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Diego-Miata Gang Terrorizes Southwest Colorado

Gene Streeter

The widely-feared and universally loathed Diego Miata Gang recently returned to the streets of Durango, Colorado and neighboring Silverton.

Much as legendary Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid had done before them, the outlaws claimed they were simply "passing through" on a marathon ride from the central plains of Texas back to the California coast. Led by the legendary O.B. Waid and Dennis "Sunshine"

Garon, the gang included their hard-drinking, free-spirited molls, along with three generations of the Streeter clan and a Las Vegas hustler known only as Shady Sandy. Nine of 'em in all, and a force to be reckoned with by any law west of the Pecos.

While Durango's law-abiding citizens and bankers quaked at hearing of their arrival, the brothels and saloons rolled out the welcome mat. Law enforcement feared the gang might have designs on the payroll deposits of the area's gold and silver-mining enterprises or on the assayer's office. While the area's mineral wealth was the primary draw, the entertainment venues were the benefactors of this visit.

The gang boarded the coal-fired, steam-powered train leaving Durango in the early morning and arriving just before high noon in the crisp, Spring mountain air of Silverton. It's a gritty little mining town with Victorian pretenses, situated in a small valley at 9300' elevation. Despite the three-and-a-half-hour trip over

narrow mountain passes and even narrower gauge rails, the touring party arrived in good spirits and powerfully hungry.

Other passengers opined that both Laurie Waid and Maryanne Garon had made one too many trips to the bar car during the lengthy passage. They whined and flirted until the entire gang consented to a group photo commissioned to mark the occasion. You can tell

by the scowls, not everyone was agreeable; or, that not everyone was imbibing in strong spirits. Either way, the photographer was forced to deliver up a copy of the group portrait to the local sheriff once the gang retired to the Bent Elbow across the street.

With its fourteen-bed bordello upstairs, the bar and restaurant catered to all manner of appetites, satisfying even the adventurous one of yours truly. Yes-

sir, I recommend the elk burger and taters, all washed down by nearly a gallon of sarsaparilla. Never quite made it upstairs, though; nearly two weeks away from the little woman at home in San Diego had me pining for some of her home cookin' and company.

Back to Durango the same way they came, part of the gang holed-up in the classy Strater Hotel (no relations, but thanks for asking). With the vantage point provided by their third floor window, O.B. kept an eye on

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The Diego Gang was a fearsome group.
Photo by Old Tyme Photos, Silverton CO

Midpoint Café: a High Point of Restaurant Experiences

Gene Streeter

The name of this famous West Texas café shouldn't be confused with being "average" on any gastronomic scale. This umpteenth iteration of a Route 66 diner was the high point of our dining experiences over sixteen days of travel on and off the "Mother Road" running from Chicago to Los Angeles. Adrian, Texas is the geo-mathematical mid-point; in plain English, it's 1139 miles to Chicago, 1139 miles to Santa Monica, and miles ahead of most of the competition. While several of us (don't let Steve Waid tell you any differently) really enjoyed the New Mexican food we sampled in several different restaurants, the traditional road food we enjoyed at the Midpoint Café was worth writing home about. Famous for their "ugly crust" pie, there are many stories proprietor Fran Houser can share regarding her establishment. She bought the property in 1991 with plans to open an antique store. Instead she began serving up good food, personable service, and a tasty slice of contemporary American history. Fran let it slip she originally hailed from a small town in Massachusetts, my own home state. That was reason enough for a friendly hug. My Dad couldn't wait for his turn. Several others joined in, some of them even claiming the same roots. No wonder she's been featured in the videos and books about Route 66...she's downright charismatic. Did you know that two of her waitresses were the inspiration for the characters *Tia* and *Mia* in the movie *CARS*?

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, re-patriated Texan Jill Wilson did a great job of preparing us for our Epic Road Trip to Miata World II and the great state of Texas. She shared common expressions and the drawl we needed to employ if we had any hope of "blending-in" on our travels. What she didn't prepare us for was our waiter, Tommy.

