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Of Miatas and Thanksgiving

Harold Schwartz

Janet and I decided to take our first “Thanksgiving at the Grand Canyon” weekend run. We were fortunate to be joined by our son, Mike and daughter-in-law, Lisa, so it was a “family weekend”. We met the main group up at Ontario and from there made stops in Barstow and Kingman to pick up a few more Miatas. All totaled, there were 40 Miatas. As we left Kingman, we traveled Old Route 66 quite a ways down to Seligman. There we hopped back on to I40 and onto Flagstaff for Thanksgiving Dinner. We did have turkey and all the trimmings, if only at a Denny’s but hey, it was turkey! From there we took Highway 89 up to Cameron, which is on the Navajo Reservation. The group stayed at the Cameron Trading Post and Lodge. The rooms were real nice and very reasonably priced, good food at their restaurant, (the Navajo Fry Bread was to die for), and the view was spectacular, right along the Little Colorado River.



A beautiful way to view Monument Valley
Photo by Harold Schwartz

On Friday and Saturday, groups of Miatas headed

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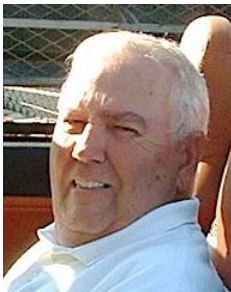
out from “base camp” to various points of interest. Some went up to Lake Powell. Mike and Lisa opted for the Grand Canyon on Friday but as Janet and I have been there numerous times, we decided to head east for the Hopi Reservation where we visited the Cultural Center and various Hopi artisan shops. From there we headed south to I40 and went to the Meteor Crater. Janet

and I are always in awe about things in our universe and here a nickel-iron meteorite crashed to Earth about 50,000 years ago resulting in a Crater 4,150 feet in diameter, 550 feet deep and 2.4 miles in circumference. What a hole!

On Saturday, a small group of us drove up to Monument Valley and took a Navajo guided tour. We got to go on parts of the reservation where the Navajo actually live and were able to see things you don’t see on the regular self-guided drive through Monument Valley. There are all kinds of arches and unusual rock formations back there. We got to visit a Hogan and met an elderly Navajo woman, who turned out to be Susie Yazzie, a very famous Navajo weaver. The Hogan was both her home and working studio.

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Club e-mail

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 options, see the club's web site.

Membership Information

New Members

As of January 15, 2008, 138 memberships are current (out of 261). Welcome to newest memberships – 5 since last newsletter:

John & Terri Eberst jeberst@san.rr.com	San Diego	2004 Titanium
Steve & Susan Foster wahoo_ss565@yahoo.com	San Diego	2006 Red Velocity
Dan & Sharon Malloy dfmalloy@cox.net	Poway	2006 Red True
Duane & Jeanette Shortridge dandjshort@aol.com	Valley Center	2008 Copper Red
Mia Will miawill@yahoo.com	Encinitas	1997 Marina Green

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,
FEBRUARY 22**

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 \$10 each for badges with safety-pin closures, or \$11 each for badges with magnetic fasteners. Prices include shipping to your home.

Sue Hinkle 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!**

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The Prez Sez

My message this month is shorter than usual as I submitted another article on a recent trip with several other Miata clubs.

April we will have our annual General Meeting and Board elections. It's time for all of us to think about who we want to guide our Club for the following year. Maybe some of you would like to come forward and submit a biography about what office you are seeking and how you are qualified to fulfill those duties. We have four positions that are elected, namely, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our April meeting and elections will be held if two or more people are seeking the same office. If you wish to submit an

article about yourself please have it to the newsletter editor by the middle of March so it can be included in the April newsletter. The sooner the better.

The Office of President will be open, as I am not seeking a second term.



Harold Schwartz

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After our 3 1/2 hour guided tour, we stopped for lunch at picturesque Mexican Hat right along the San Juan River. After lunch, we decided we had just enough time to drive over to Four Corners and take our pictures standing in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. And of course we also took pictures of our Miatas driving around the "circle of four States".

