

TWISTS & TURNS



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Touch A Truck

by Steve Waid

The 4th Annual Touch a Truck on September 29 benefiting kids fighting cancer was an event that I first heard about at a San Diego Car Club Council meeting. As many of you know, I am the SDMC representative on the council. This relationship is how we have been finding our way into events and car shows organized outside of SDMC.

Because of the uniqueness of this event I was reluctant to promote it to our club until I was able to experience it. It did sound like something I would enjoy being a part of, but I was sure that not everyone else would agree. So, I went and participated.

The request was for people to bring their cars, trucks, boats, works in progress ... whatever, for kids to touch, climb on, sit in, honk the horns (which they did) and thoroughly enjoy. I thought, what the heck, I'm going to autocross the next day anyway, so I would be cleaning the car for sure after that.

What I experienced was one of the most gratifying and enjoyable days you could want. If you like little kids and their energy, then this was a top grade event. Imagine being an eight year



old boy and lived your whole life being told ... "don't touch that" ... "get down from there" ... "stay back" ... "you'll poke your eye out," and much more. On this one day, they were not told NO.

The Touch a Truck name came from the myriad of trucks available for them to climb over. Tow trucks, fire trucks, dump trucks, trash trucks, military humvees, and more were available. There was laser tag, rock climbing, and Star Wars characters for photo ops. One of the biggest attractions and I do mean BIG, was Robosaurus. <http://www.robosaurus.com> This was an 8 year olds dream.



I had my car dressed up as a race car. I must have had 100 to 150 kids climb through it during the day. The parents were respectful and grateful. I had a little four year old boy come up and hug me after climbing around in the car. It doesn't get much better than that.

I will likely be promoting the 5th Annual version for next year. They really don't care what you bring. It doesn't even have to be running, as long as there are no sharp edges. After all, you don't want to poke an eye out.

Golden State Adventure

by John DeGrazio

Melissa and I have wanted to take Lola (our Miata) on a trip since we bought her a year and a half ago. Work was getting to both of us. And our 29th Wedding Anniversary month arrived. It was time to run. With minimal planning we loaded (a couple changes of clothes and the trunk was full) our little sportster up and headed north.

As fellow San Diegans the first obvious problem is how to get through LA with minimum impact. After some debate we set off on Columbus day. With the goal of the Madonna Inn 5 North to 405 North to 101 North to 154 North and back to 101 North. We took our time, stopped for pictures and still got to our destination with plenty of time to check in, unpack the car, and have a cocktail poolside before our massages.

Lake Chacuma

For those of you that have never been to (or heard) of the Madonna Inn, it is an amazing stop for a couple of lovebirds. Be prepared for pink, their signature color. The entire facility is uniquely decorated too - especially the restrooms. The rooms are all unique. They have (what we considered to be a good deal) a package called Spa and Stay. That included a premium room and a couples massage for a discount. We stayed in the Misty Rock Room. It had a rock shower, a waterfall and three of the walls were stone as well. The bed was amazingly comfortable.

After the massage we were both "loosened up". Dinner was about all we could manage. The Madonna Inn has an impressive steak house. We were able to cut ours with a butter knife. It had a very rich smoked mesquite flavor. They even gave us a complimentary Pink Champagne Cake as an anniversary gift. After breakfast we headed North one exit off of 101 to Highway 1. We had both taken this route in the past, but never in a Miata. As you all know, this is what Lola was built for. Sunshine, perfect weather, and breathtaking scenery with a hot blond in the passenger seat.

There was very little traffic. Not that we had any need to go fast. There is so much amazing territory to see. A leisurely cruise enables a longer absorption. South of Big Sur there is vast range land for cattle right along the coast! I was never more committed as a carnivore. I made it a point to eating as much steak as I could just to get even with those cattle for taking that landscape for granted.



At one point we stopped at a small California State Park called Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. It is a little hike off of the roadside parking but very worth it. In the early 1900's, Ms. Pfeiffer was orphaned at a young age. She was bequeathed a sum of around ten million dollars. She later married and built a home on this site overlooking truly breathtaking views of one of the few California coastal waterfalls. She later moved back east and eventually the property was transferred to the State and shared with all of us. There is a small portion where someone could actually camp on the property also. Just a chance stop rendered a lifetime of memories. This photo does not represent the splendor of this site.

