



The San Diego Miata Club News Letter

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See the USA!

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Time for a Vacation

Taking a vacation is a time-honored and recognized method of escaping the rigors of everyday living. As a seasoned veteran of this practice, I have planned and implemented my fair share. What I have learned over time is that there are a number of ways to do this. The vacation industry is vast and offers many ways for us to spend our money accomplishing what ultimately ends up being the impossible...that would be going back to your normal routine rested.

Let's take a look at a few of the options that are out there. Younger people, yes I once was younger, will take a vacation by camping. Get out the sleeping bags and tents...go to a National Park or the like, and spend time hiking and swimming in lakes and rivers and such creations of nature. As you get older this turns into motor home camping, which resembles camping in some ways, but brings some creature comforts along. Then there is the resort vacation. You typically jump in a plane and fly to a destination which provides activities that a normal sane person would not normally involve himself with. Zip lines come to mind...or karaoke.

Traveling to Europe or another part of the world is a vacation that interests more people as they age and acquire the funds to travel abroad. The draw is history and in some cases "visiting the old country".

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Surf's Up in 2015

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The New Year has begun, and SDMC is positioning itself in the drivers seat to press down on the accelerator of the Surf N' Safari machine that is known as "the committee". The committee met for the first time in 2015 just yesterday. The purpose was to review the current status and begin assigning the various chairs with their "to dos".

To share the excitement of what is on the horizon is the easy part. With the venue established at the beautiful Hilton Garden Inn at Carlsbad Beach, we have attained remarkable results. We have unparalleled early registrations. No previous Surf N' Safari has created this much interest 10 months before the event.

As of this writing, we have 108 people registered for the complete event. In addition, there are

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Rear View Mirror

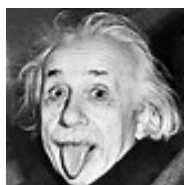
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wearing a Hawaiian shirt prevents me from taking myself too seriously; I drive a Miata because it's similarly un-pretentious and just plain entertaining. I never gave much thought to "mugging" for the camera like my friend Albert. Makes one wonder where Gene Simmons might have gotten the inspiration for his tongue-exposing antics. If you have no idea what I'm talking about, and that I might be "speaking in tongues," you've pretty much KISSed-off the late 1970's. Our own Greg Lee can help you figure out the riddle.



Turning over a new leaf in the New Year? Resolutions for some are already wearing thin, I see. Keep up the good work. 2015 is your year to shine and a host of other things. On your "short list" (nobody get defensive, OK?) of resolutions, can you include one about spending more time driving your favorite car? How about investing more of your social time with the fine folks of SDMC? I was serious about last month's suggestion we should begin referring to ourselves as "SDMC²."



"It's a Look ..."

If I can find the time and some artistic skills, I'd like to submit a club t-shirt design that states prominently across the front $e = \text{SDMC}^2$. Just below the formula, I'd spell out "enthusiasm" in a smaller font. The back of the t-shirt would have the generic Miata look with a driver sporting the appearance (and hair) that is instantly recognizable as the physics genius largely credited with the theory of relativity. There's even a website by the name "Automotive Einstein" orchestrated by an automotive enthusiast. He already has my attention because of all the praise he heaps on Mazda and the world's most popular roadster.



Photo courtesy of Bill Bennet

How's this for a look? I've always maintained that

On the subject of “rock stars,” did those of you who attended the January Tech Day happen to pay any attention to Rocky’s curled locks?... on the side anyway. He explained that wife Sherry cuts his hair now, usually at shorter intervals, but he once had long hair and even wore it in a ponytail. I often go too many weeks between haircuts, but don’t have a personal stylist. Even though my own hair was curling from underneath the sides of my baseball cap, I still had a sudden attack of follicle envy. Me, and a significant portion of the (ahem) mature attendees.

Tech Daze ...

As resident Miata repair expert and crew chief to Flyin’ Brian Goodwin, Rocky Murphy got a head start on the new season with the first of several potential academy award entries for 2015. He’s optimistically planning to assemble 4 or 5 such happenings this year. His last event was back in August, already half a year removed. A small cadre of volunteers helped to prepare the site for company and the collection of amateur mechanics. Blame Phil Daoust, Wall-e Stevens, Greg Lee, and yours truly for the party-prep. Day-to-day, there’s a lot going on in this relatively small footprint. I quipped to my work partners early that Saturday morning, “with most all the cars cleared away, the last time Rocky saw this much concrete was the last Tech Day.”

