



The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club

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Why we belong: Our Caring and Wonderful Group

I attended the May 2010 monthly meeting and my husband Dan bought a few tickets for the drawing. Most months, a 50-50 drawing is taken, but this month was different. Dennis and MaryAnne Garon were sponsoring a "run" on June 13 and they had tickets they were selling for their son Gregg's memorial soccer scholarship. The evening's prizes were donated by SDMC's generous members.

Well, my ticket was drawn and I was awarded an "amazing" coffee mug! When it was handed to me, Diane Foster couldn't wait to tell me how "cool" this mug was! Barb Shev also came up and told me how "cool" the mug was and mentioned that it was donated by a member who brought it back from Texas.

I couldn't wait to try it out, so when I got home, I boiled water and made tea so I could see what happens when the mug gets hot. The instructions say, "Just pour in your hot beverage and you'll be Amazed!" Well, it was amazing! The relatively plain black mug changes to almost white and has three pictures of Miatas -- 1) a Red first generation ; 2) a Titanium second generation (which looks like OUR Shinsen version!), and 3) a Yellow MX-5 Miata to celebrate the "fun little car's" 20th Anniversary!

As I sat drinking my tea and admiring the new mug, I thought of how generous many of SDMC's members are, not only with their "treasures" but also with their time and talents. Just the day before, many had attended a funeral for a relatively new member, Jim Markert, and his widow, our beloved Brenda, was amazed at how many Miata Club members were in attendance. Many friendships are made at the meetings and on the fun "runs," and it hurts to hear that one has left us. Reflecting, I just thought of what great people belong to SDMC and how proud I am to be a member of such a caring and wonderful group! I must say "Thank you" to all who donate items and work to make fun events happen, all to honor the "fun little car" -- the Miata!



by Chris Garcia



November 1995 – Fifteen Years Ago

(Since the club wasn't formed yet there wasn't a newsletter.)

November 2000 – Ten Years Ago

SDMC president Elliot Shev explained the changes in the club since it had dropped it's affiliation with the Miata Club of America (MCA). It appears that the biggest change was the dropping of the MCA logo from our newsletter. Also included was a copy of the letter sent to Vince Tidwell and Norman Garrett of MCA, detailing our split.

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.

Upcoming events were: Scott and Anita Rosin's Post Honeymoon Run wich ended up at John and Barbara Templeton's home north of Escondido, the 2000 San Simeon/Hearst Castle Weekend Run organized by Bari Hyde (now Russell), a couple of autocross events, the Search for Madonna Reunion and 2001 Kick Off at the Waid's home in Escondido, and the SDMC Tour of Interesting Aircraft at Brown Field hosted by Dave and Lois Martin,

As of October 26, 2000, there were 335 memberships (141 single, 194 dual) for a total of 529 members. This was an increase of 12 members over the previous month.

Cush Mazda offered club members pricing in line with their price for existing Costco members.

Eunice Bauman was featured in the member profile; she was driving a 1999 silver touring model.

There was a photo page of the Miata Magazine party hosted at Barb Beach's home in Vista. It was also her husband, Phil's birthday.



Surf'n'Anniversary to commemorate the very first Surf'n'Safari hosted by SDMC. Mark Booth provided the majority of the photos of the event.

Larry Dennstedt contributed an article on the proper installation of air horns.

And yes, Voodoo Bob Krueger was still trying to sell his Canon A-1 35mm camera outfit in nearly-legendary condition.



Wedding photographer John Alexander captured a line of Miatas driving just outside of Julian on October 1. Turning away from his official duties he snapped Rainer and Marianne Mueller leading the "covey of cute, cuddly convertibles coming down the street."

Steve and Laurie Waid told their tale of the Utah Fall Leaf Run; accompanying them were Sal and Geri Causarano, Robert and Lauren Thompson, Ed and Michelle Langmaid, Tom and Stef Gould, and Jim and Charlene Brokaw. The article included many photographs including Miatas in the snow.

Jack and Sue DiLustro wrote about the 1st Annual



November 2005 – Five Years Ago

SDMC President Sue Hinkle wrote about the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and asked our membership to help those folks, just as we had when one of our member's home was destroyed in La Costa due to a wild fire.

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.

Annual Dues

As of October 21, 2005 there were 287 memberships comprised of 105 single and 182 dual, and a total of 469 memberships – an increase of 8 memberships from the previous month.

