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Scavenger Hunt/Car Rally and Wine tasting Fund-raiser

Two big events are scheduled to occur on June 29th, 2013.

The first is the Scavenger Hunt/Car Rally:

- Put together a team of two to four cars, come up with a name and step up to the challenge. (If you don't have a 'team' we can assign one at the beginning .. or .. you can be your own team – that means 'fly solo')
- These rallies are a lot of fun for the whole team! Get out and drive some roads you know, some roads you might not know, inspect sights you normally ignore and most of all, have a great time swapping stories and answers at the end! You can even bring non-Miata friends.
- There will be prizes for first place? for worst place? who knows what else?
- The run will begin in the parking lot of the now closed Dalton's Roadhouse in San Marcos. The time for the 'drivers meeting' will be 12:30pm (full tank of gas) with departure following.



A little history:

The Gregg Garon Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 by Dennis and Maryanne to fund scholarships for high school soccer players in memory of their son Gregg, who passed away at age 36 on March 17, 2005. Some of you might remember Gregg as the 'CSI' in the 'Murder Mystery Challenge' at the 2005 Surfin' Safari.

To honor Gregg and his love for the game of soccer, which he played and later coached, the scholarship seeks to reward the "unsung heroes" who have shown a lot of heart, love for the game and loyalty to their team and teammates. To date we have awarded ten scholarships to deserving players. For further information please see our website: www.wvggd.org.

In 2008 the SDMC members stepped up and helped us organize our very first fundraiser, 'Scrabble for Scholarships' in the memory of our son Gregg and the Gregg Garon scholarship Fund. Because of your

efforts, we have continued to grow and now have formed our own 501(c)(3) – Gregg's Goals. Once again, in honor of that and the continued support of our Miata friends we have organized the above rally as a precursor to our 2013 Fund-raiser

The Event:

Gregg's Goals presents:

Fiesta de Vino 2013

June 29 – 2013 – the third annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction to benefit Gregg's Goals (scholarships for our local young people!)

\$25/person – includes:

Appetizers, dinner, wine, beer, and an afternoon of fun.

Where: Garon's:

1843 Da Gama Ct., Escondido, CA 92026

For more information: visit our website: www.wvggd.org



[You can pay for your admission or make a donation on the website with 'PayPal']
Please note: we are still accepting donations for the silent auction and door prizes.
As always, you do not have to attend the Wine tasting (there will again be a soda challenge and more surprises) to participate in the Rally.

2013 SDMC Board Approves Jeff and Jan Frederick as Events Coordinators

By the Fredericks

Since joining San Diego Miata Club in March 2009, we have learned that our club members possess a wide range of Miata knowledge and destination experiences than can be shared with other club members. In our four years of club membership, there have been many new experiences for us. All of those experiences have occurred as a result of fellow club members sharing their experiences and ideas. For that reason, we encourage all club members to participate in events in any way possible.

We are always looking for new ideas and new ways to have a good time. Those new ideas come from you, our members! For that reason, our goals include having members who have not yet earned their Run Leader magnetic badge step up to the plate and experience the satisfaction of successfully planning and leading a Miata run. Since eating and driving are both club addictions, we also encourage those who have already earned their "magnetics" to lead runs and introduce us to new and interesting roads, restaurants, and events. The Miata is one of the best-designed cars ever built. The enjoyment of being an active participant of the

club and enjoying fun, food, friends, and the sheer joy of top-down driving in this great California weather is hard to beat.

We hope that, as Co-Events Coordinators, we can do as good a job as past Events Coordinators have done single-handedly. We look forward to helping make SDMC events fun and safe for all. We are always ready to assist any member in planning and executing a run.

Contact us at 2freds.sd@gmail.com

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The Swan Song Of The Tequila Sunrise: California Auto Museum

By Terese Davis, Member
SAMOA (Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association)

Who would've thought that my car would be on display in a museum? Wonders will never cease.

Here's how it happened. My local Miata club, Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) got an invitation to display nine Miatas in the California Auto Museum in Sacramento. They wanted classic, clean Miatas, the best examples of the car. Our president asked for volunteers who could spare their Miatas for a whole month.

Nine of us volunteered. We got our cars shined up and looking their best, got together pictures and memorabilia to go with them, and met up at the museum on Saturday, April 6, to be ... I can only think "inducted" into the Auto Museum.

I brought the "Tequila Sunrise," my colorful, custom-painted (Year, model) Miata, freshly detailed by my favorite detailing guy, and it looked fabulous. Jimmy and I drove his car and the Miata up to meet the others at the museum on Friday, April 6. Yes, I did say Friday, not Saturday. We got there on the wrong date, and we were a day early!

The museum people were very gracious and let Tequila Sunrise (aka "TQ") spend the night with all those amazing cars in the Auto Museum. There were muscle cars, micro cars like the Izzetta, and all the classic cars from back in the day. I spent a few minutes walking down memory lane looking at the British sports cars, and some very cool cars from the 60s and 70s.

