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Ferris Bueller's Day Off – V

If you're one of Twists 'N Turns' eleven faithful readers, I first want to thank you for your patronage. Thank you as well for your occasional feedback. For those of us making multiple submissions each year, your enjoyment, your entertainment, and your praise are what drive us to these literary endeavors. I'm certain I speak for the newsletter staff as well. Generally speaking, these submissions fall into just three categories:

- Technical information, mostly Miata-relevant
- Event Pre-run highlights and hype
- Event Aftermath articles – either in appreciation, or "see what you missed"

This particular submission is clearly in the "Event Pre-run Hype" category and I am unashamed to admit it. Even though Ferris Bueller isn't nearly as prolific as some of our SDMC run leaders, April 1st will mark the fifth iteration of this movie-derived run formula. For those of you joining our club in the last eighteen months, you haven't had an opportunity to experience the event itself or the post-event sentiments. We've visited multiple auto restoration and racing facilities, castles, kart racing venues, interesting eateries, and other little-known points of interest. To that end, I've enclosed a member's review of the most recent Ferris Bueller production, dating back to October, 2012:

Ferris,

Think I may have forgotten to thank you for the great "day off." As I get older, my skull gets thicker, and the brain gets smaller. Anyway, thanks! I particularly enjoyed the car restoration facility. Had no idea it was just hiding there in the industrial park, along with the lumber guys, wheel and tire shops, and granite counter tops folks. And what a shop! Millions of dollars of labor on multi-million dollar cars. Just boggles the mind of us trailer trash. Can't even conceive of that kind of money for one car - and guys like Leno have many, many priceless cars, all of which are worth more than my used Miata.

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Doesn't take long to realize one's place in the great society. But this bottom feeder sure enjoyed that visit. Thanks again! (Name deleted to protect the witness's anonymity.)

For those of you with knowledge of the actual movie, you might appreciate the comments (and alternate point-of-view) of Dean Rooney:

Mr. Ferris Bueller,

I am continuing to investigate the highly-suspect information you provided regarding your absence from school last month prior to making my decision. Ms. Peterson, Mr. Frye and a number of other culprits (yes, culprits) who conspired with you that day remain tight-lipped, offering very little information to corroborate your account. I must insist that you submit a more-detailed account that supports the validity of your initial explanation. I will be sharing it with others, so spelling counts. This had better be good!

Quite concerned,

*Edward Rooney, Dean of Students
Shermer High School
Shermer, Illinois*

Interested yet? I have an example of fan loyalty in co-conspirator Sandy Bagnall...she's made the trek from Las Vegas for every running thus far, and has already confirmed her attendance for our April Fool's Day edition. Another of Wally Stevens' best friends, from Seattle, has also made the trip down here for the same reason. Did I mention that Wally was also cast as Cameron in FBDO – IV? We had 45 miscreants attend that event, close to our average attendance across all four.

I think you'll admit that "**Ferris Bueller V**" 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 Dean



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 you to make:

- Have your absence 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.
 - Festivities begin by 8:30 AM...Driver's Meeting @ 9:00 AM.
- 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.
- Some spending cash. Ferris likes to visit nice places, but doesn't like to pay for others' fun.
- Photo-identification... even for co-pilots. Curious?
- Take the oath... ***carpe diem*** is good advice and good medicine.

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

Lastly, I've composed a commercial script of sorts to sum up the Ferris Bueller experience, with apologies to a certain satellite television and internet access provider:

With age and family responsibilities, you settle into predictable ways and make conservative decisions. When you make conservative decisions, the elements of spontaneity and fun are driven from your life.

When fun is driven from your life, work and retirement both become a drag.

When work becomes a drag, you resort to bizarre behavior to entertain those around you.

When your bizarre behavior attracts too much attention, you get institutionalized.

Once institutionalized, you lose your driver's license and your boring old car is sold to Pick-A-Part.

Don't be so predictable. Drive a fun car. Seize the day!

Ferris



Miata Winter Retreat



Photo: Mendenhall – by Steve Waid

By: Jeff Frederick

The Miata Winter Retreat was planned in detail, and executed with perfection, by Bob Davis, Vice President of the Southern California Miata Club. It took place in Lompoc California February 28 through March 2nd.

