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Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the Fourth Celebration

by Jeff and Jan Frederick



The July 4th parade in Rancho Bernardo was a success, due in part to the significant participation of SDMC members and their cars. SDMC really set the example of "How to Support a Community Event." Club members arrived early, parked in designated spots, decorated cars, and were off to the VIP reception before most of the other cars even showed up.

The VIP reception was well-attended by federal, state, and local politicians; military veterans; school officials; community leaders; and their parade drivers. There were heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks, both soft and mildly alcoholic. SDMC members had the opportunity to meet the VIPs whom they were scheduled to drive.



One SDMC driver, Dan Garcia, had the privilege of driving his father, Miguel (Mike) Garcia, in the parade. Mike served in England with the Army Air Corp and was one of the World War II veterans honored in this year's parade. Some political maneuvering forced the Parade Director to make last minute driver/VIP reassignments. That started a domino effect where Parade Staff were scrambling to find preferred transportation for dignitaries. Once again, SDMC members set the example by maintaining their sense of humor and assuring Parade Staff that SDMC members were there to help in any way possible.

A very nice message was received from the Parade Director noting our flexibility and cheerful ability to adapt to the changes. He referred to our members as "Impressive" in their adaptability and congeniality. All SDMC drivers received goodie bags as a result of their participation in the parade.

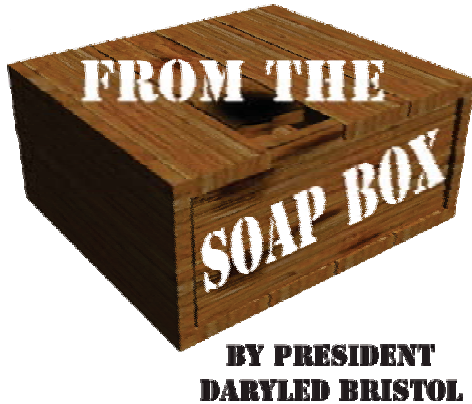
Following the parade, 13 cars participated in a run through some of the North and East County "twisties." By this time, the weather had cooled and the run was delightful with the tops down. Unexpectedly, the traffic was very light and the 13 cars were able to run through all the traffic lights without the need to queue up on the side of the road, a rare circumstance, indeed.

The run was followed by a social at Jeff and Jan Frederick's home where old fashioned desserts were served. It was great to have a relaxed, casual party with such good friends. With so many Miatas parked on the street, it looked like a Mazda dealership had sprung up in the Frederick neighborhood.

Entertainment that evening included a spectacular "fly-over" of the International Space Station which was scheduled by Les Smith just for the party. Thanks Les, your timing was perfect. Shortly thereafter, the lawn chairs were repositioned to the Frederick's front lawn to view the nearby fireworks display. Jan served popcorn for that event. Who can watch fireworks without popcorn?

For their efforts in coordinating SDMC's participation in the parade, planning and leading the run, and hosting the party, Jeff and Jan proudly received their "Magnetics" from Club President Daryled Bristol.

President's Message



Well August is wrapping up, it has been a busy month beginning with the last week in July. Saturday the 30th was the car show at MCRD. Great turn out for car folks supporting the Marine Corps and their Toys for Tots annual drive. Sunday was another Autocross at the "Q". August 5th was cruising Grand, Saturday was "Debbie does the Santee Drive-In" (Cowboys and Aliens), followed closely by "Main Street America" car show put on by the San Diego Corvette Club to benefit the visually impaired in San Diego. The San Diego Miata Club took home the participation trophy. We done good!

Saturday there was a gathering of the "Eat Drive Eat" San Diego Miata Club at the Ramona Cafe preceding the Moon's run. Following a hardy

meal we drove north to Dudley's for the driver's meeting. A new member from the Irvine area had a heater hose failure. The trusty Miata Mechanical genius, Rocky, sprung to action, cannibalizing his own Supercharged ride to effect a repair so that they could join in the evening's festivities. Our departure was a bit delayed but we planned to make up the time ripping down Banner Grade (like that would happen). Staying right at the "Y" we all managed to transverse to S2 and wind our way South. Very busy and it only gets busier.