Tech Daze at Rocky’s Miatamotive and Good-Win Automotive was quite the spectacle and social gathering. Wrenches flying, burgers grillin’ courtesy of Brian, yarns being spun, courtesy of Steve Waid, Mark Booth, Daryled Bristol, and a host of others; it was bench racing, and so much more.

Do You Know the Official Greeting?

Moving up in the world, Greg Lee anchored a Go-Pro on a roof joist to capture the activities and interactions of the day. I was hoping to illustrate this edition with the photos taken by his candid camera. At bare minimum, to insert an example of a properly-executed Presidential salute. In the interim, I had to borrow one from the internet – you’ll want to read all about it in the ensuing

paragraph. Or not.

Yet another Steve Waid-supplied tradition. Forget the off-key Happy Birthday singing. The new, “official” presidential greeting can be performed with minimal provocation and very little effort. This peculiar behavior began a few years back when Mr. Waid and his electric kart t-boned me in turn 1 at K-1 Speed. It was jarring, but it hurt more that he finished ahead of me in the race. The last two seasons of Summer Camp at Flyin’ Miata yielded similar results; I couldn’t beat his eventual time, so the tradition continued.

At every opportunity, he greets me with the salute depicted below. I return the favor. It’s ok if you want to join in the fun; I have a well-developed sense of humor. It’s now widely recognized as the “eL” presidente official salute. If you do it, snap your right hand to your forehead, index finger straight up, thumb on the horizontal, as depicted. I’ve asked Art Hamilton to ensure the salute is properly done; after all, San Diego has a proud military heritage.



The new “eL” presidente salute and matching highway signage

What if ?

I’m reminded of sentiments that dual club member, Mike Shack, has shared on multiple occasions. “Our MG Club monthly meetings are much more than just social events; we actually work on our cars.” A master of witty repartee, I quipped “Oh, yeah! Some of us Miata owners actually work on our cars, too.” Just not at monthly meetings. Can’t imagine Rick would appreciate that very much. Might even be forced to rename the establishment –the Boll Weevil, home of the responsive steering gear and minimal cowl shake. (Weak wordplay on the advertised “Famous Steerburger”) 1.6, 1.8, and 2.0 liters of healthy internal combustion; entire menu available to go.

Courtesy of the SDMC website - can't you just hear Jeff Frederick pronouncing once again "... on the Events calendar," Good-Win Racing's website, and their e-mail blast, Miata enthusiasts from **everywhere** (our legal department doesn't yet know where I live or work) converged on the Garnet Street location. Poetry-lover that he is, Sir Dennis Garon asked that this tale be set to rhyme:

There was Steve from Australia, a handsome and accented mate,

Dashing Brian G threw burgers on the Barbie ... lunch was a little late;

Karl Keene, all the way from San Jose – came by to check us out.

There was Roy, escaping from Riverside, explaining "the 91 is such a grind";

Local Richards, Spurgeon and Sanders, both attended, their wives not inclined.

SoCALM member Howard Kuhns was warmly welcomed, then recruited,

Big Phil's eclectic merchandise and impromptu auction he actively looted.

Buff medical professional "Markell" warmed to our Miata's image – natch!

All those race-prepped, race-driven, and aggressive carriages may have done it;

Most of our wives were notably absent – even Regalia's own Laurie Waid;

She clearly influenced Steve's wardrobe, though – they actually matched.

Neither shy nor retiring, Judy Lewis was sidewalk super-intending,

While husband Scott went hands-on with mechanical projects never-ending

Dell Pound was in town, sans Rae Nell, down from chilly San Francisco;

Great stories told for hours on end, fact and fiction

artfully blending.

- by Henry Gibson

Boy, Did I Digress...

I wanted to start this column off with an apology for last month's newsletter content. (Now I'm forced to apologize for this one as well.) One of our eleven loyal readers pointed out that all but a few pages of last month's newsletter were penned by me. Not quite certain it was a compliment, I offered up an explanation, sort of. Our reclusive editor, Jon Dingee, informed me on mid-December's due date, the January issue was looking very thin. Say no more; I made every effort to take up the slack.

So here's the deal. Don't let that happen anymore. Many of you are hiding some great stories and interesting perspectives... maybe even some respectable poetry. Share them with us without having to conform to texting protocols. Creative writing's not your thing? Share one of those special photos, where you've captured the perfect Miata image. What do you say? Let's not disappoint Jon and Jack.

