that we had eaten at last year. I said, "Yes, I am on my way now."

I found the BBQ place, and walked through looking to see if any members were inside eating. No luck. I went out front to wait for Wally, and then Eunice walked up with her phone to her ear, talking to him.

She told me that he was on his way. After Wally arrived, we entered and ordered our lunch, which was really good, with good conversation. After lunch, we went for ice cream at this out-of-the-way place that Wally had found earlier. We enjoyed good ice cream, good company, and good conversation.

I then went to check out the horses. I really love to look at all the difference types, their history, and what they were bred for. Then I went to check out the cake, pie, and cookie exhibit, and the wood-working and gem exhibits. There was so much to see and so little time. Before I realized it, it was 2:45 p.m. and time to return to the car show.

Arriving back at the show, Bob Meigs had all of our car pictures ready to pass out. The vote was in for the People's Choice award, and the winner was a 1966 white T-Bird — he wouldn't tell us who came in second place. Bob passed out the car pictures, and everyone had a big laugh because my first name was spelled "Ant" instead of "Art." Bob told me to come back with the next Miata group, and he would correct it for me. I think I'll leave it as is.

It was a great show on a beautiful day, and we all enjoyed ourselves. I hope more members will volunteer for next year's show. I will just be an alternate again for next year.

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# Bob and Natalie Kleemann: Quite a Quiet Couple

KELLEY RAYMOND

Even though Bob Kleemann and his wife Natalie have been in the San Diego Miata Club since March 1999, they tend to be a little on the quiet side (a rare find in this club). Therefore, you may not have gotten a chance to learn that these two adventurous souls love to laugh and are into some serious fun!

Bob bought their '99 Emerald Mica in November 1998 specifically because he wanted to use it for autocross and track events. It didn't take Natalie long to learn how fun it is when Bob takes a fast turn or curve, and the Miata really "sticks it." When asked what one of the most important lessons was that they learned on their first run, Natalie said, "Queuing up."

When I looked puzzled, Bob explained, "The fun's at the front." Some of their favorite runs have been the annual Pukes, the Sedona run a couple of years ago, and the Twilight runs. Their favorite aftermarket buy is Tom Thompson's Nautilus air horn; they agree that it has saved them several times.

"Postmaster Bob" has served SDMC for a couple of years now and (fortunately for us) is happy to continue the volunteer position for the foreseeable future. He handles the club duties related to the Yahoo! e-mail lists. He is willing to help folks with e-mail issues, but he offered this helpful hint: If you have any questions about a club e-mail address that ends in @sandiegomiataclub.org, send it to Dan Garcia. Otherwise, or if you are not sure, don't hesitate to send him an e-mail; Bob is happy to forward it to the correct person for you.

Natalie and Bob married in March 2005, but they have known each other since they were both first-year students at UCSD in 1993; they lived across the hall from each other. Their honeymoon was a two-week trip to Europe, with about half the time spent in Italy. So far, their favorite vacation spots are Florence and the surrounding province of Tuscany because, according to Natalie, the food, people, and sights were all wonderful.

Their hotel stays were scheduled, but they opted to plan their own daily activities, starting with trying to find their hotel. After flying a red-eye to a foreign country

doing really great food." Some of their local favorites are Parallel 33, the Park House Eatery, Adams Avenue Grill, and restaurants such as Arterra (in the Del Mar Marriott) that offer tasting menus. She and Bob also enjoyed the San Diego Restaurant Week back in January. Both of them really like to cook at home, too, creating all different kinds of dishes from scratch. Further from San Diego, they have experienced dining at destinations across California, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Napa, and more.

The Kleemanns currently live in San Diego, close to SDSU. They both grew up in very warm climates: Natalie in the Philippines and inland Los Angeles; Bob in the legendary "dry" heat of Arizona. Both agree that, as Bob put it, "You don't really realize how hot it is until you're not used to it."

Aside from time with the club, they enjoy spending time with friends, including fellow SDMCer Mike Herbst, folks with whom Natalie works, and some of Bob's Ultimate Disc teammates. Ultimate Disc is a game similar to football without the tackling (it's a non-contact sport), since

the object is to move the Frisbee down the field and score. Bob has been playing in a summer league for a while and, since last year, has been playing competition-level on a team.

One of Natalie's favorite pastimes are movies. She's a real buff with diverse tastes: sci-fi, adventure, romantic comedies, dramas—a little bit of everything. She always has a Netflix list going. She also really

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Bob and Natalie Kleemann with their Emerald Green '99. Photo: Jerry Standefer

and landing at 8 p.m., their search was complicated by the fact that the street names are hidden by being engraved on the buildings, not in the expected spot on a post on the corner of each street! It's funny now, especially since they discovered later that they had actually been circling their hotel for most of the two hours they spent searching for it.

Natalie explained, "We like fine dining, especially when we find a restaurant that's really committed to



# Bond with your car and change your own oil

ABE MARA, TECH EDITOR

I recently had a fellow Miata Club member over for a pleasant weekend morning of Miata maintenance. From driving lights to rubber trim, we fixed things here and there. But the main thrust was getting the oil changed, and the two of us decided that an oil change would make an excellent write-up for those looking to start getting more involved with their cars. These instructions apply to first generation (NA) and second generation (NB) Miatas.

