



TWISTS & TURNS

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Dyanna Smith

By: Laurie Waid

When Les asked me to put together some thoughts about my friend Dyanna, I went to some of my Miata club friends and asked that they give me one word that reminded them of Dyanna.

"Bookworm"

"Film enthusiast"

"Encourager"

"Hostess"

"Good listener"

"Caring mom and grandma"

You notice anything? None of these words have anything to do with cars, Miatas, driving, roads or

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Obituary For Dyanna Smith



Photo by: Laurie Waid

Dyanna was born in Montgomery, WV on October 2, 1949, daughter of Hansel and Clarice Brown. She lived in several cities and small towns in West Virginia and Ohio by age 18, then two years with her father's family in California before returning to West Virginia.

Dyanna's parents both remarried and her life as an "only child" changed at age 16 as seven brothers and sisters began entering her life.

Dyanna and her son Sean Clay welcomed Les Smith into their lives in 1978. They moved to San Diego in 1987 and grandson Degan Clay was born to Sean and his wife in 1993.

Dyanna was a Dental Assistant when enrolled in the inaugural Dental Hygiene class at West Virginia Institute of Technology, graduating in 1975. She worked with Dr. Jeffrey Keeny and staff a majority of her years here.

Dyanna was active in her community, professional and social life as a member of Mira Mesa Women's Club, First United Methodist Church San Diego, San Diego County Dental Hygienists' Society, and San Diego Miata Club. ●

Presidential Remarks

By: Neal Mills

As I sit down to write these remarks, SDMC has just completed a real sweet and sour weekend. First was the memorial service for Dyanna Smith and her son, Sean Clay. Dyanna, along with her husband, Les, was an active SDMC member. They led runs, edited Twists & Turns, and hosted several Holiday Lights Runs at their home in Mira Mesa. Dyanna and Les were the 2009 SDMC Members of the Year. When I joined SDMC in 2008, they were among the first to greet me and make me feel welcomed. It was interesting listening to the remembrances during the service and after. I knew Dyanna was interested in the arts and was employed as a dental hygienist but didn't know the depth of her interest in the arts or the high regard and respect her colleagues and clients had for her. Sean was active as an organizer and coach for youth ice and roller hockey programs. From the large number of former players, and players' parents in attendance, it was obvious that Sean had had a positive impact on a large number of people's lives. Both Dyanna and Sean will be missed and are gone way too soon.

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MARRY ME? A Miata Love Story



Photo by: Colin Burgess

By: Mary & James Claus

Colin Burgess wanted to propose to his girlfriend Caitlin. He solicited the help of SOCALM and SDMC "because my Miata is what helped me get to know Caitlin better and ultimately helped me ask her to marry me".

His plan was to have many Miatas in a parking lot spell out "Marry me?" Colin and Caitlin would be offsite theoretically looking at a piece of real estate with their drone and camera when it would fly over the cars at the right moment. Then he'd propose in real life and give her the ring.

So, 44 cars converged on the parking lot of Temescal Canyon High School near Lake Elsinore. Some SOCALM members drove long distances from the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles, and Covina at



Photo by: James Claus

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least. SDMC members came from all over the San Diego area.

When we arrived at the school, the organizers were not yet there; however, a young man on a scooter showed us where Colin had drawn the “Marry Me?” in red chalk lines on the pavement the night before. Soon, Yoko and Bob Davis arrived and we started moving cars into position. It was tricky getting all the angles correct so an M looked even. The Y had unmatched angles. It took 5 Miatas to make the A. Precise, slow driving finally got it right.

While we waited for all the cars to get in position, Colin had treats brought in for us: muffins, bagels with spreads, various juices, a big bowl of fresh fruit and coffee. After all the cars were in position, Yoko (playing the part of another real estate agent) got a call from Colin letting her know 5 minutes to launch to fly the drone over the site.

We were all in our Miatas, getting ready to wave, when the drone appeared and hovered over the site. After a few moments, the drone left and Colin formally proposed. And Caitlin said YES. A paparazzi in the bushes captured the moment. They came to the parking lot with the drone and antenna and were all smiles. Much camaraderie followed, but it was hot so we left with the SOCALM folks meeting for lunch somewhere on their route home and SDMC folks meeting farther south in their territory. “Yesterday was a major success and one of the happiest days of my life! I am so lucky and grateful to have had all of you there. 44 Miatas!! Amazing” were Colin’s words. ●

