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President's Message

When it comes to my thoughts about our club, the Miata, and cars in general, I have been accused by many of getting “preachy.” They may be right. I do have passion, and am certainly opinionated. As I like to say, “I have lots of opinions, and you are all welcome to them.”

It was 11 years ago at the annual meeting in 1999 that I was last elected your president. It was also the year of Surf 'n Safari ... in fact it was the inaugural. In April of 1999 Laurie and I had only one Miata. And it wasn't even yellow. How many of you remember that? In October of 1999 we bought BUZER from Bill and Jean May, members of SOCALM. They had owned BUZER since new in 1992.

Surf 'n Safari '99 was when BUZER made its debut as an SDMC member. Now it is legend.

Since then I have been able to serve as SDMC Events Coordinator for six years and have been our Car Club Council Rep for the last six years, or so. But who counts? I have been blessed with being involved with the success of TWO Surf 'n Safaris and cannot begin to describe the feeling after each one. “You had to be there.”

Although it is not generally considered to be “good form” for a good old Baptist preacher to speak positively about evolution, I would like to talk a little about evolution. Evolution, that is, as it pertains to the Miata, the San Diego Miata Club, and the members of SDMC. Having been a member and enthusiast in the San Diego Miata Club since 1997, I have seen a lot. I am not the only one, for sure, but I'm the one writing this article, so I get to appear like I am the only one.

Since its first appearance in late 1989, the Miata was an instant hit. The car magazine pundits and driving enthusiasts alike found the Miata to be what the auto industry had been missing for over two decades. Mazda took a risk in producing a small, inexpensive, 2-seat roadster, and the world took notice. Soon after, the likes of BMW, Porsche, Toyota, and Honda got into the 2-seat roadster game. In recent years Pontiac, Saturn, and Nissan introduced their versions.

Arguably and interestingly, the only roadsters that ended up really trying to compete with the Miata as the inexpensive and lightweight roadster with ZOOM ZOOM have met their collective demise.

We all know about GM scrapping Pontiac and Saturn, and Toyota a few years ago stopped production of the MR2 Spyder. The rest, admittedly fine cars, are not really competing in the same market. They are either, much more expensive, bigger, heavier, or more powerful, and some are all of the above.



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During these 20 years, however, the Miata has evolved while staying the same. It is more sophisticated with more creature comforts while maintaining its heritage ... lightweight, nimble, and fun to drive. And you can get a power retractable hardtop. 20 years later the MX5 Miata still puts a smile on your face and gives you that ZOOM ZOOM thrill of driving.

Since its founding in 1996, the San Diego Miata Club has also evolved. In the early years there was a “special” feeling that came with being a Miata Club member. The Miata was unique. It was changing the automotive landscape. The Club was concerned only about its members and what we did with our cars. After all, that is basically what our club purpose is according to our by-laws. As the years went by we participated more and more in the automotive landscape in San Diego. Our membership rose to a high of over 600 members in about 2002. Our cars were seen driving in larger groups, mostly in the East County, but we started going to some of the more traditional car events around town. Car shows!

From the beginning, members began participating in SCCA autocross. Today, the Miata is the car most often used in autocross. Not all autocrossers are SDMC members, but Miatas are recognized as the car of choice when autocrossing. After all, “On any given Sunday, more Mazdas are roadraced than any other make.” And we all know what most of them are. Our club has now become one of the more recognizable car clubs in San Diego. We are invited to car shows. We have been included in some joint club events. As the club rep to the Car Club Council, I have been able to witness this evolution. We are now “counted on” to participate and provide support to the Greatest Show on Turf. Some of it is due to the fact that we are the largest single car club in the county. But, most of it has to do with the fact that we DRIVE our cars. We are seen! We are enthusiastic! We are FUN to be around!

And speaking of evolution, the last kind of evolution that I have just started to realize should really come as no surprise. As a group, we have become excellent and proficient drivers. Everyone who really participates in this club cannot help but become a better driver. This realization came into focus recently as we have participated in some joint driving events. The other clubs have been shocked at how much we can do with our “little, underpowered, rollerskates.” That's my phrase, not theirs.