## Tools and materials you'll need:

- ◆ 4 quarts of new oil
- ◆ New oil filter
- ◆ Drain pan
- ◆ Jack and jack stands, or ramps
- ◆ Wheel chocks
- ◆ 19 or 17 mm wrench/socket (earlier cars have the bigger drain plug)
- ◆ Oil filter wrench (not all filters are the same size on the outside)
- ◆ Rags or paper towels

## Good questions

*When should you change your oil?* 3,000 miles is a generally agreed upon number, although Mazda recommends 5,000–7,500 miles on the newer cars (check your owner's manual). Oil lasts longer with mostly freeway miles and long trips. Racing, short trips, and dusty conditions will shorten the life of your oil. Oil degrades with age, so try to change it every 3 to 6 months even if you don't drive a lot of miles. Synthetic oils can last longer, but also cost more.

*What kind of oil should I get?* It's more important to change your oil often than to use "fancy" oil. Contaminants build up in the oil, and the oil itself breaks down. I generally use any 10W-30 I can find; those with noisy lifters might try a slightly lower 5W-30 to keep them quiet. Don't worry too much about brand. Synthetic oils may expose oil leaks on older cars that have been

running regular oil all their lives, so if you're going to switch to synthetic, switch early. Synthetic blends are more economical than a full synthetic, but there is no way to tell how much synthetic and how much regular oil you are getting. I tend to avoid it.

## Drain the used oil

1. Warm up the engine. This will help the oil flow better. If the engine is too hot, let it cool a bit. Both the hot oil and hot engine parts can severely burn you.

2. Jack the car up, or put it on ramps, high enough to fit an oil drain pan underneath the engine. If you are using a jack, be sure to use jack stands to support the car. Do not rely on the jack to hold the car up! Ensure the parking brake is set, put the transmission in low gear (park for automatics), and place wheel chocks behind the rear wheels to keep the car from rolling.

3. Locate the oil drain plug on the passenger side of the oil pan (bottom of the engine with ridges on it), towards the rear.

4. Slide the oil drain pan (and drip tray if you have one) under the car. When the oil first comes out, it will rush out in a horizontal arc, so position the drain pan accordingly.

5. Using the box or closed end of the appropriate size wrench, loosen the plug by turning it counter-clockwise. A breaker bar might be necessary to loosen the drain plug. Use one steady movement. Hitting the wrench could damage the drain plug if the wrench slips off.

6. Once broken loose, you can unscrew the drain plug with your fingers. Push the drain plug

inward as you unscrew it to keep oil from coming out; when it's completely loose, quickly pull the plug away (don't drop it in the oil or you'll be digging for it later in hot dirty oil). Reposition the oil drain pan as necessary, and continue to adjust it as the oil stream lessens.

7. Go up top and remove the oil filler cap on top of the engine.

## Replace the oil filter

Now that you'd had your warm up, it's time for the hard part. Removing the oil filter can be the biggest pain of the whole job. A friend who works at an oil change shop says he has a special set of curses reserved for our convertibles.

1. Locate the oil filter. It is screwed into the passenger side of the engine block, below the intake manifold. It is difficult to see from above. I have found the easiest way to access the filter is to turn the steering wheel fully to the left, and reach in behind the right wheel. You'll really have to reach and twist, but you should be able to get to it.

2. Place a couple of rags or paper towels beneath the filter to catch any oil that spills. Use an oil filter wrench to loosen the filter, and then spin it off. Take care not to drop it; the filter contains a good amount of



Out with the old ... Photo: Abe Mara

oil in it. Put the filter somewhere to drain into a container.

3. Remove the new oil filter from its box. Using a little bit of fresh oil from one of the new oil containers, lubricate the rubber seal on new filter. This will make sure it spins on correctly and makes a good seal without coming off.

4. Before installing the new filter, look for the tightening specifications either on the filter itself or the box. Most filters will say on them “turn till touch plus \_\_\_ turns.” The number of turns varies by filter manufacturers. Spin the filter on until the rubber seal touches the engine block. From this point, turn the filter the required number of turns. Most filters require a partial turn such as one-half or one-third turns.

Reassembly and new oil

1. From underneath the car, reinstall the oil drain plug. If you have a new drain plug washer, use it, removing the old one first. Don’t over-tighten the plug! Over-tightening can strip the threads and it will be very expensive to repair. If you have a torque-wrench, the specification is 25 ft-lbs. If your wrench is 9 inches long, a force of 30 lbs should be enough to do it.

2. Back on top, begin filling the engine with new oil. If you have one, a clean funnel makes this chore much easier and cleaner. Another option is to use an oil spout with a shut-off valve, which can be cheaply purchased at most auto parts stores.

3. After you have three or three and a half containers in, you may wish to check the oil level. This is best done with the car on flat ground. Ensure to remove the oil drain pan, drip tray, and all tools from beneath the car before lowering. Check the dip stick (pull it out, wipe it clean with a rag, return it to its holder, then pull it out once again). It should be a little above the low mark by now.