Sunday was a drive back to San Diego and as they say, back to reality. We had a great time. Zoom Zoom Zoom!

Right: Prez Harold and the Navajo Guide, Richard



REMINDER:

Your **2008 membership application and dues** are due NOW!
Your membership expired January 1, 2008.

As of January 15, only 138 out of 261 memberships have been renewed.

Please complete the application available on our website
and return it to the club mailbox or
Janice Boster as soon as possible!

Coming Events

Scrabble for Scholarships

Let's combine some Miata fun with an event that will benefit local youth!

When: March 9, 2008 11 AM Start

Where: Meet at Westfield North County

How Much: \$40 per person, includes Scrabble entry, T shirt, Mexican buffet dinner, and contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

Introduction: The Garons and a committed group of friends and family are planning a fund-raising rally on Sunday, March 9, 2007, called "Scrabble for Scholarships". To start out the fun, we will have a scrabble rally involving driving through some of San Diego's lovely back country. At the end of the rally, we will meet for a Mexican food buffet to finish the Scrabble game and give out prizes! The money raised will provide college schol-

arships for local youth soccer players.

Rally info: The rally will start at 10 AM on Nov 4. Meeting place will be at the Westfield North County shopping mall on Via Del Rancho Pkwy (just past the Macaroni Grill restaurant). At the start of the rally, each participant is given the rally instructions and 2 Scrabble pieces. At each checkpoint, participants receive more game pieces. At the end of the rally, they are given a list of words scored using the Scrabble-game scoring system. The person able to make the highest point word or words will be the winner!

Background: This rally is to help fund college scholarships started by Dennis and Maryanne Garon in their son, Gregg's name. As you may or may not know, Gregg died unexpectedly 2 years ago, at age 36. The Garons wanted to do something to honor his memory, and decided to start a small college scholarship. The scholarship is geared towards soccer players, who best demonstrate having a lot of heart and love for the game (not necessarily the best athletes and NOT the ones who will be getting athletic scholarships).

The Garons have been involved in youth soccer since its inception in North County. Gregg played in the very first year of the Poway Soccer League, and continued in Penasquitos, when Dennis and Maryanne founded that league. Gregg loved soccer his whole life. In addition to playing, he followed local, US and international soccer – loved his Man U (England's Manchester United for the uninitiated); he coached his brother's team, his Mom's team one year (!), his son when he began to play. It is hoped that these scholarships can be given annually to deserving players.

Details:

Cost: \$40.00 per person, with one Scrabble entry per car (but all will receive t-shirt dinner, and contribute to the scholarship). This amount covers the t-shirt, the dinner and leaves about \$18.00 each towards the scholarship fund. Checks may be made out to Gregg Garon scholarship fund, and tax I.D. numbers are available on request.

There will be lots of prizes and trophies awarded at the buffet. We are welcoming other car clubs and/or individual enthusiasts—anyone who wants to support this worthy cause, so spread the word and invite your friends!

For further information, or to volunteer – donations or time: contact Maryanne Garon: 760-747-1115 or dmgaron@cox.net.

Coming Events

93 NOIR's Quinciata Run & Luncheon Sunday, February 24

Les and Dyanna Smith request your presence for 93 NOIR's Quinciata Run and Luncheon on Sunday, February 24. Our Miata turns 15 this month, so a celebration is in order. Start time and location TBA at press time.

A Quinceañera, in Spanish-speaking regions is a young woman's celebration of her [15th](#) birthday; a coming-out party. The closest equivalent in the English-speaking world is the [Sweet Sixteen](#) or the [debutante ball](#) at age 18.

A Father's Lament... as his daughter turns 15

Oh, she was so young and fresh when we first got 93 NOIR at age 10. Dyanna and I are not her first parents, but we've watched her mature the past few years ... and suddenly she's turning 15 years old!