You cannot help but become a better driver when you repeatedly go on runs in the East County that make you “feel” what your Miata can do. The club has provided several driver training experiences in conjunction with autocross. There have been safety and driving lectures given at club meetings. Opportunities to participate in track days come up frequently which allows Miata drivers who are interested an even more intense driving experience. And all of this is because this is what the Miata was made for. DRIVING! I remember when I first joined SDMC I asked what it was that made the Miata Club different. I was told at the time “we are a driving club, not a car club.” I think that is still true today. Although, we are much more, our essence is still that of a driving club.

Well it's time for me to climb back down off of the pulpit. Having been president once before I know how difficult it is to write an engaging article for the newsletter each month. It seems like you just finish one and it's time to write another one. But, I'm going to try. So, until next time, look forward to that next turn.

- Steve Waid





... and what does it mean to YOU as a club member?

First, let's take a look back for a moment at Surf'N'Safari 99. This event was put together with the help of approximately 50 SDMC volunteers. SNS 99 was an absolute blast for everybody involved. We had about 250 participants at the first running of Surf'N'Safari. This was a Regional Event and had most of the aspects of a National Event.

We spent time at the Wild Animal Park, went to Coronado Tidelands Park for a luau and had fantastic runs to Julian, La Jolla, and a memorable poker run on some of the best twisties in San Diego County. We had an incredible banquet that is still fondly remembered. We also had an excellent vendor representation at our Vendor Jungle that included 20 of the foremost Miata aftermarket dealers in the United States. Miata Magazine and Mazda Corporation were also strongly represented.

All in all SNS99 was very strongly supported by our club. Then along came 2002 and our president, Sal Causarano, started investigating a "repeat performance." Planning Committee meetings for Surf 'N Safari '04 over the following two years always seemed to follow the same interesting format; it was repeated most recently on April 14 for Surf 'n Safari '10.

Most committee members bring multiple topics that require the group's consideration. Then, the discussion for each item can bounce about like the flashes of a summer lightning storm as ideas flow and a growing list of options for the four-day event emerge. Finally, the meeting ends with one or more additional elements in place, responsibilities determined and assignments made for the work that remains. And, as I drive home afterward, there's that post-meeting realization (again!): Surf 'N Safari '10 is going to be One Super Event!

Imagine, four nonstop days of Miata-centered fun, food and fellowship. A majority of the Planning Committee and a number of other club members have fond memories of both the initial SNS '99 and Surf 'n Safari '04. Other SDMC members have never participated in an event like this; yet, report they can hardly wait for October 14 to get here!

Perhaps the Planning Committee's greatest challenge now is making absolutely sure this sense of excitement is also created among our full San Diego Miata Club membership ... and there's Surf ' now less than six months to go!

If you haven't already done so, go to the club web site, follow the link to Surf N' Safari '10, and register for this October 14-17 event. Included will be runs on your favorite roads, evening receptions and dinners with programs and entertainment, a spectacular vendor mall, and other first-rate activities for which Surf N' Safari is known throughout the Miata community.

catch the wave!



Photo Courtesy of Barb Shev

OPERATION PATRIOT ZOOM ZOOM

Atten-CHUN.

This message is directed to Miata owners by Field Marshal Les Smith:

Congratulation on a successful job of maintaining low visibility on San Diego County roads the past few weeks. This is an order to remove your Miata from stealth mode and report to Vista Grande Elementary School in Tierrasanta next Saturday, 15 May, at 0-830 hours for Operation Patriot Zoom-ZOOM. Be in full parade dress for review and inspection.

Shortly afterward our force will convoy to Serra High School and position ourselves for a high-profile, low-speed mission of extreme importance to that territory. At 10-hundred hours we will deploy on a rescue mission, transporting dignitaries through a highly-populated urban setting to a nearby target destination. Expect an extensive showing of highly-agitated locals; hostility level still being assessed by intelligence units.

Upon completion of this mission, units will stand-down for a 90-minute rest-and-relaxation drill; objective is to penetrate the area's zone of activities to familiarize ourselves with local natives and their customs, including eating habits and crafts they produce.

At 1300 hours, units will assemble for further orientation prior to departure on a Driving Skill and Endurance Convoy through eastern San Diego County.

