



*The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club*

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## **The Mystery of SDMC Elections**

By President Steve Waide



There are two aspects of the election process to be looked at to get a clear understanding of how the San Diego Miata Club elects its officers. First is what the by-laws require. Second is what it takes to find candidates for the offices.

### **The By-Laws:**

Rather than just regurgitate what the by-laws require (a little reference to The Puke), I will highlight the important parts. There are four positions that make up the Board of Directors of the club. Commonly referred to as the board, they are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each of these positions is elected once a year at the annual meeting required to be scheduled in April.

Each membership is allowed one vote. A membership is either a single membership, or a dual membership, which is defined as two people from one household. Only one member of a dual membership is allowed a vote on any club matter.

Directors are to be nominated and elected at the annual meeting. A member in good standing may be nominated for a Director position whether present or not at the meeting as long as there is written indication of willingness to accept the nomination.

Candidates for a Director position are encouraged to submit written statements of their interest and qualifications for publication in the Club newsletter. There are no limits to the number of consecutive terms that a member may hold office, even though no one has held an office for more than two consecutive years to date. Votes are cast by secret written ballots and submitted by those memberships present at the meeting.

### **What Really Happens!**

Because the purpose of the club is to provide for the mutual benefit of the members (fun) most members spend their time doing exactly that, and the need for an election sneaks up on them. In many cases the existing Board of Directors will anticipate the need to replace themselves and approach other members regarding accepting a nomination to the position.

The result of this approach has been what appears to be a "railroad" operation. "I nominate so and so"..."I second the motion"..."do you accept the nomination?"..."Yes!"..."Any discussion?"..."All in favor say aye!" And now we have a new board member.

History has shown that most often the "railroad" method has been the most used. The annual meeting always allows for nominations from the floor and there have been several contested positions in the past. When this happens the President will ask each candidate to make brief remarks regarding the desire to serve and answer questions presented from the membership. Then there is a secret ballot taken and the new Director is the one with a simple majority of the votes cast.

All other "board positions" are actually "appointed committee members" as defined in the by-laws. These appointments are made by the President, subject to the approval by the Board. These appointments include the Membership Duo, the Webmaster, the Newsletter Editor, the Events Coordinator, the Regalia Team, and others as deemed necessary. There are no required appointments or limit to the number of appointments as defined by the by-laws. There is no requirement to make annual appointments. I guess someone could be "Newsletter Editor for Life".

So, there you have it! You know as much as anyone about the process used by the San Diego Miata Club to elect its officers and provide for the mutual benefit of the membership. I do encourage all of you to consider stepping forward and adding your skills and ideas to the club by taking a leadership roll.

Speaking from experience it can be one of the most rewarding things you ever do. And, it's fun too!



As I write this I am looking forward to spending Valentine's evening with my beloved. I also am conscious of it being exactly three months from the launch of the Great American Road Trip that Mark and Cathy Booth are organizing to see America's Main Street ... the Mother Road ... Route 66 ... from start (Chicago) to finish (Santa Monica pier). I have been looking forward to this trip ever since we did part of it in 2009 on our way to Miata World II. But I digress.

There is plenty to look forward to before then, and there is plenty to look forward to in all of 2011. Over this past weekend the weather in the county was spectacular to say the least. As it turned out, yesterday Mark and Cathy Booth and Laurie and I spontaneously

decided to take a little Miata drive because there was nothing on the calendar, and the roads were beckoning. We drove to Idyllwild for lunch and never set a foot (maybe that should be a wheel) on a freeway. What a glorious day!

All of that said, I am going to change subjects. As some of you know, I have represented the club as the rep to the San Diego Car Club Council for quite a few years. In doing so, I am exposed to what other car clubs do. There are between 80 and 100 car clubs in the council at any one time, and that doesn't count the 26 low rider clubs that belong to the Low Rider Council.

Most car clubs that are members of the council are centered on car shows. Either going to them, or putting them on. There are other car related activities, but the preponderance of the activities is car shows. I have found that there is a car show season. As you might think the season is dictated by weather. Beginning in April and going through October you are likely to find a car show of some kind on every weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, and some times more than one. If you are a car show junky it is pretty hard to have time to do anything else.

Because the Miata is still a relatively new car by all standards, we don't tend to think of our cars as car show entries. After all, we still drive our cars. That said, our club's presence in car shows has increased, and we are more often recognized as a desirable addition to car shows. In fact, as you know, we are invited and expected to attend some.

