



The San Diego Miata Club News Letter

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SEMA 2013

By: Daryled Bristol

I will attempt to convey my impression of the recent SEMA Las Vegas show experience.

OK, I was a bit late getting my registration, but thanks to the expertise of Mr. Kagen it happened. I was registered. It took some doing, but due to our travel schedule and my total ineptness I was a bit late getting reservations, so we opted for rooms at Jean, Nevada. It is about 20 miles south of town, but the rooms were clean and cheap. Our first day was Tuesday, and we had to stop at the Summit Inn for Breakfast on our way. We arrived and registered a little after noon and then drove into town to get our feet wet, so to speak. We parked at Circus Circus, as my Google Earth led me to believe it would be a short walk to the Convention Center. A bit more stuff than I expected plus finding registration and picking up my credentials. So when we were about one hour into the show we hadn't even got to the first display. On we went; doors were opened for us, bags for goodies were everywhere, as well as candy samples just to get your attention (as if the eye popping products and scantily clad young women weren't enough to grab your attention).

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Holiday Party

By: Neal Mills

A big thanks to everyone who attended SDMC's Holiday Party. It was a great evening to visit with friends and toast the holiday season and upcoming New Year. A special thanks to Christy Pluciennik who planned the party and did all the hard work to make it happen. The food was delicious, and everyone looked festive.

After dinner, Santa Steve Waid led us in singing Happy Birthday to all our December celebrants. He invited the bartender to participate, but she declined saying, "I don't sing very well." During Steve's rendition she started laughing. I don't think she thought Steve was giving it his best effort. He was, and it was a classic.

Santa Steve was then joined by his able assistants, the Elfinor (Elinor Shack) and the Red Neck Elf

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In a nut shell here is what was on display (and occasionally for sale): Racing & Performance parts; Mobile Electronics & Technology products; Hot Rod Alley products; Collision Repair & Refinish products; Powersports & Utility Vehicles; Global Tire Expo products; Wheels & Accessories; Restoration Marketplace products; Trucks, SUV's & Off-Road parts; Restyling & Car Care accessories; Tools & Equipment; and Business Services.

This is a candy store for the Gear Head. Plug in LEDs to replace those incandescent bulbs; polish and wax to put Mark Booth into a perpetual drool state.

We are talking about no less than 10 acres of car displays. Stuff you've seen and stuff you have only dreamed about. I didn't bring a camera as the literature mentioned something about professional photographers only, big mistake. I did snap a shot or two with my cell phone, but it can't begin to do it justice. It would take at least two weeks to see everything, and after about 12 hours spread over 2 1/2 days we were burned out; our feet will take weeks recovering, and our ears have yet to recover

from the mega watt sound systems and engine exhaust of the outdoor exhibits.

If you ever have the opportunity to do this show book early, and go with good walking shoes and a great camera.

Many thanks to Allen Kagen for the chance to play in the greatest car show I have ever seen. ■



2014 Membership Renewal

2014 MEMBERSHIP: *It's time to renew your SDMC membership for 2014. The membership renewal form is available on the SDMC website [go to "For Members" > "Renewal Application"], and Chris and Linda will have blank forms at the monthly meetings. Dues is still \$35 for the year.*

Our newest members:

William Jones, Oceanside, 2001 Classic Red
Steve Taft & Gretchen Merrick, Fallbrook, 2006 Marble White

We end 2013 with **168 memberships** (49 single, 119 dual)
for a total of **287 members**.

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(Greg Lee), who did an excellent job in handling the gift exchange and providing humor that kept us laughing throughout the evening. It was interesting to see what got stolen and what didn't. Some couldn't hold onto a gift and others couldn't get rid of theirs. Thank you again to everyone who participated.

SDMC will continue to celebrate the holidays with the Scrooge Run on December 14th. We will meet at Phil's BBQ in San Marcos to decorate cars and have dinner, then drive through neighborhoods with Christmas lights and decorations. The run will end at the San Marcos Historical Society's Conners Hall with the stage play *A Christmas Carol*. Join us for dinner, for the drive, for the play, or hopefully for all three.

More information can be found on the club's Events Schedule or by contacting Dawn Coats, k9sndj@yahoo.com

We will conclude the holiday season, and start the New Year, with the traditional New Year's Day Rose Run. Rosi Romero is heading the run again this year and will lead us through many of the popular roads in the South Bay. The event will conclude with lunch. Keep an eye on the Events Calendar for more info.