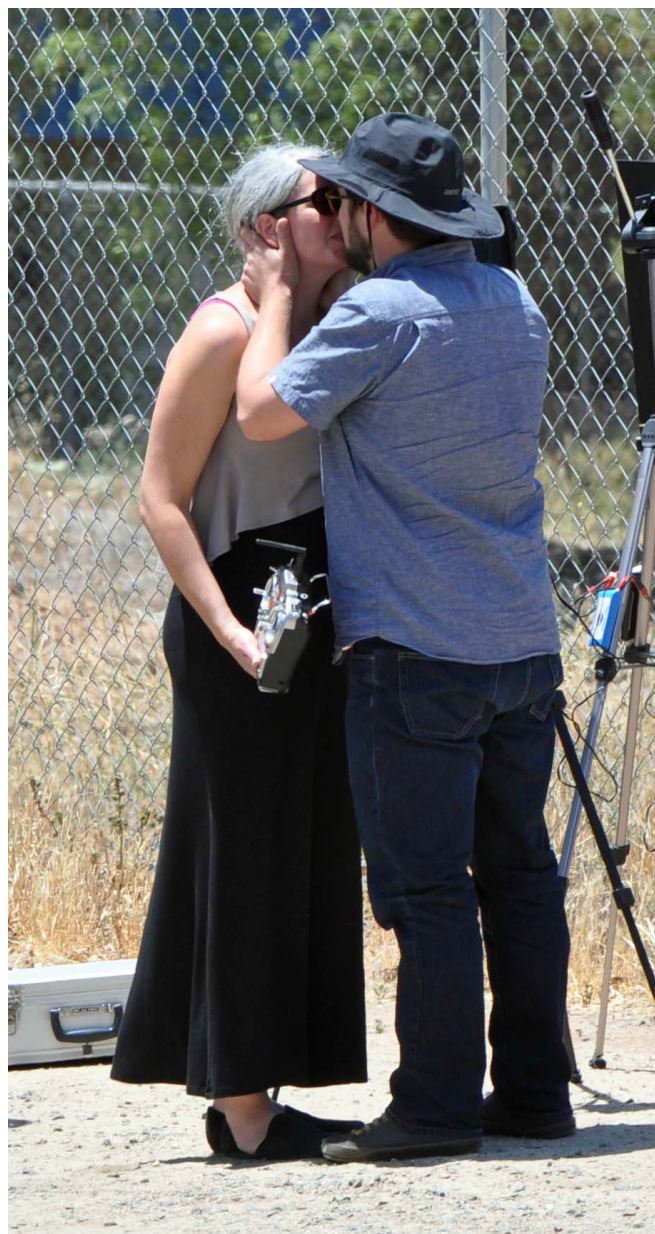


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The next day we helped SOCALM member, Colin Burgess, propose to his girlfriend, Caitlin. Colin’s Miata played an integral role in how they met and in their courtship. Consequently, he wanted to use Miatas as part of his proposal. Colin’s business includes operating a drone with a camera attached for property photos and his plan was to use this

camera drone, with Caitlin monitoring the screen, to flyover Miatas arranged to spell out “Marry Me?” Colin asked SDMC and SOCALM for help and 44 cars participated. It was fun getting together with SOCALM. We don’t do it near enough. By the way, Caitlin said “yes!” ●

SDMC Summer Picnic

Date: Saturday, July 12

Cost: \$10 per person

Time: 11 am for the fun run

Meet: Parking Lot behind Mobil Gas Station, 4730 Hwy 76, Fallbrook (Old Hwy 395 and Hwy 76)

Club members Maryanne and Dennis Garon have volunteered to host the club's Summer Picnic. SDMC will provide the food, condiments, soft drinks, and desert.

Steve Taft will earn his magnetics by leading a pre-picnic run that will end at the Garon's home approximately 2:00 pm. Steve has put together a run that will have us enjoying the beautiful

bougainvilleas that will be in bloom. Come out and support Steve in his initial run, enjoy the beautiful flowers, and arrive at Casa Garon for the start of the picnic.

If you can't make the fun run, please join us at 2 pm for the picnic. Garon's address is 1843 Da Gama Ct., Escondido, CA 92026.