Promises, promises ...

I promised in last month's newsletter column to provide additional detail on the New Year's Rose Run. It wasn't part of any New Year's resolution; I meant to continue former President Neal's methodical and concise review of past events and runs, while remaining true to my own "rear view mirror" theme. My own short list of resolutions was loosely arranged around continued self-improvement (shed the 10+ pounds I had packed-on since Thanksgiving and doing something routinely that "terrifies" me) and in fulfilling my campaign promises as your elected club president. In truth, there's a degree of terror in doing that as well.

A "Rose" by Any Other Name ...

With deposed president Neal Mills orchestrating the New Year's Rose Run, the gathering and route was restored to North County. South Bay and its collection of venues had been home to the Rose

Run for two years under the capable direction of Rosi Romero and Bob Gish. Fellow Chula Vista Rosi shared with me she preferred not to monopolize the run in our part of the county and that she was hosting a collection of high school and college friends ringing-in the New Year. Good food, a reunion of good friends, and a pajama party lasting well into the following morning. Even making the Escondido run was no longer an option for her.

With the weather events leading up to New Years, Neal even developed alternates to his alternate routes. We later learned from “flatlanders” bent on making it to the snow in Julian or Mt. Palomar, the traffic both directions was horrendous. Nice job, Neal. That was a great way to kick off 2015.

Mardi Gra-zing

Already my pick for “most interesting SDMC couple,” Jon and Melinda Connor have delivered multiple runs to date – themed, impromptu, you name it. By the time you read this article, or line your parakeet’s cage – your call, their Mardi Gras event will have run its course and ended at Bourre’ Southern Bistro. Since I sometimes slept through much of my early morning college French class, Jon advised “bourre” means “stuffed” in French and a lot of work in plain English. I’m guessing it has little to do with taxidermy.

“Stuffed” was the word if you participated in the pre-Lenten festival hosted at their Temecula residence. Seven SDMC couples did, and were, if you follow my syntax. (Just giving our proofreaders John Lord and Dennis Sullivan something to mull over. You’re welcome, guys.) You won’t find it on January’s Events calendar; the invitations were extended in person at other club events. The “Epiphany” here is, the more you participate, the more opportunities unfold.

Muskrat Love?

Hopefully, some brave literary soul will step up to a run review of this one. Mild-mannered John Lord worked hard to come up with his unique naming convention - **Punxatawnay Phil/Hearts & Marmots;**

and even harder at assembling his run. If you didn’t know, or suspect, his long-term friendship with Rick Kagamaster and spirited motorcycling may have been behind this inventive run.

Shoulder Bolts



From the ZoomZoom magazine, issue 21 - print version, as distributed by Barb Sullivan at the monthly meeting:

“With a weight saving of **two tons** over the current version, the **fourth** generation car promises to be the best handling, most refined, **safest**, and best-equipped Mazda MX-5 Miata ever. Rest assured that **the legend of ‘jinba itai’** lives on.”

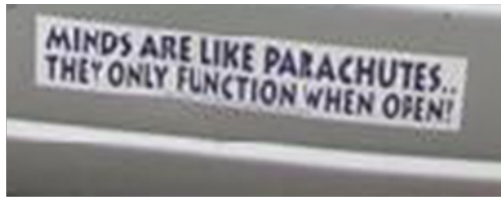
Let’s do the math. The current NC weighs between 2447 and 2542 pounds – curb weight. (incl. engine oil, coolant, full tank of fuel – just no driver/passengers) Forget about it...even I can deduce this would be one featherweight of a vehicle. In “jinba itai” terms, both horse and rider would both be only shadows of their former selves.

The online version has been updated to read 220 lbs lighter...much more realistic!

Bumper Sticker Philosophy

In those of us who delight in following trends and “advances” in automotive technology, our spider senses are all a-tingle. Have you heard of “V2V?” It’s all about “vehicle to vehicle” communication. At the risk of polarizing our eleven loyal readers, I’m going to assume the folks developing the technologies aren’t married. (Think a-b-o-u-t it; there’s a joke in there somewhere.) The forecast of autonomous driving cars navigating our highways megabyte-by-megabyte in the next decade has a multitude of social implications.