Grace and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Hope to see you all at the monthly meeting on the 19th. ■

San Marcos Holiday Parade Recap

By: Steve Waid

Sunday turned out to be a glorious day in every way. The weather was spectacular, and we had 12 enthusiastic Miata drivers with passengers in 8 of them. Only Dawn Coates drove any dignitaries, if you count 3 young teen girls as dignitaries. Somehow Dawn squeezed the three in her car. I'm sure it helped that the girls were young and still svelte.

Everyone else decorated their cars, and with all of the garland the Miatas just sparkled in the sun. As we drove the parade route in our unique fashion, the smiles and squeals of delight from the sides came from kids and adults alike. They love seeing us have fun. We introduced a few new SDMC members to this parade, and afterwards virtually everyone went to Philly Franks for a late lunch. All in all it was a great day.

Laurie and I are looking forward to being able to decorate our car for night display on December 14th for the Scrooge Run. We have some new strings of lights to try out. Oh boy! ■



Photography By: Rosi Romero

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Sunday, December 1	San Marcos Holiday Parade	10:00AM – 2:00PM	Parking Lot between now Closed Dalton's Roadhouse Restaurant and Burger King (Nordahl Rd. just North of Hwy 78)	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Sunday, December 1	LA Auto Show by Train	7:45AM – 7:00PM	Oceanside Transit Center, 235 Tremont St., Oceanside	Rainer Mueller, rainer.mueller@g mail.com
Saturday, December 7	SDMC Holiday Party	6:00 – 10:00PM	Butcher Shop Restaurant, 5255 Kearney Villa Rd., San Diego, CA 92123	Christy Pluciennik, christy.pluciennik @gmail.com
Saturday, December 14	The Scrooge Run	4:30 – 9:00PM	Restaurant Location: Phil's BBQ, 579 Grand Ave., San Marcos Scrooge Play Location: San Marcos Historical Society's Conners Hall in Heritage Park, 1952 Sycamore Dr., San Marcos, CA	Dawn Coats, k9sndj@yahoo.c om
Thursday, December 19	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.co m
Wednesday, January 1	The Rosi Run	TBD	TBD	Rosi Romero, rosirmiata@gmail .com
Thursday, January 23	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.co m
Friday – Monday, January 24 - 27	Coastal Cruise 2014	Drivers' Meeting: 8:30AM, Departure: 8:45AM	Deer Springs Road Park & Ride, West of I-15, adjacent to the Arco Gas Station, 26915 Mesa Rock Rd., Escondido	Jeff and Jan Frederick, 2freds.sd@gmail. com

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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.

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is a California nonprofit corporation. Twists & Turns is the monthly newsletter of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Use of articles or stories by other Miata clubs is hereby granted, provided proper credit is given. Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. When possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions may also be mailed to the club's post office box. Submission deadline is the 1st of each month. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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.

Next Monthly Meeting: **December 19, 2013**

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 including magnetic fasteners. Add \$2 for shipping to your home. Badge request forms are available at the Regalia table at monthly meetings and on sandiegomiataclub.org in the "Regalia" section. All orders must be prepaid.

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 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)

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 El Cajon. 619-590-3700. Discount: 20% on parts and labor. VIP Membership: 3 oil changes for \$19.95 with \$5 going to Rady's Children's Hospital.

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

FIRST BRAND Inc. Web/Logo Designs and Development We are currently offering a 10% discount off our promotional packages listed on www.FIRSTBRANDinc.com or you can call us at 951-672-6677.

Classifieds

Selling set of 4 new Bilstein shocks for an NB Miata, never on car! Typically sell for \$100 each, asking for \$300 for the set. Call Mara or Ron: 760-803-5172 or mscaler@cox.net

SALVAGE PARTS

Mainly 1990 to 2005 parts, at least 50 % off of cost new. Some 2006 and newer parts including tops, seats and trim. wallymiata@gmail.com or 619-203-2801 Wally Stevens SOCALM & SDMC member.

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

Classified ad space is provided at no cost to SDMC members only. Ads must include first and last names, telephone number, and e-mail address, which must agree with current club roster. Send ads to davidstreeter@yahoo.com Ads will run for four months unless canceled, and may be revised and resubmitted.

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