



TWISTS & TURNS

The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club

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Scrabble Rally a Huge Success

Vantage Point: *Behind the Scenes* Maryanne Garon

Last summer, we decided that combining our Miata love with our desire to support the scholarship that we had started in our son's name sound like a good idea. Dennis initially wasn't so sure – would anyone really want to come out and to this. . .for something that was maybe just OUR interest? But, he was supportive and we trudged forward. We had a small group to help with the initial plans (Hinkle's, Hunts and Waids). Then, when we had to postpone the first date (due to the wildfires), it took both of us awhile to get enthused again. As a result, as March 9th approached, we found ourselves working frantically the last week to finalize all the details.

Sunday, March 9th got here. . .we felt as ready as we would be. . .and we were delighted to see a bright and sunny day ---we headed towards Westfield North County in 2 vehicles – our Honda Odyssey and our bright yellow '02. Family members and friends starting showing up before we could unpack the van. . .and pitched right in. Everything went so fast, as cars pulled in, t-shirts were whipped out, and run instructions handed around. . .I could hardly keep up. We were surprised (but happy) to discover that 4 or 5 cars decided to come out without having pre-registered. But, there was plenty of room and extra packets prepared. . .so they were welcomed. Before we knew it, everyone was out driving. . .except the Waids and us. Then, the phone calls began. ChaChi Mueller (long time family friend) had hit the road in his Civic and was totally lost. Despite being a San Diego County native, he was unable to find Bates Nut Farm. . . fortunately the Waids had OBIWAID, and hit the road to rescue him! We knew right then, that the first "Special Recognition Award" winner was identified!

While others were driving, we were making doing other things – including a leisurely lunch at Kit Carson Park with my parents and grandson. . .but there was



still lots to be done. We pulled all the door prizes, trophies, decorations and all together. . and made it to the restaurant AFTER the first arrivals. . .OH WELL! The dinner was good. . not that we ate much then. . .and everyone seemed to be having fun. Lots of prizes and trophies were given out (see lists below). As people left, they were asking, "will we do this NEXT YEAR". Our first thought was "no way", but by the end of the evening (after relaxing and finally getting some enchiladas in us), we were already plotting for new ways to make an even more fun rally . . .maybe next year!

Vantage Point: *Driver and Passenger* Les and Dyanna Smith

It was so easy showing up for the Dennis and Maryanne Garon's Scrabble Rally in a "club run" mindset. What do you mean there aren't detailed driving directions? We're not all heading out together? We all just have to show up at the same place by a certain time?

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

“Can’t find his way out of
a paper bag”:
ChaChi Mueller.

“Dancing for Dollars?
Try, Stripping for Scrabble
Letters”!
Barb Shev

Tow Mater Booby Prize
Richard Lopez

CLOCKWISE FROM THE TOP:

Maryanne Garon & Grandson Cade
Garon (Gregg’s older son)

The crowd shares stories

Louis & Becky—1st Place

Mark & Cathy Booth— 2nd Place

Rick & Diane Spurgeon—3rd Place

Photos by Mark Booth



What do you mean a run leader isn't going to lead us somewhere and there won't be a sweep driver to take care of us if we get lost or break down?

You know, this map in our rally packet isn't very detailed; the pictures of the rally's checkpoints help somewhat. And, yes, having driven many of these roads on club runs is definitely an advantage. (Pity the poor OTMians joining us today who aren't familiar with San Diego County's backcountry roads.)

Let me get this straight: We can bribe people at the checkpoints for more detailed driving directions? Hmm.

Well, we're finally off and running, and following four other Miatas. We all turn into Kit Carson Park. Wait, the rally directions show this as our fifth stop. Time to ask some questions. Oh, you're with THE OTHER run group! Bye, bye.

(Somewhere in Escondido) What do you mean you don't know where we are or how to get to Lake Wolford? And you don't think you've ever even seen Lake Wolford, let alone been there? You know, there's a county road map in the pocket behind your seat; we're going to need it.

And what was it they told us about paying attention to what we see along the way; that we could earn extra Scrabble letters by answering some questions correctly. Thank goodness there's two of us. Out comes the notepad and pen.

Our rally directions, road map and astute sense of direction finally lead us to Bates Nut Farm. There are some balloons; must be the checkpoint. We're asked a very, very open-ended question: What did you (meaning "we") see?