4. Finish filling the oil to the full amount (this is almost always 4 quarts) and replace the filler cap.

5. Start the car and check for leaks at the drain plug and oil filter.



... and in with the new. Photo: Abe Mara

If there are no leaks, go for a ride around the block and double-check for leaks again. You should also double-check the oil level with the dip-stick.

This all sounds like a big job, but

after you’ve done it once or twice, it’s really as easy as pull the plug, pull the filter, wait, return the filter, return the plug, pour in four quarts and start it up. Now that you’ve bonded with your car, you can hold your head up high knowing you are a genuine car person.

Recommendations

I personally recommend the Fram Sure-Drain. Instead of needing tools to pull the drain plug and a big bucket to catch the oil, you can do it all with your bare hands, and the oil comes out a nice tube and right into any convenient container.

The other recommendation is the Thompson Automotive Oil Filter Relocation Kit. This is a pricey investment, and a chore to install, but if you enjoy doing your own oil changes (or just want to), you can’t do better. This kit moves the oil filter to just behind the passenger-side headlight, making it much easier to change.

Pseudo-Coup

LARRY CLARK

Of late it seems that nearly every publication runs a Sudoku puzzle. If you’ve tried some and found them too difficult, here is the easiest one you’ll ever see.

Directions: Fill each cell in the grid with a digit so that each row, each column, and each 3x3 square contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

	5	6	3	4	9	8	2	7
7		9	8	6	5	1	3	4
8	4		1	2	7	6	9	5
5	8	2		7	1	9	6	3
6	3	4	9		8	2	7	1
9	7	1	2	3		5	4	8
3	1	8	6	9	4		5	2
2	9	7	5	1	3	4		6
4	6	5	7	8	2	3	1	

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**M**any vendors offer discounts to Miata Club members. The club does not endorse these vendors, but lists them as a membership benefit. Some offers may require you to show a current SDMC membership card.

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enjoys taking the time to go out for entertainment: theatrical productions, plays, and concerts. Recently, she went to see Madonna perform in Los Angeles; she has been a big Madonna fan for years. She and her co-worker were initially in the "nose bleed" section, but they got lucky enough to upgrade their seats before the show started. The new seats were on the floor just behind the

photographers, right in the center. It was a great concert, and they had a blast!

When they're not dining out, tasting wine, visiting with friends, at the movies, on the Ultimate Disc field, or on SDMC runs, they're probably both at work. Natalie has worked in the UCSD system for about eight years; just last year, she transferred to a job in their Radiology Department in Hillcrest, on the "academic side." Several of the staff

are in research, and Natalie really enjoys her department. Bob is a programmer for Motricity; they provide content, like ring-tones and games, for cell phones.

Bob and Natalie agree that they would love to participate in more SDMC events if they just had the time. I'm certainly glad that they made time to talk with me, and I look forward to getting to know them better. (They're actually not that quiet, once you get 'em going!)



# Classified Ads

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**Various parts.** 1.6 engine long nose crank, 78,000 miles, \$400. It's complete, but has some damage internally. 10AE seats, \$500. Lots of suspension and other parts, 1990 to 1999. One set of black cloth 2006 seats, a black top, and other miscellaneous parts (take offs from 2006 spec Miata race cars). Wally Stevens, 619-232-2801 ext. 313; or evenings 619-234-2858. Note new E-mail address: [wallymiata@gmail.com](mailto:wallymiata@gmail.com) (May)

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Sat-Sun 7/1-2 & 7/29-30	SCCA Autocross	9:00 a.m.	Qualcomm Stadium	<a href="http://www.sdr-scca.com/solo2">www.sdr-scca.com/solo2</a>	6
Sun 7/2	Cruise-In to County Fair	10:00 a.m.	Albertson's, Via de la Valle east of I-5	Mark Booth 619-670-3789	6
Tue, 7/4	July 4 Parade in Coronado	TBA	TBA	Sue Hinkle 760-735-9456	6
Fri 7/7, Fri 8/4	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 p.m. (dinner) 7:00 p.m. (cruise)	Tom's #23, Centre City Pkwy & 5th St., Escondido	Steve Waid 760-432-0727	6
Thu 7/27, Thu 8/24	SDMC Monthly Meeting	6:00 p.m. (eat) 7:00 p.m. (meet)	Boll Weevil Restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Bl.	Sue Hinkle 760-735-9456	3
Sun, 7/9	Garden Party Run	12:30 p.m.	Vista Grande Elementary School, 5606 Antigua Bl., San Diego	Linda Payne 858-560-4272	6
Sat, 7/15	Twilight Fun Run	3:45 (lunch) 5:00 (drivers meeting)	Albertson's, Rancho San Diego (Hwy 94 & Hwy 54/Jamacha Rd.)	Mark Booth 619-670-3789	6
Sat, 8/5	Debbye Does the Santee Drive-In	TBA	TBA	Bruce & Debbye Lewis 619-447-0930	6