Within 48 hours, report your level of participation in Operation Patriot ZOOM-ZOOM as directed below. Local organizing units providing groundwork for this mission are becoming disheartened at the prospect of our promised rescue. A mandatory alternative drill is planned for non-participants at the sump yard of a sewage treatment plant being tested as an off-road driving course.

That is all. Dis-MISSED.

Operation Patriot ZOOM-ZOOM

Saturday, 15 May

0830 Vista Grande Elementary School (5606 Antigua Boulevard, Tierrasanta)

Respond to

lessmith@san.rr.com

PISMO BEACH, CA. - Suffering under crystal clear skies and moderate temperatures, the now bi-annual Search for Madonna took an unusual turn. Where the traditional afternoon and evening run to Cambria and San Simeon included a night tour of world-famous Hearst Castle, the night tours have been suspended. What to do on California's beautiful Central Coast to replace this Mecca of tourism?

In true Ferris Bueller style, I proudly announced an impromptu run to another cultural icon of the area – world famous Bubble Gum Alley. The accompanying photos tell the story, or at least one story of the many thousands concocted by annual pilgrims to the spot. While we were there, a tour bus unloaded another round of gum-chewing, camera-toting, wide-eyed gawkers. But it doesn't (mercifully) end in downtown San Luis Obispo. Oh, no.

Our trio of Miatas (can you believe it? There were only six adventure seekers!) headed South to Pismo Beach. To folks more familiar with the area, we entered Oceano Beach Vehicle Recreation Area, leaving the park ranger's toll booth and the security of the paved road. Yessir, we were prepared to recreate! (For maximum effect and the benefit of the few teachers who might be sneaking a peak at this article, put the accent on the first syllable.) We headed straight to the beach sand, moist from the lapping of the waves, smooth and tempting of speeds greater than the posted 15 MPH, just like Daytona Beach, Florida.

Being SDMC Treasurer and sneaking up on fifty-nine years young, you might expect me to behave myself as I picked my way down the beach. Having done this twice before and in lesser vehicles, I threw caution (my wife would suggest "common sense" as well) to the considerable late afternoon wind. Carving doughnuts in the sand and using clusters of kelp as autocross cones, we picked our way down the sand. (Larry Dennstedt would be proud.) There were dozens of kite surfers to our right, campers and rental vendors to our left; ATVs, dune buggies, and mudder-tired pickups all around us.

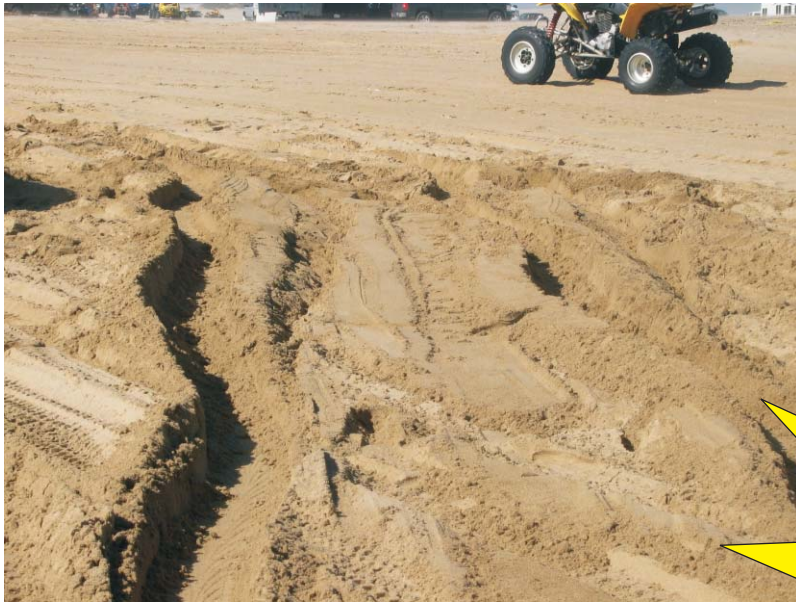
The incoming tide began to encroach on our path about three miles into our super-scenic drive; discretion finally overcame valor (it's my story and I'll call it what I want to) and I signaled to turn around. Other vehicle traffic (those cursed OTMs once again) squeezed me up into the looser sand, losing both flotation and all traction. Once again, see the accompanying photos; the rear of my 'Speed was buried to the bottom of the rear bumper, tailpipe, and frame. Wally Stevens, visiting-from-Seattle John Conn, son David, and an innocent bystander provided extra push to my delicate application of clutch. To no avail, rooster tails of sand sprouted from both rear wheels, first rearward, then forward. Apart from proving the presence of a Torsen limited-slip rear differential, I flung sand onto the rescue crew and into the cockpit...sorry.

