



The San Diego Miata Club News Letter

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Academy Awards Winners

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR or ACTRESS - 2014
"Driving Miss Daisy" - Jon and Melinda Connor

BEST MOVIE ADAPTATION or DRAMATIC SEQUEL – 2014
"Roller Coaster Re-Pete Run" - Pete Pollero

BEST HOSTING of a PUBLIC, CLUB, or CHARITABLE EVENT - 2014
"Miatas @ Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca" - Mark & Cathy Booth

BEST NEW RUN or EVENT – 2014
"Boogieing thru Bougies and Beyond" - Steve & Gretchen Taft

BEST COMBINATION of CUISINE, SCENERY, & DRIVING – 2014
"Scared Twistless" Run – Todd & Christie Pluciennik and Dawn Coats

BEST DOCUMENTARY / SHORT SUBJECT /or, INSTRUCTIONAL FILM – 2014
"Cars & Coffee / Ortega Highway Run" – Bill Bennett

Fun Run to Cars & Coffee

Bill Bennett

Saturday, Oct. 18th, a large bunch of us participated in a fun run that included visiting the Irvine "Cars & Coffee", the granddaddy of all the "Cars & Coffee's" run nationwide and the super-secret basement of the Mazda R&D Center, then driving the beautiful Ortega Highway to Lake Elsinore for a fun lunch at Annie's Café.

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Presidential Remarks



Thank you to all who attended this year's Annual Meeting. Elections were held and the following people were elected for 2015:

Gene Streeter - President
Christy Pluciennik - Vice President
Jon Connor - Secretary
Laurie Waid - Treasurer

Gene will take over from me on January 1st. The other board members will continue in their current positions. Congratulations to all! You have a great team leading the club next year.

After lively discussion and a couple of amendments by-law changes were proposed and approved. The changes create the board position of Immediate Past President. The position is an advisory position and does not vote on matters before the board.

Gene and Mandy Lee presented the SDMC Academy Awards for the past year's runs and events. There were lots of great runs and events so I'm sure selecting the winners was very tough. Congratulations to all the nominees and a well done to all the winners.

A quick update on Surf N' Safari 2015. Registration is limited to 200 participants and we have 88 registrations, representing members

of 10 clubs in hand. The clubs are: Okanagan Miata Club (British Columbia, Canada), Indy Miata Club (Indiana), Sun Rider Miata Club (Florida), Northwest Arkansas Miata Club, Utah Miata Club, Sahuaro Miata Club (Arizona), Low Country Miata Club (Charleston, South Carolina), Badgerland Miata Club (Wisconsin), Southern California Miata Club, and SDMC. Considering we're still 11 months from the event, I suspect we're going to sell out. If you want more information, or don't know what I'm writing about, the web site is <http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns15/index.html>

2014 is quickly coming to a close but we still have a few events on the calendar. The annual SDMC Holiday Party is on December 6th. The party is being held at the Butcher Shop Restaurant in Kearny Mesa. After a great dinner there will be a gift exchange and thievery overseen by our favorite elves. The next morning, December 7th, is the San Marcos Holiday Parade. This is a really fun parade and I encourage everyone to participate. On December 16th take a break from shopping and join Jon and Melinda Connor for a run from Temecula to Palm Springs for lunch. Opening the New Year will be the Rose Run on January 1st. More information about each of these events is on the club Events Calendar, <http://www.localendar.com/public/SanDiegoMiataClub> ●

Rear View Mirror



Gene Streeter

Our 2014 Annual Meeting is ancient history, the Academy Awards segment a faded memory, and the heady bylaws discussions have delivered pivotal changes in how we conduct our Club's business. Or have they? If you were in attendance Saturday, November 8, you were already a minority of our club's membership. Maybe you were taking advantage of any number of Veterans' Day displays, or of the long weekend that results from Monday being the official day of celebration. Or, perhaps, you read the agenda and the proposed bylaw changes in the Club e-mails and decided "I'm out of here!"

All those in favor ...

I'll be the first to admit, the hour-long presentation and multi-faceted discussions were neither entertaining nor sexy (we'll cover that aspect in a few minutes), but the decision-making process was the very essence of democracy in action. Given my decided flair for the dramatic, I'm going to suggest that our military veterans sacrificed life and limb for the form of self-governance on display on that stage, on that day. A microcosm, perhaps, but it really was the rare distillation of American self-determination,

the essence of a town hall meeting, an un-scripted and genuine debate.