We rearranged the tables and chairs to suit, we served our own coffee and iced tea when he was handling other tables. We were rowdy and having a great time. Even though there were vintage signs and décor to review and a gift shop to rifle through (only a figure of speech – we were un-armed until we reached Durango), Tommy started delivering the

food with one of the most genuine apologies I've ever witnessed:

"A-y-m s-o-r-r-y. It's a-l-l m-a f-a-u-l-t!" Try it again, s-l-o-w-e-r. Or better yet, ask Kari Streeter to re-cite it for you the next time you see her. That apology instantly became part of our everyday trip conversations; it was infectious in a non-swine flu sort of way. Until now, it was an inside joke, a fond remembrance of our visit. Did I say visit? My apologies. You are more than welcome to practice what you just learned above.

What I just shared was from our first stop there on day 5. We enjoyed that visit so much we did it again only five days later. By then our group was a little smaller, but no less rowdy. This time it was for breakfast. And, if you have to know, peach cobbler really is an acceptable breakfast food. Delicious once again. Fran and Tommy were on duty when we rolled in just before 9:00 AM. One of them even invited previous owner and local Dub Edmonds to join in, overalls and all.

There was a formal moment marking our second visit. Obi Waid, looking as dignified as a bright yellow shirt will allow, presented a prized SDMC magnetic to Fran and Tommy. It is now proudly displayed behind the counter and in full view of the motoring public fortunate enough to visit them. The Midpoint Café is now an official SDMC venue. We have a standing invitation to re-arrange their furniture and enjoy their hospitality any time we're passin' through.

Fran and Tommy showed off their treasured yellow SDMC magnetic at the Mid Point Café
Photo by Laurie Waid





Road Trip Anyone?

Steve Waid

The 20th anniversary of the MX5 Miata was celebrated in Grapevine, Texas in May. There was much said as anticipation of Miata World II was high for everyone who had registered for the event. Well, now it is over. The Lone Star Miata Club can take credit for a Texan, bigger than life, event. Lot's of photos were taken...more than enough to bore the heartiest among us. The Gaylord Texan resort was fabulous...and Texas huge. The food was wonderful. The track day at Texas Motor Speedway was exhilarating. The runs and rallies were challenging and fun. The sightseeing was plentiful. Lots will be written about Miata World II.

Mark Booth referred to the trip that many of us took to and from Miata World II as the Epic Road Trip. The adventure of Route 66 satisfied our expectations. The places we saw were historic and in some cases iconic.

All of this is true. But, when all was said and done, what made this 16 day trip special, and ultimately the most memorable part of the 16 days, was sharing it with friends. I can now say why I love road trips so much. When we get home we remember the hysterical moments of laughter. Generally, these are about things that didn't quite go the way we had planned. We end up with those "catch phrases" that will, when repeated, spark a moment and a place, and the memory of those we shared it with. To 9 of us, "It's ahhl mah fault" will forever return us to the Mid-point Café, having breakfast on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The laughter and good time will never be forgotten. We spent 2 hours having breakfast.

I have, through this "epic" experience, become a true believer in the car club road trip. Yes, driving is fun. Yes, the destination can be exciting. But, in the end, it is the sharing of the time with friends that makes it memorable. As I write this, it is 12 days since we returned home. 11 days ago I was ready to go on another road trip. Where? It doesn't really matter. The adventure waits. Who's with me?



Clockwise from above:
Gene, Kari, Gene and
David Streeter
get ready to go.

Center:
the author driving.
Right: lounging outside at
the Lodge on Route 66,
Williams Arizona.
Right: Traveling to-
gether, watching the
skies.

Photos by Laurie Waid



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!

Welcome to our new members, 4 since our last newsletter. As of June 16, 2009, we have 196 memberships (70 single, 126 dual) for a total of 322 members

Cynthia Imai	San Diego	2001 Classic Red
Larry Bader	Nipomo	1990 Classic Red
Patricia & David Mihalko	San Diego	1993 Silver
Chris Funderburg	San Diego	1995 Brilliant Black
Jim McDuffie II & Nathalie Quiroz	El Cajon	1999 Brilliant Black

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:

July 23

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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Mario Andretti

From the Prez: SDMC Shows Off in Dallas

David Streeter, President, SDMC

I am sure that many of you have enjoyed reliving our trip to Miata World II through the emails, stories and pictures being shared though out the club.

