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## *Twist or Treat Run proves to be a scary success*

**by Mary Clark**

Photo by James Claus



Justin Tackett and his lady Samantha may have found the most unusual and scenic road in the San Diego area for his Twist or Treat run. Actually I think it was a paved fire road, and it went from near the start of our tour in Pine Valley up the mountain for nine miles.

But let me start at the beginning. Twenty-eight cars met at Major's Café off Interstate 8 in Pine Valley. Greg came dressed in full costume as a zombie clown and Mandy was a dead zombie prom queen. Leo, our sweep car, came with two brooms packed in behind the seats so he could "sweep well." Justin had on a T-shirt with the twisty road logo, and Samantha was dressed as a s'more. Diane had a red wig. The costumes were few, but the spirit was high.

At 4:30 PM we left on the tour with a turn onto Old Highway 80 followed by an almost 180-degree turn onto Pine Creek Road shortly thereafter.

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Photo by James Claus

## A Message from the Head Turkey ...

### President's Message



*by President  
Daryled Bristol*

November is here, days whiz past and before you know it, it's the Holiday season, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years. The rush of life is on. We are blessed with beautiful Southern California weather and many events take place that can and will involve us in addition to family and friends.

As part of the "Car Club" community we enjoy many car related activities and some tug at our heart strings more than others. The "Christmas Cruse for the Kids" is coming up December 11 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year the destination is Torrey Pines High School (3710 Del Mar Heights Road, just off I-5). Bring a new unwrapped toy or a cash donation. This could be a destination for a club run? Then again there is another "Toy" run the preceding Saturday (December 3) in El Cajon. This one benefits the children of deployed service people. That is any child whose parent is deployed around the world. Not quite sure about this one but it is in El Cajon and on December 3.

SDMC has two events taking place starting with the Christmas Party, the San Marcos Parade and the Lights cruise. We are busy people; pick one and join in the fun or go crazy and do them all. Be safe and have a great holiday.





## Twist or Treat Run proves to be a scary success *(cont.)*



Photo by James Claus

It was our not-to-be forgotten road. It was well paved, but only one lane wide with no curbs or road markings. The forest met the road and we were in a world of our own. First we passed an open gate with a “Road Closed” sign. Then an “Archery Only” sign. Later a Forest Service truck met us as he was coming down and asked if we knew where we were going. Justin told him he knew we’d end up at Sunrise Highway, and that there were 27 Miatas behind him! We were told to be careful; there were hunters out.

As we climbed up the mountain, we saw deer, a few potholes (no worse than on Escondido’s main roads), and many burned and dead trees that looked like great Halloween trees minus the scary birds. A few of the lowered Miatas had problems with bumps and scraping their bottoms. And there were beautiful views.

Then we turned left on Route 79 and headed for Lake Cuyamaca for a quickie break and nice view of the lake with its ducks and small boats. Another right onto Old Highway 80 going west gave us an awesome sunset of florescent creams, corals, and pinks and even a silvery moon and great shadows on the mountains to our side. After a few more turns, we went west on Interstate 8 where we encountered an accident so we queued up in the fast lane and slowly made our way thru just fine. We exited at West Mission Bay Drive, wiggled around to East Mission Bay, and entered the parking lot just past the Hilton Hotel. “Head straight for the bathrooms; that’s where the bonfire is” were our instructions.

And, indeed, Justin’s Mom April was there guarding our “campsite” with a small bonfire going, a treat table of cupcakes, cookies, s’mores, beverages, even an Easy Up all waiting for us. After much chatter, giggles, hand warming and marshmallows cooked over the fire, we headed home in our various directions.

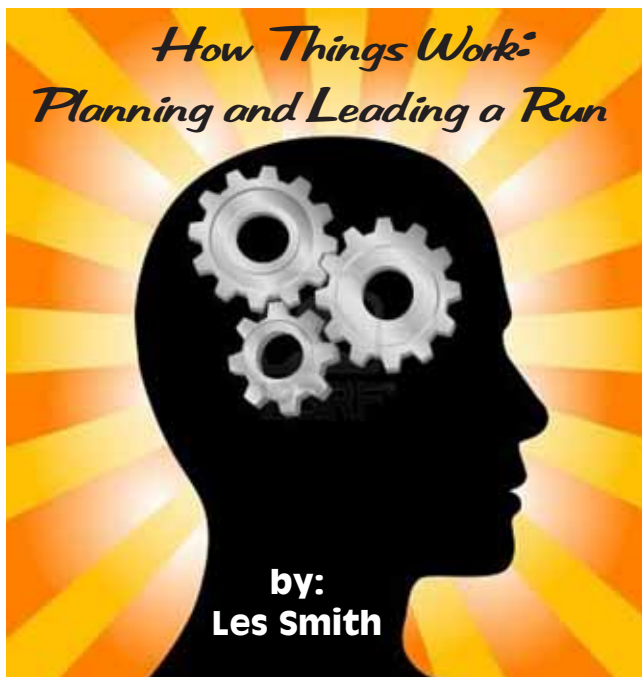
Justin and Samantha are to be commended for their first run and their well-deserved magnetics. Thanks also to Mom for making the run so special.

And, lucky for us Justin is thinking about doing another Twist or Treat run next year... Stay tuned; I’m sure it will be another fantastic event.



Photo by James Claus

# How Things Work



Here's a somewhat exhaustive, though not necessary complete, list of steps to follow.