Thinking the proposal to have the immediate past president assume a 5th position on our Board made a lot of sense, and that I would likely benefit from President Neal's experience and wise counsel, I took the position to ratify the proposed amendments. Once I weighed-in on the issue, I observed the proceedings from my front-row seat. It was something of a political ping-pong match, with a variety of members voicing concerns for SDMC's continued well-being as we approach our 19th year of existence.

Good questions and hypothetical situations were capably fielded by the triumvirate of Steve Waid, Neal Mills, and Mark Booth. The concerns were focused on a sitting president's perceived ability to select an advisor (with deadlock-breaking voting power) to promote a personal agenda. The eventual solution? Remove the proposed voting power of the immediate past president and/or advisor. Finally moved and seconded, the modified amendments were passed without needing resurrection at the next session of the House.

"Locks are only for honest people"

The honorable Steve Waid, Rep. - Escondido, shared his perspective with me once the meeting was over; the delegates were now enriched by the entire experience and satiated by the exceptional pizza. The question had been posed to Daryled Bristol, our resident "warm and fuzzy" ex-president, "was there ever such a deadlock in your Board's vote during your two years at the helm?" I didn't record his actual response, but "nope" was the essence of it. Steve offered that it never happened in either of his terms, either. That, in effect, we might have over-complicated our bylaws unnecessarily. Despite

good intentions, we might have created restrictions on our conduct of business where we might be better-served by logic and plain dealing.

I summoned-up a bit of popular wisdom, courtesy of my dad and his generation, “locks are only for honest people.” Just a guess here, but I suspect that perspective was born out of the Great Depression that unfolded a few years after his arrival on this eclectic orb. Just as thieves are rarely constrained by locks, people with impure motives and unlawful intentions are rarely constrained by laws and regulations. We could have used that perspective at our meeting.

“I do solemnly swear ...”

The annual election of the SDMC Board was another reason you might have stayed away from the polls (Annual Meeting). There were no hotly-contested races, no serious issues, not even any mudslinging to capture our attention. The only office publicly declared available was that of president. Having served two terms, Neal Mills announced he was stepping aside in hopes of attracting fresh ideas and new energy. Answering the call, my campaign platform was simple, upbeat, even published in the October edition of this very newsletter. My political action committee assured me I was the odds-on favorite; after all, I seemed to be running un-opposed. Two separate members asked if they could nominate me on the appointed day.

Recall my predictions and admonition, published in that newsletter? If nominated at our November Annual Meeting, I will likely run un-opposed. If I run un-opposed, I will likely win. I advise you be very deliberate and cautious in your nominations.

When President Neal asked for nominations from the floor, no one spoke up. I don’t usually resort to clichés, but it was accurate to say “a hush fell over the crowd.” If there’s such a thing as a pregnant pause, we were in the 2nd trimester by the time Greg Lee

made the nomination and Laurie Waid seconded it. My mind was racing. Did my supporters now have second thoughts? Had our readers taken me seriously? Had my wife somehow intervened?

The vote was unanimous ... in my favor. Just as it would be for the remaining, incumbent, officers. I’m very pleased to have Christy Pluciennik remain in her Vice President role, Jon Conner to own the Secretary position, and Laurie Waid to stay on as Treasurer. With Neal remaining on the Board as Immediate Past President and advisor, life is good. As your duly elected Board, we have a job to do. I look forward to January and the peaceful transfer of power. I’ve edited the Presidential oath of office to better fit our needs:

“I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the San Diego Miata Club, and will to the best of my ability, preserve the Miata culture, protect our club members’ collective financial interests, and defend both its bylaws and reputation in the community of sports car enthusiasts.”

There’s an award for that ...

I’d be remiss if I didn’t recap the Academy Awards presentation honoring those of you who have provided the *raison d’être*, our reason for being in the first place. (Pardon my French.) If you haven’t heard, Mandy Lee provided both the humor and the sizzle for this year’s Oscars ceremony. I provided the ... script. Much to husband Greg’s delight, Mandy was just as comfortable landing comedic blows on me as she was in her slinky black dress. We played to a small, but appreciative audience, thinking “next year, this place should be packed.” Note to self: when scheduling next year’s Annual Meeting, try to avoid the holiday weekend and a protracted by-laws discussion.

Much like being club president, the unwritten rule is that being my sexy co-host is a two-year commitment. Picture Mandy rolling her eyes and

striking her best “Rita Rudner” pose. Competing with Greg for family acting honors should be reason enough to do the second show. Which brings me to an issue already haunting me. It might be more than just a little awkward to conduct both next year’s Annual Meeting and the 5th Annual Academy Awards show. In Event Coordinator Jeff Frederick’s parlance, I’d be bloviating through most of the meeting. (I looked it up; the definition isn’t very flattering.) The larger question may be “does membership want to see another Academy Awards show? I leave it up to you, our eleven loyal readers, to decide that question.