We meandered a little farther North and stopped for lunch at a lovely place called NEPENTHE. There are multiple buildings with expansive balconies that overlook the Pacific one thousand feet below. We relaxed at the bar and shared a tuna sandwich and a couple pints of Hoegaarden. After the bartender heard we were on our Anniversary vacation he bought us our beers. We made a mental note to find a way to bring up our Anniversary in every restaurant on this trip!

Continuing North along highway 1 brought us into Carmel and Monterey for our next night. When negotiating the streets of a foreign city I don't always make the best directional decisions. In this case I was able to find lodging for the next few nights, but not exactly directly. While wandering around with some intention we came across our first sighting of deer. There are apparently hundreds of them living throughout the city. The first one we saw was a medium large 6 point buck. He seemed to have no concern whether we shot him with a cell phone or a Magnum.

We had a small lunch then set off for the famous 17 Mile scenic road around the Monterey Peninsula. I had heard about this road though had never experienced it. There is a ten dollar toll to gain access. I don't know if it is worth it, and I have no idea who gets the money, but you can't see it unless you pay. The entire route is magnificent by any definition. First we drove along the coast by the Spyglass Golf course. Viewing greens that were on the coast as well as mansions with views of the coast and the fairways of this amazing golf course.

There are a number of stops along the way with parking lots and views of famous shoreline landscapes. It was impossible to NOT capture a photo that others have taken countless times. Yet your own pictures are always more memorable and the memories will never fade. We now can share them with you.

After twisting and turning all through Monterey and Carmel, we came upon a view of a flock of sheep grazing in a field near the Carmel river estuary. It was so lovely we stopped for more pictures.

We then proceeded to a Starbucks for a cup of joe and some WiFi. While there, Melissa suggested that we find the restaurant that Clint Eastwood owns for an early dinner. Google resulted in informing us that the flock of sheep are part of the Mission Ranch Hotel and Restaurant. At least the restaurant is owned by none other than Dirty Harry himself.

When we pulled up there was a limousine parked outside the restaurant. That should have been a hint. We were told that no reservations were ever taken and that the place was very casual. We walked in and sat at the bar. After a round of deceptively smooth Margaritas, I asked the bartender if this was really the place that Clint Eastwood owned. He said it was and that HE was sitting next to the fireplace. Clint apparently comes in all the time.

As Clint was leaving, one guy got up from the bar and chased him down. He asked Clint to come in and meet his wife on their anniversary. No it was not me. I did not want to intrude on our host. Mr. Eastwood walked up to the bar and graciously congratulated the couple on their event. I am sure they will never forget and neither will we.

The next day we left Monterey. The first destination was Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca. I don't know what I expected to see there but we went anyway. As we wandered through the track spaces that were accessible, we watched an AMG school as they horse whipped some SLK's around an autocross track. This sure put the Skip Barber bug into me!

From Laguna Seca we turned up Laureles Grade. This proved to be the most awesome twisting and winding part of our adventure. We stopped at a nice place on Carmel Valley Road called "Toast" for lunch. It was a very quaint little place with a great wine selection and plenty of micro-brewed beer. The chicken tostada, and bbq beef sandwich were very good.

Leaving Toast we soon turned onto Cachagua Road. This was an optional ten mile excursion along our route. WOW! What a fun little ten miles. I have to encourage anyone in this part of the State, please drive this road. We saw more deer, some wild turkey, lovely country estates, vineyards and what looked like moonshiner properties along the way back to Carmel Valley Road.

We eventually made it to Greenfield and the 101 South past King City. We took 198 all the way to Three Rivers, CA where we spent the next night. Three Rivers is a charming little town right outside Sequoia National Park. The people are warm and friendly. It is, however NOT Monterey. We ordered a pizza and watched TV in our room.

The next morning Melissa was not feeling well. The weather had been threatening since Monterey. And we had already gone through some showers. This morning it was damp and overcast. We relaxed until the daytime TV started to remind me of sick days home from grade school. I set off for the Sierras. I drove up The General's Highway for a few miles. There were scattered showers all day. The weather broke just as I came onto a turn out over a rocky river. I climbed off the road down a steep and slippery path and took a picture for all of us to enjoy.

