



The San Diego Miata Club News Letter

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So What's this all about? Surf N Safari 2015

Steve Waid

For those of you new to SDMC, the Surf 'N' Safari title means nothing. To those of us old timers, it has great significance of fun, driving, spending time together, **AND FUN**.

For historical purposes, the first SNS was in 1999; sponsored by a fairly young club (ours) held in October at the now Doubletree Hotel in Carmel Mountain Ranch. It was a long anticipated event that turned out to be arguably the best Miata "party" known to date. With an intimate venue, great food, lots of out of town guests and good weather, we had a four day Miata Party recognized by nationwide guests to be the best there was.

Because the aftermarket Miata accessories scene was very hot at the time, we had a significant vendor "jungle" that included Moss Motors, Flyin Miata, Crazy Red etc. Many of us got great deals on parts and accessories. We also had numerous runs and group activities to participate in based on your preferences: short driving events, all day driving events, a welcome reception, a trip to the Wild Animal Park (Safari) and a luau on the beach in Coronado (Surf).

Bill Wilner, VP of SoCalm wrote in Twists and Turns, Nov. 1999: "Congratulations to SDMC on their first

production of this scale (read: awesome!). The events were so well planned and all ran seamlessly; the runs to the forest-village of Julian and around the orchards and wine country of Ramona were spectacular. The Friday night Luau on Coronado Island was a relief from the heat inland. There were so many great vendors to shop with and get installs from in one place. There were cool freebies like a canvas deck bag with a copy of the 5th anniversary Miata book for every registrant; the food was all terrific — and there was plenty for everyone! The raffle prizes — it seemed like everyone won something (I know I did). The attention to detail was amazing: even the graphics on all the handouts were stunning!"

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After that beginning, Co Chairpersons Sue Hinkle and Barb Templeton worked together to have an even more spectacular event at Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook, in 2004 and again in 2010. One of the highlights in 2004 was the "Murder Mystery Rally" which took us all over San Diego to solve a crime. In 2010, with economic depression interfering, our vendor section was smaller but again, we pulled it off as a club, everyone worked harder at controlling costs and making it special. Our signature rally was "Surfin' San Diego" a rally that took you all over San Diego with a musical cd to highlight the drive.

In the November 2010 newsletter Sue Hinkle said: *"Once again we rose to the occasion and put on another great event. I recall when we were planning our very first Surf 'N' Safari what Steve Waid considered Success and these same three things resonated with me throughout the entire planning of Surf 'N' Safari 10. (1) SDMC members would have a great time, (2) Those who traveled to Surf 'N' Safari would have a great time, and (3) SDMC would look good. We definitely accomplished all three. The measurement of Success was also evidenced by our participants and their comments about how much fun they were having and how organized we were. A couple of comments in particular stand out in my mind . . . Kim Neal, MAZDA USA. . . "I've been to many many Mazda events and have never attended one that was so organized and so much fun." Teri Cardell, Flyin' Miata. . ." Everybody was*

wonderful to us from the moment we walked into the room to the time we left. We received welcome hugs and greetings and we feel as though we are a part of your extended Miata family. "

We are now in the process of planning Surf N Safari 2015 – with Christy Pluchennik as chairman and the Board working as her committee to get started. We have selected a beautiful venue right on the beach at Carlsbad, the Hilton Garden Inn, which will give us a great venue with open spaces and plenty of parking, as well as a ballroom for our Saturday party. We will soon be seeking members to assist us in various areas of the event: The Fun Team (driving events), Hospitality, Sponsors, etc. We will be sharing more on that in the next few months. The early planning of date and venue allows our guests from all over to plan their trips far enough in advance to be workable. We currently expect guests from Canada, New England and South Carolina.

Stay tuned for more information about this fabulous adventure called Surf 'N' Safari. Registration will open September 15th on our website, and hotel reservations will be available. Of course, you can always sleep at home if you live nearby, but the camaraderie and intimacy of the whole package is being on a "stay-cation" with fellow Miata friends as much as possible. We look forward to seeing you there! ●



Photography By Mark Booth, historic 1999 Safari

Rear View Mirror



Photography By Google

Gene Streeter

At first glance, you might think I chose this title because of its relationship to the automobile and its usefulness in driving same. You're partly right, but I had something more in mind. Looking back on the month's events and beyond allows those that were unable, or unwilling, to participate in an event to have a sense of what transpired, of what they might have missed; the participants themselves may even want to re-live the experience from the comfort of their armchairs and through someone else's lens and filters.