Shoulder Bolts



In 1989, segment leader, Blockbuster, had video stores coming on-line every 26 hours; they were satisfying a public thirst for entertainment. Technology evolved and consumers tired of waiting in lines, late fees, etc.; there are now less than 50 left in the country.

Our Miata has been a segment leader as well, going on sale in 1989 as model year 1990s. In 1990, the first full year of Miata production, the “reincarnated classic” roadsters were rolling off the assembly line

every 5.5 minutes. (Check my math - $95,640 \text{ Miatas produced in } 525,600 \text{ minutes} - 365 \times 24 \times 60$, except leap years) While production has slowed from that mark, our beloved roadsters are far from extinction.



This image started life on the internet – no source identified. Apart from being just plain “wrong,” it speaks to one of many reasons why Miatas aren’t good limousine material. My first reaction to it was that Larry Dennstedt got a little “carried away” with a driveway repair project. Or, that Wally Stevens is lurking behind that tree, his trusty Sawzall at the ready.

We approach people the same way we approach our cars. We take the poor kid to a doctor and ask, what’s wrong with him, how much will it cost, and when can I pick him up?

- James Hillman

In a recent conversation with Tom Thompson, he shared the essence of discussions at a parts and accessories manufacturing convention – how do we engage young people in automobile ownership and ancillary activities? We recalled that at age 15 ½ we were both waiting outside the DMV office when it opened to secure our provisional drivers’ licenses. Driving was a rite of passage, and so much more.

The automobile represented independence, employment opportunities, and access to a larger circle of friends. And, oh, members of the opposite sex. (You’ve used the word “sexy” or “sex” now three times in one article. You may need to seek professional help. – Ed.) Social media didn’t yet exist, which seems to have supplanted young

peoples' needs for face-to-face social interaction. The variety and capabilities of modern vehicles might be another attractant. My fifteen-year-old 1954 DeSoto couldn't hold a candle to today's 15-year old Miata – not in performance, fuel economy, or fun-to-drive quotient. Can we discount passenger and trunk capacities in this comparison?

Environmentalists have a very conflicted relationship with their cars.

-Tom Arnold

Have you seen Brian Goodwin's post of the new ND Race Car? Intended to perform in a global race series, it premiered at SEMA last week. (I'm guessing Andi was responsible for the photo. I have to wonder if Alan Kagan went there as well.) In race car configuration and style, it strikes me as sexy, mean ... maybe even as a scaled-down, affordable Jaguar F-type? See for yourself:



Photo courtesy Goodwin Racing

Drive-in banks were established so most of the cars today could see their real owners.

-E. Joseph Cossman

Ever create a profile at favorite websites, including a required password? Maybe you've even been

coached regarding the "strength" of that password, such as

"Your password is weak."

Don't be humiliated...do like I do. I integrate "Miata" or MazdaSpeed, 1.8, a goofy character (*, %, #, etc.) and Voila! The response I'm looking for is "you have a fun password."

"Thank you very much."

The Holiday Season is upon us, and for some bizarre reason, I'm reminded of Tom Matano's presentation in Mazda's vehicle exhibit tent, featuring the Next-Gen "ND" Miata. (Talk about your "non sequitur!") He was talking about how enthusiasts, Miata owners in particular, seem to treat their vehicles as family. Encouraged by Ginny McLaughlin's nods and admissions, Tom continued "you name your cars, check on them before you retire to bed at night, and check on them in the morning."

He didn't go there, but you might even include your Miata in your gift-giving this season. The annual SDMC Holiday Party and Gift Exchange (now there's an understatement for you) might be just the opportunity to secure something for your four-wheeled family friend.

Happy Holy-days, everyone!



"Turbodog" Santa courtesy of Flyin' Miata, circa 2010 ●



The drive to Irvine started with a pre-dawn meeting in Oceanside and then a freight train-like caravan to Mazda and Taco Bell's Corporate Headquarters where, every Saturday from 6 to 9 AM, the adjoining parking lots are turned into one of the biggest cruises/free car shows that takes place in Southern California.

Besides being an excellent navigator, Gene Streeter kept everybody safe and awake with his running commentary and bits from some of the flight attendants he's experienced along with the late Robin Williams, "Helllllllllllllooo Camp Pendleton!". Neal Mills and Jeff Frederick did an excellent job sweeping. To say I got the "A-Team" to help me on my Magnetics Run would certainly be a huge understatement.