Therefore, I want to prepare us for the season. Begin thinking now of blocking out some of the dates that I will mention so that you can plan on being a part of some fun car social events. The car shows that I will mention are ones that have great venues and traditionally welcome the Miatas with a class of their own for judging and awards.

My personal favorite is the Main Street America car show put on by our friends at the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego. Their show is Sunday, August 7 at Embarcadero Park North adjacent to Seaport Village. There is no better venue in San Diego County and last year they positioned the Miatas at the entrance to the show from Seaport Village. We had our canopies set up for shade in the middle of the 19 cars. The view of the harbor on one side and the city on the other was a Chamber of Commerce moment for all. Plan ahead for this opportunity!

The Greatest Show on Turf put on annually by the Car Club Council to benefit the San Diego Auto Museum is being moved and scheduled for later in the year. The 2011 GSOT will be on Saturday, September 10 this year. The exact location has not yet been announced, but it will be able to accommodate more cars and spectators. This show, like Main Street America, has a Miata judging class.

The Coronado Speed Festival is an event that is more than just a car show. SDMC has been going to this event since the first one back in 1997. However, most members don't seem to want to participate in the car show. Again, there is a Miata class and different winners are awarded Saturday and Sunday. Laurie and I have won at least once each year. Most of the time it is because there has been no one else to award it to! The difference between being in the car show and in the Car Club Corral is \$15, a t-shirt, and a chance at a trophy. I have a lot of \$15 t-shirts. Want to see one?



## President's Massage *(cont.)*

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These three car shows are ones that we support as a club. We go in force with signs, banners, food, regalia, and, in some cases, kites. We make a presence that is impressive. This year we will be investing in a portable flagpole that will allow us to fly our Mazda flag, and once we get one made, our Club Flag. We will be almost as prominent as the Ferraris are at the Speed Festival.

There are other shows and events that the Car Club Council members put on to which we are always welcome to attend as spectators even when our cars are not. There is a brand new Car Club Council website at [www.carclubcouncilofsandiego.com](http://www.carclubcouncilofsandiego.com). Take a look at the events tab to see the kinds of things that go on around town.

On April 1, Cruisin' Grand in Escondido begins its summer run again. As we have done for years we will have a monthly gathering for those interested in old cars, Cruising, and eating. Details will soon appear on the events page of the web site. Watch for it!

Another annual event that is open to everyone is the Old Highway 80 Run on October 22. The history and fun of Old Highway 80 is celebrated.

Be ready to show off and enjoy the car community of San Diego County in 2011. We are definitely a big part of it. See you around the next turn.

Steve



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## SDMC Supports Flyin' Miata

From Bill Cardell, Flyin' Miata

Steve, Sue, Gene and Dennis "SDMC Officers",

Hi folks! Not sure if the news has made it out to the left coast yet, but Flyin' Miata is planning to go to the Targa Newfoundland this coming September. Our employee Keith Tanner and his wife Janel ran the race in 2008, winning their class and 16th overall in their Miata. We are planning to return this year with two V8 powered Miatas to contest for the overall win.

We can't do this without support, though. This is where you come in ;-) We are soliciting individual donations to the team, but also club contributions, which will get the club listed on the car. If you could spread the news to your members, we would really appreciate it.

Thanks in advance!

Bill Cardell, aka TurboDog's Dad

Flyin' Miata

HELP FLYIN' MIATA GO TO TARGA NEWFOUNDLAND!

Targa Miata Facebook page: FMWestfield

<http://www.flyinmiata.com/FAQ/>

# Flyin' Miata

Bill,

I wanted to let you know that the San Diego Miata Club is going to support your entry in the Targa Newfoundland and your effort to WIN. Our club voted last Thursday to send \$500 to sponsor you. We have appreciated your personal support of our club, all of the things that you and Flyin Miata have done in support of Miata motorsports, and just being our friend. Good Luck!

Gene will be sending the check right away.

Steve Waid

President, San Diego Miata Club on behalf of 320 Miata enthusiasts.



# Looking Back with Rainer Mueller

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## March 1996 – 15 Years Ago

Although the club was actually formed this month, the first newsletter did not appear until the May issue. The inaugural meeting of the San Diego Miata Club was held at Angelo's Italian Restaurant on Sunday, March 31, 1996. The meeting ended with the election of the first board of directors and the establishment of 34 memberships.