Initial reservations were for approximately 54 Miatas and 104 club members, composed of SOCALM, SDMC, and SJVMC members. Attendee numbers were trimmed slightly by some folks who decided at the last minute to cancel their participation. The Lompoc Embassy Suites Hotel was the base hotel and the parking lot in front of the hotel was filled with Miatas of every generation. Bob had a terrific turnout, in spite of some rainy weather. The hotel

had actually provided a reserved parking space for every car. You could come and go as you wished and your parking spot remained exclusively reserved for your car. A class act by Embassy Suites.

Daryled and Carlan Bristol led the SDMC caravan from the traditional Deer Springs starting point to the hotel. Rain was encountered along the way and top up driving was experienced by folks unfamiliar with this Miata configuration. Some members needed help raising the top on their cars. Apparently, they had been down for so long, the mechanism had frozen in place. Daryled and Steve couldn't figure out which button to push to raise their retractable hard tops. We were surprised to learn their cars actually had tops. Fortunately, everyone arrived in Lompoc safe and dry.

Most SDMC participants chose to have dinner Friday night at Jocko's in Nipomo, which is about 45 minutes from Lompoc. Why drive 45 minutes just to eat? Well, Jocko's is known for serving the biggest and best steaks in the country. The Filet Mignon is unbelievably large in size, weighs over a pound, and cuts like butter. Most couples split the filet and still had trouble finishing their dinner. Remember that name: JOCKO'S. If you've been there, you want to go back. If you haven't been there, make it a point to stop there for dinner when you are in the area. It is an unreal experience.

For a couple of hours every night, the hotel had an open bar with wine, beer, and your choice of cocktail (s). They had a bartender that was amazingly fast at pouring drinks. The price? Whatever you felt like leaving for a tip. In the morning, at the same location we had a cooked to order breakfast cooked by the same man who tended bar at night. This was a unique experience. The cook could remember multiple orders at a time and never made a mistake. The price? Included with your stay.

On Saturday, Bob led us all on a run that eventually led us to Jalama Beach where the weather cleared just in time for beautiful views of a huge surf and excellent food at the Jalama Beach café. On Saturday night almost all of the participants from the clubs gathered together for dinner in Buellton at AJ Spurs Restaurant (yep – steak, again). It was nice to be seated with our friends from SOCALM to catch up on happenings in their club.

On Sunday, most club members planned to head for home, but only after following Steve and Laurie to Buellton for a tour of Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana. The Mendenhall Museum is a private collection that houses gasoline pumps, globes, and porcelain gas, oil and road signs. There are also racecars, racing memorabilia, license plates, gas and oil items, and other antiques. This collection was started over 50 years ago by the late

Jack Mendenhall and is carried on today by his son and daughter in-law Mark and Vicki.

This place is impossible to visualize unless you have actually been there and seen it. What started as a gas station in the 1950s grew over the years to become an automotive repair shop, and eventually multiple garages all built from scrap and excess construction materials. I lost count of the actual number of garages, but I think there were about eleven – some with several bays. Each garage has a purpose, whether it's to house a vintage racecar, house the equipment to restore a vintage auto or build a racecar from scratch. Other garages are home to Mark's office, or storage for his automobile magazine collection, etc.

Every square inch of this huge piece of property is covered, floor to ceiling, inside and out with old license plates, road signs, and other vintage material. It is like compressing everything found beside the road the entire length of Route 66 into one quarter of a square block. You have to see it to believe it. Some of us took pictures and a few are included here. Or you can Google the Mendenhall Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana.

After the museum tour, we headed our own way home on our own timetable. What a weekend it was: great hotel, great times with fellow Miata friends, great food, fun driving, and, as always, much laughter.



Photo: Mendenhall (2)– by Steve Waid

President's Remarks

By: Neal Mills

The first 2 months of the year have seen a number of great driving events. We've participated in overnight events with the San Joaquin Valley Miata Club (SJVMC) during their Coastal Cruise and with the Southern California Miata Club (SOCALM) during their Winter Retreat. Locally, Rosi Romero and Bob Gist started us off with the traditional Rose Run, Daryled and Carlan Bristol led us to Wisteria Candy Cottage, and Reese Gunderson and Aly Fairbanks introduced us to some twisty dead end roads. There were even a couple of midweek lunch runs courtesy of Mark Booth. We also had the chance to work on our cars at a Tech Day at Rocky's Miatomotive. I hope the club members realize how lucky we are to have Rocky Murphy in the club. Multiple times per year, he opens his business to us and allows us to use his tools, his car lifts and volunteers his expertise. On

top of that, Rocky feeds us lunch. We are really lucky.