The club decided to go to annual dues for 2006, where each membership expired on December 31. All memberships would be prorated, as well as new members. This had been contemplated for a while and would make membership management much less time consuming.

Our website received a facelift which made it more streamlined. There was a call to all members for photos to put on the website.

Upcoming events included: Tech Day at Dennstedt's Auto Repair, the San Diego Veterans Day Parade, Chip

Kushner's Palm Springs Getaway Weekend, the Fall Mountain Run ending up at Bates Nut Farm for a Show and Shine, and the 10th Annual San Marcos Community Holiday Parade.

Other articles featured the 10 year celebration of the Miata Performance Driving School at Thunderhill Raceway Park, the Big Bear 15th Anniversary Run by Tom Wood, a photo feature by Voodoo Bob Krueger of the Coronado Speed Festival, and an excellent fully detailed account of a windshield washer system rebuild as well as an article on refreshing your windshield wipers – both by Mike Herbst.

In the classified ads, Mark Booth was selling a 10Gb 2nd generation Apple iPod for \$135.



New Member Profile: Matt Gibson

Matt Gibson lives in San Diego and is a grad student studying economics. His Miata is a 2005 "lava orange" (basically copper) that he bought in San Jose this July. His purchase wasn't based on color:

"I just couldn't resist a Mazdaspeed with only 11k miles on it."

Matt's interests and hobbies include blues guitar, cooking and baseball.

What were you looking for in life that steered you into a Miata:

"I wanted something fast (not just in a straight line), ideally something I could modify."

This is my first car. I commute on a bicycle, so the Miata is for grocery runs and weekend fun."



Driving scares in the Miata?

"Too many in the two months I've owned the car. One day in San Francisco two different SUV drivers didn't see me and started merging into my lane. That night I got home and ordered the Thompson air horn, which tends to announce my presence pretty effectively."

Matt's greatest enjoyment on club runs has been seeing how fast more skillful drivers can take the turns. And as yet, he can't identify his favorite San Diego County road.

Other thoughts:

"I love the minimalism of the Miata. It isn't showy and it isn't weighed down with luxuries I wouldn't appreciate. It just goes. Quickly."

"In high school, when I wanted a fast car and couldn't afford one, I always said I'd pull the back seat out of my first car to save weight. I guess Mazda took care of that for me."

New Member Profile: Bill Wilner

Bill Wilner lives east of LA in West Covina.

His Miata is a 1995 Brilliant Black purchased in 1997 and driven daily; yes, the color choice was intentional.

Bill's dog Penny completes his family. Besides the Miatas, his interests span music, movies, TV and politics.

What were you looking for in life that steered you into a Miata: "I liked that the Miata was associated with a lifestyle similar to that of Apple computers."

Previous "sports cars:" a 1987 Acura Integra (Well, it was red with black leather interior and chrome wheels so I thought it was sporty, until Miatas came out two years later!)

Driving scares? Once did a 360* on downhill right hand curving freeway on-ramp in rain!

What he has enjoyed about club runs: Being sweep car and seeing all the differently colored Miatas winding around curves up ahead.

Bill's favorite San Diego County road (so far): Julian



The Misadventures of Marilyn Miata!

As told by Marilyn Miata

I'm about to tell you a Southern Fairy Tale. What? You don't know the difference between a Southern Fairy Tale and a Northern Fairy? Well, a Northern Fairy Tale starts off with "Once upon a time far, far, far away ...", and a Southern Fairy Tale starts off with "EW WEE! Ya'll ain't gonna believe this \$#!t!"

I remember it like it was yesterday. It was on September 4, and it seemed like a normal Saturday morning. Ginny came out and uncovered me, after some yawning and tire stretching it was bath time. We ran a few errands like normal, but when 1:30 came and we weren't on the road for work yet I got worried.

An hour later she finally came running out singing, but wasn't dressed for work. That's when she announced that we were going on our first run with the club! I was so excited!! We've been reading about the runs for a long time, and now we are actually going on one! We met up with Chris and Blue Lightening at Hooleys, and then followed them up to Jamul where we would meet up with the rest of our Miata family. After eating lunch and a quick meeting we were off!