A Matter of Perspective

Several members of our club capture the essence of what was important, or merely interesting, via the camera lens. For some, the adage that "a picture is worth a thousand words" has significant meaning. In my case, the ratio works out about right, much to our editors' chagrin – for every picture associated with one of my articles, I've typically produced a thousand words or more. Apart from sending a few of our loyal eleven readers scurrying to the dictionary, my efforts help bulk-up the newsletter and keep our printing vendor happy. There's absolutely no truth* to the rumor that my long-winded literary efforts are

evidence of a vested financial interest in the size of the printing bills. Remember, I was one of those members meekly advocating we go "all electronic" in our monthly newsletter distribution.

(*And on the advice of counsel at the Law Firm of Dewey, Cheatham, and Howe.)

Smoke and Mirrors ...

Just as in the image above, there's a legal disclaimer-based practice of labeling outside rear view mirror glasses with the inscription "objects in mirror are closer than they appear." My attempts to overlay the facts with a theme or artistic twist are for entertainment, not the sort of distortion we're cautioned about in the rear view mirror. I'm particularly fond of the add-on decal variants I've seen on certain race cars - "objects in mirror are losing" or "... slower than they appear." You're welcome to come up with your own clever, ego-boosting expression. Perhaps the more objective inscription for this piece should read "objects in this mirror are less humorous than the author intended."

"There is no such thing as a new idea. It is impossible. We simply take a lot of old ideas and put them into a sort of mental kaleidoscope. We give them a turn and they make new and curious combinations..."

One of my favorite humorists (and a biting satirist) was Mark Twain, who once offered up that philosophical perspective. Now that I've provided some of the context, let me share a few of the particulars:

Recently, I was fortunate enough to spend about 45 minutes in conversation with long-time SDMC member Phil Daoust during the course of our club display at Main Street America. For the record, our conversation was post-downpour, finding both of us drying-out in the persistent sunshine. Phil was reading his latest novel when I interrupted. Fast-forwarding to the point I'm trying to make, Phil

shared that he looks forward to my newsletter article submissions and would like to see something every month. "It would be great if you would do a monthly column; we used to have that in our newsletters in the early years."

My mental gears have since been spinning, even accomplishing a few synchro-assisted shifts. Assuming our editors are willing, all that remains to be done is for me to observe the monthly due dates and our long-suffering eleven readers to support the project. Each column will have a primary theme, similar to most of my past submissions. In addition, I plan to have a "Shoulder Bolts" section for more random thoughts and/or observations. If you dare to ask, "shoulder bolts" are those generic hardware bits that are invariably left over from a mechanical project and tossed ceremoniously over the technician's shoulder. It's a loose analogy, I know, but I'm the one committed to making this column work. Or...*needs to be*.

On Track Action - Steve Waid loses it in turn 1... again



Photography By Gene Streeter

Flyin' Miata's 17th Annual Summer camp is in the record books, so to speak. The SDMC contingent included 1st-

timers Dan and Chris Garcia and Daryled and Carlan Bristol, along with veterans Wally Stevens, Sandy Bagnall, Chuck and Diane Graham, Steve and Laurie Waid, and yours truly. Friday, August 1st, was our scheduled "track day" at Grand Junction International Raceway and the subject of non-stop chin music, cheerleading, and emotional roller-coasters. Dan, Daryled, Chuck, Steve, and I began vying for bragging rights even before our first track sessions rolled off.

Speaking of which, Daryled and I came across a rather large and recently-expired cockroach near Mr. Waid's flamed, race-numbered, yellow NB. We located the perfectly-intact specimen within the arc of one of the simulated flames and remarked "this color is an attractant for all kinds of insects – flying or not." We positioned it on Steve's hood (see the accompanying photo) only minutes before his run group was called to the starting grid. Equally amused, he inquired of the starting line volunteers "like my new hood ornament?" One of the ladies poked it to see if it was alive and or real. When the green flag dropped, Steve and his new hood ornament headed for turn 1. Unlike last year in the rain, Steve negotiated every turn and every lap successfully, even eventually claiming 2nd fastest of our band of road racers. The cockroach? *Steve lost it in turn 1.*

Within our band of merry men (think Errol Flynn, not Carey Elwes, please), Chuck Graham found the fastest way around the .9 mile go-kart track. His 1:05 time was five seconds quicker than Steve's and nine seconds quicker than my own best effort. First-timers there, Daryled and Dan both out-gunned me as well. My excuse? Since my 2004 MazdaSpeed was suffering from a loosely-diagnosed clutch and/or transmission problem, I didn't dare drive it that far. Courtesy of son David, I was driving his automatic NC. Not getting the lap times I expected, I invited veteran auto-crosser Daryled to ride "shotgun" with me and offer his insights. We all had a good laugh when my very next run was three seconds slower than the last. I spent the rest of our six sessions *trying* to recover those lost seconds.

