

# Twists & Turns



*The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club*

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## **“Surf Speak: One Key to Safari Fun” by Les Smith**



**B**efore departing for Surf ‘N Safari, memorize the following 20 words and statements; make sure you understand their meaning and become comfortable using each one. Mastering these will be essential for communicating with other participants and having a good time.

After all, if you can’t talk the talk, how do you expect to walk the walk, run the run, shop the shop, party the party, eat the eats, drink the drinks, dance the dance, and zoom the zoom?

- **Together:** What you and other Miata aficionados from other clubs, will be for four days.
- **Dude:** Male homo sapien attending Surf ‘N Safari; female of the species is referred to as a Dudette.
- **Where it's at, man:** Pala Mesa Resort, just off I-15 at Route 76, then north

two miles on Old Highway 395.

- **Trip:** The drive to Pala Mesa Resort; usually uninteresting to Miata drivers and passengers and lacking of twisties. Tolerable, though, because the trip only whets the appetite for Friday’s nine – count ‘em, nine – runs.
- **Out of sight, or outasight:** Where the Miata behind you during runs should not be when looking in the rearview mirror. (If this happens, wait at the next turn until that Miata is in sight.)
- **Get it on:** What must be done immediately with parts and accessories bought at the Vendor Mall.
- **Put down:** What people do very quickly when picking up a spark removed from an engine before it cools off.
- **Upper:** A road such as the South Grade of Palomar Mountain heading north on which the front of the Miata is higher than the rear. This phenomena will be demonstrated during at least two runs on Friday.
- **Downer:** The other side of the South Grade Palomar Mountain highway.
- **Cool:** (a) Any San Diego Miata Club member who volunteers his or her time for Surf ‘N Safari. (b) Typical October weather in San Diego County, so bring a jacket.
- **Strung out:** Common condition when Miata runs travel on heavily traveled highways or in populous areas. Commonly avoided by planning run routes that, for instance, take 74 miles to travel a 34-mile distance.



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### FIND A BUSY PERSON



Last night I chaired another Fun Team meeting. The Fun Team is a group of club members that have shown a propensity for involvement. This bunch was volunteered by me a few months back to help in planning, organizing, and implementing the driving events at Surf n Safari 2010. It is amazing what a little arm-twisting will accomplish. There was a Fun Team back in 2004 that was credited with pulling off the Murder Mystery Rally.

As I reflected on last night's meeting I am continually amazed by what a simple car club can accomplish. Obviously it is not the club that does it; it is the people in the club that do.

There is an old business adage that says if you want something done, find a busy person to do it. I remember looking around the room thinking about these guys (men and women) and how infectious their passion is for making this Surf n Safari special. Sometimes I think I am trying to hold the reigns of a run away stage coach. You remember the old Roy Rogers

movies...well at least some of you do.

We aren't quite done with all of the details yet, but I look at Dennis Garon who has come up with "value-added details" to an assignment that he accepted. I won't tell you what it involved, but those of you attending Surf n Safari 2010 will just accept it as one of the great and unexpected parts of the total Surf n Safari experience.

And as many of you know, Dennis already volunteers his time in youth soccer as a coach and manager. Heck, he has been doing that for as long as I've known him. There is a whole room full of people like Dennis. Ask a busy person...

We all see Sue Hinkle as the "face" of Surf n Safari. But, very few people actually see what she does behind the scenes. Her energy and persistence toward the accomplishment of whatever she targets is frightening. Because we are trying to keep so much of what Surf n Safari will entail hidden until registration begins on Thursday, October 14, I am not going to reveal what she has accomplished. You will see soon enough. All this she does in addition to holding down a job and taking care of Jack. Find a busy person...

What few people know is that there is a person that moves behind the scenes and supports several of us on the Surf n Safari committee. I know I'm going to sound like I am being self-serving, and perhaps that is true. In fact a good portion of it is true. However, that does not change the facts. My wife, Laurie, has been doing so much in support of the details as they come together, that I must acknowledge to you what I have known for a long time. Laurie gets stuff done.

She is a list-maker, I am not. She finishes things before she starts on the next task. I generally have several unfinished things going at the same time. She reminds me of what projects I have already forgotten to finish. You get the picture. She drives me nuts, but stuff gets done despite me.