I described a figurine holding a fishing rod on the roof of the restaurant in the big curve while passing through the "town" along Lake Wolford just to prove that we had taken that route. Didn't mean a thing to Checkpoint Charlene; seems there are specific items we need to mention, especially animals. Some prompting helps and we get our Scrabble letters ... and pay a bribe for a few more.

It's on to the next checkpoint. We take the Palomar Mountain route in our greed to amass more Scrabble letters and are writing down everything we see, especially animals.

Nice thing about a rally event is that you can stop and go to the bathroom and get something to eat any time you need or want to!

Who else would you expect to be stationed at the Lake Henshaw biker restaurant checkpoint than Janice Boster and Paula Kennison! More questions, more bribes, more Scrabble letters.

It's up over the hill on Mesa Grande road and we have this rally stuff down something fierce. Wait, should we back up and figure out the make and model of that burned-out convertible junked up there in the middle of nowhere? And just look at all those Miatas coming at us from the opposite direction!

Checkpoint three is the mandatory stop at Dudley's Bakery and we have this rally routine down to pat. Right answers + mandatory bribe = Scrabble letters. Easy. Same thing at the checkpoint in Ramona.

And finally, our second visit to Kit Carson Park of the day. We check in. Thank goodness our grandson plays roller hockey there regularly because naming that facility was one of the questions. Pleasant surprise: extra letters for going over Palomar Mountain! We dump out our letters and go to work making car-related words because "goal" is about the only soccer-related term we can know.

Finally, the banquet and awards ceremony. Two really long tables full of participants; what a great turnout in support of a really great youth programs!

And what a fun event! Spending a day with all these familiar faces reminds us we're part of a fun-loving, caring group of people anxious to support their friends.

Vantage Point: The Yellow Swarm **Yellow Swarm member Mark Ruhm, Chevy SSR & BMW R1 200GS**

Showing up without pre-registering, I didn't know what to expect. I drove past Macaroni Grill (I still haven't figured out how they keep the macaroni from falling through the grill) at Westfield's North County Fair and there they were. Must have been a thousand Miatas (actually about 25) and lots of yellow cars of various incarnations too. I parked and was promptly greeted by Nanz Zekela from The YELLOW SWARM and Maryanne Garon, one of the main organizers of the Scrabble for Scholarships Rally. Knowing nobody in the crowd, I was made to feel welcome and was quickly registered and handed a yellow T-shirt and info packet.

Next order of business was the driver's meeting which informed us that half the cars would be departing south and the other half would be running the route in the opposite direction departing north. We were given pictures and locations of each checkpoint and told for a nominal fee/bribe, the checkpoint volunteers would give us a route map at each stop with directions to the next stop. At the end of the meeting each driver got four scrabble

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pieces (two vowels and two consonants) and we were informed we would get two more at each stop with the chance to get an extra two if we could come up with the right answers about route landmarks and features from questions asked by the volunteers at each stop. A possible total of twenty four pieces could be won.

So off we went. First stop Kit Carson Park with "soccer" as one of the magic words. On to Ramona via Highland Valley Rd. with excellent twisties. From Ramona we traveled over Old Julian Highway to Dudley's Bakery at Santa Isabel where I was asked if I saw anything interesting. I replied that I saw a Harley rider in shorts and flip-flops but I don't think that was the response they were looking for. Oh well, maybe better luck at the next stop at the Lake Henshaw Resort Restaurant. By now we were starting to see cars from the rally coming from the opposite direction through Mesa



Margarita. Once at Henshaw two of the magic words were "Biker Bar". Last stop cruising past Palomar Mt. to Valley Center was Bate's Nut Farm. Everything was literally down hill from there. We were all left to our own devices as to which route to get back to Escondido and the Banquet site, Cocina Del Charro. So I chose Lake Wolford Rd. with some more curves and a nice view into Escondido.

At Cocina Del Charro the approximately thirty five cars that started seemed to have all found their way back. Inside everyone was busy trying to make words out of the pieces that they had gathered along the way. Oh, one thing I failed to mention, all the words had to be soccer or car related. "The decision of the judge/s was final". There were door prizes and awards handed out with the scrabble winner actually spelling out "Penasquitos", hmmm.