We lucked-out when a driver of one of the passing 4WD rigs admitted to having a tow strap and was able to stop laughing long enough to pull me free of the sandy ruts I had dug. Bidding sheepish thank yous all around, we made our way back to civilization. We traded lies and funny stories over an excellent seafood dinner at the Olde Port Inn at the end of the Avila Beach pier.



David Streeter

Search for Madonna Turns Up Buried Treasurer (cont.)



The Tire Tracks Left Behind on the Beach

Two of us made it to a local car wash at the end of the evening's festivities, trying to erase the effects of too much sand and nearly too much fun.

Wally's yellow Miata was quite content to wear its sand and spatter proudly for the rest of the weekend. While Ferris might also be proud of this adventure, the ruination of my own red roadster wasn't on the agenda.

Allow me to sum all of this up much like the sober treasurer I'm trying to be:

Doh!

- Homer Simpson

CREDITS

Awesome weather – clear blue skies

Flowers and trees a-bloom everywhere

Fantastic scenery, even including a deer

Miles and miles of undulating, narrow backroads

893 miles door-to-door; most were trouble-free

One of the tamer Madonna rooms

Our bathroom was equipped with a Toto Washlet

Won my first-ever trivia contest...woo-hoo!

Great drives, fun, and food with Miata friends

DEBITS

I shoulda used some sun block

I had to take some antihistamine

Two dead deer alongside the road – Mark and a mountain goat and Mark Booth had nothing to do with either

I'll have to get back to you on this one

Several tanks of 92 octane; Diane Foster cut down a brand-new tire in Pasadena

Didn't get to spend much time in it anyway

Caught yours truly by surprise

Had to trounce Mary Clark in the process – the final score was 11 to 10

Priceless!

Thanks to Laurie and Steve Waid for their continued efforts to find this wayward woman!

May, 2010

Excerpt from *"The Cheapest People in America"*

The following are several paragraphs describing the excessive lengths to which a Buffalo, NY resident went to save money ...

But over the years, even as he drove his wife nuts with his parsimony, he harbored a deep secret.

"When we first got married, I'd put money away every month for our 25th anniversary," says Michnik. As the big year approached, he got on the Internet and started searching for a sweet little sports car.



For her.

Naturally, he bargained long and hard and finally found the best deal four hours away, outside Cleveland. So one day he told his wife a tall tale about their daughter's car breaking down there and how they needed to meet her at the car dealer.

"My wife was livid. 'Why isn't she in school?' She was swearing for four hours," he said. Still, he managed to steer her into the dealership where there was a Mazda Miata tied with a big red bow.

"She said, 'Jeez, I wish I had a car like this.' And I said, 'This is your car'." She doesn't remember the rest of the day."

End of article. Cheapskate that he his, this begs the thought: Wonder what he bought when it was time for replacement tires?

SEARCH FOR MADONNA 2010 RECAP



The Search for Madonna 2010 is now "in the bag". From the reports that I got during the event and after, it was again "a great time had by all." Even though my benchmark for success is whether or not I had a good time, it is always nice to think that others do as well. Laurie and I arrived home at 4:10 pm Monday, tired, but asking each other, "is it already over?" It went so fast.

My thanks go to Bruce Lewis for organizing and leading again the Days of Wine and Roadsters. Early reports are that it was hugely successful as well. I hope that Bruce will share some of the stories and anecdotes that they experienced.