Everything started out normal, until we got off the highway. All of a sudden everyone started to speed up, and I could see right away this wasn't going to be a relaxing drive through the country. The road went up and down and there were a lot of sharp turns. Poor Ginny had a hard time remembering which gear she was in, and when to and not to shift.

She even managed to get me confused. After getting lost and then found, we made it to the drive in where we could finally relax. We had a great time with our Miata family, watched a couple of really good movies and laughed for most of the night. Now that we've had some time to sit back and reflect on our experience with our first run, we realized a few of things. Number one, if you don't keep up, you're behind. Number two, the numbers on the speed limit signs are only suggestions when you are on a club run. Third, GET A CB RADIO! And last but not least: PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.



New Member Profile: Benjamin Greenaway

Benjamin L. Greenaway lives in San Diego East Village and is a Web Application Developer. He bought his 2007 Grey Metallic at Carmax Irvine late spring of this year. An intentional color choice? "Oh yes :-)"

Benjamin is "simply single" and shares his life with his lady-friend. Hobbies and interests include music, movies, comedy and the Web; also history, Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

This new member was looking for an affordable, economical car with a style of it's own and a sense of fun. "But I'm a British citizen who watched TV shows of cruising social in cool convertible cars since I can remember.

"I was always hypnotized by the thrill it looked to be. And any Brit can tell you, you don't buy a convertible to drive around England! Living here, it was a 'no-brainer'."

As you can imagine, Benjamin's Miata is a daily driver and much, much more. As of late October, he hadn't been on any club runs. His favorite San Diego County road (so far) is the road from Freeway 8 to Julian.

A Miata discovery: "Driving under the flight path of the jets on the 52 with the roof down is devastatingly exciting!"

Biggest driving scares in the Miata? "When an engine light came on when sprinting through the hills of Lake Tahoe; "kinda scary!" Trips in the Miata planned are back to Tahoe this winter, and his regular morning coffee run from the Gaslamp to Hillcrest before the traffic starts.

Benjamin closes with "Zoom Zoom! :-)"





2010 SDMC Holiday Party

Saturday, December 4th

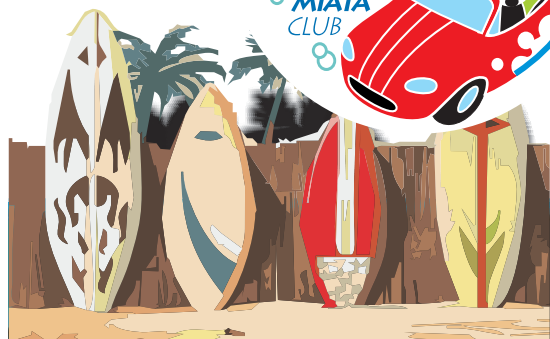
Butcher Shop Restaurant
5255 Kearny Villa Road
San Diego

Reservation Deadline:
November 26th
Contact: Sue Hinkle

Surf N Safari 2010 Reflections



Photo by:
Elliot Shev



*"Surf 'N' Safari 10 is over
but the memories will live
on for years to come."*

Chairman's Reflections:

by Sue Hinkle

Once again we rose to the occasion and put on another great event. I recall when we were planning our very first Surf 'N' Safari what Steve Waid considered Success and these same three things resonated with me throughout the entire planning of Surf 'N' Safari 10. (1) SDMC members would have a great time, (2) Those who traveled to Surf 'N' Safari would have a great time, and (3) and SDMC would look good. We definitely accomplished all three. The measurement of Success was also evidenced by our participants and their comments about how much fun they were having and how organized we were. A couple of comments in particular stand out in my mind . . . Kim Neal, MAZDA USA. . . "I've been to many many Mazda events and have never attended one that was so organized and so much fun." Teri Cardell, Flyin Miata. . . "Everybody was wonderful to us from the moment we walked into the room to the time we left. We received welcome hugs and greetings and we feel as though we are a part of your extended Miata family. We both realize the amount of planning/scheming involved. Our hats are off to you!

A huge amount of work went in to making Surf 'N' Safari 10 a great event and I owe a debt of gratitude to each of the committee heads and their volunteers who spent hours assisting me in organizing and planning the event. Many of these individuals were recognized during our evening activities; however there are a few individuals that I need to mention who really helped me out a lot behind the scenes and at the event.

