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## President's Message



By President Steve Waid

## What is "Special" Anyways

Recently, Mazda announced that there would be a 2011 Special Edition MX-5. The photo in the press release looked like any other 2011 MX-5, not to be confused with a Miata. This made me curious as to what it was that made this MX-5 "special".

I have come to the conclusion that "special" no longer means special when it comes to these limited edition builds. Yes, the total package is different than anything else that Mazda is making in 2011, but "special"? I don't think so.

Let's take a look at what the press release says makes this car special. First, it is said to "celebrate the milestone delivery" of the 900,000<sup>th</sup> MX-5 Miata built. OK ... that's nice! Only 750 will be built. So, now we know it is a limited edition. That may make it special, but I'm not so sure.

It is going to be built in either "Sparkling Black Mica" or "Dolphin Gray Mica." So, they are going to be painted to fall in with about 80% of all cars produced today, and about 98% of all German cars. Well, isn't that Special? If you were to park one of these babies in a BMW dealer lot, no one would notice. In 2002 Laurie and I bought our Blazing Yellow Mica Special Edition. There were only 1000 of them built. You could certainly argue that you might not have liked the color, but at least it wasn't the same color as every other car on the road.

Let's see what else is special. Drive train ... no! Body styling ... no! Oh ... it will have "exclusive interior accents, including, grey door trim and heated leather seats with gray stitching". My 2001 PT Cruiser had that, and no one told me it was special. It also is going to have a black leather-wrapped parking brake and steering wheel (both with more contrasting stitching), chrome accents on the vents and instruments, and aluminum pedals on the six-speed models. My 2002 Special Edition had that nine years ago. I'm sorry, but that doesn't seem to me to be very "special".

Back in 1969, Pontiac made a GTO Judge. They didn't call it a special edition, but it has proved to be a very collectable car. Partly because of the bright Orange color (called Carousel Red) and unique graphics it is a very recognizable car today, 42 years later.

So, my thesis is that you don't call something "Special" and just put a stitched leather steering wheel on it. How about a Turbo MX-5 painted in Mazdas Spirited Green Metallic but add more Mica? Then put a giant tie-dye swirl on the hood. I think some bright green suede insets in the dark green leather seats, and then yellow stitching. I think you get the idea. You might not like my idea, but it would be "Special".





## *San Diego Corresponds with fellow Miataphiles in Japan*

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Dear Sir,

Hello. My name is Tomoaki Asano. I own a Miata NA8C in Japan. It is called Mazda Road Ster in Japan. I join with Miata club in Sendai Japan. I would like to have a relationship with your club.

I send you my miata's photos and photos of Miata club in Sendai Japan. My Miata club is called Ken Auto Miata Club. I will wait to receive a letter from you.

Sincerely yours,  
Tomoaki Asano  
Ken Auto's owner Kenichi Obara

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Tomoaki,

It is always good to hear from a fellow Miata (Roadster) enthusiast. I would like to keep a communication going with you and the Ken Auto Miata Club. We will be including some of your photos in our newsletter. I have attached a photo of my 2002 Blazing Yellow Mica with flames. Have fun!

Please be sure to tell all of your members that should they ever travel to San Diego we would like to host them for some Miata fun.

Steve Waid  
President, San Diego Miata Club



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## Roadster Correspondence with Japan *(cont.)*

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Dear Steve Waid,

Thank you very much for sending email back to us. I have to apologize that I went to business trip for a week I could not send you back email soon. We are so glad to receive email from you. We are also very glad that you are going to use our photos in your newsletter.

Ken Auto entered R-1 Grand Prix, a Miata Race in Japan. Over 70 Miatas were in this race. We got first place in S-Junior Class. I send you some R-1 Grand Prix photos for you.

Yes, We would like to keep a communication going with you. Thank you very much. We would like to travel to San Diego in the future. When we go there I will tell you. I hope you can visit us Sendai in Japan. We will be host for you. You are welcome anytime.

Ken Auto President Kenichi Obara  
Tomoaki Asano

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Tomoaki,

I woke up this morning to the news of the horrible earthquake and Tsunami that hit Sendai. My first thought was that I have a friend in Sendai. That would be you. Are you and your family and friends safe? I hope you are in a position to answer.

