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DIANE HITS ANOTHER HOME RUN WITH OCTOBERFEST

Roland Soule

My boss was all over me like a cheap suit on Thursday and Terry's boss was on her like an even cheaper suit till noon on Friday. So we missed the group drive up to Big Bear with the rest of the Miata folks, who stopped at Idyllwild on their leisurely drive up for lunch and pie. We took the fast route up Highway 15 and we all arrived at the Gold Mountain Lodge together at four in the afternoon. We were greeted profusely by Cathy, our vivacious and wonderful host, who accommodated our every desire, along with her welcoming committee, her two friendly dogs.

The moment we walked into Cathy's beautiful lodge, we knew we had a special weekend in store for us! Diane showed us around the lodge, and helped Cathy get us settled into our rooms, each a wonderfully decorated and rustic reminder of the history of Big Bear. Terry and I stayed in the Clark Gable room, where legend holds, he spent a night with his new bride, Carole Lombard, without ever coming out for an entire day and night! Ah, 1930's Hollywood!

We had no sooner gotten settled into our rooms

than the wafting smells of cooking began to permeate the entire lodge. Cathy had prepared some savory and delicious hors d'oeuvres which were a meal in themselves. My favorites were the sun-dried tomatoes and goat's cheese on crackers. There was also an excellent selection of wine that our Miata Club friends had thoughtfully included in their luggage for the trip. We all enjoyed each other's company well into the evening and the merriment increased as the wine supply got smaller! Some of us joined together in a game of cards, the name of which, we cannot print here, this being a family publication.

Finally, the sand man arrived and we retired to our rooms, and by the time Terry and I had laid down to sleep, the stress from the week had floated away like smoke from the wood-burning fireplace in our room, as the crackling wood burned down to embers.

On Saturday I woke up to the smell of coffee. An early riser, Sue Hinkle had beaten us all downstairs to brew the first pot. I went out for a brisk walk to help get my blood moving in the cold mountain air. Large furry chipmunks scattered and ran up the tall pine trees as I approached and the sun began rising over the peaks to start another perfect day in the mountains.

Cathy and her team prepared us a tasty breakfast of quiche, fresh fruit and homemade honey yogurt. Some of us relaxed or went into town but most joined in on a spirited adventure off-road with Jim and Doug of the Search and Rescue crew in their Pinzes.

When turned down the John Bull jeep trail, the most difficult jeep trail in those parts according to Jim, I knew we in for some fun. It nearly turned out to be more fun than we bargained for as the trail got steeper and the rocks bigger, but our guides knew the limits of their machines, and our stomachs for adventure, and they turned back down the hill. Speaking of



Photo by Dave Hunt

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left more gold than we took home as Dyanna lost one of her ear rings, apparently somewhere on the trek through the gold mine.

We returned to the lodge, dusty and hungry but Cathy didn't let us down and was ready with more great hors d'oeuvres. Most of us went to bed early, tired from the day.

Sunday morning we were up early and Cathy took us on a tour around Big Bear Lake, showing us points of interest while Diane drove. Back at the lodge, breakfast was served and we again slashed our diets to ribbons with stuffed croissants cooked French style.

Finally it was time to hit the road. We lined

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stomachs ours were about to grow larger as a picnic lunch awaited us down the trail, consisting of tri-tip steak, beans, leek potato soup and habanero sauce for the adventurous.

Jim and Doug also took us to an abandoned gold mine and we all crawled in with flashlights looking for some unnoticed gold that we might extract and take home as souvenirs. As it turned out, we

up our Miatas in front of the lodge, and took photos with Cathy and her two dogs as the centerpiece. With hugs all around and promises to return next year, we headed down the mountain with Tom and Marna of SOCALM as our guides. We enjoyed some great twisties and some fabulous views. As we zoom-zoomed down the mountain, we thought back on a terrific weekend with gourmet food, great roads, cool cars, and most of all, terrific friends and memories to cherish as we twist on down the road.





Clockwise from above:

Dave Hunt, Dyanna Smith, Pam Hunt and Jim Lyon in the cave.
Photo by Les Smith.