First, I could not have done this without Laurie Waid's help, she was there whenever I needed her and came up with great ideas for our Surf 'N' Safari regalia and produced a great program for Surf 'N' Safari. Bryan and Vicki Kiehl made sure that the regalia was delivered to the screen printer and Vicki worked endlessly selling regalia at the SDMC Booth.

Secondly, the Kennison's have been a godsend. Paula created a budget and kept the financials up to date so that I could be sure we had funds to cover all the expenses. Steve created all of the participant hang tags (completely wearing out a printer. In addition both Steve and Paula worked all day Thursday and Friday at the Check In area. Participants immediately visited our Vendor Mall and spent time there milling about through out the event.

Thanks to David and Kari Streeter for getting vendors to participate in the event. I know it was not an easy task to get vendor commitments but they kept at it and we had a good representation of vendors at the event.

Surf N Safari 2010 Reflections *(cont.)*

A very warm and fuzzy thank you to Diane Foster for setting up a wonderful Hospitality Suite for our guests and volunteers. Although there were challenges with blown fuses and smoke alarms Diane made sure that our guests were well taken care of and felt warm fuzzy friendly welcomes from Diane and her crew.

Our decorating crew headed by Gabe Rivera did a bang up job in keeping with the Surf 'N' Safari theme and created the WOW factor. Gabe, Dyanna Smith, Pam Hunt and Elinor Shack came up with great ideas for Check In, Hospitality, Mexican Fiesta and the Surfer Banquet. (I even had participants ask me if they could purchase the table runners.)

The Surf 'N' Safari FUN TEAM (you all know who you are) held several meetings, drove pre-runs, organized a rally course highlighting San Diego, chose appropriate music and created a memory CD. Your time and effort was most appreciated by our participants. . . .the smiles on their faces said it all.

Of course an event of this size cannot be successful with out a number of volunteers. We had one volunteer for every two participants and it was definitely noticed by our guests. The Tangerine Shirts were everywhere as well as your friendly smiles. From set up to tear down and all the things in between it took many of our members to pull off this event. I thank each and every one of you who gave of your time to support Surf 'N' Safari and hope that you had as much fun as our guests.

I have to yell out a big "Catch the Wave" thank you to our resident club Cheerleader, Mark Booth. Mark hyped the event from infancy to our club members and other clubs, on Miata Net, in Dallas at the 20th Anniversary, in Moab and on Facebook. Mark also put in several hours creating a wonderful Photo DVD presentation that was viewed at the banquet and in the Hospitality Suite. I'm sure he will be sharing this at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

As I said the last goodbye and packed up the last remnant of the event I was a bit saddened that Surf 'N' Safari 10 was now only a memory of good times with great friends. It was a lot of hard work but the word FUN was always at the top of my agenda and I definitely had FUN and knowing that others had FUN made it all worth it. Who knows if there will ever be another Surf 'N' Safari but if there is one, I can assure that the San Diego Miata Club will rise to the occasion and put on another great evening.



Photo By: Elliot Shev



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"No amount of money could have bought this much fun, anywhere, anytime. Like being 16 again without the awkward part. We LOVED it!"

- Daryled and Carlann Bristol - SDMC

Surf N Safari 2010 Reflections (cont.)



Photo By: Elliot Shev

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"This is the best staycation that Ron and I ever had. Since we joined the San Diego Miata Club we have met the most dynamic diverse group of people who are good hearted and very welcoming to new comers.

We had a blast at Surf N' Safari "10" and must commend all of the people involved who spent two years of planning and countless hours of work to pull all of this together. This was a very impressive event with many well planned activities. We were able to participate in Karting, the Julian Run (with pie of course), and the over the top Saturday Road Rally. That was just good old fashioned fun with a superb overview of our beautiful San Diego County. I bet the out-of-towners were impressed with the very scenic tour.

Again we cannot thank you enough for hosting such a fantastic convention. We love the SDMC motto Eat, Drive, and Have Fun! Hope to see everyone again soon."

- Mary Stein – SDMC



Photo By: Elliot Shev



Photo By: Elliot Shev

*Even though I didn't get any exotic shoes,
I had a great time too.*

- Gene Streeter - SDMC



What a great time we had. From the Thursday get-together thru the fun dinner and dance San Diego Miata Club did it up right. The rally was the best. What better way to see the beautiful area than a Miata ride.