1. Connect with another member who has led a run who can offer advice, suggestions and support. They can usually be spotted by the magnetics on their Miatas.
2. Pick a date.
3. Pick a starting point. Makes sure there is adequate parking; having a gas station, snack shop and restrooms nearby also help.
4. Plan a route. Anything works, from an afternoon cruise from point A to B to the "ultimate adventure." Stay on paved and "mostly" paved roads. (Other members will be happy to share directions for previous runs to assist your planning.)
5. Contact Events Chair Diane Foster so she can add your event to the club calendar.
6. Quit worrying about whether anyone will show up.
7. Plan a food stop before, during and/or after. Miatas run on gasoline; drivers and passengers on food and drink. (Include a stop at Dudley's Bakery if your route passes through Santa Ysabel.) Adequate restrooms are a must.
8. Include a bathroom break during the run if the food stop comes at the end.
9. Write and submit a brief article about your run for Twists & Turns. Advance notice in the newsletter qualifies you for a set of magnetics if this is your first run.
10. Contact Mary Chabot about your Miata's color so she can order magnetics of the same color.
11. Hype the event multiple times prior-to the date using the SDMC-list email, especially if key details change.
12. Arrange for a sweep, the vehicle responsible for bringing up the rear and keeping you informed how the group is staying together.
13. It's best to have a co-pilot along to handle CB duties. The lead car's turns are usually announced and you need to focus on driving.



## How Things Work: Planning and Leading a Run *(cont.)*



14. Prepare run directions, preferably with mileage to the tenth of a mile. Keep directions simple. Use larger point size; some participants will be driving solo.
15. Anticipate queuing-up spots where cars are likely to get separated by traffic lights and other obstacles; include these in your run directions.
16. Pre-run the route, preferably on the same day of the week and about the same time as the actual run. Record or check your Miata's mileage between turns and other points. (Don't worry about mileage differences that might occur between model years and tire sizes.)
17. Go on other members' runs prior to your event and watch what they do.
18. Again, quit worrying about whether anyone will show up.
19. Borrow a CB radio if you don't have one and practice using it in advance. Several members have an extra unit and will be glad to loan it for your use.
20. On the day of your run, have participants sign the club's waiver form as they arrive at the starting point.
21. Conduct a drivers meeting that begins 15 minutes before departure. Remind participants to wait until the Miata following them is clearly in sight before making each turn; also, for each participant to drive at a speed at which they feel comfortable ... even pulling over and moving back in the line if it helps.
22. Encourage one or more members to write a follow-up article and to take pictures, then to submit these to Twists & Turns.
23. When it's time to go, turn on your headlights and lead the way.



24. Remind other drivers when/where to zero out their odometers as the run begins.
25. For your pit stop, announce the departure time upon arrival. These are usually 10-20 minute break; sometimes longer if people don't know when to regroup.
26. Smile real big when being presented your magnetics.
27. Everyone else on the run will be having a fun time; quit worrying and follow suit.



## La Mesa "Boo Parade" Photos

Photos by Steve Licata



Steve carried Miss Junior San Diego County. Bella Espinelli, 11 years old, first parade and pageant for her.

The "headless Horseman" showed up during this time; what a beautiful stallion and neat costume. The breed of horse is an Alusion, a Netherlands breed, very tall and very draft like. I think same breed that was used in the movie "Zorro".



## SDMC Mask Creations for the October Meeting

Photos by Les Smith



NC Miata Zorro  
"aka" Steve Waid



*The Spooktakular Rosi Romero*

## Holiday Party, December 3, 2011

*It's a Holly Jolly party at the Butcher Shop this year  
I know there won't be snow  
but we will have good eats and lots of cheer.  
At the Holly Jolly party and  
when you drive up the street  
Say hello to Miata friends you know  
And beep the horn to everyone you meet.  
OH, Ho there won't be snow anywhere you will see.  
Somebody waits for us. . .just you wait and see.  
At the Holly Jolly Party  
just in case you didn't hear.  
You'll be sure to have a holly. . jolly good time  
at the SDMC Holiday Party this year!*

Join us for a night of Miata Fun and Holiday Merriment at the  
Annual SDMC Holiday Party and Gift Exchange Extravaganza

Saturday, December 3

6:00 pm

Butcher Shop Restaurant, 5255 Kearney Villa Road, San Diego, CA

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Prime Rib Or

Chicken Mozzarella

With all the trimmings including Dessert

No Host Bar

Bring a Miata or car related gift (\$25.00 value) to participate in the gift exchange.

Deadline: November 25. Make checks payable to SDMC (indicated your meal choice in the memo area) and mail to: Sue Hinkle 733 S. Kalmia St, Escondido, CA 92025

Sue will also be collecting checks at the November 17 meeting.





# Upcoming Events...

Dec. 3	Annual SDMC Holiday Party	6:00 PM	Butcher Shop San Diego	Sue Hinkle sportscarr@sbcglobal.net
Dec. 4	San Marcos Holiday Parade	10:00AM - 4:00PM	Meet at Dalton's Parking Lot	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
Dec. 11	Holiday Lights Run	3:30PM - 7:30PM	Home of Les and Dyanna Smith	Les Smith lessmith@san.rr.com
Dec. 15	SDMC Monthly Meeting	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Bollweevil San Diego, CA	Daryled Bristol president@sandiegomiataclub.org

# Think Snow





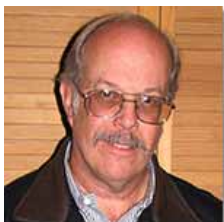
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### 24 HOUR VOICE MESSAGE LINE

619-434-2007

### MAIL

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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

## 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.

**November Monthly Meeting is:**

**November 17th**

## 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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**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.

**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.

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

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**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).

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

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