If the attendance in Dallas is any type of indicator of our anticipated success for our own Surf N Safari event, it will most assuredly be a resounding success!

We secured a booth in order to promote our own Surf N Safari event in the vendor alley, one of only two Miata Club booths. Flyers were created and printed in full color as a take away for visiting clubs and assembly of custom key chains and t-shirts were completed in hotel rooms along the way.

Friday evening was opening night of Vendor Alley. A steady influx of people could be seen waiting in line before the doors were opened until the doors closed on Sunday. Our booth was staffed, decorated with available banners, palm trees and yes – even a surf board (a *very rare commodity in Dallas*). My personal thanks go out to all SDMC members that worked so hard, even on their vacations to ensure our club was properly represented.

Now that we have this event under our belts and have started the buzz with clubs throughout the nation including our friends to the north in Canada, next year's Surf N Safari is sure to be the best yet.

Mark your calendars and get your cars ready, it's just a little over a year away.



SDMC Member Wins Autocross Division at Texas Motor Speedway



Track Day at Miata World II included an autocross on a course designed by national autocross competitor Greg Piper. Pitting his car control skills against the clock and other drivers at Texas Motor Speedway, Jan Wagner came away with a "Texas sized" award and bragging rights for the NC Stock Class. Thirteen times around the course, including a few runs spent slipping and sliding in the rain, made Jan the winner and brought him due recognition at the final Sunday banquet. Congratulations Jan!

(Article submitted by Eunice Bauman. Photo courtesy of Jan Wagner)

Miata World II ... from A to Z

ALL the good times with the Miata crowd!

BOY if you didn't make Miataworld II you missed a great time with lots of Miataphiles.

BED BUGS that hitched a ride home with us from Gallup!

CRUISING through Grapevine Texas in the worlds biggest Miata parade.

DIRT portions of Route 66 that we got to experience (well, most of us. Our group did).

ENCHILADAS (flat, New Mexican style) with an egg on top, of course! Yum!!!

"FLOOZIE" of Silverton (she knows who she is!).

GREAT seeing members of clubs I have not see in a long time.

HISTORIC route 66 and all the "historic" places we stayed (see "b" for "bedbugs")..

INTERMINABLE length of the banquets at Miata World (Note to selves: Don't do this at Surf 'n Safari!).

"JUST draw the winner of the Miata, so we can get out of here!" (see "i" for interminable banquets).

KICKING a-- on the infield road course at the Texas Motor Speedway.

LET'S all plan something this year for an event and run.

MIDPOINT Cafe, in Adrian, TX, where the peach cobbler might just be better than what, Kathy ? ;-) Tommy and Fran were the consummate hosts - both visits. They now display their cherished SDMC (yellow) magnetic; they earned it.

NOW is the time to get your Miata's ready for summer fun in the sun.

OATMAN, AZ and its burros everywhere!

PARALLEL PARKING activity some of us tried at the Texas Motor Speedway (the driver was blindfolded and the passenger had to tell them how to park. It's a wonder any marriages survived that!

QUIT your whining! The worst day touring is better than the best day at work...four thousand miles of smiles. And our QUIRKY stay at the Blue Swallow in Tucumcari, from the owner to the garage murals to the outdoor refrigerator!

RED was a dominant color at half of the events we have been to!

SOPAPILLAS (with honey) that they serve with the meals in New Mexico (are we an eating club, or what?).

TEXAS Motor Speedway - in the waning hours of track day, we were finally allowed to run nine laps averaging over 100 miles per hour. (Dad saw 117 on my speedometer and thought I was going to pass the pace car.) And the THUNDERSTORMS we drove through ... or maybe it is "tops up!"

UNDULATING roads we drove.

VOLUMES of photos taken.

VERY few people will write something for the newsletter when asked! (Editor's Note: And we can all be thankful for those who did come through for this and previous issues.)

WIGMAN Motel we stayed in - in Holbrook, AZ. Also, maybe for standing on the corner in WINSLOW, Arizona!

X-CEPTIONALLY good time we all had.

YELLOW cars having fun! And finally...

ZOOM-ZOOM, I'm done. Think I will go wash the car and go for a ride.