We just wanted you to know that we had a great time. Thanks for all your hard work.

- Arch & Laurie Hoagland
San Joaquin Valley Miata Club



We did it again!

It is only a few days until the October monthly meeting. Since the September monthly meeting I have had the busiest, funnest (OK so that isn't a word, but all y'all know what I mean) and most exhausting 37 days of my life. When can we do it again?

Looking back there was Ferris Bueller's Day Off, two days of the Coronado Speed Festival (all of which was written about in the last newsletter), and then, of course, there was that little thing we call Surf 'n' Safari.

Sunday evening after Surf 'n' Safari ended, Jerry and Janice Boster and Laurie and I were sitting around the fire (you remember what Sunday night was like) and talking about our favorite SnS recollections. The Boster's spent the night with us before flying home to Hawaii. It was kind of like our own private Hospitality Suite. Each of us had our own experiences that were unique. That was partly to do with how many different fun activities Surf 'n' Safari offers.

Throughout the lead up to Surf 'n' Safari, it became very apparent to me that there were many people that "didn't get it." Most everyone who had not been in the early Miata universe of the '90s didn't understand what this kind of an event was like. Most viewed Surf 'n' Safari through the filter of \$249. It was a lot of money to spend to go to Fallbrook. I tried to use the comparison to a cruise. It is really hard to explain. At the reception on Thursday night I may have been able to explain it best to those that had decided to participate and had registered for the event.

Surf 'n' Safari is all about "self indulgence." The SDMC mission statement, paraphrased, is to have fun with your Miata. That is what SnS is about. We talk about the "F" word a lot in the San Diego Miata Club. FUN! Fun is doing what you like to do with a whole lot of other people enjoying it too. When we do that in our Miatas, we call that a run, and we give the leader magnetics. Surf 'n' Safari is that on a larger scale. We, SDMC, invite the Miata World to join us as we plan to have fun with our Miatas.

I am happy to say that there are a whole bunch of people who now "get it." On the Surf 'n' Safari web site there are now comments (and I expect more to come) that tell me exactly what I wanted to try and get across. Such as:

"No amount of money could have bought this much fun, anywhere, anytime. Like being 16 again without the awkward part. We LOVED it." or,

"I truly feel like I "got my money's worth." I enjoyed having so many choices of things to do. I can't remember when I last laughed like I did Saturday nite. There is a lot of imagination in your club. I'm so impressed that you had a live band for the evening. That was a highlight for me. Saturday nite was my "Cinderella" nite."

Pala Mesa Resort is, without a doubt, the perfect location and facility for this event. We are minutes from driving roads that we all enjoy. The spread out and yet cozy feel that you get by walking and driving around the facility is relaxing. You see Miatas wherever you go, and it seemed like the orange volunteer t-shirts were worn by everyone. And my favourite part of the facility is the Hospitality Suite.

I am sure that there will be lots of things written about Surf 'n' Safari so I am going to share some of the things that meant so much to me as we sat around with the Bosters last Sunday and shared with each other. Indulge me!

Thursday night it had to be the Hospitality Suite. This area was put together by Diane Foster and several other volunteers, but the experience of the Hospitality Suite on Thursday night was extraordinary. EVERYONE went because of the desserts that we all were told would be there. But the real experience was that this is where everyone got to know each other.



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Photo By: Elliot Shev

While I laughed and teased Diane because the electrical breaker kept tripping from all of the electrical appliances that were hooked up for the coffee, tea, and desserts, she fretted that everyone would feel less than welcome.

Nothing could be further from the truth. We were treated to a relaxed and boisterous family like setting with lots of seating, a DVD of SDMC's 10th anniversary running that made everyone feel at home no matter where they were from.

Friday morning brought on Kart Racing for me. Daryled Bristol and I have been friends through autocross for over a decade as members of SCAT. This was even before he and Carlan bought their Miata and joined SDMC. Therefore, Daryled and I have always been a little competitive. Friday found me bumping him out of the way to pass, and him returning the favour one lap later by spinning me around. At the end of the day, I won the race and he had the fastest lap. This will fuel plenty of discussion between us for some time as to who had the better day. It has already begun.