## March 2001 – 10 Years Ago

SDMC president Elliot Shev was preparing the club for the annual meeting in April. Candidates for office were reminded to have their applications turned in by March 15.

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 and club email by Robert "JTBob" Holland, club regalia by Paula Kennison and Rosalind Scott, and Anthony "NevadaBob" Wilde was our newsletter editor.

As of February 25, 2001 there were 337 memberships comprised of 135 single and 202 dual, for a total of 539 memberships – an increase of seven memberships from the previous month.



Upcoming events included one regional autocross as well as a stop of the National Autocross Tour Championship both Qualcomm Stadium, the Fifth Annual Miata Performance Driving School at Thunderhill Raceway, Steve and Laurie Waid's Puke-O-Rama, and a Laguna Seca Track event.

Anthony Wilde added on to the autocross article from last month, by writing about the different classes for cars depending on their engine size and how stock they are. His photographs accompanied the article.

Ben Solis was featured in the monthly member profile. Ben had been lusting for a Miata since the first time he saw one while living in Austin, TX in 1989. In 1996 he purchased a 1993 C package. After the car was damaged in an accident with a 4x4 in 1997, he waited four years before

purchasing another Miata, a 2001 LS in Midnight Mica Blue.

Scott and JoAnna Langhoff wrote about the Fun Run and Train Trip to Tecate, Mexico on January 27, 2001. As I remember it was a darn cold day, but a lot of fun. Supposedly Elliot Shev or I were responsible for our group getting an armed escort out of Mexico. Photographs documenting this international event were provided by Scott and JoAnna, Sal and Geri Causarano, and Dennis and MaryAnne Garon.

Sal and Geri also wrote about their Impromptu Run to Borrego Springs on February 10, 2001. As with most SDMC runs, driving as well as eating was mandatory, with stops in Borrego Springs for lunch at the Desert Resort La Casa Del Zorro, the Salton Sea for a photo opportunity at the Oasis Station, the Julian Pie Company for dessert, and finally the Nuevo Grill in Ramona for dinner. Photographs were provided by Robin and Michael Faircloth, Steve Kennison, Dennis and MaryAnne Garon.

Tom Sprague wrote about the San Diego International Auto Show February 14-18, where SDMC members volunteered to work with the professionals at Mazda's booth. Photos were provided by the other Booth, Mark, and Elliot Shev.

Anthony Wilde's tech article on how to change the power steering fluid highlighted something that appears to be rarely done. Anthony admitted that his Miata was still running the same fluid into the power steering pump by someone in Japan when his car was built 11 years earlier!

Mazda was also proud to announce that it had won the "Auto Color Award 2001" Grand Prix from the Japan Fashion Color Association for the new "crystal blue metallic" color for the Miata. This award was given to the best color design of all cars released in Japan between November 1999 and October 2000.

The Classified Ads featured another ad by Wally Stevens selling perfect condition red factory original hardtop for \$1000 .



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# Looking Back with Rainer Mueller *(cont.)*

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March 2006 – Five Years Ago



Steve Waid got to use the front page of this newsletter to give his account of the very successful “Steak and Beans Dinner”, where the San Diego Miata Club triumphed over SoCalm in raising money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, as Habitat for Humanity was the recipient of over \$11,000. Steve let it be known that he should be known as “The Winner” (he had the crown to prove it) and the SoCalm’s Bud Black as “The Loser” (even though he was dressed in the fancy Zoot suit). The day started with a run beginning at the Park and Ride off of Deer Springs Road in Escondido and ended up with the feast at Dalton’s Roadhouse in San Marcos with an overflow crowd.

SDMC President Sue Hinkle provided a brief history of the club on its 10th anniversary, in its first year the club had grown from 82 members to 216 members, well on it’s way to becoming the largest Miata Club in the known world.

Jerry Standefer, who became the new editor-in-chief of the newsletter last month, was happy with the response to the “Name the Newsletter” contest. He also announced Kelley Raymond as the new Personalities Editor. Other SDMC news staffs were Larry Clark – production editor, Bruce Lewis – features editor, Scott Lewis – technical editor, Janice Boster – mailing coordinator, Barry Billingsley – advertising editor, and Robin Faircloth, Carl Martens, and Cindy Jennings – proofreaders. Printing was still being done by Sign Up.