The Mexican buffet was excellent (I ate too much). The company was great and very entertaining. The eighty plus people there all seemed to enjoy themselves. All in all a most excellent day.

The best part of the day was knowing we helped donated more than \$1600 to scholarships for some deserving soccer players in the name of Gregg Garon, Dennis and Maryanne Garon's son.

Maryanne told me after all was said and done, she and Dennis thought "never again" but that's what they all say. I think they are already thinking up new twists to throw into the next rally. Let's hope it will be as successful as this one. You will definitely want to join us for the fun and camaraderie.

See you there next time,

Vantage Point:

***From the barely 30 year old OTM driver
ChaChi Mueller (Westview HS English Teacher)***

My first Miata run in a Civic no less. Get lost going to Bates Nut Farm (what sort of demented parent takes their children to the middle of nowhere for nuts?) but the Waids kindly escorted us there. From there on out, nothing but neon and yellow cars passing us full throttle, goats and caribou galloping off the barren highways of the greater Ramona area. Trying to figure out what car parts could be spelled with an X. And soccer, while I played it, did nothing for my knowledge of words associated with the sport that has given me nightmares of refs with piss in their eyes. All in all, the lady friend and I had a wonderful time. As long as we had maps we were fine. But it was fun, and as an educator (in the loosest term of the word, as uneducated as it comes) it was a great way to raise money for those kids who deserve to go to school, deserve an education, so they can continue perverting our children with the love of a sport which often ends in a tie.

Megan and Erin Votaw, nieces of Maryanne & Dennis Garon, and daughters of Mike & Martine Votaw of SOCALM, with Erin's fiancé, Jess Thom, managed the checkpoint at Bates' Nut Farm.



My Favorite Road

Les Smith

Those of us who work or live in East County and other backcountry areas of San Diego County enjoy “one-vehicle Miata runs” on some of our favorite club roads daily. And with at least nine different configurations of freeways, state highways and secondary roads from which to choose going from Mira Mesa to work at Camp Barrett, most often the option I choose includes South Grade Road and Japatul Valley Road.

This 10.5-mile drive seldom is level as you cross two parallel ridges. South Grade is referred to by locals as the Alpine bypass, and Japatul Valley Road follows I-8 until crossing the freeway four miles east of the Viejas Casino.

My favorite drive begins (or ends) by exiting I-8 at Harbison Canyon/Dunbar Lane and driving two short segments over to the base of South Grade Road. Then, you begin a three-mile climb from 1200' to over 1800' that is enhanced by moderate to tight turns. Driving this road in reverse direction offers some dramatic views of the lower end of El Capitan Reservoir.

Light traffic most days and a 50 mph speed limit invite a spirited run to the ridge top. Just keep an eye out for traffic entering the road from numerous streets and driveways that feed this route.

While South Grade Road continues around the south side of Alpine, I turn onto Tavern Road for one mile where it then turns into Japatul Valley Road. With crossed fingers, most traffic turns onto Dehesa Road at this point, opening this other “favorite road” for an unobstructed drive the next seven miles. Again, traffic is generally light, the road is mostly wide and well-maintained, and most local drivers tend to be anxious to get somewhere.

This road opens with downhill runs and curves to the curved bridge crossing Loveland Reservoir. Berms are minimal and eroded in several road cuts, so keep it on the highway.

Continuing, the climb up the eastbound trip's second ridge has two interesting curves spaced close together. The first dips to

the right, inviting a downshift to fourth gear and foot on the gas pedal; the second curve is a hair-pin with a decreasing radius as you pass through it. Third gear is needed, along with some gas as you pull out of the curve, round the next one and continue a mildly-winding climb.

Leveling off somewhat, you enter a series of reversing, dipping curves that create a rapid, rocking motion.

If Japatul Valley Road has any faults, it's a curve near the top of the second ridge that is banked opposite the curve; perhaps designed that way for drainage. (Slowing slightly reduces the centrifugal pull that can take you off the road.) Soon after this point I pass the dirt road on which a black Dodge Viper lives that's always clean!

Elevation here is 2,500' and rising eastbound. I was in several inches of snow on this road the February day when a freak storm hit this area and closed I-8.

Japatul Valley Road continues another five miles to its intersection with the freeway at Descanso. However, I make a turn onto Lyons Valley Road ... which is a “favorite road” story for another month.