Because I was part of the Fun Team I helped in putting together the Saturday Surfin' San Diego Rally. I chose to go out to a couple of spots on the rally route and watch the competitors come through and make smug and annoying remarks. I had a blast! At Mount Soledad I had a competitor, who was trying to answer one of the questions, come up to me and ask, "so ... what is your definition of a "pillar?" I answered a question with a question, "What is yours?" He answered by saying that he didn't see any pillars here. "So, I guess your answer will be zero," I said. "That's right," he responded. I paused and then said, "If I were you I would reconsider my position."



Photo By: Kari Streeter

Saturday night Mark Booth had prepared a slide show for the happy hour. The slides included photos from Surf 'n' Safari 1999 and 2004 plus photos he had taken in the first three days of 2010. Interspersed throughout the show were slides of the answers to all of the Rally questions. Each time one appeared you could hear groans, whines, squeals, and "I told you so" throughout the banquet hall. It was rewarding to know how involved and "tuned in" to the competitiveness of the rally everyone had become.

Sunday after the Car Show results were presented there was another large grouping at the Hospitality Suite for the continental breakfast that was being provided by the Hospitality Team. No one wanted Surf 'n' Safari 2010 to end. The Texas group reluctantly left as they were heading up to Pismo Beach and more California touring.

I want all of you to know why so many people from outside of California come to Surf 'n' Safari. It is not just the appeal of San Diego. It is you! I was told by one from the Texas group that they "had to come" when they saw how many of us came to Texas for Miata World II and all of the fun we expected to have. Several people from Old Pueblo said that after the way we showed them a good time when they visited San Diego a year ago they had to come to SnS too.

There are so many of you that made Surf 'n' Safari 2010 the success it was. And it was a huge success. Obviously the driving force was Sue Hinkle, but behind the scenes were many more. Any time I try to start naming names, I will naturally forget someone. Therefore I will not try to name them. Just be sure...I know who you are. And all I can say to you all is, WE DID IT...Again.

- Proud Steve

Surf N Safari 2010 Reflections *(cont.)*

You and your amazing group did an outstanding job!!! The entire 2010 Surf'N' Safari event was flawless. Through the entire weekend, I saw all the committee members and volunteers made a point of interacting with the participants - assuring that everyone felt welcome, comfortable and at ease.

All of us who worked and/or attended the 2010 San Diego Surf 'N' Safari will look back on this event with fond memories of fun and comraderie for years to come. Think of the great stories we will tell.

What a great event - lots of fun and surprises. I spent time at the Hospitality Suite and during events and dinners to look around at the people gathered for this event. I truly saw "The salt of the earth" - everyone was so kind, generous and caring toward each other - it truly was heart warming.

You all have so much to be proud of !!! Good Job !!!!

- Dona Thompson – SDMC



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Kari Streeter

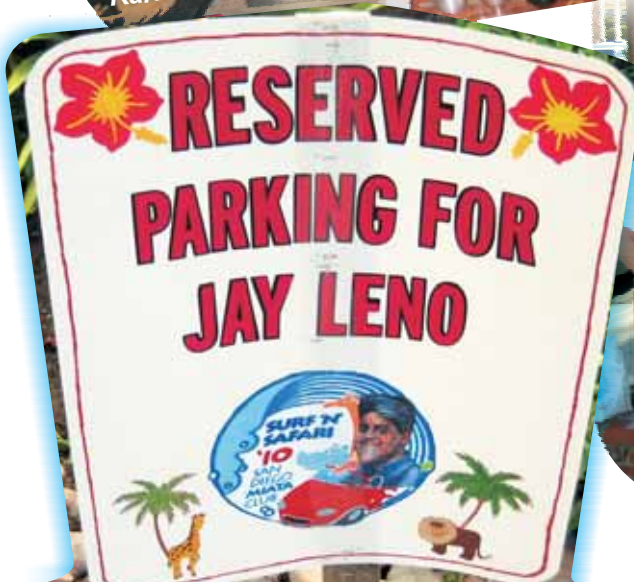


Photo By: Mark Booth via Kari Streeter's Camera

Surf N Safari 2010 Reflections *(cont.)*

Bill and I want to thank you for going out of your way to acknowledge Flyin' Miata and for making us feel so welcome and appreciated. Everybody was wonderful to us from the moment we walked into the room to the time we left.

We received welcome hugs and greetings and we feel as though we are a part of your extended Miata family. We were so surprised to receive our "special award" and we are very proud of it! I was excited to be able to continue standing with Bill and was cheerfully waving at Steve each time he mentioned another Miata event we attended.