Naturally, I'm so proud of 93 NOIR. Her good looks have always attracted people's attention. Even a quick glance reveals that she is, don't get me wrong, rather "well-equipped." And while her sexy black bra protects everything up front, she frequently goes topless. She's been in a number of beauty contests, and has won awards in several (thanks, in part, to full body waxings). I remember one particular event when two male judges spent what seemed like an eternity peering at her. Round and round her they walked, their eyes dead-on, slowly scanning every inch of her. I even remember the quiet, under-the-breath comments they make to each other.

Truth is, 93 NOIR is a child of the streets; she's out all the hours of the night and day, and runs with a sizeable number of friends of all colors. A few are older, but a majority lack her level of maturity. It's a twisted, yet fun, group that likes to run hard and eat often.

Peeking out the window at home this afternoon, I see all those cars going by ... round and round the block. I was a kid once and I know what they're after ... but they have to get past me first, and have always left her alone.

93 NOIR may be fifteen, but Dyanna and I still enjoy considerable quality time with her. She's the greatest!



THE SEARCH FOR MADONNA 2008

It's time to start planning on attending Search for Madonna 2008—the adventure continues!

We have arranged with the Madonna Inn to reserve a block of rooms for May 3rd and 4th, Saturday night and Sunday night. You can start making your room reservations any time. Ask for Rebecca in group reservations and be sure to mention Miata Club so I can be sure that you are included in the group list so we communicate everything to you.

Because it has been two years, and there are people who do not know what the Search is all about, I will give you the basics for now.

1. We spend two nights at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. The Inn is unique, fun, and not cheap. Each room is different. Different in every sense of the word. Go to the website at www.madonnainn.com and have a look at the 109 rooms available.
2. The only reason to reserve early (the Madonna Inn charges the first night right away to reserve a room) is to get the exact room you want. Because of that, I have reserved "The Love Nest" for Laurie and I. Take a look. We love that room.
3. We will firm up the activities for our time up there, but historically we have had some driving, a wine tour, the Hearst Castle night tour, the Morro Bay Car Show, and, of course, lots of EATING.

There is a new Miata Club in the area, appropriately named SLOMiata. We will be "playing" with them as well. There will be more details to come, but begin deciding which room you want and get your reservation in to get what you want. If you have questions at any time, be sure and ask. Steve and Laurie Waid swaid@cox.net or (760) 432-0727



Member Discounts

Many 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.

Businesses that wish to be listed must offer a discount from their normal retail prices to SDMC members. Listings are limited to five lines (about 30-35 words). Contact newsletter @sandiegomiataclub.org for more information.

Automotive Services

Allen's Wrench. Mazda Master Technician. 1620 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-1192. Discount: 10% (except oil changes).

American Battery. Miata batteries & all other batteries. 525 West Washington, Escondido. 760-746-8010. Contact: Jeff Hartmayer. Discount: Fleet discount on all products.

Express Tire. Auto repair, tires. 12619 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-6330. Manager: David Dolan. Discount: 10% on parts and labor, including tires.

Good-Win Racing LLC. Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs, & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss, and more. www.goodwin-racing.com. 858-775-2810. Special club price on everything.

Hawthorne Wholesale Tire. Tires, wheels, brakes, and suspension. 877 Rancheros Dr., San Marcos. 760-746-6980. Discount: 10%

Just Dings Ltd. Mobile paintless dent removal. 858-569-3464. Discount: 15%

Kesler Customs. Miata chassis braces, adjustable dead pedals, hide-away license plate brackets. Installation of after-market parts, fabrication, light welding. Ted Kesler, 619-421-8472. Special club prices.

Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Circle, Elbert, CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, joe@knobmeister.com. 303-730-6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and scratch repair system. Cleaning, detailing, and restoration products. 800-945-4532. www.langka.com. Discount: 30%.

Larry Dennstedt's Auto Repair. 4283 41st Street, San Diego. 619-284-4911. Discount: 10% on labor.