Photo by Dyanna Smith



Wild (flower) Run

Laurie Waid

It doesn't take much for me to welcome Spring. Being a native California girl, Winter (especially after Christmas) to me is gray, dreary and depressing. Spring is the promise of things to come—bright colors, bright sunshine and blue skies.

Upon the first hint of Spring this year, Diane Foster decided it was time to decorate her car with SDMC magnetics, and to lead her first run. With quick responses of enthusiasm from her navigator Jackie, and many mentors from group, Diane quickly put together a great day for all who participated.

Since the weather was great and the flowers were ready, she took us over the hills and through the woods to Borrego Springs. We took on the twisties at a crisp pace under bright blue skies with temperatures in the 70s. While in the mountains, it got a little cooler, but it warmed up again quickly on the desert side of the hills. Some chose to picnic, some chose to sample the restaurants of Borrego. Anza Borrego Park Visitors Center was bustling with activity as many of us parked and walked to a picnic area. It was great to warm up in the sunshine and share stories and food. Several newcomers joined and had lots of questions about SDMC events. After lunch, many of us wandered into "town" to walk around, then we gathered as a group and drove into the desert a few miles to view the carpets of wildflowers freshly growing after the heavy rains.

It was perfect weather and scenery to begin thinking of Spring. Thank you, Diane, for giving us the opportunity to see the flowers, drive, and enjoy the scenery!

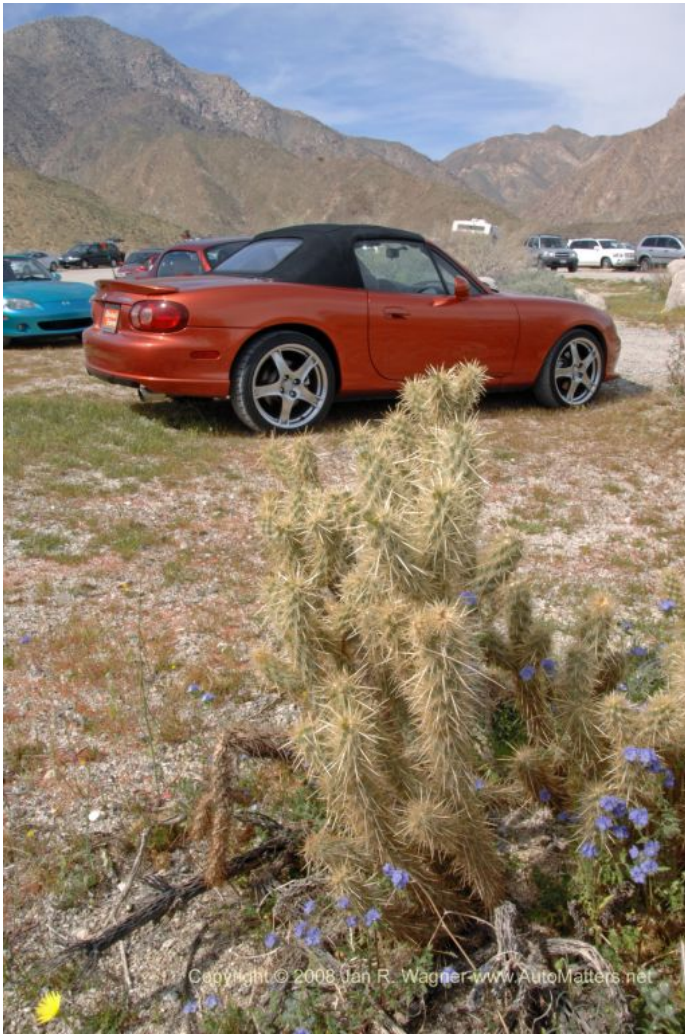


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Jan Wagner



Logan's Run

Diane Foster

This was a morning that I woke up feeling..."I need some fresh air and a little adrenalin." Thank goodness our club has such active members and there is usually something out there to satisfy these needs.