Around the next corner is the annual SDMC Picnic. Somewhere we will squeeze in a meeting for sure and then on to bigger and better things. There are a whole lot of activities in our future, I can only urge members to participate, set up and execute a run, we'll be glad to join you for a rip roaring good time.



Membership Update through August 19, 2011

New Members:

Leonard & Maria Fabian	Chula Vista	2000 Merlot
Alyssa Fairbanks	Valley Center	1990 Mariner Blue
Sylvia & JJ Rowley	Valley Center	1999 Twilight Blue Mica

174 memberships (55 single, 119 dual) for a total of 293 members.



The Misadventures of Marilyn Miata!

Marilyn Hits the Road!

As spring was giving way to summer, we noticed that everyone seemed to have their road trips planned, or had already been on one. That is, everyone but us. The more we listened in or read everyone's stories of how much fun they were having or had, we decided that this was something we just had to do.

Now I had never been on a road trip on my own and didn't know the first thing on how to plan one out. But this just

seemed to be as good a time as any to give it a shot. I put many hours of research on Google maps to see the lay of the land, the best distance to drive between rest stops along with how far to drive each day. Not to mention our fellow SDMCers, who came out of the woodwork to help us make our trip happen with ideas, books and maps.

We had a plan to leave on Friday morning, June 17 at 7:00am, (we left at 8:00am) for our first day of travel. The first part of our trip was to just get to Ponca City, Oklahoma by Sunday in time for Fathers Day, since I hadn't spent that with my dad in over 18 years. We were in Holbrook, Arizona for the first night, and our hotel just happened to be right on Route 66 where we were able to do a little walking around and sight seeing. We didn't get any pictures of the area because I forgot my camera in the hotel room, and was too tired to go back and get it. (You will see a trend with this forgot camera thing).

The next morning's plan was to be up at 6:00 am, eat breakfast, load car and head off to our next stop in Amarillo, Texas by 7:00am. (We left at 7:30am) The drive was long and a bit hot, but we had a great time just looking at the sites along the highway. As we entered Amarillo we got excited when we saw the Big Texan and Cadillac Ranch on the south side of the I-40. When we reached our hotel, the Quality Inn East, Shauna our host offered to have the limo from the Big Texan come and pick us up. We declined because it was on our list of things to do & see for our trip back through when we drive home.

At this point Sean and I were eager to get to Oklahoma to see our family and have a few days of rest & fun! Sunday morning we were up early and on the phone talking to Teddy Lou with the Central Oklahoma Miata Club, getting the directions and instructions for our hook-up with her when we reach Oklahoma. As we drove through Texas and Oklahoma, Sean made up two new road trip games: one was guess the road kill, and the other one didn't thrill me so much. As we passed along the side of semis Sean would factor in the length, depth and width of my car to see if it would fit under their trailers with minimal damage. OMG!



When we reached Elk City, Oklahoma for our rest stop, I called Teddy Lou to let her know where we were. From there we started using her directions, which took us right onto Route 66 and up to the place where we would be meeting her. As we drove along Route 66 I

showed Sean the areas that a tornado had just gone through, and explained how you could tell by the trees and ground.

We finally made it to Bethany, Oklahoma and met up with Teddy Lou, who took us on a Oklahoma Miata Run and of course linner after. (Linner = Lunch+Dinner) Drive, Eat, Drive is alive and well in Oklahoma! Sean and I had a great time with Teddy Lou, and we loved hearing all about the Central Oklahoma Miata Club! When it was time for us to leave Teddy Lou gave us a goodie bag of things from her Miata Club, and we planned for her visit out here to see us.



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The Misadventures of Marilyn Miata *(cont.)*

Back on the road again we headed for Ponca City which was only a 45 minute drive. We drove straight to my dad's house and met up with him and my step-mom for Fathers Day dinner, and a drive around Lake Ponca with my niece who really wanted a ride in Marilyn. Afterwards we went to my moms where we were staying and spent time with her, before she left for her trip back home to Germany.