Me? I’m leaning toward the driving purist side of the equation. You know, steering, shifting, throttle, and braking inputs at my command and with seat-of-the pants feedback. I prefer D2D – driver-to-driver communication: turn signals, hand gestures, smiles, and bumper stickers. Here’s a few worth sharing:



- "Forget about World Peace. . . Visualize Using Your Turn Signal!"
- "Why is 'abbreviation' such a long word?"
- "Auntie Em, Hate you; Hate Kansas; Taking the dog. --Dorothy."

All 3 - joslinhall.com/laugh1.htm

That's all folks! ■



Your Author w/SDMC "Mayor" (Richard) Sanders

Photo by Bill Bennett



Tech Daze – "Motley Crew"

Photo by Bill "Bowser" Bennett

Much of the American culture has been blended from across the seas, and it is normal to be drawn to experience these historic roots. Cruising has become a blend of the resort vacation and the “visit to the old country” mentality.

The last style of escape that I can think of is the “staycation”. This can be done “on the cheap”, and San Diego is certainly an easy place to stay and vacation. There is much to see and do within 50 miles of home. In fact, we have discovered with each Surf N’ Safari how many of our own club members have never seen some of the sights that we take our guests to see.

Laurie and I have “dipped our wick” into each of these at one time or another, but in the last few years we have been drawn to another way to get away.

The Genesis of the Road Trip

Since buying our first Miata and joining the San Diego Miata Club, Laurie and I have done more and more driving with our friends. In May of 2011 we joined Mark and Cathy Booth as they lead a bunch of us on the complete length of historic Route 66. I was

encouraged to do so by my recollections from my childhood of traveling the old road with my parents. However, the experience was one that I have told anyone who will listen, changed my view of how to take a vacation. Without rehashing the whole thing, I became enthralled with small town America, and traveling with friends. As my daughter tells anyone who will listen, “dad will talk to anyone.” Yeah, I guess that is true. But, how do you learn about anything without talking to someone. I hated history books.

2014 Was a Big Year for Waid Road Trips

There were some short road trips last year beginning with the annual Coastal Cruise which is only 4 days and a little over 1,000 miles. last year was the first Winter Retreat put on by SOCALM, and we saw more of Central California and drove another 1,000 miles with Miata friends. July brought the annual Flyin’ Miata Summer Camp in Grand Junction, Colorado that added another 2,100 miles and 7 days of driving with Miata Friends. A whole lot of you joined in as we drove to Miatas at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on the Monterey Peninsula for the revealing of the 2016 ND Miata. Laurie and I both drove our cars and added about 1,100 miles each to our annual log.



The American Falls from the Skylon Tower

All of this was just a precursor to a road trip that we had been planning for a number of years but kept delaying for several reasons. Six days after returning from MRLS, we headed east joined by Daryled and Carlan Bristol. This would not be a Miata road trip, however it was a Mazda road trip as we each drove our Mazda CX-5s.

Although, we split off from the Bristol's after 3 weeks, we were able to share some road trip experiences that seem to always be more memorable when you can laugh with someone else during the unexpected moments.

Road trip statistics

I kept track of some travel statistics that always impress me, even if no one else cares. So, if you don't care you can skip the paragraph. The total trip for Laurie and I (Daryled and Carlan would have slightly different numbers) was 8,415 miles driven by me. It took 31 days. The car averaged 31.9 MPG for the trip. We drove through 23 states, 7 of them more than once during the trip. We crossed the eastern continental divide twice. I didn't even think about the fact that there would have to be an eastern continental divide. California public education! It's kind of like expecting ESPN to cover sports in the west.

In our quest to see small town America we have only 8 states left to drive. We need to do North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan in the North, and drive Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina in the South. We have also driven 3 of the Canadian provinces.

Halls of Fame

For purposes of brevity I will not try to give a travel log of the trip. Our big goal was to see the fall colors of the northeast, and then whatever there was to

see going and coming. Well, one thing that you find out about early on in the planning is that there are a slug (technical term) of museums and halls of fame in the country. You would think that with this many famous people that we would be bouncing off of them as we go in and out of the restrooms. Bill Bennett told me before we left on the trip that we would not want to miss the Quilting Hall of Fame. We did...although we saw the sign. Eating lunch somewhere along the way, I was lamenting with the waitress that we had missed it, and she said "you mean you missed seeing all of the famous quilters?"