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM was able to displace the economic gloom that might have settled over the proceedings. Attendance was down, the event budget in shambles, but we had a g-r-e-a-t time. There were ZERO issues finding fun things to do! It was ZOOM - ZOOM - all the way to Texas and back! ZOOM-ZOOM, I'm done. Think I'll wash the car and go for a ride.

Thanks to Jerry and Janice Boster, Tom Wood, Gene Streeter, Barb Shev, Elliot Shev, Dennis and Mary Anne Garon for contributing to this feature.



Miataworld II in Texas

Words and Photos by Tom and Marna

Like everyone we all wished that we could go to Miataworld II and drive home in a new 2009-10 Miata. Not was the case with Tom and Marna on their two week trip. Here is their story and we are sticking to it!

It's not impossible to pack a Miata for a two week trip with clothes, banners, and racing helmet! Helmet? Right, Marna is going racing at the Dallas Motor Speedway.

We left on Tuesday a solo car on a journey of driving, eating, sleeping working our way through California, Arizona, and stopping in New Mexico for the first night.

After a good breakfast we headed for a little shortcut to take in a few Twisties just to get off the beaten path of freeway boredom, although we did see some nice scenery along the way. The speed limits were always changing 75-70-65-75-55 and so on! I think they did it to trap you and get a little money for their economy. Lucky us we had cruise control and let others supply the states economies <grin>.

Just inside of Texas we stopped for another nights rest. Only 4-5 more hours to Dallas and the event. This is the day; we arrive in Dallas and find our way to the Gaylord Hotel. Wow, what a surprise, it was huge. From our room, we could watch as Miatas came in all day and night. We went and signed in, the numbers we found out started with "101". Our number was #124 so we were the 24th to arrive and sign in. Not bad as there were over 350 cars. After signing in, we walked around to orient ourselves with where things were going to be taking place. We walked around the courtyard - it was like walking around a park out doors but it was all inside! There was a night time drive for those who arrived early the first night.

The first day there was a car wash "Needed" supplied by the Texas Miata Club. There were planned runs to various locations and a vendor's alley with all kinds of Miata mods and available items to buy. San Diego had



a table advertising their Surf n'Safari Event in 2010. By the Vendor's alley we had the opportunity to have Tom Matano sign our Magnetics and also Bob Hall, both who worked on the Miata project. We had our picture taken with our signed magnetic's. The Third day was the trip from the Hotel to the race track! We were go-

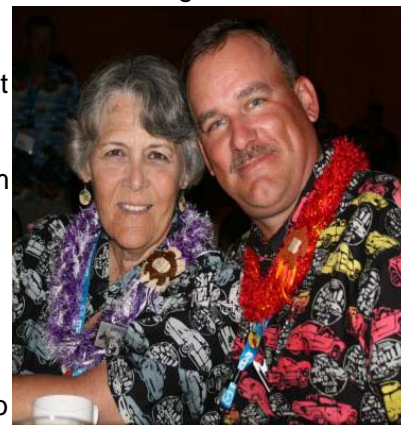
ing to try and break the Guinness Book of Records for the most Miatas in a parade. The largest was 250 Miatas. We, on the other hand, beat that with 297 Miata's

We headed to the race track with a police escort through downtown Grapevine. We entered the speedway with a line about three miles long! We all lined up for a picture of all the



cars on the Dallas Motor speedway for the 2009 Poster. Then we took off for our first lap. Marna, the NASCAR fan that she is, got the chance to drive where the big boys go and took several laps on the big oval. I could hear her from the pits going Zoom-Zoom as she hit those banked curves. She had a really big grin when she came back from her time on the track, She has a goal. I think she has driven on three or four tracks so far that they have run NASCAR events on.

The food included, was worth every cent, and of course there were some seconds available if you were quick enough <Big Grin>. The car was won by a couple that had a 1990 and could really use a new car so everyone was happy that someone with 3 or more cars did not win it (In other words me!). There were a lot of raffle prizes donated and a lot of fun listening to the speeches. There was a prize for the person coming from the farthest and Jerry and Janice Boster from San Diego Miata Club came in from Oahu, Hawaii where he is serving in the Navy. There was a large TV that had a slide show of the days track events. Well, that was our trip. On the way back I got to



Diego Gang (continued)

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their horses tethered below, fearing their loss. Yellow-colored paint horses are a rare breed in these parts. While “Sunshine” Garon took exception to the new-fangled electrical service in their room, it was all about the experience of the trip. The Streeter clan holed-up in yet another boarding house, getting a shave (menfolk only), a hot bath, and clean clothes in the bargain.