When I got up Monday morning I could tell that it wasn't going to be any ordinary day, by the way the wind had picked up and the sky & air was very different. Right when I came back into the house I heard my mom's Midland weather scanner ringing like crazy, and the voice from the Oklahoma Weather Dept announcing that we were under a tornado warning with high winds and baseball size hail possible. With my mom's garage already full, I called my dad who had me take my car over to a friend of his for the night, a couple of hours later we got golf ball size hail and some of the limbs from the tree in the front yard snapped off and went flying right where my car would have been.



After a couple days of rest it was time for us to head out to do our own little trip on Route 66. With our list of places we wanted to see and books on hand, we were off. With not much time to get back home we narrowed our list down to what it was we really wanted to see up close, and which places we could just drive by and view really quick. Our first stop was the Big Texan in Amarillo, Texas, which we used as a planned rest stop so we could take a little more time exploring the buildings inside & out. From there we went straight to Cadillac Ranch where we played around the cars for a while then back on the road for our next adventure.

We finally made it to Midpoint Café but not in time for dinner. Since they were closed when we got there we decided to hang out and take some pictures. It was getting late and we were hungry, so we hopped onto the I-40 in search of food when we came across a Stucky's. While we were eating the waitress told us about its historic nature on Route 66, and later on in the evening we did find it in one of the books.

While on Route 66 we kept seeing sign for Clines Corners and how it's a "Must See" place to stop, so we stopped. Clines Corners sits on Route 66 and was originally built in 1934 and rebuilt in 1937 when they made Route 66, and is 50 miles from any major city in all directions. Not to mention it's also where most of our money went. After filling up at their vintage gas station we rolled back onto Route 66 for more exploring and sight seeing. We spent the night in Tucumcari, New Mexico where we saw an old car yard, and many of the buildings on 66 still had their neon signs working. We didn't get any pictures because "Yup!" I forgot the camera again.

Thursday morning as we were heading out we realized that we had more on our list than we had time for. From the car we did see the Giant Dinosaurs and the Tee Pee hotel, along with lots & lots of old abandoned buildings and gas stations. Our last overnight stay was in Flagstaff, Arizona, which was also my favorite part of the trip. After our police escort to the Travelers Inn where we stayed, Sean and I set out on foot to explore Route 66 and get some exercise, where we came across the Galaxy Diner. Now this was one old retro place! With most of its original furniture and neon signs inside and out, this was one popular place. Live music while you ate and a Hollywood wall with pictures of all the stars who visited there. Ok, camera was forgotten again but Sean ran back to get it since we were very close to the hotel.

Friday we set off for Glendale and came across a gas station that had a car spa, and all of the detailers were from Maguires and only used the products from the company. We're almost home now, but just had to make one last stop in Yucca, a town completely devoted to welcoming Aliens from other planets. They even had a Yucca Valley Alien Hotel with their sign being a spaceship; you could definitely tell that this town was on its way to being another ghost town. However, it does support a Jack in the Box and a Taco Bell, so who knows?

Sean and I had a great time exploring and seeing things we wouldn't normally see, and have talked about making plans to see the last part of Route 66 that we missed from Arizona to California.



Like some of those Route 66 motel beds, June's Barrett-Jackson Orange County Auction was infested with bugs. Volkswagen bugs. Beetles, vans and Thing's were present in what seemed to be a disproportionate number compared to Mustangs, Camaros and the other usual subjects.

Barrett-Jackson Auctions truly are Events and the Orange County Fairgrounds was an apt site to contain it all. Display barns full of vehicles awaiting auction; drifting exhibitions; major manufacturer exhibits with ride/drive-alongs in their latest and greatest models. And a vendor mall fine-tuned for Car Guys/Gals.



Then there was the Auction Arena: colorful, noisy and fast-paced, and short on seating for the average Joe and Jane. SRO with crowds continually drifting through the area. It was interesting watching the Auction Assistants work the bidders and stir up excitement among groups of people gathered along the runway. If you owned a gas station 50-60 years ago, you're going to kick yourself for not saving every sign, water can, etc. Memorabilia (in very good condition) was moved at unbelievable prices.



The star of the show was an early 60's VW bus that topped all other sales at \$217,800. Drab green and rather common. I walked by it three or four times in the display barn and still can't figure out its magic other than what must have been an exceptional restoration job.