The cost is \$10 per person. Checks, made out to SDMC, can be mailed to Laurie Waid, 1772 David Drive, Escondido, CA 92026, or given to her at the June SDMC monthly meeting. RSVP needed by June 30th. ●

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Sunday, June 22	MCRD Car Show on the Bay	Setup: 7:00 – 10:00AM Car Show: 11:00AM – 3:00PMt	Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Bay View Lawn. Enter through Gate #1, Barnett Ave. entrance	Brad Kuller, KULLERBJ@usmc-mccs.org
Thursday, June 26	Miatas at the Fair	9:00AM – 3:00PM	Albertsons Parking Lot, 2707 Via de la Valle, Del Mar	Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net
Thursday, June 26	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Saturday, June 28	Roller Coaster Re-Pete Run	9:30AM – 3:00PM	Deer Springs Road Park & Ride, West of I-15, adjacent to Arco Station, 26915 Mesa Rock Rd., Escondido, CA 92026	Pete Pollero, petepollero@gmail.com

(Upcoming Events *continued*)

Wednesday - Saturday, July 2 - 5	Miatas in Utah- Bryce Canyon	All Day	Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel	
Friday, July 4	Miatas at the Fair	8:00AM – 3:00PM	Albertsons Parking Lot, 2707 Via de la Valle, Del Mar	Steve Waid, swaid@ cox.net
Friday, July 11	Cruisin' Grand	6:00 – 8:30PM	Tom's #23, 505 W. 5th Ave., Escondido, CA 92025	Steve Waid, swaid@ cox.net
Saturday, July 12	Boogieing thru Bougies and Beyond (Run to Picnic)	11:00AM – 2:00PM	Parking Lot behind Mobil Gas Station, 4730 Hwy 76, Fallbrook, CA (Old Hwy 395 and Hwy 76)	Steve Taft, stevetaft3@yahoo. com
Saturday, July 12	SDMC Summer Picnic	2:00 – 6:00PM	Garons' Home, 1843 Da Gama Ct., Escondido, CA 92026	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol. com or Maryanne & Dennis Garon, dmgaron@cox.net
Saturday, July 19	20th Annual Twilight Run	TBD	TBD	Mark Booth, markbooth@cox. net
Thursday, July 24	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Sunday, July 27	Main Street America Car Show	Car Entries Arrive NLT 9:00AM Car Show 10:00AM – 3:00PM	Embarcadero Park North (Sea Port Village)	Steve Waid, swaid@ cox.net
Wednesday - Sunday, July 30 – August 3	Flyin' Miata Summer Camp	All Day	Grand Junction, CO	Gene Streeter, gene.streeter. CZLI@statefarm. com Or Steve Waid, swaid@cox.net

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racing! Dyanna was the “extra element” that many of us cherish about our active car club, and she initiated, encouraged and executed events to this end. That “extra element” was hospitality, embracing diversity of interests and civilization of sorts. As a little history, the club was founded in the largest part by car guys. As a few years passed, about the time we joined in 1997, some of the more “social” members were starting to spend more and more time together, whether inside the car or outside. By the time I met Les and Dyanna, we were more and more into the “eat drive eat” mode for which we are famous. Dyanna added some girly fun to some of those events, including planning driving trips to Julian to the Tea House for tea parties and always pitching her “eat dessert first” philosophy when hosting our whole club on Holiday runs to enjoy the Christmas lights. We started at Les and Dyanna’s with dessert, decorated our cars with lights and holiday fare, and then went to see the lights. Then we ended at a restaurant for dinner. She was willing to open her home at any time to our group, making all of us feel warm and welcome.

An example of “out of the box” event planning was when our good friend and fellow club member returned from a long trek in Spain and Portugal. Diane Foster was full of stories and adventures to tell, and Dyanna came up with the perfect scenario for Diane Foster to share with all of us: a garden

party and slide show with full narration by Diane, and a pot luck dinner to share more conversation and her beautiful backyard. It was a wonderful evening of non-car related camaraderie. Dyanna was unfailingly supportive of Les’ love for anything with wheels...not necessarily coming for the ride as health issues made that difficult, but encouraging him to take a friend, go alone, whatever, and she would meet us for lunch or dinner or socializing at the end. It was her unselfish way of making sure he got to do what he loved.

I have a special picture memory of Dyanna at our Holiday Party last December that I’d like to share with you. Our friend Barb Sullivan has a full length beautiful mink coat which is rarely seen in San Diego as it is very WARM and very HEAVY. At their table Barb and Dyanna talked about the coat and Barb suggested Dyanna try it on. So up to our table came Dyanna, beaming and completely overwhelmed by this long coat, wrapped like a diva would be in Hollywood photos, modeling it and enjoying the simple joy of complete luxury.

So when I think of Dyanna smiling down on us today, laughing when I say she added civilization to a group of nutty car people, she is wrapped in the soft luxury of that mink coat, warm, feeling our love and feeling no pain. Thanks Dyanna for sharing yourself with us. ●



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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: **June 26, 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.

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