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The San Marcos Holiday Parade

Words and Photo by Bruce Lewis

December 7, 2008 1:00 P. M. a child stands on the San Marcos Holiday Parade route; we see the parade through the child's eyes:

It sure has been a long wait but I'm sure it will be worth it. Oh boy, a marching band and they're playing Christmas music. Not a bad start. Ok now we have horses, some of the entries give out candy but all horses give out is ... eeeww ... GROSS! Here comes the San Marcos City Trucks ...Boring! Hey, I see these things every day. At least they could've thrown some Christmas decorations on them. Check it out; a bagpipe band, kinda cool but they do sound like about thirty cats being skinned at the same time. WOW! What's this? Hey, this is rad; The San Diego Miata Club is back this year! Now this is more like it! Cool cars and awesome decorations. I thought I wanted a Corvette when I grew up but maybe I should look into a Miata. For a bunch of old people, they sure look like they're having fun. Ya know what; even the yellow car is sorta cool. Whoa! Those two cars came really close to each other! I guess these guys really know how to drive. These cars are really fun but if I was one of those old dudes, I'd be right up in front of the parade haulin' around a cute princess like those two old farts I saw in the yellow and blue cars.

Ok, as one of those "old farts" I really don't know what kids think at a parade but I do know what a big smile they have on they're faces when we drive by! The look on the kid's faces is what keeps me coming back every year to do this event. The looks, applause and favorable comments we get make all the work of decorating worthwhile. This year we had a smaller group than usual with eight cars which was pared down to six after Dennis Garon and Art Hamilton volunteered to host a princess or dignitary in their cars. Even though we were smaller in number I think that the creativity level of decoration on the cars was the best ever! We did not win a judge's award this year but I believe that we would've had a better chance if our cars were fully decorated when the judges came by. If you have never participated in this parade or any of the other ones we do, I highly recommend it. It's such a great way to have fun, show off your car and decorating skills as well as get into the holiday spirit.



HOLIDAY DÉCOR DELIGHT



Photos by Vicki Kiehl.

Clockwise from top:

Sue Hinkle adds touches to her car.

Art Hamilton puts a snowman on for the ride.

Laurie Waid's Buzer has a snowman
with a yellow hat!

All decked out!!

Dennis Garon in Bst Yelo is ready for the princess!



MORE MIATAS HOLIDAY DELIGHT!

Words and Photos by Dave & Lea Cooksy

The Cajon Classic Cruise held its annual *Parade of Lights* show on December 10th with successful results that put everyone in the holiday spirit. New members David and Lee Cooksy represented mighty Miata's in the *Parade of Lights* on Main Street in El Cajon. The *Parade of Lights* is sponsored by the El Cajon Community Development Corporation, a mix of downtown El Cajon businesses, and is the grand finale for the "Cajon Classic Cruise". Kids of all ages enjoyed the festivities, which included a parade of decorated and lighted vehicles driving down Main Street. David was the lead car in the parade accompanied by Ellen and a parachuting reindeer. Santa Claus made an appearance in true car show fashion, on the back of a convertible, and then made his way to



the Prescott Promenade where children visited him and had their pictures taken. It was an inviting evening out and a warm, enthusiastic crowd cheered and waved and shouted "Happy Holiday". Lee was delegated to take photos and movies. After the parade, cars were on display for the crowd and Santa greeted kids as community members entertained. A lovely evening for all and for all a good night. Car shows are held every Wednesday night from May to September on Main Street in El Cajon. The Cajon Classic Cruise will be back next year, for its 9th annual season on May 13th, 2009!



Rose Run 2009

Carl & Cheryl Kuck

New Year's Day. 0630. A great day for the Rose Run, I think to myself, and what better event for a first time run leader? I look outside. Yep, it's totally socked in. Wait, what??? Fortunately, the fog was merely coastal and by the time Cheryl and I arrived at the Westside Cafe at 8:30, we had left the fog behind and were looking at an absolutely gorgeous day.

Several intrepid Miata club members were already there, but not so many that we felt like we should have left even earlier. We joined Tom and Marna Wood for breakfast, and also got one of Tom's 2009 Miata calendars (shameless plug). More people started arriving, and by the time I went back out to prep the car before the drivers' meeting, the place was hopping.