Many of you know to call her, not me, if you want to know what's going on. Calling me gets nothing more than a yell into the next room, "Laurie someone wants to know something."

Laurie will get credit for putting together the Surf n Safari program, as she should. That project is one of highest profile at Surf n Safari. It is expected to be good, informative and accurate. Heaven help us if there is any kind of flaw. Everyone notices. However, there is no one better to do it. But she has her hands in so many other things that I, her beloved husband, am continually amazed. Get a busy person who makes lists...

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## From the Corn Field *(cont.)*

I am really excited about Surf n Safari 2010. There are a whole bunch of busy people doing extraordinary things in preparation for October 14. I only mentioned a few. More of these busy people and what they are accomplishing will be revealed in the near future. Right now I just want everyone to know how proud and honored I am to be working along side all of you. I am humbled...and you know that is not easy to do.

So, my charge to all y'all (another one of those Texas terms)...CATCH THE WAVE that is Surf n Safari 2010.

- Steve Waid

## SDMC Shares their Talents in the Kitchen for SNS

by Diane Foster

With extreme appreciation to all my Miata friends who rallied around their kitchens to provide home prepared delicacies. A special hearty "thanks" to Brenda Markert for enlisting all the folks who volunteered. And to all the volunteers who prepared, served, cleaned up and to each of them for taking time from the events going on to keep our hospitality doors open. There are too many volunteers to mention here, but heartfelt "thanks" to each of you for contributing in such a big way. Surf 'N Safari will be an event to remember because of you !

WOW, what a club..... ! A big hug to each of you.



# 2010 SURF N' SAFARI

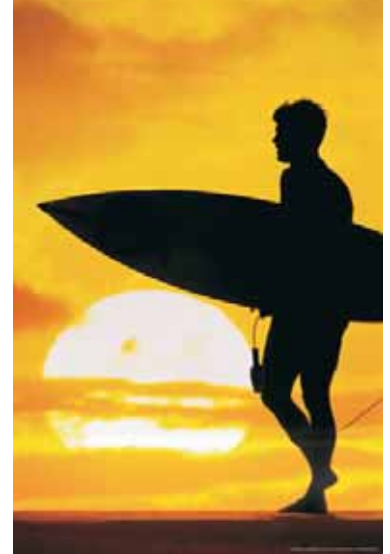
Volunteer Run

Photo By: Les Smith



## Surf Speak: One Key to Safari Fun (cont.)

- **Bummer:** Word that will be uttered regularly by folks who don't stay at Pala Mesa Resort upon hearing about all the really great times they missed out on during the off-hours. Also, when the back group of vehicles in a run gets cut off by a traffic signal, such as where Highland Valley Road crosses Route 67.
- **Dealer:** Business enterprise partnering with San Diego Miata Club to assure the success of Surf 'N Safari; i.e., Mazda of Escondido is underwriting the cost of a really cool tote bag being given to each registrant.
- **Get down:** What most of us have to do when entering our Miatas.
- **Turn his (sometimes her) head around:** What you would like to do to some OTM drivers who (a) don't seem to realize that they're in the middle of 30-plus identical cars traveling together and (b) don't have the sense to pull over and allow them to regroup.
- **Spaced:** When a safe distance is maintained between Miatas on runs so they don't bump into each other.
- **Wrecked:** Likely description of most guest rooms at Pala Mesa Resort during Surf 'N Safari before housekeeping arrives. Totally acceptable because occupants are somewhere else having a great time.
- **Wasted:** (Note: There is no appropriate application of this term in regard to Surf 'N Safari.)
- **Right on:** Technique by which Miata owners preserve battery power by turning off headlights when engine is not running; opposite of "left on."
- **Pusher:** One way to get a Miata after a driver has turned off the engine and left on the headlights. (Caution: DO NOT attempt this with an automatic transmission.)
- **Groovy:** Road condition in areas that experience considerable moisture; improves traction.