In chronological order we saw the Indianapolis 500 Museum and HOF, the Pro Football HOF in Canton, the Rock and Roll HOF in Cleveland, the Baseball HOF in Cooperstown, the JFK Museum in Hyannis, the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, and the Country Music HOF in Nashville. I am sure I left something out, but brevity counts for something.

American history comes alive

You cannot travel in the east without continually bouncing into American history. In New Haven, Connecticut we walked through an old cemetery next to Yale University. Daryled Bristol actually had ancestors buried there amongst Revolutionary War soldiers. Reading these old tombstones is moving and interesting. Boston and New York City are filled with American history along with millions of people. Our bus driver in Boston told us that "in



Lighthouse in Maine



Getting wet at Niagara Falls

Boston, using your turn signal is a sign of weakness". The mansions of Newport, Rhode Island speak to a different time and lifestyle. We wouldn't have missed that for any reason.

Fun with friends

We did not know what to expect when we decided to go to Niagara Falls. You read and hear about places, and then build your expectations to a level that sometimes can create disappointment. Our two days in Niagara Falls were probably where we had the most condensed fun. The weather was perfect, and we were soaked most of the second day as we rode on the Maid of the Mist (that is no mist), and walked down to the base of the Canadian Falls. The four of us cannot get together without referencing something about Niagara Falls, which then brings about laughter. When we checked into our rooms in Niagara Falls we split up to put our bags in the room before going to dinner. Laurie and I walked into our room and found a giant red heart-shaped Jacuzzi tub right alongside the bed. No more than 20 seconds after closing our door there was a knock on the door. There stood Daryled and Carlan. Carlan asked, "do you have anything unusual in your room?" That was laughing fit number one.



Over the Falls

Fun without friends

We split off from Daryled and Carlan as we left New York City. They were headed south to visit family

on the way home. We were headed toward parts of America that we had not seen before. We saw some beautiful country through West Virginia and into the homeland of Greg Lee, Kentucky. We even ate at a Waffle House in his honor. We were very impressed with Nashville. For a big city it didn't have a big city feel. It also has the Parthenon. Who knew? Look it up...a very interesting story. The Nashville Parthenon is older than Balboa Park, and in better repair than the original.

Another spot that was a pleasant surprise was Branson, Missouri. We didn't know what to expect, but it is a glitzy, fun, over the top kind of experience. Because school had already started, we were the youngest people in town.



Parthenon in Nashville

What's next?

I can tell you this much about our 2015 plans. We will be doing the Coastal Cruise and Winter Retreat again, and the staycation known as Surf N' Safari is a must, and we are already registered. So, more travel with friends, more laughs, and we still have 8 states to see. ■

**all Photos in this article are by Steve & Laurie Waid*

Renew Your Membership Now!

CHRIS JONES

The Club ended 2014 with 175 memberships. As of 1/15/2015, only 80 memberships have been renewed (46%), plus the above four new members. If planning to renew for 2015, please don't delay any longer -- submit your renewal application. The form can be completed at the monthly club meeting, or download it from the SDMC website. Go to the "For Members" page, then the "Renewal Application" link at the bottom of the page. It's still a great bargain at only \$35 per year. NEW: Our Treasurer, Laurie Waid, can accept credit card payment of dues via PayPal at the monthly meeting.

Access to the SDMC-List on Yahoo Groups and the information posted there requires active membership in the San Diego Miata Club. During the first week of March, the List will be scrubbed to ensure only active members have accounts there. Again, don't delay renewing your Club membership for 2015. ■

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Welcome to our Newest Members

Howard & Yomaly Kuhns	Long Beach	1999 Brilliant Black
Bill Knepper*	Spring Valley	2001 Crystal Blue
Shelly Schmaltz*	Oceanside	2001 Crystal Blue
Sharon Fleming*	Fallbrook	2005 Razor Blue

* - Returning after break in membership

almost 120 people registered at the resort for the event representing nearly 230 room nights. The encouraging aspect of these early numbers is that usually we have fewer people registered at the hotel than come to the event. I believe that this early 2015 status is due to the obvious attraction of the venue on the beach, and that people wanted to be sure that they had a room reserved before spending the money to register. These numbers also bode well for an enthusiastically anticipated event which has a registration limit of only 200. We are well ahead of halfway full and it is, as previously stated, ten months away.