The guaranteed-to-be-semi-accurate car count varied between 22 and 31, based on the number of roses Cheryl handed out I think we were somewhere in the mid-20s.

After the drivers' meeting we headed on out. The San Pasqual valley was, as usual, an entertaining source of both sights and smells before we started up Bandy Canyon Rd. to join Highland Valley Rd. There were a few spots of sand on the pavement from the storms of the two weeks prior, but nothing too bad. Highland Valley Rd. is always a challenge, there are a couple of places where the shoulder consists of a large granite boulder the size of an RV, but before we knew it we were in Ramona. Once in town, we were welcomed by a local CB'er who thought it was pretty funny when somebody commented we were in town to "cause trouble". I hope he knew we were kidding!

After passing one of the very few remaining Sizzler restaurants, we turned onto Old Julian Highway where we promptly got stuck behind two trucks towing horse trailers. The power of positive thinking caused the truck/trailer combos to pull over by Dudley's, and we continued on to Julian. There were small patches of actual snow by the roadside in several places, and many broken branches (and in some cases even big trunks) from the oak trees that line 78 as you get closer to town.

Amazingly enough, the parking lot in Julian was closed, but plenty of space on the various streets handled our whole group. Everybody split up to explore, shop, and eat. The line outside of the pie shop was huge!

At 1:30, Cheryl and I hurried back to our car to lead the optional return run out through Mesa Grande and Pauma Valley. An even dozen cars did the Mesa Grande leg, with others taking a more direct route home. Farmers Rd. had been recently sanded due to snow, which made for some light feet on the gas pedals. Mesa Grande Rd. was in excellent shape, with no traffic. The cows at mile 17.8 were apparently on lunch break, as we didn't see them this time. We made one more quick regroup and photo stop near Lake Henshaw, got honks from several cars going in both directions, and then it was off to I-15 and the run home.

As Cheryl and I turned onto our street, we descended back into the fog, making the great weather and good Miata driving had by all just that much better.

I'd like to pass along a special thanks to Bryan and Vicki for driving sweep, and also thanks to everybody who helped turn a champagne-induced "Sure! We'll lead the Rose Run!" decision at the Christmas party into a lot of fun for us.

Finally, last but not least, the club magnetics look great on the car! If you're thinking about leading a run, give it a try. There are plenty of people who can help you through the preparation, and as somebody remarked to Jan Wagner at an event a couple of years ago, "You Miata people sure seem seriously determined to have a good time!" Yes we are, and yes we do.



Rose Run 2009—More Fun in 2009!

Vicki Kiehl

A Beautiful day for a Rose Parade!---ah Run, Rose Run with the SDMC!

What a FUN way to start off the New Year 2009! We gathered together at the Westside Cafe for a New Years breakfast with our Miata Friends.

As we met for the 'drivers meeting', roses with dew drops were handed out. Along with cards with hot cocoa and peppermint inside.

Carl and Cheryl Kuck gave out run instructions and were awarded their Magnetics-for YELO CAH. HUR-RAY!

The weather was perfect!! We took the scenic route up to Julian. The hillsides, animals, (including ostriches and camels), along with a road ahead filled with Miatas were for our viewing!

The twists and turns were GREAT and FUN ! All was enjoyed with our Miata FRIENDS!

What a FUN-FANTASTIC way to start out the New Year!!!



Above: Our long-time friend and server from Boll Weevil, Kat, and Diane Foster enjoyed the day!

Left: Carl Kuck holds a drivers' meeting.

Photos by Vicki Kiehl

Club Regalia

SDMC offers club members great items at a fair price. Most items proudly display the club name or logo. The goal is to provide quality items at a nominal profit. All proceeds from the sale of regalia go to support the club newsletter and operations.

To order any item, contact regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org or visit the regalia display at the monthly meetings. If you would like to purchase a specific item or size at the monthly meeting, contact [Regalia](#) ahead of time.



The Regalia team is always looking for new products that would benefit the club. If you have an idea for a new product, please contact [Regalia](#).