David and Kari Streeter and I represented Southern California Miata-dom in the Barrett-Jackson Car Corral on Saturday that weekend. Basically, it was a free-for-all: vehicles of all makes and types were lined up at the designated gate early that morning. Then made a dash for room within a rather limited area. A couple of car clubs grabbed big chunks of grass that assured room for their pop-

ups and other chairs, leaving those at the end of the line to be somewhat creative in squeezing in somewhere. We shoe-horned our two cars in beside some Chevys, then were sealed in by a row of Mustangs.

It was definitely a day well-spent; David and Kari even returned Sunday. Consider making the trip next June.



When good friend Mark Radelow told me he had an “all-expense paid trip to Montreal and did I want to come along,” it took me a nanosecond to say “count me in.” He had just purchased a number of street lights from Phillips for a development so we had a tour of the factory and Serge, the marketing guy, led us to local spots and the best way to get to the track from Old Montreal, a water taxi. (Dont tell anyone; it is hardly used now as most people take the Metro and it is jammed.)

I had been watching all the Formula 1 races this year and wondered what it would be like to be there. The numerous in-car and other TV cameras now make watching very good. However, nothing can come close to the actual sound of 18,000 RPMs in person. They give you

ear plugs with your ticket package.

I like the comfort of my living room but being in the stands with a bunch of car junkies is more fun. Many fans have their favorites but overall Ferrari fans are nutso. Red flags, red tee shirts and caps etc abound.

I was surprised by the content and quality of the race program that I can't get in the living room and amazed it was only \$10. Most venues with lesser races have no content and are 20 bucks.(like Laguna Seca)

One other difference was not fun: being in a downpour for two hours, but it was worth every wet minute. I had a grandstand seat that I would rank an eight out of 10 and felt sorry I could not get into the hairpin where you see the cars entering the brake zone, doing the corner and then coming right at you out of the corner. The grandstand is on the inner part of the turn. However I did have the thrill of seeing Button pass Vettel in “my” corner in the last lap. So that made it a 10 of 10 for the day. It's not likely to happen again so NEXT YEAR I will be in the hairpin. No one has passed Vettel all year so it was astounding to see that and the crowd roared and came to their feet. It wasn't that we liked or disliked a driver but it was the quality of the drive that we applauded.

Another cool thing of being there is seeing the support races. Seeing 30 identical, new Ferraris in the challenge race for not-so-professional drivers banging fenders, a Porsche race and a 1600 formula race with 5 cars swaping leads was a good build up for the F1 race.

I watched the race I had recorded and it was really a thrill to hear Jensen Button say when he was running behind Vettel, “I think I can win this.” Then he did in great fashion driving the race of his life. I hope the F1 comes together for Austin, Texas in 2012. I am there and for sure I am back to Montreal. I made my reservations.



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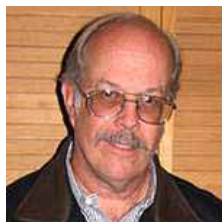
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2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
5. In "Comment to Owner," state that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

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

Membership

Our Mission

The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars—the Mazda Miata.

Owning and driving a Miata is one of life's great pleasures, and adding the company and camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts only enhances the experience. Won't you join the fun as we enjoy the beauty of San Diego County from the seat of a very special little roadster?

Let's have fun driving our Miatas!

Monthly Meetings

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

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

Many members arrive around 6

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

August Monthly Meeting is:

August 25th

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.