We had no idea the intent was to acknowledge Flyin' Miata. We were so surprised! We both realize the amount of planning/scheming involved. Our hats are off to you!

Thank you for hosting another wonderful Surfin' Safari event!

- Teri & Bill

Flyin' Miata



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Photo By: Elliot Shev



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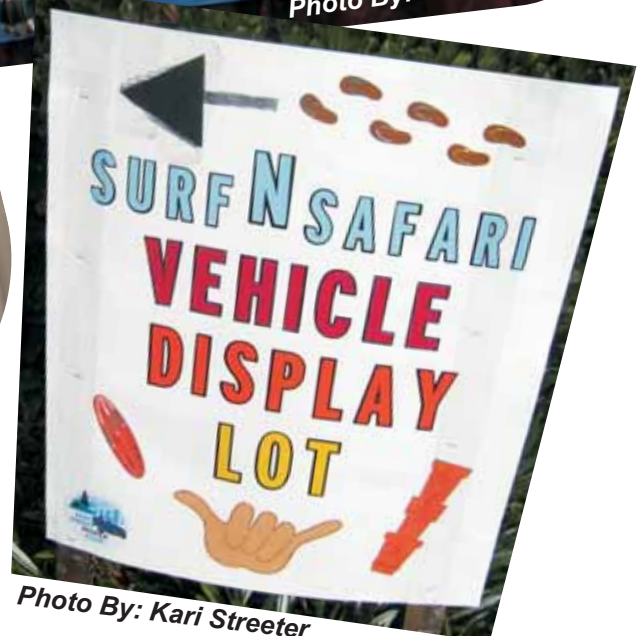
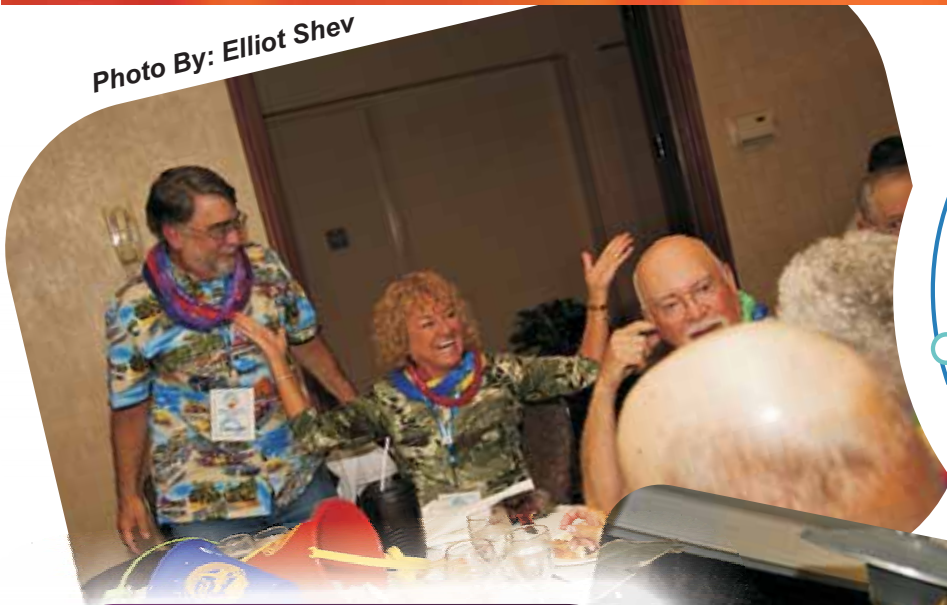


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Surf N Safari 2010 Reflections *(cont.)*

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I'm so impressed that you had a live band for the evening. That was a highlight for me. Saturday nite was my "Cinderella" nite. Thank you to you and to your entire crew."