Steve Waid

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Dear Steve Waid President, San Diego Miata Club

Thank you very much for emailing us. We are all fine with our family. Only problem are nuclear plant problem and foods and gas. Our factory and car got damaged but we will be fine. Will talk to you later. Thank you very much for your kind email. We want to go to see you in San Diego some day. See you.

Kenichi Obara  
Tomoaki Asano





Being a Good Samaritan is what a Miata Club member does, isn't it?

Things happen for a reason. When I figure out what that is in this case, I will let you know.

But first, a little background. I joined the SDMC in 1996 participating on Mark and Cathy's Twilight run. I have been club Secretary and the Regalia advocate and I loved to volunteer at the car show. On one of those occasions I asked the GM of Cush Mazda what he thought of me selling cars. And the rest as they say is history. I have been selling Mazdas and supporting the SDMC at Penske's Mazda of Escondido for 8 ½ years.

So when a member of the Badgerland Miata Club in Madison, Wisconsin contacted some SDMC members after unsuccessful attempts to rent a Miata in San Diego, he was referred to me. David was coming to San Diego to visit his

Marine son prior to the son's deployment to Afghanistan. Their pet project in Wisconsin had been to put a turbo in a 1990 Miata and drive together through the back roads. He wanted to share that experience one more time before his son went off to war.

I was working that weekend and was touched by his request, so I offered him the use of my car. My Baby is a 2004 Velocity Red Speed Miata. David was excited when I picked him up at the airport and I was comfortable with his driving as I had him take over at Via Rancho Parkway, drive past Lake Hodges and on to the dealership. I gave him run routes from Surf 'n' Safari and he planned to visit Julian the next day, which was Saturday.

The phone call came from the emergency room at Palomar Hospital at 12:30 pm. David was in triage with a head wound, but was going to be ok. My car wasn't. They were driving down Banner Grade with the son at the wheel, when he swerved to avoid an oncoming SUV. My car fish tailed into a guardrail and David hit his head against the roll bar. They took a taxi from the hospital to the dealership and he came in with his head covered with bandages. The wound required seven staples to get it closed. His shirt was still covered with blood, so he now owns a new Mazda polo shirt. Both David and his son felt terrible about the accident.

Once I knew they were both okay, I started to think about my car. I knew it was at a towing lot in Julian, the top was down, and it was going to snow that night. I finally got through to the towing company and they told me that since they didn't know how to put the top up, the car was under cover in a garage. My insurance company was willing to tow the car to one of their approved collision shops in Ramona. AAA came to the rescue and arranged to have it towed to my favorite facility – Advanced Collision in Escondido. There it now sits with no rear end or rear bumper, waiting for parts.

I am still in touch with David in Madison. He is doing well and soon my car will be good as new. I quickly learned that insurance follows the car, so I am responsible for the fix. I am glad I was able to provide a father and his Marine son a truly memorable experience. It is a shame for them and me that this experience was not what either one of us would have wanted.

Thanks for reading my story. It is not over. What would you have done? I am still committed to helping others and making a difference. Why did this happen?



# WANTED: 2011-2012 BOARD MEMBERS



Ok, a short bio as I am stepping up for the position of SDMC President.

**Daryled Bristol**

Born: 1/1/45

Married: Carlan Bristol.

Miata Club Member for the past 5 years (how time flies when your having fun).

Retired, going on 14 years now.

As a second generation Californian, I have always enjoyed anything with wheels; my current ride is the best to date.

1990 Mariner Blue 250,000 miles plus. I am the third conservator of this car.

**Existing Board Members Wishing to Stay in Office, with final approval of all in attendance at the Annual Meeting**



**Sue Hinkle**  
Office of Vice President



**Gene Streeter**  
Office of Treasurer



**Dennis Garon**  
Office of Secretary



# Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2011

10:00AM - 2:00PM

San Diego Automotive Museum

Lunch will be provided

*Elect Your New Board \* Fantastic Door Prizes \* Free Lunch and Dessert*



I was asked to join the appointed board as the new webmaster (actually the new second time around webmaster) in October of 2010. You see, way back in May, 2004, I took over the job from the esteemed JT Holland who became the club's first webmaster and postmaster in, I believe, May 1996. (That date was the first published Newsletter and he is listed as such). JT is the nemesis of our president Steve Waid; you see he ALWAYS beats Steve in their car class of Autocross racing! (He beats me too, but I don't talk about that)!