Summer Camp, 2014 – Miata Style

I'll be honest with you; I was a little disappointed that we couldn't assemble a larger contingent of SDMC summer campers than we did. Steve Waid and I began sharing the details in late January or February. Maybe the media hype was too much, or the event was simply overshadowed by the 25th Anniversary Party promised by the *Miatas at MRLS* event. Being within five weeks of the Laguna Seca event may have extracted a toll on our Summer Camp attendance. Those of us San Diegans that are ardent professional baseball and football fans have a saying – *there's always next year*. Either way, the Flyin' Miata gang experienced their largest-ever gathering, topping 150 participants, with minimal help from us.

Some of us combined touring and sightseeing with the event itself. Some visited Aspen for several days beforehand, while some of us took the scenic route home. Here's what you missed, apart from the social interactions, fresh peach pie, and peach cobbler:



Photography By Gene Streeter

"It's a Duesey ..."

Bidding farewell to Palisade, Colorado, we headed south on 141 to spend some quality time at the

Gateway Canyons Resort, a veritable oasis of culture and activities. The attraction for us was decidedly the car collection assembled by John Hendricks (no relation to Rick, auto dealership magnate; but, if you're thinking founder of the Discovery channel, give yourself a solid gold star.) The museum facility itself was elegant, but may have been overshadowed by some of the marques represented there – Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg, Packard, Cadillac, just to name a few. There's even the \$3.2 million 1954 Olds F-88 concept car in its own special display area. Our stroll to the nearby restaurant and a fine mid-day repast was made even more interesting by our encounter with, wait for it ... a kaleidoscope.

The Waids and Bristols alternated the lead to anti-climactic Blanding, Utah for an overnight stay. Deciding among the array of dining options available to us that Sunday evening was nearly paralyzing – Subway, A&W, or the Homestead Steakhouse. My trout dinner was quite good; thank you for asking.

Monday's highlights included the awe-inspiring Monument Valley, wending our way to the historic La Posada Hotel, in the midst of decaying Winslow, Arizona. It was the Turquoise Room for dinner, where quail, bison, and elk satisfied both my curiosity and palate. Next morning found me "running past the corner" dedicated to the Eagles' hit "Take It Easy" that put Winslow in the limelight for a time.

Tuesday unfolded with a leisurely cruise through scenic Oak Creek Canyon; ditto for mystical Sedona. Clinging to the mineral and history-rich hillsides, Jerome provided some casual shopping and a hauntingly-good lunch up steep flights of stairs; the "Haunted Hamburger" was recommended by a local dying to be helpful. That evening, Downtown Prescott provided a concert in the town square and ice cream treats in lieu of any dinner.

Wednesday found us eating in one of Daryled's favorite haunts in Yuma, Arizona – a landmark of

sorts named Brownie's Café. The owner and his sidekick regaled me with stories of the Padres and former owner Ray Kroc coming to town "back in the day". Why me? He caught me exiting the restroom as I prepared for the last leg of our trip home. Good food, good friends, good times ... see you next year?



Photography By Google

Shoulder Bolts

At last month's SDMC meeting, I overheard two women commenting on Larry Dennstedt's well-done technical article on leather restoration products and procedures. "Wonder if that stuff would work on my wrinkles?"

Met a man named Fong Vu at Oak Creek Canyon rest area; he approached us because there were three Miatas in the parking lot at one time. He claimed that while he was an engineer at Ford Motor Co., he worked with Tom Matano to create the Mazda Navajo and B2000. Remember those? Of course, we told him about Miatas @ MRLS and how to re-connect with Tom Matano.

I've recently done a lot of fretting about my car's mechanical condition. Though not as old or well broken-in as some of those in our club, my 2004 MazdaSpeed was a birthday present to myself; in case you're wondering, I had my wife's permission. It's now ten years old, with 94,000 miles on her odometer, and like some of us, she's starting to become "high-maintenance." Now you know why Neanderthals such as me refer to automobiles in the feminine gender. There's a theory that suggests early transportation devices, such as automobiles, boats, planes, etc. were far more temperamental, but certainly sought after and beautiful in shape... it's a custom.