- Sharon Mack
SJVMC



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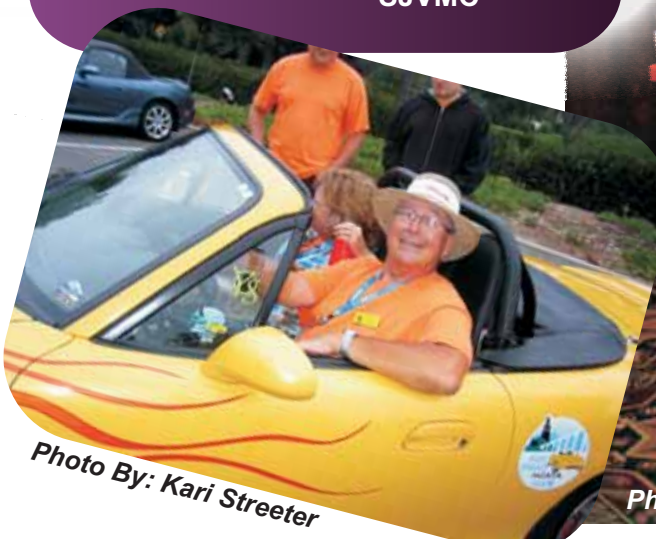


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Upcoming Events



Wishing
You A
Happy
Holiday
Season

Upcoming December Events:

Saturday, December 4th

SDMC Holiday Party
6:00PM - 10PM
Butcher Shop, San Diego
Contact: Sue Hinkle

Sunday, December 5th

2010 San Marcos Holiday Parade
10:00AM - 3:00PM
Dalton's Road House, San Marcos
Contact: Steve Waid

Sunday, December 12th

Desserts Buffet & Holiday Lights Run
Contact: Les and Dyanna Smith

Thursday, December 16th

SDMC Monthly Meeting
Boll Weevil Restaurant, San Diego
Contact: Steve Waid



San Diego Miata Club RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All SDMC memberships expire on December 31 each year. We hope you will continue your membership. Please use this application for renewal. Thank you for renewing promptly.

Member's Name: _____ Copilot: _____

☐ Check here if you want to receive a mailed newsletter.

☐ Check here **only** if your information **has not changed**; otherwise, please update below.

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone and E-mail Information:

Home: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

☐ Check here if you do not want your phone number(s) released to members.

Miata Information:

Year: _____ Color: _____ License Plate: _____

Release Statement (must be signed):

I wish to participate in activities and events organized by the San Diego Miata Club. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in these events, I hereby agree to release the San Diego Miata Club, its officers, organizers, members, sponsors, and vendors from any and all liability for injury, damages, or loss arising from my participation and attendance in any Club activity. (*If spouse or significant other is applying for membership, they must also sign.*)

Signed (member): _____ Date: _____

Copilot: _____ Date: _____

Please return this **signed** application with \$35 check to:

San Diego Miata Club
P.O. Box 261921
San Diego, CA 92196-1921

If you have questions, contact membership@sandiegomiataclub.org or call (619) 434-2007.

www.sandiegomiataclub.org

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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.
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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

November 18th

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

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 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. 858-775-2810. Special club price on everything.

Hawthorne Wholesale Tire. Tires, wheels, brakes, and suspension. 877 Rancheros Dr., San Marcos. 760-746-6980. Discount: 10%

Kesler Customs. Miata chassis braces, adjustable dead pedals, hide-away license plate brackets. Installation of aftermarket parts, fabrication, light welding. Ted Kesler, 619-421-8472. Special club prices.

Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Circle, Elbert, CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, joe@knobmeister.com. 303-730-6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and

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.

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

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

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

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

Tri-City Paint. Professional detailing, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar Area: 858-909-2100; Santee, Mission Gorge: 619-448-9140. Discount: Body shop pricing #CM6660.

World Famous Car Wash. Complete professional car care. Complete detail, hand wax, leather treatment, free shuttle service. 7215 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. 858-495-9274. Discount: 10%

Mazda Dealerships

Mazda of Escondido. 760-737-3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (not including smog certification). For purchase, ask for Barb and receive free SDMC membership for 1 year!

Westcott Mazda. National City. 619-474-1591. Discount: 15% on parts or labor (except oil changes).

Other Services

Coldwell Banker Real Estate. David T. Bryan, Realtor. 619-334-4625. 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.

Buying or selling your Miata or Miata accessories? You can do it for free on Miatamart—the Miata for Sale web site, run by SDMC member Rainer Mueller. Check it out at www.miatamart.com

Classified ad space is provided at no cost to SDMC members only. Ads must include first and last names, telephone number, and e-mail address, which must agree with current club roster. Send ads to davidstreeter@yahoo.com Ads will run for four months unless canceled, and may be revised and resubmitted.

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