## Coronado Speed Festival Weekend - A Backwards Glance

by Gene Streeter



It wasn't easy putting any distance between Friday's Ferris Bueller's Day Off and the Speed Festival events in store for Saturday and Sunday. In touring the pit and vendor areas, I sought out the "Big Red" trailer anchoring the Cavallo Motorsports compound and our gracious hosts, Rhonda and Jim Migliaccio. In the driver's seat at the K1 Speed booth, Brad served up high energy invitations to visit the Carlsbad track more frequently. Jim Wangers, the reputed *Godfather of the*

*GTO* and muscle car expert was comfortably ensconced in the Maynard's Garage location, autographing books and weaving his tales.

For those of you familiar with Ferris Bueller's itinerary, the only venue not represented at Naval Base Coronado was the Leo Carillo Ranch. I predict it may take a few months for the movie tag-lines droned by Ben Stein "anyone?... anyone?" or "Bueller...Bueller...Bueller" to fade from SDMC conversations. There are hundreds of photos documenting the event, courtesy of lensmen Rainer *Mueller* (sorry, no relation) and Mark Booth. Be certain to thank them for their efforts.

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## Coronado Speed Festival Weekend - A Backwards Glance (cont.)

Where the Porsche Club and Ferrari Club both had hospitality tents and were prominent in the car club corral, SDMC erected an easy-up to provide some relief from the intense San Diego coastal sun. Those last five words aren't usually associated with one another, but certainly described the weather both days. True to his game plan, President Steve saw to it that his BFF Steve Vanatta (no "e"s, please) was mired in the carting pack at K1. He fell victim to the bumping and crashing that kept him from a podium finish. President Steve ran in 1<sup>st</sup> place from flag to flag. BFF Steve cried "uncle" Saturday afternoon. Come Sunday, he packed it in early, worn out from the activities. Just as my 83-year-old Dad found out, it wasn't easy hangin' with the big dogs.

The "big dog" challenge was clear to everyone - "can you do it all?" The 43 that participated in Ferris Bueller's Day Off automatically transferred to the next round of that competition – both days of the Coronado Speed Festival. While the pre-event meeting at Tartine was well-attended, at least half of those contestants were disqualified on Saturday.



Our caravan to Naval Base Coronado arrived early, with the usual suspects entered in the Miata division of the Car Show, and hoping to garner the judges' recognition and two parade laps on the temporary road course. As Yogi Berra once intoned "it was déjà vu all over again" when SoCALM's Fred Santillo brought his "blinged" NA to the event and found more favor with the judges than Art Hamilton's Copper Red PHRT, President Steve's flamed one, Wally Stevens' yellow track star, and Mark Booth's stellar red roadster. Mark Booth *waxed* philosophical (ahem) when he showed me a great photo of Fred's car negotiating Turn 11 – "I might not have won the car show, but it'll cost Fred \$100 for this photo of his car on the track."

There was plenty to do apart from watching the racing. Test drives, vendor mall, pit area, car show, and assigned car club parking tickled all the automotive senses. Where the food court appealed to our gustatory senses (yes, it's a legitimate word; no, I don't use it very often), the military hardware and facility on display evoked a much deeper sense of pride and security.

Sunday's jet fly-over and the Navy Leap Frogs precision parachute drop, complete with tri-colored smoke and the Stars and Stripes touch-down to punctuate the national anthem, added the special touch. Some of us took advantage of the "paddock" tours being conducted on Saturday by three different vintage racers. We visited multiple pits where the proud owners shared the history of their prized possessions. Colorful cars, even more colorful personalities.

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## Coronado Speed Festival Weekend - A Backwards Glance (cont.)

One of those, “Scooter” Patrick, hadn't raced the Porsche 356 Speedster in question for over 25 years. He was driving it at the request of its current owner, who confirmed its value as approximately \$400,000; and far from the upper end of the spectrum. With wit to match his quick reflexes, Scooter chimed in “that may be true, but everyone knows you can't hurt a rental.”



The affinity of these drivers and owners for their machinery was obvious, possibly even therapeutic. Given the average age and experience of these drivers and the race cars they pilot, there may even be a *fountain of youth* effect at work here. Remember Ferris's take on the rare Ferrari 250 GT California he “borrowed” in the movie? “It is so choice. If you have the means, I highly recommend picking one up.”