To the point, I've had something of an "overheating" problem with her since last summer. I've complained to Rocky (shameless plug - Rocky's Miatamotive) - because he's one of the few that will even listen, let alone know how to correct the problem. When I'm pulling a long grade (think coming out of the desert uphill on Interstate 8 on the "Moon Over Miatas" run), with the air conditioning on, the needle of the temperature gauge swings all the way to the top of the range. In order not to injure her, I'm forced to turn off the A/C and back out of the turbo boost range as much as I can.

Rocky's initial response was certainly logical: "why do you think there are highway signs posted 'turn off A/C to avoid overheating?'" First of all, I'm stubborn and remember when that wasn't remotely necessary. Preparing for our annual trip to Flyin' Miata and Summer Camp, my concern became more heightened and my whining more persistent. Rocky made room for me in his busy schedule, and we set about a cure. No leaks, thermostat and water pump replaced previously as part of the timing belt transplant - check and double-check. No physical restrictions could be found. Rocky scratched his head a bit, which can be expensive. "Let's check the radiator cap."

Sheer genius. The cap's rubber seal, while appearing quite clean and normal, just couldn't take the pressure that builds in a healthy cooling system – zero pounds on the specialty tester's gauge. Far and away enough of an issue to explain my "running hot" condition and solve the problem for a mere fifteen dollars or so.

Not so lucky with "the noise" that eventually sidelined her for the trip to Colorado, but that's likely the subject of next month's article. Go ahead, say it. "You can't wait." I can deal with the sarcasm.

Lastly, Mark Twain's assessment of "new ideas" in the automotive universe is true. Most new ideas are just recycled ones from peers and predecessors. Where we're touting the revolutionary weight-saving goodness of all-aluminum car bodies, the 1928 Hudson paved the way. Tesla's all-electric vehicle concept is 100+ years old ... don't take my word for it, look it up. The materials and technology now available to Elon Musk just allowed for a better execution.

Editors willing, I'll see you next month. I look forward to your feedback between now and then. ●

President Remarks September 2014

Neal Mills

September is shaping up to be a very active month.

The month starts with Miatas at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca (MRLS). Over 1,600 cars are expected at MRLS to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the car we all love and the unveiling of its next generation, the ND. SDMC will be represented with more than 60 cars and over 100 people. It appears SDMC will have the single largest contingent at the event. Not all are SDMC members. Some are friends of members and one couple is flying in from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to join with us. Mark Booth has been talking this event up for months and he sure has got results. If you're going, pack plenty of patience. With an expected crowd of over 2,500 people everyone will need patience and a smile – but I expect it to be worth it.

In mid-September, Mark Booth is leading a group along Route 66. This is a rerun of an event he did a couple of years ago. Starting in Chicago, the group will meander for 2 weeks back to the west coast along the mother road stopping at innumerable souvenir stores, museums, old gas stations, diners, and hotels along the way.

On September 13, Dawn Coats will lead the *Scared Twistless Run*. It includes a run, food, and a play. Dawn did something similar last December, *The Scrooge Run*. That run was an academy award winner and I expect this run will be of similar quality. In other words, don't miss it.

September's last event will be the Coronado Speed Fest on the 20th and 21st. Now it its 17th year, the Fleet Week Coronado Speed Festival is Fleet Week San Diego's marquee event. The event features fast-paced, thrilling vintage auto racing and exhibitions for car enthusiasts of all ages at one of the most distinctive race track locations — Naval Air Station North Island. New this year will be off-road truck racing. These versatile trucks race on virtually any surface, and are designed to take flight. Producing 600 horsepower, these V8 trucks generate speeds upwards of 130 miles per hour. Races feature man-made ramps set up in strategic locations throughout each course which allow the trucks to fly through the air nearly 20 feet off the ground and hundreds of feet down course.

To quote Steve Waid, "can you do it all?"

Have a great zoom-zoom month. ●

Welcome To Our Newest Members

William & Layna Bennett.....	San Marcos	1991 Classic Red
Lonnie & Kaye Kernes	Boulevard	2003 Emerald Mica
Linda Schrenk Keller & Tom Keller	El Cajon	1993 Crystal White
Ian Schoenleber & Maggie Lam	Idyllwild	1991 Crystal White

And WELCOME BACK to returning members...