Anyway, JT developed the site back when there were not many tools to develop sites and thus he spent many hours writing the computer language of websites which was a very tedious task. By my count he kept the web/post master job for eight years, but in 2004 he was ready to pass on the position. Steve Kennison, the president at the time, put out the word and yours truly stepped forward. By the way, it took two to replace JT, as Bob Kleman took over the responsibilities of the Postmaster and has held that position to this day - a big hoorah for Bob!

So, after a few months of development (I used a web development tool, making the job much easier), version 2 was launched. I did not get any negative feedback, so I assumed all was well received. In the spring of 2008, I decided that with being retired and doing a lot of travel it was best to step down as the webmaster. Jerry Standefer said he could do it and became the webmaster in May of 2008. Jerry developed the current and well written version 3. I had one condition in reassuming this position - no new version, the current version works and looks very good, why reinvent the wheel - thank you Jerry!

In November, 2010, the transfer of responsibility started, with me taking full control in January of 2011. As luck would have it, he used the same web tool I had used for version 2, making the transfer much easier. Oh - I should mention that none of the versions have been those canned sites that the online services offer. We all developed them using coding, and web tools. So, there you have it - a brief history of how we got here.

Once a web site is launched, it becomes an easy matter of maintaining and updating the site. Many of you may be thinking, well it must not have been that much work for Dan to take over the site again! Well, you would be correct, so please do not give me any credit for the current site. I know I am repeating myself, but the credit belongs to Jerry.

I receive the monthly newsletter in PDF format from the newsletter staff, update the newsletter web page, then upload the newsletter files to our host provider and then test the changes. Did you get the idea that I am NOT doing anything with the newsletter itself? The next step you are all familiar with, I announce the posting to the membership via email using a list of those who wish to be on the list and the SDMC-list blog.

The biggest task, it seems, is to keep up with all the events and make sure they are published on the main page. I become aware of the events by various means, such as by the Event Coordinator (currently Diane Foster), the event planner, SDMC-list blog or by reading it on the events calendar. Wait a minute, you may be asking, why would he need to read the events calendar to find out about an upcoming event, isn't that on the web site? Well, you see, that calendar is updated by the Events Coordinator, not me. All I do is to find or develop appropriate graphics, using Photoshop to get it right - sometimes I 'borrow' the graphic the Events Coordinator used. I then edit the home page, upload files to the host server and then test the changes. Here is another inside secret, many of the graphics for our annual events are already there, designed or found by, well you should know by now.

## How it Works: Our Club Website (cont.)

The task is much the same for keeping the regalia page updated; I just need to converse with the Regalia Team, getting pictures and prices correct. As far as vendors and business links are concerned, I make sure the contact information is correct and that they meet club policy for being on the site. And, of course, updates are made whenever there are changes to the board or other such things.

A few behind the scene tasks: I screen the emails sent to the webmaster, where a business requests to be added to the resource page. Club policy is that the business must be car related, preferably Miata and/or will give members at least a 10% discount. Not many new requests meet the guidelines. The webmaster also is responsible for keeping the subscription fees for our service provider current and pay the yearly domain fee and yes I float the monies until the Treasurer issues me a check. Would not want the web site to go dark.

Oh - I almost forgot, the potentially most work related task is the photo gallery. I won't go into the details, but I work with the pictures making them internet friendly, add notes and captions and various other things. I say potentially because historically not many members have submitted pictures, which makes my job easier. The pictures shared on the website are viewable by the public, however the club has a second photo gallery on the Yahoo SDMC group site that is only

### Select an album

 <p><b>Coastal Run 2011 - Cambria to Monterey</b> February 17, 2011 Photo of the 2011 Run By Dan &amp; Chris Garcia</p>	 <p><b>Surf 'N' Safari '10</b> September 21, 2010 Various photos from Surf 'N' Safari '10, held at the Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook, CA from October 14-17, 2010.</p>
 <p><b>Members and Their Miatas</b> May 18, 2009 A collection of photos of San Diego Miata Club members and their Miatas.</p>	 <p><b>Fun Runs</b> December 14, 2008 A collection of photos from the San Diego Miata Club's fun runs since the club was founded in 1996.</p>
 <p><b>Special Events</b> September 20, 2008 Not fun runs, parades, club meetings, or car shows... a collection of photos from truly special events.</p>	 <p><b>Parades</b> July 04, 2008 Brightly colored and cheerful Miatas are always a favorite at parades.</p>