Sunday's racing program saw all nine groups of historic race cars circling the 1.7 mile course, with individual entries finishing quite predictably if you properly handicapped Saturday's qualifying races. One element of surprise found the aluminum-bodied 1959 Lister Chevrolet driven by Al Arciero crushing itself against the concrete barrier coming out of Turn 11. This doesn't happen all that often in vintage racing or at the hands of gentlemen racers. Trading paint or applying the “chrome horn” to a competitor will find you sidelined from the series. Many of these cars are extremely rare and represent large investments of cubic dollars. My dad marvels at those who race such valuable vehicles; I admire those owners and drivers intent on exercising vehicles that were purpose-built or converted to race cars.

Our Sunday morning SDMC meeting at Tartine was smaller. Of those still eligible to complete the challenge, a few more fell victim to other commitments, perhaps a football or baseball game. At day's end, there were less than ten of us that had “done it all” over the three days; despite the heat, direct sun, deafening exhaust, and visual attractions. We're survivors. We out-last-ed the Porsche and Ferrari Clubs; we arrived early and left late. (Competitive as he is, I can't wait for President Steve to order up a comparable tent, or an oversize Mazda Racing flag to draw attention to our club and its diverse activities.)

By the end of Sunday's final race, the thundering Group 9 historic TransAm machinery, most of the parking lot had already cleared out, the vendors were packing up, and I was now one of the few who had indeed done it all. Through parched lips, I muttered “Veni, vidi, vici!” Those of you who endured high school

Latin will remember this means “I came, I saw, I conquered!” And, no, I don't belong to SDMC as part of some bizarre cultural exchange program. Thanks for asking.

Allow me to share a unique experience apart from the racing, and primary attraction. It was lunch time on Saturday, a break between the practice sessions and the afternoon's qualifying races. Dad and I got our food and set out to find a place to sit. I was hungry, but couldn't find any space at a table with two

chairs. One of last opportunities for two seats found us sharing a table with three fans sporting Volvo logos on their hats.

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## Coronado Speed Festival Weekend - A Backwards Glance (cont.)

The lone woman spoke first, but the two men chimed-in as well. "I see you're with the San Diego Miata Club...you guys are everywhere. We see you on the main highways and the back roads of San Diego County. We've seen a large Miata Club gathering at Bates Nut Farm. We saw some of you at the San Diego Fair; we saw a bunch of you at the Main Street America car show. Just how many are in your club?" I introduced Dad and myself, answering their questions: "Proudly, yes. Thank you for noticing; about 300+ and

growing. I see by your hats you're fond of Volvos." The un-attached male responded: "We belong to the Volvo Club; my name's Tom; we own and drive a pair of P1800s – do you know what the ES model is? We like the cars, a lot, but our club isn't nearly as organized and active as yours. Where some of your cars are only 20 years old, ours are approaching 50 – parts and service are getting difficult to come by. I've actually considered buying

a used Miata just so I could hang out with you guys. You seem to have a lot of fun!"

Both males simply gushed with pride over the recent installation of anti-sway bars on their cars. Turned them into quite the corner-carving machines, to hear them tell their separate stories. It seems serious handling wasn't always part of the sports car equation back in the 60's and 70's.

Emboldened by their apparent interest in us, I explained we had just completed our Ferris Bueller's Day Off; some of our signature runs are the Puke, Moon over Miatas, the Twilight Run, Search for Madonna. We had been to the Peterson and the Nethercutt Collection. I found myself sharing the essence or attraction of each of these runs. I let it slip that our formula for success seems to be drive-eat-drive, or on some occasions eat-drive-eat. We had a good chuckle about which format works better. They thought I was both friendly and clever, but they were generous in both assessments. I thoroughly enjoyed our interactions, perhaps even more than the vintage racing; they simply *made my day*.



Later, during dinner at Coronado's Tent City, Larry Dennstedt shared with me that Volvo Club membership and activity level is very much tied to the publication of their Newsletter. When it's published frequently and well, membership and activities increase. When the Newsletter is published sporadically, membership wanes and activities wither away.

Interesting, v-e-r-y interesting.