Off to the “four corners” of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, the gang explored the vast Indian territories and scenery for another few days, taking advantage of the most modern thoroughfares only when necessary. Law enforcement along what would be known as “Route 66” and I-40 could finally rest easier knowing the Diego Miata gang was back in California. No safes were cracked, no businesses were robbed in the making of this adventure. Smiles and “howdy y’all” were frequently exchanged all along the route. Doubtful very many of the gang want to wait another ten years to hit these trails.



Above: Gene Streeter (the Dad) and Sandy Bagnall from Las Vegas got rowdy in the former brothel in Silverton CO—we had the whole place laughing. **Left:** the steam engine lets off steam. **Righth:** Maryanne Garon, Sandy Bagnall and Laurie Waid get ready to go back to Durango
Photos by Steve and Laurie Waid



Miata World II in Texas (continued)

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On the way back I got to see my brother who lives about 20 minuets from Dallas for a couple days then we went to Arizona to visit my cousin for a few days. We got to see the new grand kids and some that have grown up since last seen 35 years ago! So it was really exciting for Marna and I. Now that we are back when are we going for a ride?



Miata World II



Jan Wagner

Hundreds of Miatas at TMS – Jan Wagner photos



I recently returned from a road trip to Texas in my Mx-5 (Miata), along with hundreds of other like-minded crazies, to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mazda's Miata.



We got to take laps at 80 to 90 mph around Texas Motor Speedway, but for me the high point of driving at that magnificent racing facility was making 13 competition laps around an autocross course, all timed and all official runs. The best one counted. We don't do that here at our San Diego autocrosses. It's just the best of three or four runs and that's it.



Longhorn cattle drive at the Fort Worth stockyards – Jan Wagner photo

One sight not to be missed in the Dallas/Fort Worth area is the Fort Worth stockyards. I know, you may be thinking why would anyone in their right mind go out of their way to visit stockyards? Coming, as I do, from Calgary, Alberta, I am well aware that working stockyards stink to high heaven, but these stockyards are different. They are more of an elaborate, interactive historical exhibit that shows people what the stockyards used to be like, but without the stench. Highlights include an actual longhorn cattle drive down the main street, Billy Bob's Texas-sized bars, museums and historical sites. They even have a restored, working, 1896 steam train, complete with passenger cars, that picks up passengers from within the stockyard shops for trips to Grapevine.

Our Miata World II rally wound through downtown Dallas, visiting the place where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and other points of interest.


Before we left Texas, I'd heard that the choice of location for Miata World II was perhaps—dare I say, boring? There was plenty to see and do.



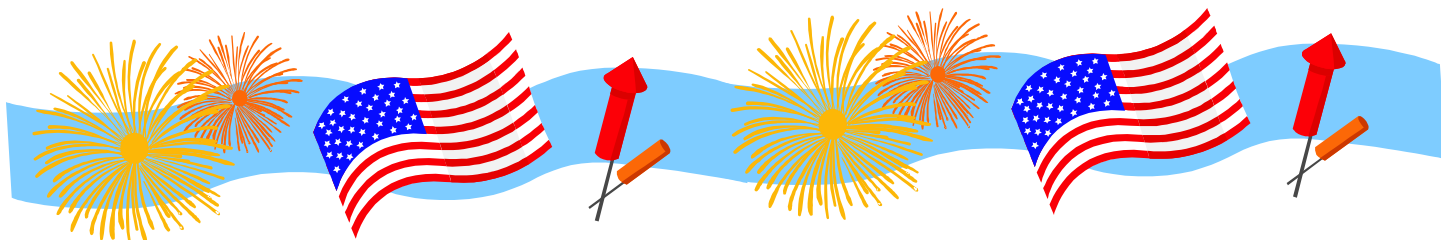
Driving through Dallas – Jan Wagner photos



