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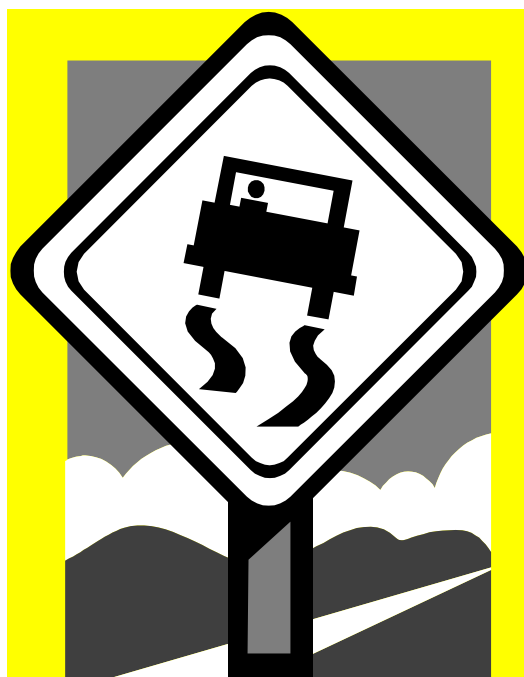
## **2010 San Diego Miata Club Annual Meeting**

April 3, 2010 from 10 am to 2 pm  
San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park

***Mark your calendars!***

The Annual Meeting is when we elect new officers,  
plan for the year ahead and reminisce about the past year.  
A run to lunch is planned.

Board positions to be elected are President, Vice President,  
Secretary and Treasurer.



## Member Profile— Dell Pound

Dell Pound is a retired firefighter. He drives a 2009 GT (white with black top and tan seats) that he bought this January at Bob Baker Mazda in Carlsbad.

"I was looking at dark gray used ones until the dealer made me an offer on this one that I could not turn down!" This will be a second car for him but will be used for errands and tours."

Dell has a 24-year-old son Scott who lives in San Luis Obispo. His hobbies include turning wood, Model T Fords (he has a 1924 roadster pickup), and kayaking. Previous sports cars were mostly the earlier Nissan Z cars.

This new member entered the Miata world to enjoy

tours and activities that he had experienced with the Ford Model T club but in a much more comfortable and faster car ... and to expand his social network. His favorite San Diego County road is Banner Grade.

Driving scares so far? "Just large pickups on dual turn lanes. I just sit too low for the jacked up pickups to see."

Road trips being planned: "I have already been up to Big Sur and Carmel; loved the roads, and the traffic was low due to it being winter." He's just waiting for the warm days to begin and then out to all parts of Southern California to enjoy the car.

## Member Profile— Chris Walter

Chris Walter drives a '96 blue Miata (WOOO GO BLUE!!!) that he bought it up in LA on Christmas eve last year and uses as a daily driver. Obviously his color choice was intentional.

- lives in Ramona
- is a Network Administrator.
- shares his life with Mom, Bro and some wiener dogs.
- enjoys photography, wrenching on my old truck, and building my hotrod.

Steered into a Miata because I drove a friend's years ago it was a blast; ever since that day I wanted one.

Previous sports cars: Does a souped-up station wagon count?

Driving scares in the Miata: Only one on the 78 so far. Big accident; some one in a large truck swerved into my lane to avoid it and managed to hit some one else. Miatas are nimble little cars and I managed to whip around it all and come out the other side untouched.

Club run ALERT: Has not been on one yet (as of mid-February).

Favorite San Diego County road (so far): The one I live on.

San Diego County "discoveries": Ummmm I have been all over the country. I know all sorts of holes in the wall.

Miata trips being planned: Up to Santa Barbra. Possibly a cross country trip in the next couple months.



## Member Profile— Mary & Ron Stein

Mary (Miata Owner) and Ron Stein (Husband) live in the Fletcher Hills area of El Cajon and drive a 2008 PRHT “Stormy Mica Blue.”