At about the five thousand foot mark the road construction started. They were down to only one lane for all of three miles. They had lights metering the direction of traffic. Once I started through the rain and fog made this pretty exciting slow motion "Miata motoring". It was very slippery and muddy. There was lots of heavy equipment as well as rocks and debris all along. At one point I hit a rock under the front end. It made a pretty nasty thunk. When I finally stopped at about seven thousand feet I began to smell some oil. I was worried. The rest of the trip I checked the oil, and monitored the oil pressure gauge every chance I got. The smell of burning oil eventually went away. The engine ran fine. And since I had no more indications of a problem I ran her pretty hard on the way home. I can only suspect that the impact of the rock shook some previously spilled oil onto the exhaust, or that slippery mud baking on the exhaust smelled something like oil. I donno. There is no oil on the floor on my garage and there is still plenty of oil in the engine.

The next day we went up to see one of the largest and oldest living things on earth. Sequoias live thousands of years. At 37 feet wide at the base and over 270 feet tall. General Sherman is an amazing site. Words cannot describe these trees. Pictures don't do them justice either.

We left the Sequoia National Park about one in the afternoon and blitzed back home. 1250 miles in six days. I think I am going to do some research on seat covers. The leather gets pretty uncomfortable after five or six hours. Even with my honey by my side.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off - IV - Held Back, Again

by Gene Streeter

I need an honest answer here. How many of you thought the IV was medical and that Ferris was seriously ill? Again? For those of you with medical training, I get it; it's all part of the oath you took and to do no harm. For those of us that cut our teeth on Roman numerals, it's clear this will be the fourth running of this SDMC event, inspired both by the neo-classic movie and Steve Waid's subtle suggestion to me that it might be fun to do.

The movie, released 26 years ago, provides us with the outline and lays down the challenge of making our lives memorable. Despite good intentions, Ferris Bueller's Day Off II never quite materialized. Writer/director John Hughes died before the project came to fruition. Just imagine the original cast trying to pull that one off...

What is it about a Roman numeral that adds class and a formal air to the subject? Think Henry Ford III, for example; we're somehow impressed with the longevity of the family name and the legacy that attaches. In the wrong hands, those same Roman numerals can seriously backfire ... think Rambo XVII, Saw VII, or

countless other movie sequels that never quite lived up to the original release. (Or, are equally forgettable as the original.)

Since I'd like to think that our annual Ferris Bueller's Day Off run is worthy of "legacy" in the first place, I challenge you to join us in the 2012 edition. If you were among the 40-odd participants in each of the three previous editions, you are at least partly to blame for this year's rendition.

For the very few of you unfamiliar with this "coming of age" cinematic effort, Ferris Bueller's day unwinds with the spontaneity of a high school teenager nearing graduation, seriously charming and manipulative, and possessing a voracious appetite for the finer things in life. When our Ferris Bueller's Day Off event sequel launches Thursday, October 25, we're staying true to the original effort ... very few details are provided in advance – no specific destinations, no recognizable schedule, and deliberately screened on a normal work day. The end game is to expose all of us to some of the hidden treasures of San Diego County – automobile-focused, of course. Oh, and not to replicate the haunts of previous Bueller runs. If you're designing your first SDMC run, this is probably not the best model to follow; it took Bonnie and me 3½ years to attempt our first.

If you've done any of the three previous Ferris Bueller runs, you should know there are just as many variations to this edition:

- This will be the first year that doesn't include a visit to K1 Speed in Carlsbad. It's not that it wasn't fun (or occasionally painful), it had become predictable.
- This year's edition will be run on a Thursday, and not in connection with the Coronado Speed festival, as we've done the last two years. You can thank Dr. Mike Shack and Sandy Bagnall for that change.
- The "can you do it all?" challenge shrinks from three days to this all-day event and the monthly meeting ... the buzz will last beyond dinner.