July Events



		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
7/3/2009	CRUISIN' GRAND ESCONDIDO	6 PM EAT 7 PM CRUISE	MEET AT TOM'S #23, West side of Center City Pkwy at 5th Avenue, Escondido	STEVE WAID 760.432.0727 OR SWAID@COX.NET
7/23/2009	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	BOLL WEEVIL RESTAURANT CLAREMONT MESA BLVD SAN DIEGO	PRESIDENT@SANDIEG OMIATAClub.ORG
7/25/2009	TWILIGHT RUN	5 PM		MARK BOOTH



CRUISIN' GRAND ESCONDIDO

July 3, 2009

First Friday of each month from April through September

6 PM - Meet at Tom's #23 on the Southwest corner of 5th Street and Centre City Parkway in Escondido

7 PM - Leave Tom's to cruise Grand

Contact: Steve & Laurie Waid swaid@cox.net

Cruisin Grand has changed it's format back to the one that we took advantage of for years. Therefore, we will start back up our monthly Meet, Eat, and Cruise on the first Friday of each month through September.

6 pm - Meet to Eat at Tom's #23 . For those that are not aware, the new commuter lanes are open all the way to Escondido now and have helped in relieving the traffic crunch on I-15 north.

Because of the Independence Day weekend, prepare to decorate your car in Red, White and Blue before we leave Tom's to cruise. Bring extra decorations to share if you have them.

7 pm - We will leave Tom's to Cruise Grand. After Cruisin Grand a couple of laps we will park and walk Grand. You are free to get ice cream, spend lots of time viewing the cars, and or leave whenever you would like.

15th Annual San Diego Twilight Fun Run

Saturday, July 25

Arrive at 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. for a late lunch, driver's meeting starts promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Albertson's/Target shopping center in Rancho San Diego (directions below)

Run Leaders: Mark & Cathy Booth, H: (619) 670-3789, M: (619) 990-5520, markbooth@cox.net

Believe it or not, this will be the 15th Annual Running of the San Diego Twilight Fun Run! Cathy and Mark started doing these runs with SOCALM before SDMC was founded! Wow, how time flies!

This is a very LEISURELY ride along some of San Diego's most scenic East County roads. What makes this one different is that we do it during the late afternoon/early evening hours. That special twilight period when the hot summer day slowly gives way to a comfortable summer evening! A summer top-down run when no sunscreen is necessary! Hooray!

The driver's meeting will start promptly at 5 pm. There are no food stops planned along the run route. So you won't go hungry, arrive early (3:30 - 4 pm) 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 8:45 pm

Directions: Take your favorite route to get to Hwy 94 east. Continue on Hwy 94 into La Mesa. (Watch those signs carefully, Hwy 94 east merges off to the right a little past Lemon Grove Ave.) Stay on Hwy 94 east all the way into Rancho San Diego. The Albertson's/Target/TGI Fridays shopping center is at the corner of Hwy 94 and Hwy 54 (Jamacha Rd.). There is a Mobil gas station in the same shopping center.



Moon Over Miatas

Saturday, August 8

Meet at Dudley's in Santa Ysabel

The 6th Year for Moon Over Miatas is earlier this year. The annual August event is on Saturday, August 8th because the full moon is earlier this year.

Meeting place is Dudley's parking lot in Santa Ysabel near the junction of Highway's 78 and 79. Drivers meeting will start at 7:45pm so plan on arriving by 7:30pm.

Moon Over Miatas is a night run that we will be doing for the 6th year in a row. The concept is that we will drive from Julian down Banner Grade to S2 to Interstate 8 under a full moon. In previous years the temperature has varied from 76 to 102 degrees as we transition through several elevation changes. The sky is rich with stars and the shadows cast by the moon on the mountains along side us make this a very special run.

We will leave Dudley's about 8pm so be there by 7:30. We will be making a pit stop at the Golden Acorn Casino on the way home. It is about a 140 mile run before we have a pit stop after we leave Dudley's...so be prepared. No RSVP's are necessary.

Late Breaking News— new Road Trip Planned!