Mary writes “I purchased my Miata in October of 2008 at John Hine Mazda in Mission Valley. I actually first went to that dealership to test drive a Pontiac Solstice (was not impressed), but the salesperson suggested I test drive the Miata PRHT and I fell in love with the way it handled.

As to the “color choice intentional” question: “Everything about my car was intentional because I special ordered it from the factory and waited several months for it to arrive.”



Mary is a Paralegal for the County of San Diego; Ron, a Television Producer for KPBS. They have two three-year-old Bengal cats (Buddy & Jasmine) and their beloved 13 year-old domestic “Queen” cat Kayla.

Mary and Ron enjoy traveling to new places, bike riding, home improvement projects, gardening, and road trips with car clubs.

Mary was steered into a Miata because “I was looking for a fun driving experience I could enjoy on a daily basis. I spend 90% of my life driving alone, so I might as well enjoy the ride. Zoom Zoom!”

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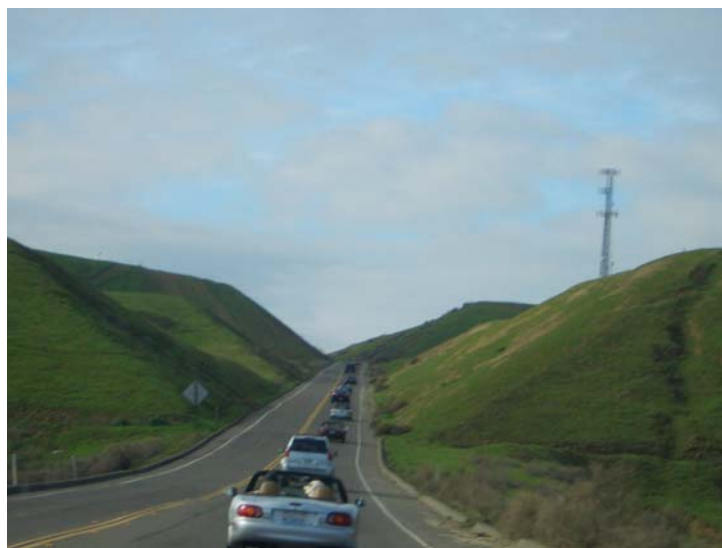
Image from the Rose Run—January 1, 2010 Photo by Mark Booth





# Coastal Cruise—a Photo Report

Photos by Laurie Waid







## Update from our Friends!



After sending them our "Route 66" themed Christmas Card, I got a note from Fran at Mid-point Café last month.

"Hi Steve and Laurie! Happy New Year. The café has been closed all winter, but this week we are here cleaning and painting. The San Diego Miata Club sign will remain where it is—we're so proud you honored us!

...Take care, and a bigTexas howdy to everyone!

Fran, Tommy, Nietta and Joann (pie maker)

## Autocross in San Diego—SCCA Events Schedule.

Come watch your fellow club members having fun! Check out these events at Qualcomm Stadium!

Saturday, March 13th	<a href="#">Practice, West Lot</a>	DCCSD
<b>Sunday, March 14th</b>	<a href="#">Championship, West Lot</a>	<b>DCCSD</b>
Saturday, April 3rd	<a href="#">Practice, West Lot</a>	TART
Friday, April 9th	National Tour Test & Tune	Region
Saturday, April 10th	<a href="#">National Tour</a>	Region
Sunday, April 11th	<a href="#">National Tour</a>	Region
Saturday, April 24th	Practice, West Lot	SCAT
<b>Sunday, April 25th</b>	Championship, West Lot	<b>SCAT</b>
Saturday, May 8th	Practice, Southeast Lot	SDAD
<b>Sunday, May 16th</b>	Championship, West Lot	<b>SDAD</b>
Saturday, June 5th	Novice School, Southeast Lot	Region
<b>Saturday, June 12th</b>	Championship, West Lot	<b>SCNAX</b>

# 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:**  
**March 25th**

## 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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Spring Ahead