I think you'll admit that FB IV has a good "ring" to it, not unlike the doorbell at the Bueller residence (Bueller ... Bueller ... Bueller) that activates his pre-recorded, near-death message for Principal Rooney's benefit. Where Ferris's hooky-playing escapades are all about split-second timing, our own "day off" will unfold with slightly less precision; since lunch will be approximate, we'll provide you with coffee, bagels, donuts, pastries, coffee and juice to hold you over. These are the preparations we need to make:

- Have your absence and illness excuses ready to share as part of our cast party at Mazda of Escondido
- If you remember the movie, "dead relatives" excuses can be problematic
- Selection of one lucky SDMC member to reprise the role of Sloane, from among the casting call (and swimsuit) finalists
- Selection of one suitably-depressed Cameron, from among the very few of us convinced life has little to offer.
- Take the oath ... carpe diem is good advice and good medicine.

See you the morning of the 25th!

"Life goes by pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

- Ferris

Karting With The Corvette Club

by Steve Waid

The Friday before the 2012 Coronado Speed Festival was to be a Ferris Bueller-type of day where we cut school, called in sick to work, or cancelled our appointment with the chiropractor. Mazda of Escondido again hosted us for coffee, juice, and donuts. We had Miatas and Corvettes show up along with the corresponding drivers to partake in the morning social time.

All of this was a precursor to the Kart racing we were going to do at K1 Speed as a precursor to the MX-5 Cup racing that was to take place the next two days. We were just full of precursors. Three years ago we had been invited to compete with the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego, but this time they were a little more prepared. Of the six podium spots for two races, Corvette owners took first and second in the first group. We had 25 total drivers broken into a 13 driver and a 12 driver group. Of the 25 total drivers, we had six Corvette owners and 18 SDMC members and one lonely guest ... Steve Vannatta from Arroyo Grande.

Every year Steve comes down so that I can beat him Kart racing. This year was different. He finally beat me. Although, I had a much slower Kart that was obviously out of alignment, I will give him his due ... until next year. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. I am, after all, humble.

I believe we introduced Kart racing to a few more SDMC members, so next time we will have even more fun. Steve admitted that this was the most fun he has ever had Kart racing with us and he meant that in addition to beating me.

I am again planning my revenge. See you next year.



SDMC Annual Holiday Party & Gift Exchange

Take a Miata Sleigh Ride to the SDMC Annual Holiday Party and Gift Exchange. This is the time of year to join your Miata friends in celebration of the Holiday's and there is no better way to get into the holiday spirit than participating in one of the last events of the year.

You don't want to miss out on visiting with your Miata friends, enjoying a terrific dinner and the antics of Santa and his merry elves for the gift exchange and stealing portion of the evening.

RSVPs are due no later than November 26, 2012

Date: December 1, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm for Cocktails and Appetizers (No Host Bar)

Place: Butcher Shop Restaurant

5255 Kearny Villa Road San Diego, CA 92123

(858) 565-2272

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Prime Rib or Chicken

Dinner includes everything including salad, entree, rice or potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

Vegetarian meals are available upon request.

November/December 2012 Events

Monday, Nov. 12	Veteran's Day Parade	11 AM – 1:30 PM		Neal Mills, nealmills@aim.com
Saturday & Sunday Nov. 17 & 18	Planes, Trains and Automobiles	All Day, Both Days	McDonalds, Oceanside, CA	Gene Streeter, gene.streeter.CZLI@statefarm.com
Saturday, Dec. 1	Annual Holiday Party	6 – 11 PM	Butcher Shop Restaurant 5255 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA	Sue Hinkle, sportscarr@sbcglobal.net
Sunday, Dec 2	San Marcos Holiday Parade	10 AM – 2 PM	Parking lot adjacent to the old Dalton's Road-house nearer to the Burger King in San Marcos (Just North of Hwy 78 on Nordahl)	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Saturday, Dec. 8	Tech Day	9 AM – 3PM	Rockys Miatomotive, 2951 Garnet Ave, Pacific Beach, CA	Rocky Murphy, rockysmiata@yahoo.com

The 2012 Car Show Season

by Steve Waid

Yes, there is a car show season ... of sorts. Beginning in April and ending in October each year you can see the number of car shows ramp up and then taper off. Some weekends there are more than one per day.