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viewable by members of the group. You can get an account as explained in this newsletter under the Contact SDMC/E-MAIL heading. All members of the group have the ability to create albums, upload pictures and add captions. Maintaining the SDMC Yahoo group is the job of the Postmaster.

So, how do you go about getting your pictures on the website? Glad you asked! The easiest way is to E-mail digital photos or digitized scans of your photos in any common graphics format to me. You can also mail or give me CDs, DVDs, flash drives or photo prints, I will return your media as soon as I copy the data. Staying on the subject of pictures, I am always looking for interesting pictures of events to put on the front page. The current picture of the 2007 Puke is getting stale. Rather clever way of asking for pictures - don't you think?

Least I forget all you facebook users, there is a 'SDMC' facebook. The facebook is maintained by Jerry Boster, please look it up and join.

Well, I trust you have gained a better understanding of how the club's website works, even if you may have yawned a few times while reading. Direct all questions and complaints to Les Smith our editor, because he is the one who brought this rather boring feature to you all. If you actually read all the way through this article, then I want to tell you that there is a hidden message somewhere on the web pages. The first to send me the message will get honorable mention and maybe some prize at a future meeting - who knows! Note: The newsletter team and whoever reads this article before it is posted on the website are not eligible.



## Looking Back with Rainer Mueller

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Upcoming national and regional events were the Death Valley Daze, the Cool Weekend On the Coast, and the 2001 Gathering for the Northwest Miatafest.

And entire page was dedicated to results from February and March autocross events including a photo by Anthony Wilde of Robert "JT" and Steve Waid proudly displaying their trophies from the January 21 Solo2 event at the "Q" (Qualcomm Stadium).

The first totals of the Mileage Awards Program were posted by Mike Shack. He kept track of everyone who attended the first four driving events of the year: The Hangover Run (105 miles), the Tecate Train Run (42 miles), the Let's Go to Borrego Run (200-220 miles depending on where you started from), and the Fishy Run (44 miles). I don't know how long this program continued, but it was evident to me that it took way too much work to keep organized.



Anthony Wilde wrote about Rich Best's "There's Something Fishy about This Run." The event was held in the rain and included a visit to the Stephen Birch Aquarium and then lunch at the San Diego Fish Market. Now you know why it was so fishy.

Gerri Causarano was looking for someone to replace her as the events coordinator.

Jim Brokaw, Sal Causarano, Jack DiLustro, John "JD" Lima, Mike Shack, and Elliot Shev all had executive board candidate profiles in this issue. They were the candidates for the upcoming SDMC board positions.

Robert "JT" Holland wrote a detailed article on swapping his existing viscous limited-slip differential with a Torsen (torque sensing) differential. Voodoo Bob Krueger provided the photographs. On another personal note, it's a swap I did with the assistance of fellow SDMC member Ken Ivory on my 1995 base Miata. It made all the difference in the world when I autocrossed my Miata.

Anthony Wilde provided a short update to his article from last month on changing the power steering fluid. He recommends doing this on an annual or semi-annual basis, or whenever you're changing your coolant.

Wally Stevens was selling a Jackson Racing header (like new from 1990 donor Miata) for \$375 in the classified ads.

### April 2006 – Five Years Ago



Newsletter editor Jerry Standefer grabbed the cover of this 20-page newsletter heralding the club's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The cover also featured my photo of most of the club and their cars in front of the San Diego Automotive Museum on Labor Day 1996. We were gathered there for the Jerry Lewis Telethon where we worked the phones in a downtown for KUSI's telecast. The photo was also featured in *Miata Magazine*, where SDMC was featured as the spotlight chapter.

Other board members were: Sue Hinkle – president, 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.