Adventure to the Grand Canyon Railway via Route 66

Friday, September 11, 2009 - Monday, September 14, 2009
Departure Time: To Be Announced in the August Newsletter
Departure Place: TBA

Event Coordinators: Mark & Cathy Booth, H (619) 670-3789, M (619) 990-5520, markbooth@cox.net

Mark & Cathy are leading a 4-day getaway adventure to Williams, AZ and the Grand Canyon Railway! We'll travel Route 66 along the way! Starting Friday, September 11, we'll drive up I-15 to Victorville where we'll visit the California Route 66 Museum. Then we'll leave the super-slab behind and take Route 66 from Victorville to Barstow, where we'll visit the Route 66 Mother Road Museum. We'll overnight in Barstow at a very nice Holiday Inn Express. Saturday, the fun really kicks into high gear as we again shun the highway to explore sections of Route 66 between Barstow and Williams. This will include the longest contiguous section of Route 66 left in America. We'll travel through and visit the famous Route 66 towns of Oatman, Kingman, Peach Springs and Seligman before arriving at Williams. In Williams, we'll stay at the wonderful Lodge on Route 66, a historic motor court motel that has been refurbished to first-class condition! Sunday, we'll board the Grand Canyon Railway for a leisurely ride to the south rim of the Grand Canyon. We'll have about 3.5 hours to explore the Grand Canyon before boarding the train for our return trip to Williams. Monday, we head for home!

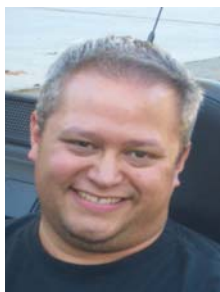
To make your reservations: Friday, September 11 in Barstow - Holiday Inn Express, 2700 Lenwood Road, (760) 253-9200. The discount rate is \$99 (plus tax). When making your reservation, be sure to mention the General Manager's name, Joyce Wilston to get the \$99 rate. Mark & Cathy visited this Holiday Inn Express and the rooms are very nice. A hot breakfast is included in the rate. There is an Outlet Mall very close by for the shoppers among us!

Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13 in Williams - The Lodge On Route 66, 200 E. Route 66, (877) 563-4366. The discount is 15% off of the normal room rate. Normal room rates are from \$99 to \$209 per night, depending if you choose a room with a single queen bed, two queen beds, or one of the available suites. Rates are slightly higher on Saturdays. To get the 15% discount, mention Mark Booth's name and the Miata group. Carol, the owner, knows all about the deal so ask to speak with her if you have any trouble. The Lodge's website: <http://thelodgeonroute66.com/>

Sunday, September 13, Grand Canyon Railway Trip - Make your reservations online at <http://www.thetrain.com/> or by calling (800) 843-8724. Roundtrip tickets cost anywhere from \$70 to \$190 per person depending on what type of train car you choose. The site has the details explaining the differences. You may choose to ride in one type of car on the way to the Canyon, and a different type of car on the way back. Mark & Cathy are riding Coach class up and Luxury class back, which comes to \$130 per person.

Mark & Cathy hope you will join them for the fun! If you decide to attend, please be sure to let them know so they can add your name and contact info to the list of attendees.

SDMC Officers



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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.

Dent Time: fast reasonable paintless dent removal. 800-420-DENT (3368). They come to your door, provided quick and professional service.

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%

Kesler Customs. Miata chassis braces, adjustable dead pedals, hide-away license plate brackets. Installation of aftermarket 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, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar Area: 858-909-2100; Santee, Mission Gorge: 619-448-9140. Discount: Body shop pricing #CM6660.

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

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. davidbryan@coldwellbanker.com. Free market analysis. No transaction fees for SDMC members or referrals!

FIRST BRAND Inc. Web/Logo Designs and Development We are currently offering a 10% discount off our promotional packages listed on www.FIRSTBRANDinc.com or you can call us at 951-672-6677.

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

For sale: Nearly new Roadstersport Race exhaust for NC and glass-pack baffle, \$120.00. Roland Soule, (858) 404-4375 soulesantee@aol.com

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.

Classified ad space is provided at no cost to SDMC members only. Ads must include first and last names, telephone number, and e-mail address, which must agree with current club roster. Send ads to swaid@cox.net

Ads will run for four months unless canceled, and may be revised and resubmitted.

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