The Pinz and a jeep meet out in the wilderness. Photo by Dave Hunt

Chowing Down.
Photo by Les Smith

Homeward Bound.
Photo by Barbara Shev

Relaxing. Photo by Les Smith

Opposite Page:
top: The Inn. Photo by Dave Hunt

Bottom: The Whole Gang
Photo by Dave Hunt



Old Pueblo Miata Club invades San Diego

Laurie Waid



An eager group of 'Zonies greeted us early at Perry's Café for breakfast on Sunday Oct 18. Eighteen cars and their owner and passengers from Tucson's Old Pueblo Miata Club were visiting San Diego for the weekend. When we heard they were coming, we threw out the welcome mat and invited them to play for the day.

After breakfast, the SDMC contingency met the Old Pueblo group at Presidio Park for an outline of the day's activities. The morning driving was to be "rally-style" with self-led sight-seeing of the San Diego coastal areas. However, due to some

road closures in the area, it quickly shifted into a normal run, with Mark Booth leading a large group from Mission Beach to Mt. Soledad, past the Glider Port through Del Mar, into Rancho Santa Fe, and up to Dalton's Roadhouse for lunch. Some chose to take a more scenic pace, and stopped along the route to experience the San Diego scenery.

Filling Dalton's patio for a hearty lunch, we hit the road again, this time in true SDMC fashion, a run to the mountains of East County, over Highland Valley, Old Julian Road and Wynola to Julian, then due to time constraints, we cruised by Lake Cuyamaca to I-8, and boogied back to the Padre Inn, where Old Pueblo members were staying. They graciously hosted us in their meeting room for snacks and beverages, and thanked us profusely for the day's activities. We had a special time to tell them about Surf N'Safari and encourage them to register early!

The Old Pueblo Miata Club has invited us to come and play in their neighborhood sometime soon. We had a great time with them and look forward to planning an overnighter to the Tucson area.

Above: Newly-elected president of Old Pueblo Judy Hite and trip organizer, Paul Hart. Photo by Mark Booth Below: before the morning drive, the cars wait by the Presidio. Photo by Mark Booth





Left: Every ate their fill at Dalton's.

Photo by Grace Mills

Right: The Old Pueblo Miata Club Magnetics.

Photo by Mark Booth



Center: The whole group stood still for about 1 minute.

Left: Steve Waid explains the "rally-style" morning drive.

Photos by Mark Booth



New Member Profile: Cynthia Imai

Cynthia Imai lives in Bay Park.

Occupation: Financial Services/Banking

Family members include a son, Sgt. Joshua Parker, and hairball boys Ben and Jerry.

Hobbies and interests are cruising in her Miata, riding her Harley, hanging out with old friends and meeting new ones.

Her Miata is a 2001 Red that she bought on Ebay in 2005 (21,000 miles on it when purchased)

Color choice wasn't intentional, but she wouldn't have her any other color now. She looks good in red!

What was she looking for in life that steered her into a Miata? I liked the look and it was an affordable roadster.

Cynthia previously owned a British racing green MGB.

Extent of total driving that will involve the Miata: Up to now, have stayed local.

Any driving scares (usually involving big trucks or buses): I stay out of blind spots

What have you enjoyed about club runs: Did her first run in September up to Vista Blue Grass Festival

Favorite San Diego County road (so far): Highway 79



Reminder:

Your membership renewal is due January 1, 2010. Go to the website and download the application and give it to a member of the Board or your Membership Team with your check for \$35.. Don't miss the fun!

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, 2 since our last newsletter.

Tom & Cheryl Duncan

Escondido

1993 Crystal White

As of October 22, 2009, we have 207 memberships (73 single, 134 dual) for a total of 341 members.

Monthly Meetings

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

We meet at the Boll Weevil restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., in San Diego (between I-15 and SR 163). To contact the restaurant, call 858-571-6225.