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

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### April 1996 – Fifteen Years Ago

Although the club was actually formed this month, the first newsletter did not appear until the May issue. At the first meeting on March 31, 1996 Mark Booth was elected president, Cindy Paloma vice president, Ruth Stark secretary, and Mary Beecher Treasurer. Several members volunteered their services to perform the administrative board functions, Robert “JT” Holland newsletter editor/webmaster, Stef and Tom Gould newsletter layout and design, Voodoo Bob Krueger membership, and Cindy Paloma email postmistress.

The first “official” run of the San Diego Miata club was led by Lou and Ruth Stark. On April 27, 1996 they led 14 Miatas (and one motorcycle) from North County Fair to Palm Desert. The return trip included a stop at the Julian Pie Co. and Dudley’s Bakery in Santa Ysabel.

### April 2001 – Ten Years Ago

Newsletter editor Anthony Wilde grabbed the front page of the newsletter claiming “Time Flies When You’re Having FUN”. This was probably the only time a blatant misspelling occurred in the headline of an article; “Flies” should have been “Flies”. Nevertheless Anthony was getting folks ready for the upcoming election of club officers.

Other board members were: Elliot Shev – president, 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 “JT” Holland, and club regalia by Paula Kennison and Rosalind Scott.

As of March 2001 there were 345 memberships comprised of 139 single and 206 dual, for a total of 551 memberships – an increase of 12 memberships from the previous month.

Mazda announced an owner satisfaction program for 2001 Miata buyers to address an issue concerning the horsepower rating of the 2001 Miata, which went on sale in September 2001. Approximately 3500 vehicles had exaggerated horsepower ratings. Affected owners could either have their Miatas re-purchased for the full purchase price or provided with free factory-scheduled maintenance for the length of the Miata’s warranty along with a \$400 MasterCard debit card to spend as they choose. One enterprising owner I know, had his car re-purchased for the full purchase price and then bought it back from the dealership a couple of weeks later at a substantial used car discount!



Upcoming events were three autocrosses, the annual membership meeting, and the Navajo Community Spring Fest Parade led by Scott and JoAnna Landhoff.

Future events would be the Search for Madonna (Rocdonna) by Steve and Laurie Waid, Danny McKeever’s High Performance Driving School at the Willow Springs Raceway (on a personal note: ouch!), the Kanazawa Roadster Club’s contingent visit to our club led by Elliot Shev, the Run to the Getty IV coordinated by Elliot and Barb Shev.

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## Looking Back with Rainer Mueller (cont.)

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The annual meeting would also celebrate SDMC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary featuring a special video presentation by Mark Booth highlighting the club's previous ten years.

Sue Hinkle's president's message was entitled "What a Ride!" regarding her almost completed term as president of the club.

"Losing That Miata Feeling" was the title of Jerry Standefer's article as editor-in-chief of the newsletter. After owning the new NC model for five months, he lamented that in his opinion the NC Miata was not the best Miata ever. Yes, his NC was a great car, but without that special Miata feeling he had come accustomed to driving an NB. That's how he felt. How do you feel now five years later?



Upcoming events were: The Puke 2006, the 23 mile shortened Church-Goers and Late Sleepers' Puke, both led by Steve and Laurie Waid, the Egg-zactly – A Photo-Gimmick Rally led by Larry and Mary Clark, the SDMC annual meeting, the Search for Madonna 2006 also led by the Waid's, the Rock and Roll Run led by Les and Dyanna Smith, and the Greatest Show on Turf coordinated by Mark Booth.

Larry Clark and Judy Ryan filed candidate statements for the upcoming board elections; he for vice president, she for treasurer.



Not to be outdone by *Playboy*, this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the newsletter featured its very first foldout, but without the proverbial staple through the navel. This ingenious foldout featured a complete 10-year timeline of the club on one side and meet-the-founders on the other. Included in this illustrious group were Tony and Mary Beecher, Mark and Cathy Booth, Robert "JTBob" Holland, Voodoo Bob and Vicki Krueger, Rainer and Marianne Mueller, Cindy Paloma, Ruth and Lou Stark, and Woody Woodhouse.

Kelley Raymond penned an article on the club's Internet Tech Day, which for her, finally shed some lights on bytes. At the time she was an online computer neophyte and felt she was missing out on some of the camaraderie of the club because it was actually formed by folks who met and for the most part, communicated online. The growth of the Internet and our club remains closely intertwined.