I immediately called my friends from Nevada who were visiting. Charlie and his grandson Ryan decided to join in on this run. Two days prior, they had just purchased Linda Payne's friends '03 Miata. What a great way to get to know your new car! Charlie and Charlotte had just lost their '92 "red" in a rear ender the previous week. Charlie had surprised Charlotte on her 50th birthday with "Chili Pepper", it was her love and when it was being towed away...a piece of her was, too. Anyway, I told them about Linda's car and now Charlie has a love! Logan's Run did it! Unfortunately for Charlotte, she is away trying to have fun on a once-a-year girls' getaway...After Charlie told her about the run, I think Charlotte is working harder trying to have fun with the girls..

It was a beautiful day with deep blue skies and billowing white clouds back dropping the Mtns. As the elevations rose thru the twists and turns the lush green and yellow hillsides turned white. With two young boys on this run, it was a definite need to pull over at Lake Cuyamaca for a snowball fight...As we were driving and the "CB" kept us updated with temperatures, my hand moved the heater fan knob up a notch with each update. Why does it seem when we know how hot it is out there (or cold), it makes reality that much more REAL!

As in most things in life... Spontaneous, impromptu events sometimes are the best.. It was a wonderful group of 10 cars, all of us with fun and excitement in our hearts enjoying a Sunday drive together.



The Prez Says

This will be my last message to the members as club President. It is hard to believe my year of tenure is over. Seems like just last month I was conducting my first meeting.

It was a great year for me as I was able to meet many of the club members and make a lot of new friends. Thanks for making it a smooth and rewarding experience.

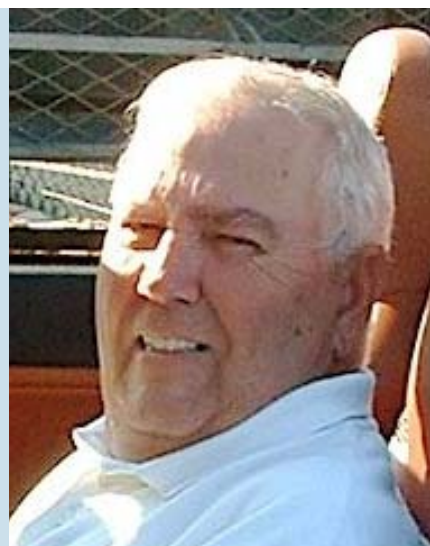
In my opinion, the club did well for the year. We increased our membership, the treasury grew by over 3 times the starting amount, we were able to conduct all our usual meetings, parties and get-togethers, and on top of that we paid all our bills. If this was a race, then it was a lap where no one hit the wall, no spinouts and no blown engines.

I say we because none of this would happen without the support of our members. We had smooth transitions of the newsletter crew, regalia, and most recently the turnover of our web master duties. I'm happy to announce that Jerry Standefer has agreed to be our new web master. Thanks Jerry.

I'm saving the best for last. I submitted our request for funding to Mazda Corporation for year 2008-2009. I was not sure if I was doing it correctly, and my wife and I went over it numerous times to make sure it was correct. I guess our diligence paid off. I'm happy to inform the club that we will receive \$2500 for the year's activities. Thank You Mazda as you support us, we support you.

It's been a great time and thanks for allowing me to be the SDMC President.

♦ Harold Swartz
President,
San Diego Miata Club



Members Information

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,
April 24**

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.

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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!**





Come Join Us at the SDMC ANNUAL MEETING

at the
SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM
SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Elections – Food – Raffle Prizes – Comraderie



2080 Pan American Plaza (Balboa Park)
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 231-2886

*Lunch will be
catered by:*



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San Diego Miata Club's Annual Meeting Reservation Form

**SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM
SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008**

Please fill out and return with payment to: Gabe Rivera, Club Secretary **NO LATER THAN March 31, 2008**

Member's Name: _____ Guest: _____

Money Enclosed: ___ \$10.00 (1 Lunch) ___ \$20.00 (2 Lunches) _____ Other (___ Lunches)

Please make checks payable to: **San Diego Miata Club**

Mail Payment to:

SDMC Annual Meeting
c/o Gabe Rivera
3682 Curlew Street
San Diego, CA 92103

Come enjoy the fun and elect your Board Officials! Hope to see you there!