David & Iris Corning.....	San Diego.....	1991 Crystal White
Ray Klein	San Marcos	2001 Classic Red

The San Diego Miata Club now stands with

167 Memberships

(38 single, 129 dual)

for a total of 296 members.

Did you know....?

The color groups of the 177 Miatas in SDMC are:

Blacks	10%
Blues.....	19%
Grays	6%
Greens	8%
Oranges.....	1%
Reds.....	36%
Silvers.....	6%
Whites	8%
Yellows.....	4%

BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON

James and Mary Clark, Run Leaders

A beautiful, almost-full moon greeted about 24 cars at Dudley's Bakery at 7:30 PM for the 12th running of Moon Over Miatas.

After a bit of socializing and admiring Dawn Coates' new car wrap of red, white and blue, James conducted the Driver Meeting. Meanwhile Mary collected waiver signatures and contest guesstimates. The contest was that when we stopped on the desert floor, James would measure the temperature of the asphalt at the stripe in the middle of the road. Whoever had guesstimated the closest would get a small gift, one per car. Then Jeff Frederick presented James with his magnetics.

"As we turned left out of Dudley's, the moon was with us, turning brighter and more silvery as we went up to Julian to cross the mountains."

As we turned left out of Dudley's, the moon was with us, turning brighter and more silvery as we went up to Julian to cross the mountains. Everyone agreed it was a beautiful moon – pretty close to a super moon where the full moon is nearest the earth on its elliptical travel making it look exceptionally large and bright. We even enjoyed a few bars of "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" as sung by Bonnie Streeter until she forgot the words! And the temperature started rising.

As we approached the desert, the many red lights on top of the wind turbines came into view. It was such a pretty sight against the dark sky with the silvery moon and stars, and we enjoyed their light show for many miles.

We particularly appreciated Laurie Waid's warning when her radar detector bleeped indicated cops in the area. We did see one, off the side of the road, hiding in the bushes. Thanks for the heads-up Laurie!

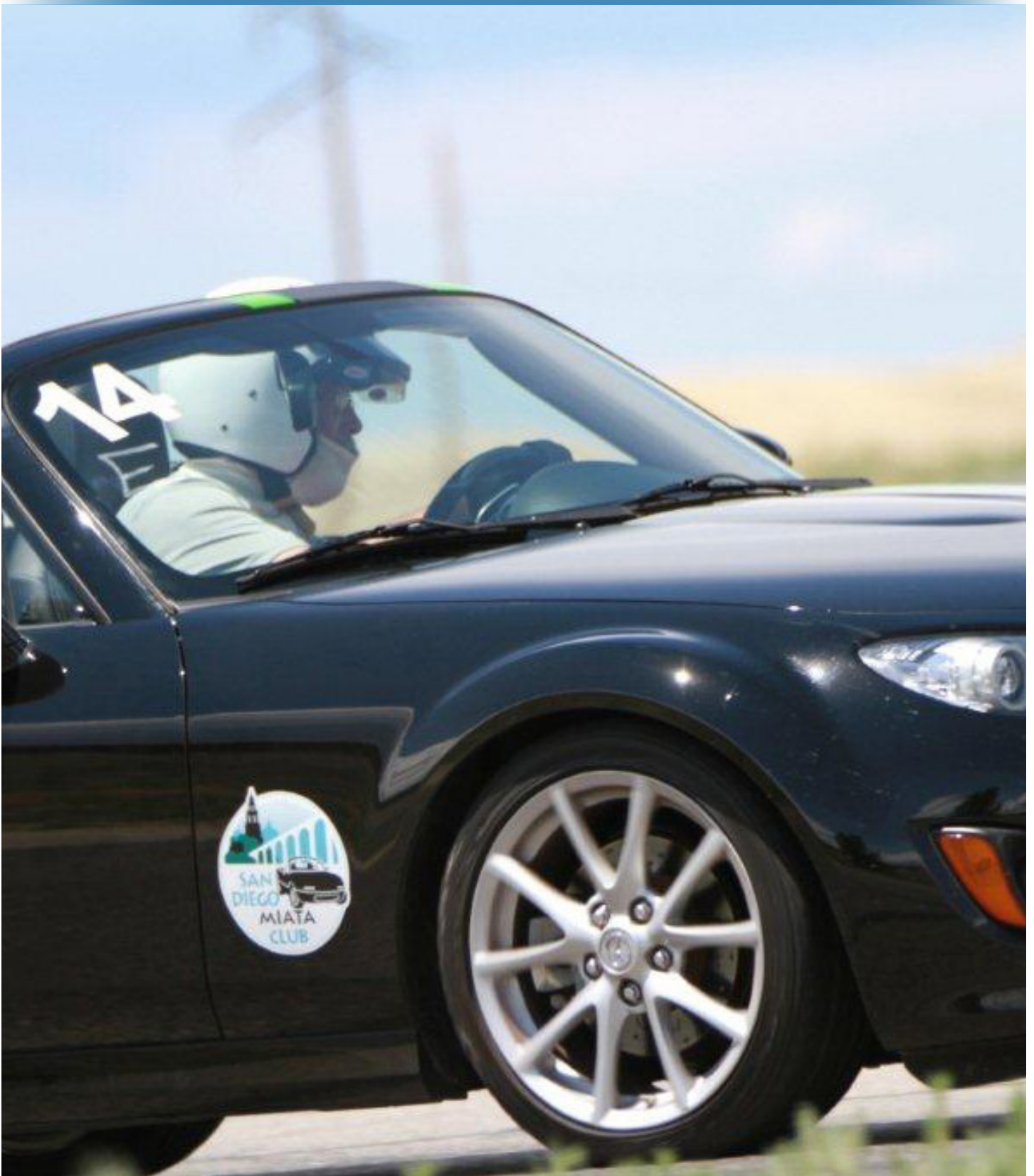
At the desert floor, James measured the temperature to be 105.2. The Waid's were the closest with their guesstimate of 106.5, Neal Mills was second with 102.0 and Jon was third with 101.0. The prizes were sports water bottles to be used on subsequent hot events. Mark Booth was the farthest incorrect with his guess of 148.0.