Lutz Tire & Service. Alignment specialist, tires. 2853 Market Street, San Diego. 619-234-3535. Ask for Mike. Discount: 10% on parts (tires not included).

Magnolia Auto Body. Restorations, body work. 476 West Main Street, El Cajon. 619-562-7861. Ask for T.J. Discount: 10% on labor and parts.

Porterfield Enterprises Ltd. Brake pads, rotors. 1767 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa. 949-548-4470. Discount: 15% on Porterfield & Hawk brake pads; \$10 off rotors; \$9.25 for Motul 600 brake fluid (1 pint).

Smog Squad. 3342 Rosecrans, San Diego. 619-223-8806. General Manager: Jose Munoz. Discount: \$10 on smog tests.

Thompson Automotive. Cool accessories for our cool cars; oil filter relocation kits, gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs, & MORE. www.thompson-automotive.com. 949-366-0322. Discount: 10%

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WheelStore. Wheels, tires, suspension, alignment. 208 S. Coast Hwy., Ocean-side. 760-967-1336. Contact: Joe Jordan. Discount: Wholesale price on tires; \$10 off alignments.

World Famous Car Wash. Complete professional car care. Complete detail, hand wax, leather treatment, free shuttle service. 7215 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. 858-495-9274. Discount: 10%

Mazda Dealerships

Chapman Mazda. Phoenix. 877-684-5803. Ask for John Mardueno. Discount: 20% on Mazda parts and accessories.

Mazda of Escondido. 760-737-3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (not including smog certification).

Westcott Mazda. National City. 619-474-1591. Discount: 15% on parts or labor (except oil changes).

Other Services

Alarm 2000. Residential and commercial alarm installations and monitoring. Free equipment with 2-way voice & free install. Buffy Hergenrader, 619-221-0948. buffy@iopener.net. Discount: No connection fee.

Coldwell Banker Real Estate. David T. Bryan, Realtor. 619-334-4625. david-bryan@coldwellbanker.com. Free market analysis. No transaction fees for SDMC members or referrals!

Linsco Private Ledger. Fee-based planner. Wealth management, estate, retirement, and investment planning. Free consultation and 15% discount on all fees. Hernan Hooker, BCE. 619-542-0822.

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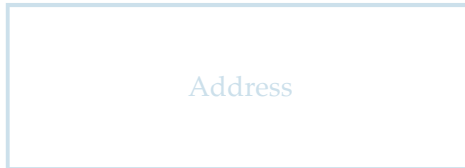
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\$2000, 19,200 miles, all recalls performed, optional factory wind blocker, 2000 miles on Yokohama AVS-ES 100. 2nd owner for 3 years. Garaged, covered and NO RAIN - \$18,500/OBO. Wife says the extra red car has to go. Rick Keach 619 702 8077

New Miata seat covers-still in box. color: Forest Floor (wood camo) design. Want to recoup what I paid \$195.00, they are custom for Miata. Please call Chris/Bev Turner 619-691-9800 or email: t42ne1@cox.net.

Buying or selling your Miata or Miata accessories? You can do it for free on Miatamart—the Miata for Sale web site, run by SDMC member Rainer Mueller. Check it out at www.miatamart.com.

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February and March Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEET	CONTACT
Sunday 2/24	Quinciata Run and Luncheon	TBD	TBD	Les and Dyanna Smith lessmith@san.rr.com
Thursday 2/28	Monthly Meeting	6:00 eat 7:00 Meet	Boll Weevil Clairemont Mesa Rd	President Harold Schwartz president@sandiegomiataclub.org
Sunday 3/9	Scrabble for Scholarships	11:00 am Start	Westfield Shopping Town, North County, by Romanos Grill	Maryanne Garon dmgaron@cox.net
Thursday 3/78	Monthly Meeting	6:00 eat 7:00 Meet	Boll Weevil Clairemont Mesa Rd.	President Harold Schwartz president@sandiegomiataclub.org