Debbye Lewis wrote and supplied the photographs on Les and Dyanna Smith's Reluctant Reader's Run, a fun run designed to provide reading material to the young men incarcerated in the Barrett Honor Camp Facility where Les is a teacher. Numerous books and magazines were collected for the boys. Afterwards many of the participants ended up at the Viejas Outlet and Casino for some shopping, gambling (where Mark and Cathy Booth won a small fortune), and of course the prerequisite eating.

Carl Martens wrote about his obsession with his 1997 Marina Green M Edition Miata entitled, "It's All about the Curves". He felt that the Miata is extremely sensual - pure and simple, it's just plain sexy. In fact, he claimed that whenever he parked his Miata, he'd often turn around just to take a long look (even stare) at that gorgeous rear end curve. Jim Storzier did the photography for an article that may have needed that proverbial staple!

Abe Mara supplied a very detailed article on "Serious Suspension Mods to Transform the Miata". Complete with his own photo, the article listed not only the parts necessary, but also the brand names and prices, with ample information to allow likely tuners to choose their weapons of choice.

## Looking Back with Rainer Mueller (cont.)



The "Personalities" section featured a two-page spread on Linda Payne entitled "One busy "retired" person". The charming article told all about Linda, her family, including grandkids, and how she got involved with Miatas. Unfortunately, Linda passed away several months ago. She was a great person and will definitely be missed by not only her family but her Miata family as well.

Jerry Standefer also announced that the newsletter had a new name: *Twists & Turns*. Seventy entries were submitted and the executive and administrative board members narrowed those down to just three finalists: *Contact Patch*, *MXpress*, and *Twists & Turns*. At the February 2006 meeting members were given ballots to vote for their favorite name, and when the balloting was done the unthinkable

occurred: *Contact Patch* received six votes, but *MXpress* and *Twists & Turns* tied with 34 votes each! When Jerry asked if everyone had voted, it was discovered that the two members of the regalia team had been too busy to vote since they were conducting their own first round of voting for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt Contest. After they received their ballots and voted, *Contact Patch* received one more vote, but the other went to *Twists & Turns*, breaking the tie and making Jack Hinkle's submission the winner. To this day our newsletter is still called the *Twists & Turns*.

Speaking of the SDMC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt Contest, Mary Clark of the regalia team was proud to announce that David Shabestari had the winning design for the T-shirt, which would be used in other promotions celebrating the club's anniversary year as well as appearing on the T-shirts.

There were no membership statistics.

In this month's classified ads Wally Stevens was selling a plethora of suspension and other parts.

## Membership Corner

New member numbers as of February 15, 2011

John Kasselmann & Zsuzsa Morgan	Cardiff	1991 Classic Red
Chip & Vicki Fox	San Diego	2003 Midnight Blue Mica
Julie Montrose	San Diego	2006 Classic red
Jimmy & Danell Dwaileebe	Coronado	2003 Classic Red
Bruce Ferguson	Escondido	2001 British Racing Green
Keith Parkinson	San Diego	1999 Emerald Mica
Fred & Cindy Larson	Santee	1999 Sapphire Blue Mica
Chris Malaqui & Kerry Phan	San Diego	2004 Pure White

134 memberships (38 single, 96 dual) for a total of 230 members.

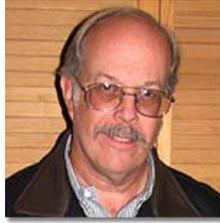
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### E-MAIL

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

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

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

# Membership

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## 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:**

**April 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 \$14 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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## Upcoming Events



April 23th	SDMC Annual Meeting	10:00AM - 2:00PM	San Diego Auto Museum	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
April 28th	Monthly Meeting	7:00-8:00PM	Boll Weevil Clairmont Mesa	President president@sandiegomiataclub.org
May 6th	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 - 9:00PM	Tom's #23 Escondido	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
May 7th	Tech Day	8:00AM - ?	Rocky's Miatomotive	619-284-4911

# 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.

**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%.

**Rocky's Miatomotive** 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)

**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

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**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)

**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](mailto:davidstreeter@yahoo.com)**

**Ads will run for four months unless canceled, and may be revised and resubmitted.**

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