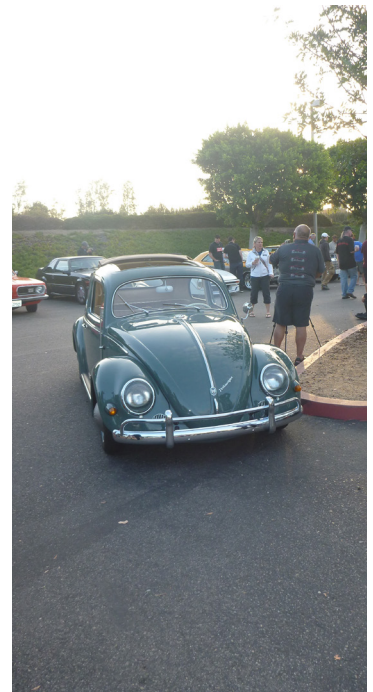
Cars & Coffee is always fun because of the broad spectrum of cars and people you'll see. With all of

the mega-fast and ultra-expensive cars on display, the car getting the most attention had to be the new ND Miata with its circle of ogles wanting to get a better look and feel (that's a no-no). Make sure you see Mark Booth's excellent video and stills of the car at C&C.

As the clock approached 8:30, we returned to our cars for the 6-mile jaunt over to the R&D Center and its dank, dimly-lit basement. We were greeted by Melly Ramirez, Mazda's Car Club Coordinator and Kelvin Hiraishi, Director-R&D Engineering West. Kelvin took us down the ramp into the several-acre underground facility that is even off-limits to the rank & file Mazda employees. Kelvin gave us an overview of their activities and Mazda design philosophy then turned us loose to explore.... No cameras please!

There were clays, prototypes, historical cars, race

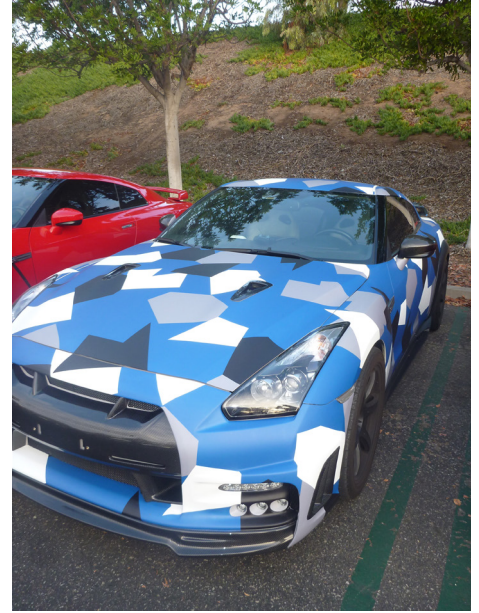
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cars, concept & show cars and a whole lot more. My favorite was the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]. These were just amazing! The car that raced in the [REDACTED] and a restored [REDACTED] will stay in my heart forever. And the cars just went on and on. You really had to be there to appreciate what we were seeing. Later on, a number of members feigning sensitive bladders went into another room that housed [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. But, again, you really had to be there!

With our lunch date in Lake Elsinore looming, we said our "Thank yous" and "Good-byes" and got on the I-405/I-5 back down to the Ortega Hwy. Because we had such a large group of cars, it took us several lights at the Ortega Hwy off-ramp to get the whole group launched eastward. But even though we were broken-up into sub-groups, it was a beautiful drive, just made for Miatas and we soon arrived in Elsinore and queued-up for the drive around the lake to Annie's.

(Rear View Mirror Continued)



In doing my research for the run, I discovered Annie's when I "googled" best restaurant, Lake Elsinore, California. And boy did they get it right! It's a lot of fun and comes replete with great food, dancing servers and jokes at our table by "Annie" herself. All the newbies in the group were forced to wear silly hats so the few Annie's veterans of the group could make fun of them. Some people even walked away with some "wacky" tchotchkes

(chachkis) to remember the day. If you stayed in bed and snoozed instead of going with us, I think we have to say, you loozed!"

I'm pretty sure all attendees had a day they will fondly remember.

BTW: I sure hope none of this gets redacted! ●

Welcome To Our Newest Members

Sandy Bagnall Las Vegas 1992 Sunburst Yellow "BUZER" &
2004 Velocity Red Mica

Ann Bach Oceanside 2012 Liquid Silver Metallic

The San Diego Miata Club ends 2014 with

175 Memberships
(44 single, 131 dual)
for a total of 306 members.

Take a Break Weekday Holiday Run - December 16th

How about a break from shopping lists, wrapping presents and baking?