Membership

Welcome to newest memberships - 10 (since January 15):

Stan & Susan Durbin	Chula Vista	2007 Galaxy Gray Mica	stand@cox.net
Mario Salas	Chula Vista	1994 Montego Blue	mario.salas@sharp.com
Jan & Steve Bandich	Carlsbad	2004 Black Cherry Mica	ibandich@att.net
Rick Cochran	San Diego	1992 Black	rick.cochran@att.net
Ray Gillogly	El Cajon	2006 Black	clarkson_mast_ltd@cox.net
Perry Kagan Becky Shima	Carlsbad	1994 Black	beckyshima@sbcglobal.net
Leo & Louise Miller	Vista	2006 Red	leoinvista@aol.com
Gene Rollins Rochelle Cotton	Escondido	1995 White	rollf4@hotmail.com
Santy R. Shirley	Chula Vista	1993 Brilliant Black	santy_shirley@yahoo.com
Rick & Diane Spurgeon	Santee	1996 Red	thekitedude@cox.net

Candidate Bio

Editors Note: Although nominations are only allowed from the floor at the Annual Meeting, it is the policy of SDMC to publish bios for anyone who seeks to be a candidate for office. This year only one bio was received.

My name is David Streeter and I am officially declaring my candidacy for President of the San Diego Miata Club. Those of you close to me know that hasn't been a well-kept secret and I appreciate your support and encouragement.

My wife, Kari and I have been active members since 2005 and I currently hold the position of Vice President on the 2007-2008 board. I wanted to get my feet wet before taking a deeper plunge.

In 2005, I attended my first ever SDMC event as a passenger for "The Puke". I decided that day that the Miata was a fun car and I had to have one! I purchased my 2005 Razor Blue (NB) in August, 2005 and personalized it early last year by adding custom blue flames to its front end, among other modifications of course. In April, 2006 my wife and I purchased our second Miata, a 2006 Winning Blue (NC) which has also been personalized with two 10 inch white racing stripes.

I have had a genuine interest in cars for as long as I can remember. I never saw myself as a Miata owner, let alone a pair of them. It turns out the fun-to-drive quotient was the attraction. Our club, the people and its activities, have provided the fun-to-belong part

of my free time. Two previous car-centric clubs failed to fill that void.

SDMC is an important and enjoyable part of my life and I truly look forward to each and every event I am able to attend.

In addition to the energy and enthusiasm I have to share with the club, I can bring different insights to this position. We can broaden our appeal to include some younger members as well. I'll make you proud if you'll honor me with the opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration. See you on the twisties!



Coming Events

CRUISIN' GRAND ESCONDIDO

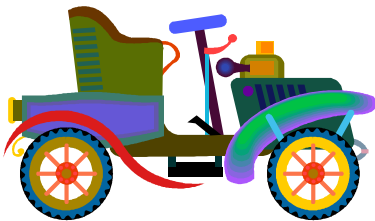
April 4th (and First Friday of each month from April through September)

6 PM - Meet at Tom's #23 in Escondido for dinner
7 PM - Leave Tom's to cruise Grand

Meeting place: Tom's #23 in Escondido
Contact: Steve & Laurie Waid swaid@cox.net

Each Friday night from April thru September Escondido hosts a Hot Rod show on Grand Ave. SDMC traditionally visits the shows on the first Friday of each month. We meet at Tom's #23 for a quick dinner, then cruise down Grand showing off our Miata's and then park to walk around, view the cars, and perhaps do a little shopping/eating. Here's a link to more details about Cruisin' Grand: <http://www.hotrodscustomstuff.com/GrandAve0502-1.html>

Or you can view a nice photo slide show with appropriate surf music accompaniment on You Tube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGzKocYDL7U>



Special treat on April 4th only: Steve & Laurie will host a pie & ice cream social at their home following the cruisin'.

TECH DAY AT DENNSTEDT'S

April 12th

9:00 AM 'til 3:00 PM

Dennstedt's Auto Repair, 4283 41st Street [MAP](#)
Larry Dennstedt LarryDennstedt@hotmail.com

Get your car ready for "The PUKE" Check tire pressure, fluid levels, etc. Maybe change brake pads. Bring your projects, come a help others or just stand around and talk and enjoy the crowd. Bring your tools and a friend to help you if needed.



Windshield replacements are a possibility:

Here's the deal, the price has gone up, 1990-2005 Miata will be \$140.00 installed. My wife's Corolla will be \$140.00 and the NC Miatas will be \$185.00. Price includes all molding and fit to do a complete job.