Southern California is arguably the birthplace of the car hobby, partly because of the weather, and partly because of the start up of post war hot rod building and drag racing. The movie American Graffiti, many say, jump started the idea of cruise nights and the growth of car shows for hot rods and muscle cars. Prior to the movie most car shows were of the concours and classic car type. It was more of a "rich mans" activity. Now "us poor slob" can play too.

Car shows and "cruise nights" were well in place around California before the first Miata hit the streets. At first the idea of a Miata being included in a car show was about as likely as seeing a Yugo win a race. That has now changed, and I don't mean that a Yugo has now won a race.

The Miata is 22 years young and sports three generations of this now-recognized classic roadster. I will not spend any time arguing whether or not it is a roadster, much like the argument that a Mustang is or is not a muscle car. The real importance of the creation by Mazda is its impact in the automotive world. Many, if not most, have now come to the realization that the MX-5 Miata is an important piece of the automotive world. Of course, we already knew that, but it takes time for some people to see it.

The San Diego Miata Club is a member of the San Diego Car Club Council and has become a respected member of the Car Club community as well. SDMC is now being invited more and more to be a part of the local car show and cruise nights throughout the year.

Because I have been around long enough to watch much of this transition, I am proud to be a part of the momentum. Many of you have asked me why I attend so many of these car shows. I am actually more selective than it may appear. I try to attend any car show that goes out of its way to invite our club. If the show includes a Miata class I am more likely to be there. To me, it is important that these shows continue to offer a Miata class. If we do not have enough entries (whatever that is) I am afraid that the class will be dropped. I enjoy receiving recognition for my car just like anyone would, and I have won my share. But I really enjoy seeing the look on one of our SDMC member's face when he/she wins their first one.

This year Jeff Frederick was awarded first place in the Miata class at Main Street America, and you should have seen his face. It was somewhere between shock and a heart attack. It was, as they say, priceless. Over the years there have been many other members to win awards ... remember when Leo Dailey won a trophy with his Miata police car? All I can say is that the way these folks got their awards was by entering. Not everyone wins. This is not youth soccer, but there are other benefits as well.

Each year we have enticed more and more members into displaying their Miatas. These shows end up being big parties in some glorious settings. The most obvious example has been at Main Street America where our club has also garnered the Club Participation trophy the last two years. That led to the Camaro Club inviting us for the first time to its annual Fall Classic Car Show where we were again awarded the Club Participation trophy. Do you see a trend forming?

In 2012 SDMC attended a bunch of car shows and cruise nights. We didn't always win awards, but we are making our presence known which has resulted in invitations. Listed below is what I remember, along with recognition to award winners.

April through September – Cruisin' Grand in Escondido

May – Miatas at Moab Car Show - Winners – Mark Booth (2) and Steve Waid

June – Car Shows at the Fair – Laurie Waid

July – Main Street America – Jeff Frederick, Steve Waid, and SDMC

September – El Cajon Cruise Night – Phil Daoust

Annual Fall Classic Car Show – SDMC

Greatest Show on Turf – Robert JT Holland and Carol Schwartz – Isseta (it is spectacular, if you can say that about an Isseta)

Coronado Speed Festival Car Shows – Wally Stevens, Steve Waid, and Ginny McLaughlin

As the car show season winds down I want to encourage you all to go out and make your mark in the San Diego Car Community. SDMC is now a player. I know of a couple of more car shows next year that will be making sure that SDMC is invited.

President's Mumbles



OK, getting in under the deadline. This has been one very busy time for SDMC and me personally. We kicked off the end of summer with Moons over Miata's, A party and video of/for our own Diane Foster and her pilgrimage thru the mud that is Spain on a very inspiring if not trying trek (great gathering hosted by Les & Diana Smith). We had our premier El Cajon Wednesday cruise (love the heat of East County) where that "Miata My Way" was recognized (Phil Daoust) as an outstanding custom. Crusin' Grand wrapped up another year and the 19th Fall Classic hosted by The San Diego Camaro Club recognized SDMC for best club participation. Greatest Show on Turf at Liberty Station, Kart Racing with COCSD (I guess we slipped up on that one, how did they ever manage to get the fast karts?) and wrapped it all up with the two day Coronado Speed Festival and MX-5 racing. There is some rumor going around that some over zealous member did it all and still managed to maintain his marriage to his fantastic wife, and made the rest of the San Diego car clubs envious.