After the temperature reading, Mary explained that she first dated James when he was visiting here to help his sister with home repairs. During that visit he drove Maryata and was impressed. A few days later, he flew back to his home in Texas. About a month later Mary called him to say "I know you like the desert, and I know you like my Miata....well, there's a desert run, and I'd like to see you again. So if you want to fly back out here, we'd have a fun time". James thought about it for 10 seconds and said "I'll be there". And that was the beginning of their relationship that resulted in their marriage 2 years later. As a surprise, Mary gave James who is distantly related to Cookie Monster another of his favorite things: chocolate brownie cookies.

After this interlude watching the moon, seeing the stars, and enjoying the 99- degree air, we continued south on S2, then I-8 west. As we left the desert and climbed back up the hill, the temperature returned to a more comfortable 78 degrees. We ended the run at the Golden Acorn Casino where about 20 people enjoyed beverages and dessert.

Then it was time to head home to the light of the silvery moon. ●

Padolsky Photography





Upcoming Events

Jan & Jeff Frederick

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Friday-Sunday, September 5-7	Miatas at MRLS	All Day	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca	Mark Booth, markbooth@cox.net
Saturday, September 13	Scared Twistless Run	Run: Arrive 3:15PM, Drivers' Meeting 3:30PM Dinner: 5:00PM Play: 7:00PM	Run: Albertson's Parking Lot, 2707 Via De LaValle, Del Mar, CA 92014 Dinner: Penny Lane Pub & Grill, 101 West San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos, CA Play: San Marcos Historical Society's Connors Hall in Heritage Park (inside Walnut Grove Park), 1952 Sycamore Dr., San Marcos	Dawn Coats, k9sndj@yahoo.com, Christy Pluciennik, Christy.pluciennik@gmail.com, Todd Pluciennik, t.pluciennik@gmail.com
Saturday-Sunday, September 20-21	Coronado Speed Festival	7:00AM Both Days	Tartine's, 1106 First Street, Coronado	TBD
Thursday, September 25	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Saturday, October 18	Cars & Coffee/ Ortega Hwy Run	5:30AM	TBD	Bill Bennett, WRBBenett@aol.com
Thursday, October 23	SDMC Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Saturday, October 25	Miata Monster Mash	TBD	Park & Ride Lot, Hwy 76 and Old Hwy 395	Jon Connor and Melinda Smith, jcsuperstarusa@aim.com

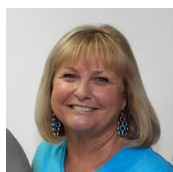
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Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Yahoo Group named SDMC-List. A free Yahoo account is required. Follow these steps:

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: **September 25, 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.

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