The next day, Saturday April 6, Jimmy and I drove up (again) to Sacramento to meet with the others from SAMOA. I was in seventh heaven seeing some of the best and most unusual Miatas from our club, and talking to other club members. I know the club members through the newsletter and some events, but we don't get to attend very many meetings, since it is a 160-mile trip. Everyone was excited, although some tried not to show it.

Robin, the SAMOA president, marshaled the cars in one by one, to be backed into their assigned spaces. When it was my turn, since TQ was already there in the museum, I just had to back him into the spot. I held

my breath – imagine a fender bender, here! - and just did it. I did fine, although backing up precisely is not my greatest talent. It helped that my spot was on the open end, and that I went first!

What a cool place the California Auto Museum is. It's huge, for one thing, and they're moving into even bigger new quarters. I saw cars I'd only seen pictures of, like the five or six different micro cars ... and cars that I grew up with and remembered fondly, like the MGA, the Austin Healy 3000 and even a DeLorean It is definitely a wondrous experience, and if you haven't been there yet, you should check out the museum.

Sadly, this will be one of my last experiences with the Tequila Sunrise. I'm going to have to sell him. As Miata owners, we've all been through this painful decision. I have two Miatas and can no longer afford both -and I can't drive both, can I?.

I would like to find a buyer who can take this car to the next level. It would be nice to see this car jazzed up in performance mods, as I did with the cosmetics. I put the story of the Tequila Sunrise, along with picture, in my book, so it's a tiny bit famous. Tom Matano, the original Miata designer, signed the car (his signature is in the trunk) at Laguna Seca Miatas at Mazda Raceways in 2011, where I launched the Just Miatas book. And now TQ is in the California Auto Museum! Pretty special, huh?

Although it's sad, I kind of look forward to showing TQ off and meeting other Miata people like me who buy and sell Miatas. Some will come to look, some will come to buy, and all will think TQ is cool. It would be lovely if TQ could find a home in SAMOA, but I'm sure he'll be well taken care of wherever he goes.

How much am I asking for the Tequila Sunrise? That's the hard part. I really don't know. I'm "entertaining offers" over \$6k. Much depends on the person who wants the car and their plans for the Tequila Sunrise.

TQ will be leaving the Auto Museum early, on April 25, so we can go to Miatas at Mazda Raceways in Laguna Seca for our last time ... or maybe, someone else will be driving TQ away.

Introduction Of SDMC Member Of The Year

By Gene and Bonnie Streeter

We really enjoyed Diane Foster's presentation of this perpetual clock to us at last year's annual meeting. She freely admitted not wanting to give it up, but finally acquiesced. We were both very surprised, and very honored. We've done some quirky runs, especially the Ferris Bueller's Day Off variety, but not nearly the quantity of others in our Club.

We had no idea we would have so much difficulty in deciding this year's Members of the Year. Many of you are more than just fellow members – many of you have become good friends. Some of you have proven to be "goods sports" as well, having been lightly grilled in any number of my Newsletter submissions or "Treasurer's Reports."

We tried "Rock, Paper, Scissors" – I got a paper cut

We consulted the Magic 8 ball, receiving advice to TRY AGAIN LATER.

The ultimate assistance was a Fortune Cookie that read "All progress occurs because people dare to be different."

We latched onto the last four words of that fortune cookie philosophy. Daring to be different is the hallmark of at least one outsized individual in this club. If you happened to notice what he was wearing at last Sunday's Puke – orange and yellow, flamed shorts, loud mid-calf socks, bright yellow jacket – is the image seared into your grey matter yet?

He has a very public persona, and is very much a leader within our Club. He sings "Happy Birthday" way off key and off tempo as a matter of choice, not because he doesn't have the vocal abilities. He's "party central" among SDMC's membership, an un-abashed fun-seeker. You know who we're talking about; and you know his bride is less flamboyant and, well, long-suffering. Her personality is complementary to his ... good thing. We'd like to welcome Steve and Laurie Waid to the stage with us. We'll have to be patient as Steve makes his way up here, but just put him in a screaming yellow and flamed NB and watch him circulate.

For most of the eight years I've known them, I've claimed that I "want to be just like Steve when I grow up." Steve usually nods his head approvingly, while Laurie rolls her eyes a little and smiles politely.

You might also know them as SLoW Productions, a name I applied in jest, and it seems to have stuck. As you could tell from our Academy Awards presentations, the sheer volume of runs and events they host, organize, and execute for us is dizzying. They're also our Regalia team and our goodwill ambassadors. Retirement seems only to have enhanced their contribution.

For all the "giving" the two of you do for our club and beyond, please accept this perpetual clock and the honor of being 2013 Members of the Year.