Items Currently Available include:

Apparel

- Short-sleeve T-shirts
- Long-sleeve T-Shirts
- Crew sweatshirts
- Zippered hooded sweatshirts
- Non-zippered hooded sweatshirts
- Hats
- Hat clips
- Visors
- Name badges
- Logo vinyl clings
- Pins
- SIGNALz4U brake light module
- Pens
- Carabiner-style key rings
- Steering wheel keychains
- License plate frames

January Events

David & Kari Streeter's House Warming Run

Saturday, Jan. 10th, 10 A.M



DRIVERS MEETING:

10 A.M. Dalton's Road House, San Marcos
(just off the I-78, Nordahl Road exit)

Our President and his wife would like everyone to join them in a Miata run that will end up at their new home in Escondido.

They are looking forward to hosting a meal catered by El Pollo Loco at the end of their run.. Please join them in some great driving roads and then launching them into happiness in their new home.

Join San Joaquin Valley Miata Club on their Annual Coastal Cruise Friday, Jan 23 through Monday, Jan 26th, 2009

Contact: Diane Foster 760.703.2020 or Steve Waid 760.432.0727

Join us caravanning to Fresno on Friday, then joining the SJVMC on Saturday to travel across California's central valley to the Coast, spending the night in San Simeon, CA, driving to Monterey for lunch on Sunday morning. The rest is up to you—many of us will stay Sunday night in the area and return to San Diego on Monday.

Leaving San Diego on Fri. Jan 23rd, you can book your reservation for that night at the Ramada University for \$89. Use the group discount code "club" when booking so you can get this special rate (continental breakfast included) Their telephone # is 1-800-241-0756. In San Simeon you can book your reservation stating you are part of the Miata Club and get the \$45/ night rate. Telephone 805-927-4691 for Courtesy Inn. They will give us that special rate for Sat/Sun.

If you want to enjoy a fun filled and spectacular weekend of beautiful people and roads, make your reservations now and please give me a shout so I can have an idea of how many folks are going...and I'll let the other Miata Clubs know our tally. This run last year really put a smile on my face that lasted thru the bleak winter months ! The 3 cars that participated, said all weekend "we really needed this" !!!

Any questions.. call Diane Foster (760)703-2020



Membership

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!

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:

January 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.



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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.

Welcome, New Members

As of December 21, 2008, we have 242 memberships for a total of 401 members, of which 91 memberships representing 151 members have renewed for 2009.

Welcome to newest memberships - 2 since the November newsletter.

Robert & Lauren Thompson	2008 Copper Red	San Diego
David & Lee Cooksy	1992 Classic Red	San Diego

Don't Forget to Renew by January 31st!



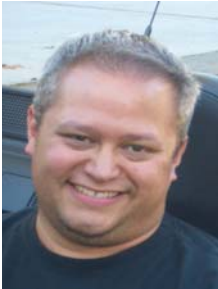
It's that time of year again. Time to renew your membership in the greatest car club in the world. To stay current, we need to receive your annual dues of \$35 between now and January 1. The Membership Team (Linda Payne and Kelley Raymond) will be available at the November and December meetings with more of those lovely pink renewal forms but if you don't like pink, or you can't make the meeting, you can download and print your own form on whatever color you like. The link is

http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/SDMC_Renewal_Application.pdf

If you can't make it to a meeting, mail your completed application with your check for \$35 to:

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CLUB E-MAIL

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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 special-

ist, 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 Porter-field & 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.

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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). For purchase, ask for Barb and receive free SDMC membership for 1 year!

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

Other Services

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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Classifieds

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FOR SALE:Torsen differential complete with drive shaft and axles \$800 Fits 1990 through 1997 as an upgrade. Cat back exhaust system fits 1990 through 1997, \$200. 1999 intake manifold complete with injectors \$350. 1999 engine, 1999 and 1995 transmissions. All kinds of Miata parts Wallymiata@gmail.com or call 619-234-2858 Wally Stevens

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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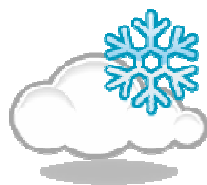
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January Events

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Thurs Jan. 22	Monthly Meeting	6 pm Eat 7 pm Meet	Boll Weevil Restaurant	Any board member
Fri Jan 23- Monday Jan 26	San Joaquin Valley Miata Club Coastal Cruise	Leave 9 am Friday	Park N' Ride East Side of I-15 at Deer Springs Rd. Escondido	Steve Waid 760.432.0727