We need 10 cars. Please E-mail or Call me at the shop 619-284-4911. I need to know the year, make, and model, Whether you want tinting at the top of the windshield; sorry no upper tinting available for the NC models. Dead line will be April 8th to set this up.

If you need the hoist or plan on putting the car on jack stands you need to call me and we will set the shop up for you. Also a swap meet area is provided.

Plan on pizza, sodas, frapacchino, and lots of laughs. Bring your own chair and maybe portable shade. Does anybody need ding repair? Last time only ONE person claimed this service, and the dentman went home early and disappointed.

The Puke

Sunday, April 20th

Breakfast 9:00 AM

Driver's meeting 10:00AM

Meeting point: Dalton's in San Marcos, at Nordahl and Hwy 78 in Wal-Mart Shopping Center

Steve and Laurie Waid swaid@cox.net (760) 432-0727

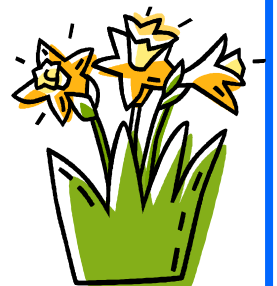
This will be the eleventh annual running of the infamous Puke (aka Puk-O-Rama). Multiple groups will depart in opposite directions just a few minutes apart. Small groups are easier to keep together. You'll also get to see fellow members coming and going along the route. Barf bags will be provided for unlucky passengers.

The Puke is a driver's event, in the sense that the roads are selected to give the greatest enjoyment to the driver. Unfortunately this has led to some uncomfortable stomach reactions and conditions for the passengers...hence the event name.

At the 10 am drivers meeting the attendees will be split into 5 smaller run groups of about the same size. The five groups will leave at staggered times alternated in opposite directions. What this creates is five separate groups which cross each other's paths a few times during the day.

Two pit stops are scheduled for each group at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel. This commonly results in as many as three run groups being at Dudley's at one time. The last group out is known as the Daffodil Group as this is the group that requests to spend some time actually enjoying the scenery as they drive the course. Typically the Daffodils are in evidence in the Julian area at this time of year.

At the end of the run in the mid afternoon we arrive back at Dalton's Roadhouse to enjoy an early dinner and relish in the embellished stories that are told of the driving experiences just completed. We again will be treated by having the patio reserved for only us Pukers.



Coming Events

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



"Just as soon as I knew I wanted to join the San Diego Miata Club my thoughts turned to making a kite with its logo. Took it out for its first test flight during lunch today. This kite is about 36 inches on each side. As with most things I have made it flies okay, doesn't look too bad in the air."

New SDMC member, Rick Spurgeon, aka "the kite guy"



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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.

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%

Tri-City Paint. Professional detailing, pro-ducts, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar Area: 858-909-2100; Santee, Mission Gorge: 619-448-9140. Discount: Body shop pricing #CM6660.

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.

Rosin & Associates. Attorneys at law. Accidents, insurance issues, general civil law. No recovery, no fee. Anita Rosin, anita.rosin@rosinlaw.com. 619-543-9600. Discount: 10% on attorneys fees.

Classifieds

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.

Your ad could be here!

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April and May Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEET	CONTACT
Friday 4/4	Cruisin' Grand Escondido	6:00 Eat 7:00 Cruise 8:15 Dessert at Waids'	Tom's #23 505 W. Fifth Ave (5th and Center City) Escondido	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net 760.432.0727
Saturday 4/12	TECH DAY AT DENNSTEDT'S	9 AM till 3 PM	Dennstedt's Auto Repair, 4283 41st Street , SD	Larry Dennstedt LarryDennstedt@hotmail.com
Saturday 4/19	SDMC Annual Meeting	10 AM	San Diego Auto Museum, Balboa Park	VP David Streeter
Sunday 4/20	The Puke	10 AM	Dalton's Roadhouse, Nordahl at Hwy 78 San Marcos	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
Friday 5/2	Cruisin Grand Escondido	6:00 Eat 7:00 Cruise 8:15 Dessert at Waids'	Tom's #23 505 W. Fifth Ave (5th and Center City) Escondido	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net 760.432.0727
Sat-Mon 5/3-5	Search for Madonna	7 AM	McDonald's Oceanside	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net