Just sitting down and typing (keyboarding) all this out has me looking for a nap. In retrospect that is 8 events (one 2 day event) in 5 weekends. We also proudly displayed the new club banner put together by Rick "The Kite Dude" Spurgeon. Fantastic and are the rest of the San Diego car clubs envious.

Many of these events are new and some are club standards, we as a club should make a decision as to what and where to flash the colors and make our presence known. Following the MX-5 racing at Coronado I think our rides are going to be viewed as something a bit more than just a fun little car that the girls love to drive. There is recognition building in the car community most recently brought on by Steve Waid (under the watchful eye of Laurie). Recognition is well deserved.

Three months remain and there are plenty of activities to take advantage of, check the web site for fun events coming to a neighborhood near you. If you don't see one feel free to step up and create a run of your own. There is plenty of willing help out there. Post an email, place a call or just sing out at a meeting to make your intentions known and you will be flooded with assistance.

Membership update through October 1, 2012

Provided by Chris and Linda Jones
SDMC Membership as of 8/31/2012

New Members

David & Gwen Plank, Vista, 2010 Black
April Moyer, Santee, 1992 Mariner Blue

160 memberships
(48 single, 112 dual)

total of **272 members**

PREVIOUS (August 1, 2012)
Membership update since 8/31/2012:

New Members

Steve & Scott Welch, Valley Center, 1999 Sapphire Blue Mica
Marianne Holt-Phoenix, Chula Vista 1999 Classic Red
Paul & Margaret Johnson, Ramona, 2008 Marble White

Welcome Back!
(Recent renewal)

Fran Hitt & Les Zimmerman, San Diego, 1999 Twilight Blue Mica

SDMC had 158 memberships (47 single, 111 dual) for a total of 269 members by that date.

NEW MEMBERS



April Moyer bought Brenda Kay's 1992 Miata in June. Was the Mariner Blue color choice intentional? "No, as it happens, my new-to-me Miata color is very similar to my Camaro, and I love my Camaro!"

April lives in Santee and is a licensed Fire and Casualty Insurance Agent. Other family members are a recently-adopted stray kitten named Bobbi! She spends her extra time with son Justin and daughter Jessica; also car club shows and events for fun.

"I also enjoy my two performance muscle cars. I am also a proud owner of 1968 El Camino and 1970 Camaro, and am a member and an officer of the Camaro Club of San Diego."

What were you looking for in life that steered you into a Miata:
Fun people, fun drives and I enjoy anything with Justin, who is also a Miata club member.

Any previous sports cars:
No, only performance muscle cars.

Extent of total driving that will involve the Miata (daily driver, weekend only, etc.):
Fun weekend runs with both the Miata Club and possibly the Camaro Club as well as a daily driver (especially now that the cost for gas has gone up so much, Max is easy to please).

What have you enjoyed about club runs:
"So far, I've only participated on the Twilight Run in my classic 70 Camaro, Mary, which we enjoyed a great deal, by the way."

Favorite San Diego County road (so far):
All mountain roads!

Trips in the Miata being planned:
I plan on going on the Twist-or-Treat Run Justin and Samantha are planning for October 31.

April adds, "I am looking forward to meeting a great group of people and driving a fun sports car."

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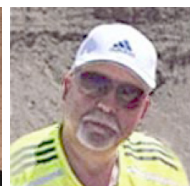
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1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
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.

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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!

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 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.

October Monthly Meeting: **October 25**

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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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%

Chemical Guys
8680 Miralani Dr. Suite 125, San Diego, CA 92126. 858-527-1566
www.ChemicalGuys.com
sdstore@chemicalguys.com
10% discount on products on top of internet prices.

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 2951 Garnet Avenue, San Diego, CA 92109. 858-273-2547. 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).

Other Services

David Bryan your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Pacific Sotheby's International Realty. I sell garages with homes! I will provide SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me with a free 1-year home warranty. DAVID BRYAN 619.334.4625 DavidBrealtor@cox.net DRE#01009295

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Buying or selling your Miata or Miata accessories? You can do it \$9.95 for three months on Miatamart—the Miata for Sale web site, run by SDMC member Rainer Mueller. Check it out at www.miatamart.com

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