2010 Debbye Does the Santee Drive In

Photo by: Les Smith



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### *The Misadventures of Marilyn Miata II!*

As told by Marilyn Miata

*A continuation...*

I have spent exactly one year and four months with Ginny, and so far all we have been doing is the everyday norm of going to work and home. Though she does try to make the drive really fun by including some awesome driving music, and the little

twisty turn we hit when we get off the 5 or 52 onto La Jolla Park Way West is great. But I'm a Miata and I really need more in my life!

About a year ago someone told us about the San Diego Miata Club, and she and I looked them up on the computer one night. We started reading all of the past and present newsletters they had posted, and decided that we really needed to meet these people! But time was a big problem. Until one day I needed major surgery, and we were off to see Dr. Larry and Dr. Rocky.

Dr. Rocky who did my surgery was kind & gentle with me, and let Ginny stay around to keep me calm. Even though I was some what sedated, I could still feel Ginny patting my fender and telling me that every thing was going to be ok. During our visit there, the decision was finally made that we would find some way to go to one of the SDMC meetings.

The day had finally come! As we pulled up to the meeting place, I was so happy to see so many of my Miata family sitting all shiny and bright in the parking lot. There were so many of them! Some were blue, red, white, black, green and even YELLOW! I have never seen a yellow one before! On our drives to and from work- I would see the occasional blue, gray or green Miata, (and they were few

and far between) but this was the first yellow one I've ever seen. As the owners gathered inside like proud parents talking about us, we sat in the parking lot and exchanged stories of our own. And even though poor Ginny really got teased that night, we both had a lot of fun and vowed to do it again.

Recently in the *Twists & Turns*, Steve, our great leader, had talked about his visit to MiataFest, and asked the question "Why?" Why a Surf n Safari? And I applaud his owners answer! Now here is the Miatas side of the story. It has nothing to do with mid life crises, or who has the best car. But has everything to do with family! Remember back when you first brought your new born baby home? For those of you who have kids, you know the feeling I'm talking about. And those of you who don't Pay Attention!

When you first brought him or her home, you were happy and proud parents looking over them and taking pictures to show off. You took care of all their needs, along with feeding & bathing and buying them whatever they needed until they grew out of it. And now that they have grown and left the house, your job is done.

At this point you enter a new phase in your life, and it's called a Miata. Remember when you first brought us home? The proud happy parent of a Miata! You feed us, bath us and take pictures of us together. We go on family vacations along with drives up to the mountains, and you will show those pictures of us and tell stories to who ever will listen.



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## Second Installment from Marilyn Miata *(cont.)*

So Steve, why a MiataFest & Surf n Safari? Well, it's like this. It's more than a group of people and their cars getting together in a fun convention like atmosphere. To us it's one big Family Reunion! The proud parents of us Miatas running around showing off pictures and telling stories to people who will and want to listen. Catching up on each others lives', taking notes and exchanging ideas on what the other owners have done with us or want to do with us.

And that Steve is the Miatas answer to your question of "Why?"

Zoom-Zoom Ya'll!



## San Diego Miata Club Members Go Kayaking for the Kure

by **Dennis Sullivan**

On September 20, under the leadership of Diane Foster, 15 members of the San Diego Miata Club spent two hours Kayaking for the Kure on Mission Bay. We were part of a group of 40 participating in this fund raiser for the Susan G. Koman Foundation.

A majority of the club members had never been in a kayak before, so the simple act of getting into the kayak on the water was a challenge. Soon after adventuring out into the bay, a sea lion greeted us with an engaging smile. He knew we were in for a long run.

The event was advertised as "a beautiful evening on the bay as we watch the sun set and the moon rise." The marine layer took care of the Sun and the Moon, but on the positive side it kept the temperature pleasant the entire evening. It quickly became apparent that the single kayaks handled as beautifully as a Miata on the water. The tandem boats, however, were the OTMs of the evening.

The lights and smells from the hotels and camp sights along the bay provided many awesome moments. Toward the end of the run our guides offered towing service, but no one took them up on the offer.



Nevertheless, the landing was a welcome sight after two hours of paddling.

The good news was that outside of a lot of wet, tired kayakers, there were no significant mishaps during the event. We were welcomed back by a warm snack of chili, homemade breads and libations of all sorts. Stories were told and the camaraderie of the shared experience made for a wonderful conclusion to a fun evening. Best of all over \$500 was raised for the Susan G. Koman Foundation. Many thanks to Diane Foster, Yvonne Chavez, and the staff at Aqua Adventures for a truly delightful evening.