A few of my recollections included fabulous weather, great food, good friends, great roads with terrific scenery, and just all around good times. There was a group of 18 that went to the Apple Farm for dinner Saturday night and had a great meal as the Apple Farm is known for. Gene Streeter led a small group Saturday afternoon onto the sand at Pismo Beach and ended up having to be pulled out of the sand by the local "sand tractor". Apparently, Toyo T1Rs do not perform as well in sand as on the street. Probably the wrong little squiggly lines on the bottom. On Sunday, we had two birthday's that received the famous McLintocks "blindfolded water glass filling on the head while standing on the chair" treatment along with the special dessert. David Streeter and Stacy Hurd were good sports as we all laughed and took pictures.

So, thanks again to all that joined Laurie and myself for another adventure at the Madonna Inn.

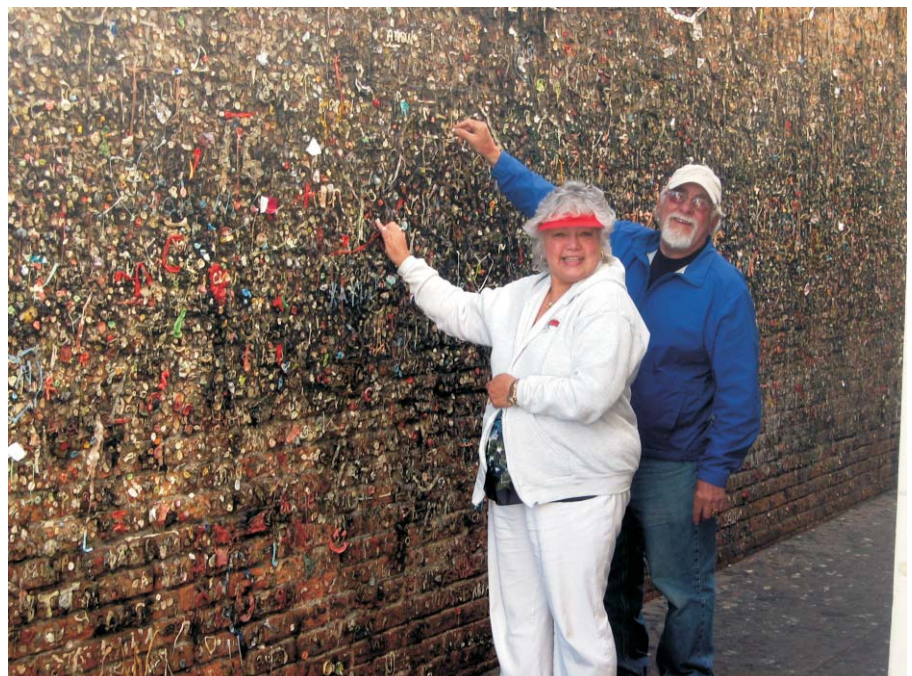
And yes, Diane Foster has a story to tell about those black round things with the squiggly lines on the bottom.

- Steve and Laurie Waid

SEARCH FOR MADONNA 2010 RECAP



Steve Vannatta's '40 Ford



*Bubble Gum Alley
San Louis Obispo*

SEARCH FOR MADONNA 2010 RECAP

It's Tues. morning and feeling a bit low... It's always hard to come home after this particular event, especially when you know you have to wait another 2 yrs to get to do it again. The roads we take are full of beauty, challenges and new sights around each corner. And of course because we are an "eating club" as well, the restaurants were great !

We did the wine tour, which is always a favorite and makes the challenges of the twists and turns that much more fun. After the 2nd winery, Jackie and I got the sequence down quite well of her shifting as I worked the clutch...(and then we took turns steering thru the twists) Thanks Bruce for putting smiles on our faces during the weekend. Beautiful scenery everywhere and loved those one lane roads.

Thanks Steve and Laurie from both Jackie and I for another wonderful and outstanding Madonna Search well launched and re-entered. (Well almost for me that is) I very much appreciated Mark and Roland pulling over with me when I had the blow out and offers of help. My 4 day old tire had a very small thin piece of metal (about 1/2 inch) that punctured the tire. I felt the road all of a sudden get bumpy and called on the CB to ask if anyone else felt it, but that was when you were all talking about the crazy lady in the black car, so don't think you heard me. Thank you all for your concern and phone calls... It was more than 3 hrs on the side of 210 freeway, but that is for another story. As I always have said... We are a very special club ... just like family and I felt your love ! I now have 2 new rear tires that are an upgrade from the others at no additional cost.. That is what I call, turning lemons into lemonade...