Drivers' meeting: 10:00 AM
Departure: 10:30 AM

Location: Wal-Mart parking lot on Highway 79.

Contact:

Jon & Melinda, jcsuperstarusa@netscape.net,
ms1628@verizon.net

Take a few hours for a break and let's head to Palm Springs. We will drive over highway 79 to highway 371 and drop off into the desert. Enjoy beautiful views and great twists and turns. Then Palm Canyon drive for lunch in Palm Springs. ●

2015 Miata Rose Run - January 1

Breakfast: 7:45-8:00 AM
Drivers' Meeting: 9:15
Departure: 9:30 AM

Location: Westside Café, 912 South Redwood St, Escondido, CA (corner of Redwood and 9th Ave just west of Centre City Pkwy)

Contact: Neal & Grace Mills, nealmills@aol.com

Celebrate the New Year by joining us for breakfast and then a scenic and twisty run through the San Diego back country. We will depart Escondido at 9:30 and wander the back roads before making a stop in Julian for pie and ice cream. After refreshments, we'll wander back the mountain and finish up in Rancho Bernardo. ●

Changes to Membership applications for 2015



Chris Jones & Linda Southard
(SDMC Membership Team)

The Membership Application form (new members and renewals) has been posted on the website for your use. Several notable changes you'll see include requests for:

- Car Trim (SE, PRHT, Mazdaspeed, Shinzen, Anniversary Edition, etc.)
- Primary and Alternate phone numbers
- Birthday (month and day only) (optional, of course)

Why the changes?

Car trims - Our membership database has fields for this information but our application forms haven't requested it for many years, so the data is lacking. We regularly get queries from our members for the number of Special Edition (or fill in the trim choice) Miatas in the Club, but we don't have it available for all.

Phone numbers - Many of our members list only a cell phone on their application. The database has fields for home, cell, business, fax, and other phone numbers, which is overkill. Only the home

phone is pulled into the membership roster that is available for viewing by active members on our Yahoo! Groups SDMC-List site. This change will result in members listing the primary phone they want available to the Club, regardless of type, which will be included in the membership roster. (Members may still elect not to have their primary number published in the roster.) The alternate phone is available to Board members, when needed.

Birthday - For future use. Many clubs like ours like to recognize special events in their members' lives, as we do at our monthly meetings. (Try to erase the experience of the birthday singing from your mind – HA!) How this tidbit of information will be used will be discussed with the Board in the future, so we're just collecting the optional data for now.

When you fill out your 2015 membership renewal form, please complete all fields so your Membership Team can revalidate mailing and email addresses, phone numbers, car models, license plates, etc.

Thank you! ●

Upcoming Events

Jeff & Jan Frederick
(SDMC Events Coordination Team)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>
Saturday, December 6	2014 SDMC Holiday Party	6:00 – 10:00PM	Butcher Shop Restaurant, 5255 Kearny Villa Rd., San Diego, CA 92123	Christy Pluciennik, cpluciennik.sd@gmail.com
Sunday, December 7	2014 San Marcos Holiday Parade	Meet at 10:00AM (earlier for coffee & social time)	Nordahl Marketplace, near Burger King, 767 Center Dr. San Marcos	Steve & Laurie Waid, swaid@cox.net
Tuesday, December 16	Take a Break Weekday Holiday Run to Palm Springs	Arrive 9:45AM, Drivers' Meeting 10:00AM, Depart 10:30AM	Walmart Parking Lot (on Hwy 79), 32225 Temecula Pkwy Temecula, CA 92592	Jon Connor, jcsuperstarusa@netscape.net, & Melinda Smith, jms1628@verizon.net
Thursday, December 18	SDMC Monthly Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Thursday, January 1	2015 New Year's Day Rose Run	TBD	Escondido—TBD	Neal Mills, nealmills@aol.com
Saturday, January 10	Tech Day at Rocky's	8:00AM – 4:00PM	ROCKY'S MIATOMOTIVE, 2951 Garnet Ave., San Diego, CA 92109 (Pacific Beach)	Rocky Murphy, rockysmiata@yahoo.com
Thursday, January 22	SDMC Monthly Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	SDMC President
Friday – Monday, January 23 – January 26	2015 Coastal Cruise	TBD	TBD	TBD

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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: **December 18th, 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%

Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Circle, Elbert, CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, joe@knobmeister.com. 303-730-6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip 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.

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