## October 1995 – Fifteen Years Ago

Although the club wasn't formed yet, and there wasn't newsletter, this was an important month for the club. About a dozen Miataphiles who were on Voodoo Bob Krueger's CompuServe group "Miataville" (this was eons before Facebook!), got together on Saturday, October 22, 1995 on a run put together by Rainer Mueller through the twisty roads of San Diego's north county. This was one of the impetuses for the formation of the San Diego Miata Club

## October 2000 – Ten Years Ago

SDMC president Elliot informed the Miata Club of America (MCA), with a nearly unanimous vote at our September 28, 2000 monthly meeting, we had voted to sever our relationship, due to the fact that after nearly five years of existence we had received no benefits and virtually no communication from them.

Other board members were: Sal Causarano – vice president, Barb Templeton – secretary, Mike Shack – treasurer; membership was handled by Dave Martin and Gale Chan, events by Geri Causarano, our website by Robert "JTBob" Holland, club regalia by Paula Kennison and Rosalind Scott, and Anthony "NevadaBob" Wilde was our newsletter editor.

Other upcoming events were a couple of autocrosses, a party by *Miata Magazine* at publisher's Phil and Barbara Beach's casa in Vista, the Coronado Classic Speed Festival, and the First Annual Surf'N"Versary fun run, picnic and wine tasting I can't remember – did we ever have a 2<sup>nd</sup> one?)

As of September 25, 2000, there were 327 memberships (137 single, 190 dual) for a total of 517 members.

The member profile featured Anita Eoff and Scott Rosin. In the profile, Scott wrote about Anita, and Anita wrote about Scott. They were later married, but Scott unfortunately passed away a couple of years ago.

## A T T E N T I O N

You are cordially invited to attend the first ever MIATA REGATTA

**DATE:** Sunday, October 22, 1995

**TIME:** Beginning at 10:00am and lasting approximately four hours

**PLACE:** Meet at the CORNER DELULIQUOR at 2600 Oceanside Blvd. in Oceanside. This is 1-1/2 miles EAST of Interstate 5. Oceanside Blvd. is a freeway off ramp

**COST:** Only brunch if you elect to have it. See below

We will be touring the back roads of northern San Diego county and southern Riverside county. There will be no freeways driven at all on this regatta. All of the roads have been chosen for their scenic beauty as well as their preponderance of turns and twists (just the kind of roads Miata aficionados should appreciate!)

Brunch will be served at the Village Inn in Fallbrook. Their prices range from \$6.00 to \$10.00 per person.

Along one of the scenic routes, as a former professional photographer, I will offer my services, gratis, to photograph your Miata. You may purchase enlargements of these photographs at a very nominal charge.

I also hope to have a 1996 Miata at the starting point so that you may compare your Miata to Mazda's latest incarnation.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact me via one of the below methods.

Please RSVP this invitation ASAP so that I may confirm brunch reservations, as well as determine how much film I should bring.

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**A second member profile featured Frank Shine and** Stephen DeLonge. Frank passed away on September 14, 2000, but not before he wrote a very touching piece to the club via email in July 2000. The last time we all got to see Frank was at Mark and Cathy Booth's Twilight Run that August.

Mark Booth wrote about SDMC's successful participation in the "Mile of Miatas for MDA" fundraiser as part of the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Dave and Pam Hunt provided an incredible breakfast feast to the 40 SDMC members who got up very early on a Labor Day morning to get down to the KUSI studios. The event as followed by a party at Dave and Pam's home in Poway.

Barbara Beach also hosted a party at the Quail Lodge in Carmel as part of Miata's at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Monterey Historic Automobile Races and Concourse Italiano

San Diego Miata Club jackets with their custom embroidery were still being heralded. Many members still wear these jackets today.

There were articles on a voluntary recall by Mazda regarding the 1995 Miata, a fix for the Brainstorm "Classic Fuel Lid" (it was too heavy to easily open – a stronger spring was the answer), a trip to Grand Junction, CO to visit Bill and Teri Cardell's Dealer Alternative's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Open House along with a barbeque at Joe and Mary Portas' Quality Images tent at the Cardell's.