## Spring Events

		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
THURSDAY MARCH 25	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	BOLL WEEVIL RESTAURANT CLAIRMONT MESA BLVD SAN DIEGO	DAVID STREETER PRESIDENT@SANDIEGO MIATACLUB.ORG
SUNDAY MARCH 28	PUKE O RAMA	9 AM BREAKFAST	DALTON'S ROADHOUSE NORDAHL RD. AT HWY 78 SAN MARCOS	STEVE WAID 760.432.0727
SATURDAY APRIL 3	ANNUAL MEETING	10 AM	SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM BALBOA PARK	DAVID STREETER PRESIDENT@SANDIEGO MIATACLUB.ORG
SATURDAY MAY 1- MONDAY MAY 3	SEARCH FOR MADONNA	7 AM	MEET AT McDONALDS ON OCEANSIDE BLVD JUST EAST OF I-5	STEVE WAID 760.432.0727



### WANTED:

Feature writers - for the newsletter.

Topic? Anything relating to our little car and our love for driving. It might be a technical article, a "How To", or a "How not to", a "where to go" or a "where not to go", personal driving experience, positive or negative, or just your opinion.

We know there are several good writers out there waiting to be discovered. Contact Les Smith, our Editor, at [newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org) and get those creative juices flowing.....before we call you. The deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks in advance for stepping up to the plate!



## 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. See our website at

[www.sandiegomiataclub.org](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org), and click on the Surf 'n' Safari 2010 logo.

Registration available online.

## The Search for Madonna 2010

is officially ON. I have set up the group reservation at the Madonna Inn for Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2 of 2010. Now that we are doing The Search on even numbered years only we can no longer call it The Annual Search, but it will be the 9th Search (I think).

Here is the summary of major activities offered:

Two nights at the Madonna Inn  
Morro Bay Car Show on Sunday morning  
Sunday afternoon run(s)  
Sunday dinner at McClintocks )  
Monday morning brunch in Solvang on the way home  
and more

However, you can do as much or as little of everything that is going on. EVERYTHING starts and ends at the Madonna Inn once we arrive at about 12:30 on Saturday, May 1st.

The Madonna Inn has refurbished all of their rooms., updated with flat screen TVs and more. The pool, spa, and fitness room are now complete and open. They have a brand spanking new website for you to enjoy at [www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com).

How do you participate? For many this is repeat information, but for others this will be new.

1. Go to the Madonna Inn website and browse the rooms. Pick out the one(s) that you would like. You will find each has different amenities. Rock rooms, waterfall showers, balconies, king size beds, fireplaces, and

more. Each is different. Spend some time browsing.

2. Call the Madonna Inn reservation line at (800) 543-9666 and ask for Amy or Rebecca. Tell them you are with the Miata Club. Then let them know the room that you would like.

3. This is not cheap, but it is different than anything you have ever stayed in before, unless you have been on a previous Search.

4. Rooms range in price from \$179 per night to \$449 for a 3 bedroom suite. When you reserve you will be charged for the first night immediately, but receive a discount on the second night (Sunday) which you will pay for when you check out in May. The discount is \$30 on rooms up to \$219 and \$50 for \$239 and up.

5. Upon reserving your room, email me with the room that you reserved and then you will be put on the "Super Secret email list" that is used to further pass on details as we approach the Launch of the 2010 Search for Madonna.

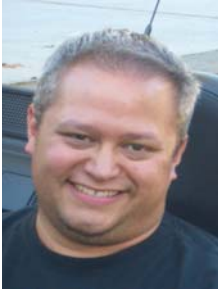
6. Sit back and wait.

As more details are firmed up they will be communicated, but in the meantime, get the room that you want now.

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## Contact SDMC

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[www.sandiegomiataclub.org](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org)

### 24-HOUR VOICE MESSAGE LINE

619-434-2007

### BY MAIL

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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

**M**any 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](http://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](mailto:joe@knobmeister.com). 303-730-6060.

**Langka Corp.** Guaranteed paint chip and scratch repair system. Cleaning, detailing,

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**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](http://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. [david-bryan@coldwellbanker.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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](http://www.miatamart.com).

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