Spring will be here in a few days and that means it's time for our Annual Meeting. It will be held April 12th at the Auto Museum in Balboa Park. The meeting kicks off SDMC's 19th year and cake will be served to celebrate. Wow! Not many car clubs last that long. There are two major items on the agenda. First, will be the election of board members. Your current board members have volunteered to serve another term and will be seeking your approval. Second, two changes to the club by-laws are being proposed. The proposed changes are discussed in a separate article so I won't rehash it here. Bring a blanket and a basket of food and drink, and following the meeting we'll have a picnic in the park. In case of inclement weather, our picnic lunch will be in the Auto Museum. See you there.



Photo: Forest Service camping signs – by Laurie Waid

Turnaround – The Dead End President’s Run

By: James & Mary Claus, Maryata, 2006 Marble White

Turnaround....The Dead President’s Run on Feb. 16 gave new meaning to the word. The concept was that you could go into parking lots and dead ends, turn around, and see something you normally wouldn’t have.

In addition to the run directions, our organizers provided us with a description of what we were seeing along with information about the dead president who was in power at the time.

31 cars (30 Miatas and 1 Blue BMW convertible OTM) met at the Westside Café in Escondido for breakfast and start. Going out of Escondido, we went up Honda Drive and encountered our first turnaround at the entrance to Daley Ranch in a large parking lot.

We continued around Lake Wolford enjoying the view at our next turnaround at a campground at Oakvale Rd.

Continuing onward to Guejito Road, we then forked right to the Self Realization Center for our next turnaround. I didn’t even know it existed but it is a sister center to the main one in Encinitas. It is open to the public for the gardens and quiet time.

Driving north out of Escondido we passed the Castle Home and considered going into their circular drive to oooh and ahhh more. But the gate was closed so we continued past and turned on Paradise Mountain Rd for some gorgeous canyon views and our next turnaround at the Hellhole Canyon Preserve entrance. This area is also open to the public for hiking and enjoying the canyon views.

Continuing on just a bit farther, we took a 30-minute break at Bates Nut Farm where we could watch the Labrador dog show, purchase nuts, candies or jellies, and stretch our legs. At the dog show, several owners were “walking the agility course” to see

where to give the dogs the commands to weave around pylons, jump over hurdles, or just turn. Just like walking the autocross course. Winners got points toward making their dogs champions.

After our brief respite we drove a zoom-zoom road – Cole Grade – and the McAnally turnaround. Then back to Cole Grade, Valley Center and another zoom-zoom road (Lilac Road) for another turnaround.

The afternoon finished with one of north county’s best zoom-zoom roads – Couser Canyon – and our final turnaround on Lilac. It was a 3-point turn requiring a back-up to get through it.

The finish was at the Yellow Deli on Lilac where we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the shade of the large live oaks.

Many thanks to Aly Fairbanks and Reese Gunderson who earned their magnetics for this run and to Barb and Dennis Sullivan for assisting them. It was a truly entertaining and fun run.



Photo: Important sign – by Steve Waid

History Is Connected With Nostalgia

By: Steve Waid

Recently I borrowed a video entitled "Love the Beast" from Ginny McLaughlin which is about the love affair that actor Eric Bana has with the car that he fell in love with as a teen. His car, dubbed "The Beast" was wrecked by him while competing in the 2006 Targa of Tasmania. In the video he is talking with Dr Phil (yes, that one) and Dr. Phil tries to explain how for many the love of their car is a way of connecting the past with the present in a very healthy way. The present and everything a person is involved with now can be explained by this method of transition from the past. It doesn't have to be a car, but for some people it is.

I also am reading a book that I borrowed from Ken Hurd (are you starting to see a pattern) entitled "Cannonball!" written by Brock Yates. Yes, the book is about the Cannonball which the movie "Cannonball Run" was based, and first run in 1971. The "Cannonball Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash" as it was first named, was originally organized to be the "World's Greatest Outlaw Race." What do these two things have to do with history and nostalgia, you might ask.