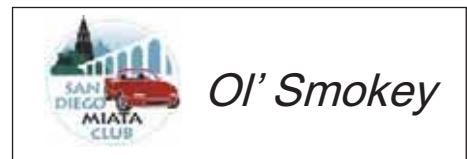
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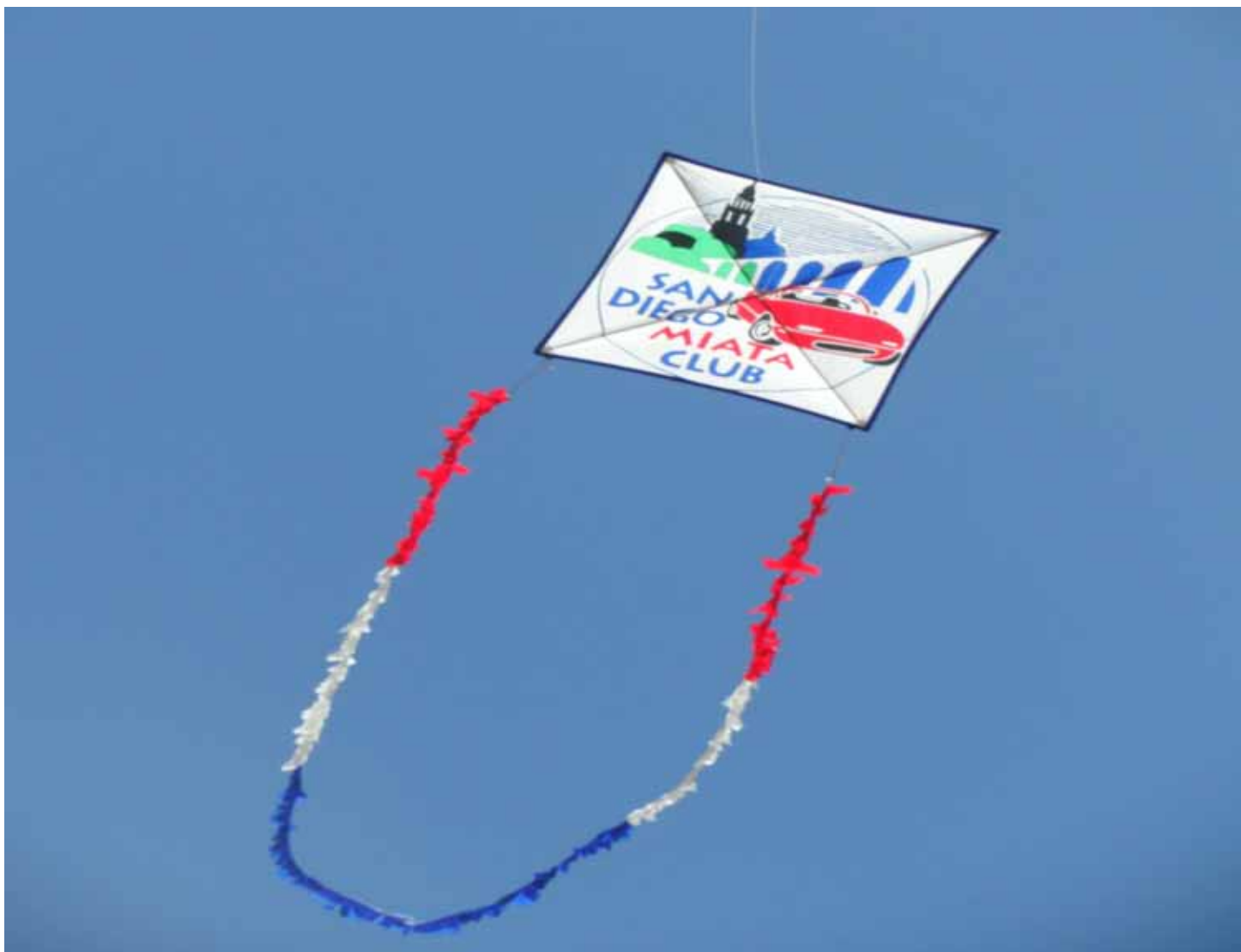
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Upcoming Events



August 20th	Run to the SDMC Annual Picnic	11:45AM - 2:00PM	Rancho Bernardo Community Park	Rick & Diane Spurgeon thekitedude@cox.net
August 25th	Monthly Meeting	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Boll Weevil	Daryled Bristol president@sandiegomiataclub.org
August 28th	Run to Stone Brewery and Tour	11:00AM - 6:00PM	Starbucks Mira Mesa 10740 Westview Pkwy San Diego, CA 92126	Chris Malaqui chrismalaqui@gmail.com
Sept. 2nd	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 - 9:00PM	Tom's #23 Escondido	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net

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.

Auto Image Paintless dent repair, leather/vinyl/plastic repair, headlight restoration & paint touch up. Free estimates at your home or work. Contact Britt Colton. 619-244-2227. Discount: 10%

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%.

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. 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).

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