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 events coordinator, Bob Kleeman was the club e-mail postmaster, Dan Garcia the webmaster, club regalia was handled by Linda Payne and Mary Clark, and club badges by Vicky Krueger.

As of February 17, 2006 there were 286 memberships comprised of 107 single and 179 dual, for a total of 465 memberships – the same as the previous month.

Upcoming events were Les and Dyanna Smith’s Reluctant Readers Run, Bob Kleeman’s Internet Tech Day and Fun Run, David and Kari Streeter’s Temecula Rod Run, and a Miata Performance Driving School at Thunderhill Park Raceway, a non-SDMC event but attended by several members.

Jerry Boster wrote about Edward “Ed” Dittman who passed away at the age of 81. Ed was not only a member and friend to many, but was also the father of member Debbye Lewis.

Kelley Raymond, the new Personalities Editor, wrote about herself as the inaugural personalities article.

Larry and Mary Clark produced an article enticingly entitled “Me So Horny.” Written under the pseudonym “Maryata,” the article related about a tech day at Scott Lewis’s home where members installed robust air horns into their Miatas to replace the lame sound of the roadrunner-type stock horn - meep-meep.

Larry and Mary also wrote about their trip to Laughlin joining Bari Russell and about 20 other SoCalm and SDMC members on her annual pilgrimage to the gambling oasis.

Steve Ranzani was the second member featured as part of the newsletter “Personalities” section. Steve joined the club thanks to Voodoo Bob and Vicky Krueger.

Jerry Boster’s article on “Plan an SDMC Fun Run” highlighted what it took to put a club run together. It was some great information, still very apropos today.

Dustin Locke described changing the existing plastic/vinyl soft top on a Miata for one made of canvas, which according to him reduces the road and wind noise at speed. He feels that once you go with a canvas top you’ll never go back.

A tongue-in-check article on Miata colors and what it reveals about your personality was written by SoCalm’s Hal Jandorf.

SDMC welcomed Mazda of Escondido. In January 2006 Cush Automotive Group was sold to United Auto Group, a worldwide auto retailer based in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Longtime SDMC member Barb Shev worked for Cush Mazda and now continues with Mazda of Escondido.

In this month’s classified ads Wally Stevens was selling a 1.6 liter engine long nose crank with 78,000 miles for \$400. The engine was complete but had some damage internally. Wally also had a new email address.

# Coastal Cruise Recap

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By Steve Waid

The last weekend in January saw SDMC members join up with the San Joaquin Valley Miata Club as they hosted their annual Coastal Cruise. Nine Miatas left San Diego County early on the Friday before as we made our way to Fresno for the start of the run.

We stopped for a late breakfast at my favorite local Route 66 eating spot, the Summit Inn. Shortly after that we lost Gordon Long and Gypsy to a failed alternator. The rest of us forged on.

Dinner with some of the SJVMC members Friday night set the stage for our early round up the next morning in the fog. We had driven all day Friday with the top down, but Saturday morning gave rise to our top. For almost two hours we drove in fog, mist, and overcast until the sun broke through for the rest of the day. The tops started to go down even before the sun appeared as we could tell it was going to clear.

Highway 58 offered some good driving and great scenery as we traveled west and finally arrived in Atascadero for a late lunch. Then it was on to the coast. The SJVMC plans for the overnight to be spent in San Simeon at a Courtesy Inn. However, Laurie and I have discovered the FogCatcher Inn on Moonstone Beach in Cambria only two miles from San Simeon.

In recent years we have introduced others to this quaint seaside retreat and so we had company with us this year. Dinner Saturday night was at Linn's in Cambria so the location was even convenient to our evening. Linn's is known for it's baked goods so the desserts, as Dennis Garon would say, "are to die for."

Sunday was a top up, top down, top up, top down kind of day as we drove Highway 1 all the way to the Monterey Wharf for lunch. By the time we left Monterey and headed back to the FogCatcher it was only SDMC members on the road. We were able to spend the rest of the day with the tops down even though it got a little chilly as the sun started down to our right.

The rest of the trip was spent together. We had dinner in Cambria Sunday night. Monday morning we headed south and stopped in Morro Bay for a quick site-seeing trip for those that had not been there before. We did the same at the Madonna Inn and then on to Solvang for waffles and aebleskivers. A back road out of Solvang got us back to Highway 1 and ultimately back home.