Annual Meeting Awards Roster

BEST IMPRESSION OF CELEBRITY, MUSICAL SCORE, or ADAPTATION

Greg Lee as "Larry the Cable Guy"

BEST MOVIE - DRAMATIC SEQUEL

New Year's Day Rose Run – Rosa Romero

BEST HOSTING of a PUBLIC, CLUB, or CHARITABLE EVENT

SDMC Holiday Party, Picnic, and Annual Meeting - Sue Hinkle

BEST Extended Length Feature / OVERNIGHT EVENT

Miatas in Moab – Mark & Cathy Booth

Space & Botanical Gardens Exploration – Jeff & Jan Frederick

Pre-MX5 Cup Kart Racing / Planes, Trains, & Automobiles – SLoW Productions, Steve & Laurie Waid

Tech Days I-IV @ Rocky's Miatamotive – Rocky Murphy

I'm extremely honored to be elected as the President of the San Diego Miata Club. I appreciate your support and confidence and hope that you're pleased with my performance at the end of the year.

Thank you again for trusting me to lead the club, Neal

Membership Report

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS...

Bob Kitterer & Dolores McComas
Thomas & Luisa Manganello
Rhonda & Ralph Rugolo
Robert Budkevich
Mark & C. J. Farabaugh
Jim & Barb Milligan
Andrew & Barbara Rybak
Timothy Boragine (father & son)
George Boragine

Bonsall
Santee
San Diego
San Marcos
Carlsbad
Escondido
Redlands
Oceanside
Oceanside

2013 Copper Red Mica
1997 Brilliant Black
2012 Stormy Blue Mica
2012 Liquid Silver Metallic
1995 Classic Red
1991 Classic Red
2008 True Red
1999 Classic Red
2013 Liquid Silver Metallic

...AND RECENT RENEWALS

Steve & Scott Welch
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Our numbers:

146 memberships

(42 single, 104 dual) for a total of 250 members.



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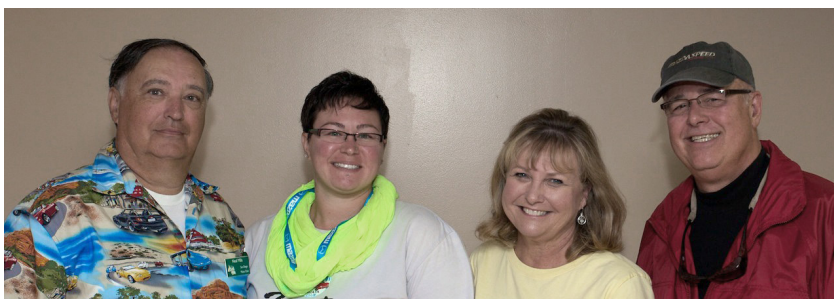
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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Tuesday, June 18	Miatas at the Fair 2013	TBD	TBD	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net and Diane Foster, dianefoster5@gmail.com
Thursday, June 27	SDMC Meeting	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant in Kearny Mesa, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aim.com
Saturday, June 29	Fiesta de Vino 2013 Scavenger Hunt/Car Rally and Wine Tasting Fundraiser	Scavenger Hunt/Car Rally 12:30 - 3:30 PM Wine Tasting Fundraiser 4:00 - 7:00 PM	Scavenger Hunt/Car Rally - Parking Lot of former Dalton's Restaurant Wine Tasting - 1843 Da Gama Ct., Escondido, CA 92026	Maryanne and Dennis Garon, dmgaron@cox.net
Thursday, July 4	Miatas at the Fair 2013	TBD	TBD	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net and Diane Foster, dianefoster5@gmail.com
Thursday, July 4	2013 Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the Fourth Parade	TBD	TBD	Jeff and Jan Frederick, 2freds.sd@gmail.com
Friday, July 5	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Tom's #23 Restaurant, 505 W. 5th Ave., Escondido, CA	Steve and Laurie Waid, swaid@cox.net
Saturday, July 20	19th Annual Twilight Run	3:30 - 8:45 PM	Albertsons/Target/TGI Fridays Shopping, Center in Rancho San Diego at corner of Highway 94 and Highway 54 (Jamacha Road)	Mark and Cathy Booth, markbooth@cox.net
Thursday, July 25	SDMC Meeting	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant in Kearny Mesa, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aim.com
Saturday, July 27	Miata Run and SDMC Annual Summer Picnic	Miata Run - TBD Summer Picnic 2:00 - ? PM	Miata Run - TBD Summer Picnic - Dave and Pam Hunt's House, 15829 Cumberland Dr., Poway, CA 92064	Miata Run - Ginny McLaughlin, miata.ginny@gmail.com Summer Picnic - Sue Hinkle, sportscarzoom@gmail.com



Steeve Waid at The Puke



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

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

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

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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.

June Monthly Meeting: June 27

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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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).

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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).

TJM Enterprises (formerly Magnolia Autobody). Restorations, body work. 10027 Prospect Avenue, Santee. 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)

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

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