Voodoo Bob Krueger was still trying to sell his nearly legendary Canon A-1 35mm camera outfit. Heck, you might want to check if he still has it for sale!  
**October 2005 – Five Years Ago**



SDMC President Sue Hinkle had too much fun at "Zoom Zoom Live" at the Pomona Fairgrounds where she got the opportunity to drive the new NC Miata around a short autocross track to pen a president's article. There were several other SDMC members who braved the intense heat to drive the new cars.

Other board members were: Jerry Boster – vice president, Brenda Kay – secretary, Jason Brent – treasurer; membership was handled by Laurie Patton and Judy Ryan, Mark Booth was the event's coordinator, Bob Kleeman was the club e-mail postmaster, Dan Garcia the webmaster, club regalia was handled by Veronica Didier, Linda Payne, and Sandra Boelter, and the newsletter editor was Eunice Bauman.

Upcoming events were the Coronado Speed Festival, C2 Motorsports Open House, and the Pumpkin Pursuit.

As of September 13, 2005 there were 280 memberships comprised of 99 single and 181 dual, and a total of 461 memberships. – an 11% decline from five years earlier.



Eunice Bauman wrote about the 20 cars that left September 10, 2005 to visit the Getty Museum in Los Angeles led by Randy and Sue Patterson. This club was getting some culture.

Our friends from the Saharo Miata Club in Arizona came to visit with us, in an attempt to escape the heat of their home state. The Zonies' adventures were written up by Steve Waid. A highlight of their visit was a trip to see ad man Jim Wanger's muscle car collection and hear him speak at his private Vista museum. Great runs and great food were, of course, part of the deal.

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Les and Dyanna Smith wrote about their adventures of driving around their home state of West Virginia. Something about a policeman in an unmarked gray Dodge Durango equipped with flashing blue lights just above the rearview mirror near the town of Gauley Bridge.

Tom and Marna Wood were gathering funds in support of Habitat for Humanity for the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Jan Wagner wrote about his driving his 2005 Prius as the prices of gas crossed the \$3 per gallon mark. According to photos provided by Jan, today's gas is about

10% less per gallon than it was then.

Jan also wrote an article about the 2006 Mazda MX-5 introduction. His conclusion: strongly recommended.

The SDMC member profile featured Brenda Kay, the secretary of the club. The lesson she learned on her first SDMC run: if you keep up with the leader going up Palomar Mountain, you get car sick even if you're driving.

David Bryan was selling a complete set of four 14" BBS lightweight spoke wheels mounted with as-new Dunlop D-60 A-2 tires, all in showroom condition for \$1000.



## Spooktacular October Events



**Surf N Safari**  
**October 14-17**  
**Pala Mesa Resort**



**Monthly Meeting**  
**October 28**  
**Boll Weevil Restaurant**



**Driving School**  
**October 30**  
**Qualcomm Stadium**

**October 31**  
**Happy Halloween**



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### HOOR VOICE MESSAGE LINE

619-434-2007

### MAIL

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### E-MAIL

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1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
5. In "Comment to Owner," state that you are an SDMC member.
6. Complete remaining selections, perform Word Verification, and click the "Join" button.
7. Your SDMC membership will be verified. The verification and approval process may take several days.

For more detailed instructions, see the club's website.

# MEMBERSHIP

## 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:**

**October 28th**

## 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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# 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](mailto:newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org) for additional 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

and restoration products. 800-945-4532. [www.langka.com](http://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.

**Pitstop Autoglass** Rock chip repairs free to SDCC Miata club members for club Miatas. Must show valid membership card. In-shop only. Non-Miatas save 25% off regular prices. 858-675-GLASS (4527) [www.PitstopAutoglass.com](http://www.PitstopAutoglass.com)

**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

**FOR SALE: Simpson Race Products Racing Shoes: model 28000 black hightops, size 9 1/2**

Worn one weekend at a Jim Russell racing school. Look like current model 28400 that sells for \$99.95. \$50 or best offer. Call Larry Clapper or Gretchen Vik at 619-280-8942 or email us at [LClapper@cox.net](mailto:LClapper@cox.net).

**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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