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

This month's meeting date:

Nov. 19

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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Roger Penske



November & December Events

		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
THURSDAY NOV. 19	SDMC MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	BOLL WEEVIL RESTAURANT	DAVID STREETER PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
SATURDAY DEC. 5	SDMC HOLIDAY PARTY AND THIEVERY	6 PM	THE BUTCHER SHOPPE	SUE HINKLE (RES DUE BY NOV. 15) SPORTSCARR @SBCGLOBAL.NET
SUNDAY DEC. 6	SAN MARCOS HOLIDAY PARADE	10:30 AM	MEET AT DALTON'S WITH DECORATIONS FOR YOUR CAR	STEVE WAID SWAID@COX.NET OR 760.432.0727
SUNDAY DEC. 13	HOLIDAY LIGHTS RUN AND DESSERT	5 PM	MEET AT LES & DYANNA SMITH'S HOME	LES SMITH LESSMITH@SAN.RR.COM
THURSDAY DEC. 17	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	BOLL WEEVIL RESTAURANT	DAVID STREETER PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
DEC. 31	EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SURF N'SAFARI	MIDNIGHT!	ONLINE!	SUE HINKLE OR ANY BOARD MEMBER



Don't forget to register for Surf N Safari 10. October 14 - 17, 2010

The [San Diego Miata Club](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org) welcomes Miata owners and enthusiasts from all over the world to the third Surf 'N' Safari regional event. This four-day event in beautiful north San Diego County promises food, fun, and prizes. Meet old and new friends, drive excellent Miata roads, and have fun in perfect convertible weather... Our two previous Surf 'N' Safari events hosted over 250 participants representing over 25 Miata clubs from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia! Space is limited and the price goes up on January 1, 2010. See our website at www.sandiegomiataclub.org, and click on the Surf 'n' Safari 2010 logo. Registration available online.



*San Diego Miata Club Holiday Party
And Thievery
Saturday, December 5th*

*The Butcher Shop
5255 Kearny Villa Road
San Diego 92123*

Reception/Cocktails from 6:00-7:00PM
Dinner served at 7:00PM

Sue Hinkle will be accepting Holiday Party reservations and payments at the November Monthly Meeting.

\$37.50 per person - includes dinner and desert.
Dinner entree choices are:

*Prime Rib of Beef (10 oz.)

Angus Beef Prime Rib served Au Jus with Creamed Horseradish

*Chicken Mozzarella

Baked and Filled with Fresh Basil, Mushrooms, Spinach, and Mozzarella Cheese. Topped with an Herbed Buerre Blanc Sauce.

All entrees include: Salad, Rice Pilaf, Yukon Gold Garlic Mashed Potatoes or New Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables, Dinner Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea.

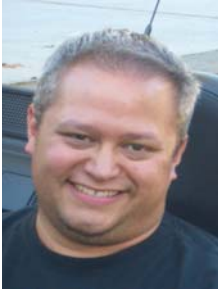
Dessert - Chocolate Overload Cake

All in attendance are invited to participate in the "Traditional SDMC Gift Exchange and Thievery".
Bring a car related gift valued at \$25. Gifts are limited to one gift per car,
and each gift can be stolen twice.
Participation in the gift exchange is voluntary, but highly encouraged!

*Make checks payable to SDMC and include dinner choice(s) in the
memo section and mail your check to:
Sue Hinkle
733 S. Kalmia, Escondido, CA 92025*



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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 painless 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.

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and restoration products. 800-945-4532. www.langka.com. Discount: 30%.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Classifieds

Super-fun red 1991 Miata MX-5 with aftermarket hardtop and storage rack zips along like a dream; 5-speed manual, black interior, 141,400 miles, adjustable KYB shocks, radio/CD player, chassis braces, alloy wheels, new battery, lovingly maintained by Dennstedt, \$3800. Change in lifestyle. Marilyn Laurence, 619-461-2960, marilyn.laurence@sbcglobal.net

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

1997 Miata, red, black cloth interior, 60k miles, 30k miles on new factory motor. 5 spd, clear title, low profile headlights, wood steering wheel, ps, manual windows, a/c. \$4,100. Call Chuck Graham, 619.654.0555.

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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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A friend of editor Les Smith took this photo in suburban Maryland north of Washington, DC. Original paint job is not only attention-getting but solves the front license plate problem (legality of this is a whole 'nother issue). Love those lips! Only thing missing is eyebrows above the parking lights.