A memorable time was had by all, including Dennis and Maryanne Garon who suffered a failed differential and limped home a day early. A hearty recommendation to all is to make a point of going on the 2012 Coastal Cruise. We end up with more people each year.





# Pines to Palms Recap

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By Steve Waide



Saturday started off as everyone predicted. As we left the warmth of our palatial Escondido Estate it was raining steadily. Our trip to the meeting point at Dudley's in Santa Ysabel took almost an hour exactly. We were the second car to arrive after Kari and David Streeter who started even earlier than we did from their home in Whittier.

As the other three Miatas arrived in a staggered manner, we enjoyed the morning-baked goods that Dudley's always provides, almost entirely alone. As you would have imagined, there were not a lot of other "crazies" out on a morning like this. The only other person that came in while we were there asked, "Why are your tops up?" Somehow he knew the reputation of SDMC.

As Chip Kushner led us up Highway 78 toward Julian we again became aware of the fact that we five were traveling virtually alone. As we passed the turn onto Wynola Road we began to notice snowflakes. By the time we reached the turn onto Pine Hills the snow was covering the ground and the road, but we now had a snowplow driving in front clearing the way.

Shortly after Daryled Bristol exclaimed over the CB that his car was getting a little squirrely, David Streeter discovered that sometimes technology is not the answer. His traction control was going crazy and he and his new NC had an ongoing debate over which way the car should go. After turning off this "feature" he was able to get going up the hill again on our quest to reach Julian.



Nervous laughter was the chatter over the radios and kept us going as we drove through downtown Julian, snow piled as a center divider by the snowplows. As we took it slowly and began to become more and more comfortable driving in the snow, we plodded down Banner Grade. Wynola had not gotten any attention from the snowplows and reminded me more of a scene from *The Shining* as we passed. As the elevation changed we finally came out of the snow and back into rain.

Heading through Borrego Springs I commented to Laurie that "next week at this time" we would be heading here again with Diane Foster for the Desert Flower Run. By the time we reached our pit stop at the Salton Sea we were in bright sun and the tops came down. We made our customary stop at Oasis Station and had to explain to new member Chris and his girlfriend why

we were stopping at this derelict of a structure.

We were able to keep our tops down all the way into Palm Springs for lunch and then on to the auction. Other than the push start that I required by all of the guys (I left my lights on while we ate lunch), the drive was uneventful. This is another example where technology (buzzer telling you your lights are on) doesn't help when you're deaf. Some kind of electric shock, maybe!

We spent an hour and a half at the auction and found that at one point I needed to take off my jacket. The threat of "the great freeze" by the media and weather "scarepersons" never really came into play. Although the snow did happen, it only caused some adventure and a change in our route home. The Palms to Pines Highway through Anza was closed for some of the day and required chains the rest of the day, so we drove through Hemet and Winchester to get home. Other than one ugly rain cloud that dropped some rain on us near Temecula we had mostly sun the rest of the day.

I appreciated the concern that many people had for us trying this craziness, but as it turned out we took our time and enjoyed the adventure. Thanks to Chip for again being our leader, and to all of the "hearties" that joined us.

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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.



## 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!**

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## Monthly Meetings

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

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

Many members arrive around 6

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

**This month's meeting date:**

**March 24th**

## 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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Runnin' For Office?

## Upcoming Events

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### March & April

March 5th	Wildflower Run	9:15AM	North County Westfield Shopping Center	Diane Foster dianefoster5@gmail.com
March 12th	Meguiars Tech Day	7:00AM	Ralph's Market 1705 Oceanside Blvd. Oceanside	Ken Hurd 510guy@sbcglobal.net
March 18th - March 19th	Laughlin Getaway	Fun Filled Weekend	Aquarius Casino Resort Laughlin, NV	Bari Russell barirussell@cox.net
March 24th	Monthly Meeting	7:00PM	Boll Weevil Clairemont Mesa	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
March 27th	2011 Puke	10:00AM	Dalton's Roadhouse San Marcos, CA	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
April 9th - April 12th	Run to Death Valley	8:00AM	Deer Springs Road Park & Ride Lot	Neal Mills nealmills@aim.com
April 23rd	Annual Meeting	10:00AM	San Diego Automotive Museum	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
April 28th	Monthly Meeting	7:00PM	Boll Weevil Clairemont Mesa	President President@sandiegomiataclub.org



# Member Discounts

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**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.

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