Well let me explain a little more. In "Cannonball!" Brock Yates explains what caused him and others to put together this rogue race. Brock Yates was a young writer in the early 1970's. Later he wrote for Car and Driver magazine. He was commiserating with friends in the automotive industry when he said to a couple of them, "Why the hell not run a race across the United States? A balls-out, shoot-the-moon, f###-the-establishment rumble from New York to Los Angeles to prove what we had been harping about for years, for example, that good drivers in good automobiles could employ the American interstate system the same way the Germans were using their Autobahns? Yes, make high-speed travel by car a reality! Truth and justice affirmed by an overtly illegal act."

This happened at a time when protesting the Vietnam War occurred, when anti-establishment talk was big amongst the young, and the national 55 MPH speed limit was about to be enacted. This was a turbulent and revolutionary time in the US. I was only 26 at the time. I was growing up, starting a family and a career during this time. This was a "connector period" between my earliest years and my today. So, where does all of this lead me?

In 2011 I, and several others, in our Miatas, decided to take a "trip of a lifetime" and drive all of Route 66. I now understand why I considered it a "trip of a lifetime" and others might not. As a youngster I had traveled with my parents...in a car...along Route 66. I remembered things about Route 66. It was nostalgic for me. Along the way, while visiting the town of Cuba, Missouri, we were approached by a local couple who invited us to "their place" to see their collection of automotive and Route 66 memorabilia. Bob and Darlene Mullin had a farm about 5 miles outside of town, and their "collection" was to say the least, over the top.

We had seen along Route 66 lots of old and nostalgic signs, gas stations, museums, motels, diners, tourist traps, and met people, but nothing quite like seeing the collection at "Bob's Gasoline Alley and Darlene's Diner. There are many previous pictures and stories written by those of us on the trip to more than cover that visit.

That brings me to the recently completed "Winter Retreat" that Southern California Miata Club (SOCALM) member, Bob Davis, organized for the long weekend of February 28th through March 2nd. When Laurie and I saw the venue in Lompoc, California, I "connected" right away. I spent the first 3 years of my life in Lompoc, and going back to a place that I don't really remember seemed like a good thing to do. After all, we are retired. I am not going to try to give you a report on what transpired during

the retreat, because Jeff Frederick has submitted that for inclusion in this newsletter. However, I would like to speak to one experience.

In advance of the trip I had discovered an article written in the Santa Barbara newspaper earlier in 2013. It spoke of the Mendenhall Museum in Buellton, California which is only 20 miles or so from Lompoc. In looking through their website I became impressed by the appearance of similarities to that “little collection” in Cuba, Missouri. Both were private collections. Jack Mendenhall started the collection 50 years ago. According to Mark, his son, his dad was the original “American Picker”. If you have never watched the TV show of the same name on the History Channel then this reference will not register, but for the rest of us it gives us context...or at least a feel for the scope of the collection.

Mark Mendenhall was our tour guide. His dad had passed away in 2006. Mark explained how he had to get museum status in California to protect the personal collection from California regulations that seem to become more cumbersome and restrictive for individuals all the time. (This reminded me of a recent speaker at church who had moved from Oklahoma to California and wanted to spend a Thanksgiving camping at the beach. “There is no ocean in Oklahoma”. He continued by lamenting that he had to get a reservation over a year in advance. In Oklahoma, he said, they just pulled over to camp.)

Anyway, we made our way to the Mendenhall Museum on Sunday morning for a 2 hour tour. The automobile, gasoline, travel, auto racing and signing collection is primarily from California. That was the major difference from our Cuba, Missouri experience. The first sign that I noticed was a large “Welcome to Temple City” sign with a big camellia on it. Temple City was where I grew up after leaving Lompoc and until Laurie and I were married. I immediately “connected” and the history and nostalgia for all things California embraced me. I kept pointing at something, and would say, “Look at that!”

In visits to both Bob’s Gasoline Alley and the

Mendenhall, what intrigued me most were the specific stories and personal recollections of the collector that related to an individual item. Mark told the story of how he acquired a neon cocktail sign from one of the Highway 49 towns in California that was funny and unique. He first bought it from someone who didn’t own it, began restoring it, police came to collect it, and then he bought it again over a year later from the rightful owners. He ended up driving over 700 collective miles, and paying over \$3,000 counting the restoration. I know I did not give the story justice, but this is one of many that go along with the tour.