The best way to get to know this feeling from our club members is to go on a run like this....sharing all those good times and also the occasional valleys, is the only way to really know each other.. the meetings and day runs are fun, but I really recommend sleeping, eating, (perhaps drinking) and witnessing each other in shower caps and pink robes ! (Roland, you get the award for being the greatest sport !)



- Diane Foster

Gene and Bonnie Streeter
Wally Stevens
David and Kari Streeter
Pismo Beach, CA



Nevada's Silver State Classic is May 13-16. This timed, open-road event extends for 90 miles on Highway 318, a two-lane road. The highway is closed and watched over by the highway patrol. The goal is to average the entered speed and arrive at the correct time at the finish line.

This event has had very few Miatas entered. Cars from all over the country gather in Ely, Nevada, for a weekend in 100- to 150-mph fun!! I will be wearing the SDMC colors on my 2002 Miata which I have entered the 100 mph class.

Options on classes to run are 95 to 165 miles per hour plus an unlimited speed class. Corvettes, Vipers and other exotics are numerous, so one yellow 2002 supercharged Miata will attract some attention. Last year's results indicate you need to be within 20 seconds of the official time to be in the running for a win.

This event has been held for about 25 years. Although I would not call it driving the "twisties" there are hills and blind corners to keep your attention. The rules state you will be disqualified if you go under 80 mph in this class. You are limited on the top end to 124 mph.

I've driven the highway and taken a lot of notes which I will pass on to my navigator John Conn.

In addition to the 90 mile drive at 100 miles per hour there is a mile long shoot out to see how fast you can go a mile from a standing start. I won't be challenging any Ferraris but it will be fun to see what the car can do.

The town rolls out the red carpet as this is a big deal for this little town up in the mountains. Yes, it could be cold but I have the heater, the hard top and probably a lot of adrenaline to keep me comfortable.

If you want to learn more see www.silverstateclassic.com.

And see me next month to see how we did.

- Wally Stevens

Autocross in San Diego - SCCA Events Schedule

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

Saturday, May 8th	Practice, Southeast Lot	SDAD
Sunday, May 16th	Championship, West Lot	SDAD
Saturday, June 5th	Novice School, Southeast Lot	Region
Saturday, June 12th	Championship, West Lot	SCNAX



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:

May 27th

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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SDMC May Events

May 7th	Cruisin' Grand	6-9PM	Tom's #23 505 W 5th Ave Escondido, CA 92025 (760) 737-2377	Steve Waid 760.432-0727
May 15th	Patriot's Day Parade	8:30AM - 4:30PM	Vista Grande Elementary School 5606 Antiqua Blvd. Tierrasanta	Les Smith lessmith@san.rr.com
May 27th	Monthly Meeting	7-8PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant Clairmont Mesa Blvd. San Diego	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 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!

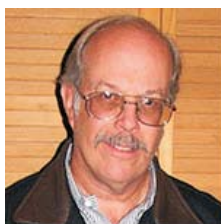
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E-MAIL

Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Yahoo Group named SDMC-List. A free Yahoo account is required. Follow these steps

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.

Upcoming Events



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, and click on the Surf 'n' Safari 2010 logo.

Registration available online.

THE GREATEST SHOW ON TURF

A People's Choice Car Show
Supporting the San Diego Automotive Museum

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Park Blvd. and Presidents Way, Balboa Park

SDMC has had as many as 19 Miatas in previous years. We will use EZ ups with our banners, including the "On Any Given Sunday." banner. Volunteers will be receiving a free lunch, so please join us in providing support to the event.

The link to the registration form is

http://www.sdamuseum.info/media/uploads/TURFshow_registration.pdf. The Miata class is Q. Your \$25 gets you a goody bag, a dash plaque, and a chance at one of 2 trophies in the Miata class.

Send an email to swaid@cox.net indicating that you will be a volunteer right away. You don't have to enter your car to volunteer, but why not? We can use your help at a truly one of a kind event.

Steve Waid
760-432-0727



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.

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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,

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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).

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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).

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