I will be chairing the "Fun Team" again for SNS 2015. The "Fun Team" is the sub-committee responsible for coming up with, and implementing, the various event attractions that are not centered at the resort venue. This would include all of the driving events and off-site attractions. As an example, the "Fun Team" put together the Surfin' San Diego Rally in 2010 and the Murder Mystery Rally in 2004. I will be seeking the volunteer members of the "Fun Team" in the next couple of weeks. Anyone interested?

Surf is officially UP for Surf N' Safari 2015. Watch the web site for new details as they become available. ■



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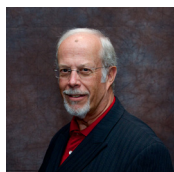
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- ✓ California Beach Resort
- ✓ New venue
- ✓ New adventures
- ✓ Same great party!

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Saturday, February 7	Punxatawnay Phil/Hearts & Marmots Run	Drivers Meeting 09:00 Depart 09:15	Rancho San Diego shopping center (TGIF Parking Lot)	John Lord
Tuesday, February 17	Mardi Gras Run	Meeting 12 Noon, Drivers meeting 12:30, Depart 1:00 PM	Eastlake Village Marketplace, 2275 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91915, USA	Jon Connor & Melinda Smith, jcsuperstarusa@aim.com
Thursday, February 26	SDMC Monthly Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Gene Streeter, gene.streeter. CZLI@statefarm.com
Thursday, March 26	SDMC Monthly Meeting	7:00 – 8:00PM	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Gene Streeter, gene.streeter. CZLI@statefarm.com
Friday – Sunday, March 27 - 29	SOCALM Spring Fling	All Day	Host Hotel – Embassy Suites Hotel, 1117 N. H Street, Lompoc, CA 93436	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.

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is a California nonprofit corporation. Twists & Turns is the monthly newsletter of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Use of articles or stories by other Miata clubs is hereby granted, provided proper credit is given. Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. When possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions may also be mailed to the club's post office box, Submission deadline is the 15th of each month. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Our Mission

The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars—the Mazda Miata.

Owning and driving a Miata is one of life's great pleasures, and adding the company and camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts only enhances the experience. Won't you join the fun as we enjoy the beauty of San Diego County from the seat of a very special little roadster?
Let's have fun driving our Miatas!

Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. **Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except in November and December when on the third Thursday.** We meet at the Boll Weevil restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., in San Diego (between I-15 and SR 163). To contact the restaurant, call 858-571-6225. Many members arrive around 6. p.m. to enjoy meals, snacks, or beverages while chatting with their Miata friends. The informal meeting starts at 7 p.m. We guarantee you'll have fun.

Next Monthly Meeting: **February 26th, 2015**

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.

Thompson Automotive. Cool accessories for our cool cars; oil filter relocation kits, gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs, & MORE. www.thompson-automotive.com. 949-366-0322. Discount: 10%

Tri-City Paint. Professional detailing, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar Area: 858-909-2100; Santee, Mission Gorge: 619-448-9140. Discount: Body shop pricing #CM6660.

U Fix It Automotive. Open to anyone that wants to work on a car. 6 bays, 5 lifts, and tools. Rent by the hour, day or multi-day. Contact Joel Muoz, 760.544.6181. 10% SDMC discount.

World Famous Car Wash. Complete professional car care. Complete detail, hand wax, leather treatment, free shuttle service. 7215 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. 858-495-9274. Discount: 10%

Mazda Dealerships

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

Mazda of Escondido. 760-737-3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (not including smog). For purchase, ask for Barb and receive free SDMC membership for 1 year!

Westcott Mazda. National City. 619-474-1591. Discount: 15% on parts or labor (except oil changes).

Other Services

David Bryan your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Pacific Sotheby's International Realty. I sell garages with homes! I will provide SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me with a free 1-year home warranty. DAVID BRYAN 619.334.4625 DavidBrealtor@cox.net DRE#01009295

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Classifieds

For Sale. This Miata has been in the San Diego Miata Club since its birth in 2001. Original owner, garaged. 127000 miles. Mainly highway. A basis few extras like Typhoon Air Intake, Oil guage is real, Oil filter on top, luggage rack, Roll-bar, After market light weight muffler, interior extras, etc. Runs great. Rocky has been the main mechanic for 12 years. \$3000 John Minnich 619 441 0650 c ell 619 203 0313

For sale. Hard top with rear defroster. Color: Merlot or Mahogany (They are the same, trust me!) Will deliver anywhere in San Diego area. Phil Daoust bearschili@aol.com or 760-789-7416.

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

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

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