I do understand why this kind of thing is not for everyone. As Dr. Phil explained about connecting the past with the present, if none of this kind of collection is anything from your past then it probably doesn’t connect. As I heard a good friend say, “Why would I want to go look at a bunch of old gas pumps?” I understand completely. Of the 85 people, or so, on the retreat, about 40 visited the Mendenhall and apparently connected. For those of you that understand this kind of historic and nostalgic connection, I highly recommend a visit there. It is just a short hop off of the 101 in Buellton.

Now I will get back to borrowing things to read.



Photo: Mendenhall, Temple City – by Laurie Waid

Changing Our By-Laws



By: Neal Mills

During the April 12th SDMC annual meeting, I intend to propose two changes to our current by-laws.

The first change concerns the date of our annual meeting.

Change 1:

Section 7.1 (Existing)

Annual Meeting – An annual membership meeting shall be held in April of each year, at a time and place determined by the Board.

Section 7.1 (Proposed)

Annual Meeting – An annual membership meeting shall be held in November of each year, at a time and place determined by the Board.

The annual meeting doesn't support the budget cycle for the club. For federal and state reporting, the club's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31. The annual budget is developed, based on anticipated revenues, and briefed to the membership at the December monthly meeting. The club's main revenue source is dues. Since all memberships expire January 1st, the majority of dues are paid in December, January and February. So what's the problem? The problem is that dues are specified in the by-laws which can only be changed at the annual meeting or at a special meeting. In practical terms, a change to the dues at

an April meeting doesn't have any significant impact for 9 months, i.e. the following January. Moving the annual meeting to November allows any changes to dues to have an impact 2 months later at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The second change concerns the term of office for club directors (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer).

Change 2:

Section 9.4 (Existing)

Term of Office – All directors shall hold office until the next annual membership meeting.

Section 9.4 (Proposed)

Term of Office – All directors shall hold office from January 1 through December 31 of the same year.

Currently, club directors take office immediately upon election. For example, upon election of a new president, the outgoing president turns the annual meeting over to the new person and the former president takes a chair. The new president is left to wonder, what just happened? And, more importantly, what happens next? Adoption of changes 1 and 2 to the by-laws would result in new directors being elected in November but not taking office until January 1st. This gives the incoming directors two months to watch how the current directors conduct business and to have an orderly turn-over.



Photo: Arriving at Jalama Beach – by Laurie Waid



Photo: Judy Hunt and Rosi Romero at Mendenhall – by Steve Waid

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Saturday, March 8	Tech Day at Rocky's	9:00AM – 3:00PM	Rocky's Miatomotive, 2951 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach	Rocky Murphy, (858) 273-2547
Saturday – Sunday March 8-9	Novice Driving School	Saturday Non-mandatory Ground School:		
Beginners 1:45PM, Intermediate 3:45PM				
Sunday Driving School: Check-in 7:30 – 8:15AM				
	Ground School: C2 Motorsports, 8380 Vickers Rd., Suite D, San Diego, CA 92111			
Driving School: Qualcomm Stadium, South East Lot				
Thursday, March 20	Spring into March Run	Arrive: 9:30AM, Depart 9:45AM	Deer Springs Road Park and Ride, West of I-15, adjacent to Arco Gas Station, 26915 Mesa Rock Rd., Escondido	Jeff and Jan Frederick, 2freds.sd@gmail.com
Thursday, March 27	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Tuesday, April 1	Ferris Bueller's Day Off V	8:30AM	Mazda of Escondido, 1560 Auto Park Way, Escondido, CA 92029	Gene Streeter, gene.streeter.CLZl@statefarm.com
Saturday, April 12	SDMC Annual Meeting	10:00AM	Auto Museum, Balboa Park, 2080 Pan American Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Sunday, April 13	Downunder Friends Run	TBD	TBD	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Saturday, April 19	Roller Coaster Run	9:30AM – 3:30PM	Deer Springs Road Park & Ride, West of I-15, adjacent to the Arco Gas Station, 26915 Mesa Rock Rd., Escondido	Pete Pollero, petepollero@gmail.com
Thursday, April 24	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com

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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.

Next Monthly Meeting: **March 27, 2014**

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

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.

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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.

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