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The San Diego Miata Club News Letter

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Rear View Mirror

GENE STREETER



image by Greg Lee, Summer Camp, entering Colorado Nat'l Monument

"Dear Diary ..."

7/12/15 – Once again, I was encouraged by the positive reaction of our loyal newsletter readers (Okay, it was one person; and I interpreted his intentions to suit my needs) to my sharing of "diary" thoughts in last month's column. When something seems to work, I keep using that same approach until others beg me to do otherwise. This is your cue; where some of you say, "Oh, no, don't stop what you're doing."

Knowing that member Dennis Garon can be fond of poetry, and based upon our reception at Annie's Café a few months back, I defaulted to honoring at least one request for a short poem to commemorate our SDMC Summer Picnic and the entire month of August. You *might* recognize some
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Is that Thunder I hear?

JON and MELINDA CONNOR

No! it is the San Diego Miata Club pulling in to the parking lot at Lake Elsinore Storm Baseball Diamond.

Join us **August 12** for "Wednesday Wacky Weenie/ Wine down night" at the Storm. All you can eat hot dogs, wine tasting and great ticket prices. \$5 parking. Not a bad seat in the stadium.

Meet up at the Tower parking lot Rancho California Road and Ynez Road, Temecula 4:30 pm. (Ranch Market, Big Lots and Tower Theater)

If you want to come up early – before traffic – Jon and Melinda will be glad to have you. Snacks and swimming are on the agenda. ■



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Welcome to our newest members...

Alan Lindquist	San Diego	1990 Crystal White
Brian Goodwin & Andi Goodwin(Mathers)	San Diego	2012 Copper Red Mica
Mark & Karen Wolfe	Lakeside	2000 Highlight Silver Metallic
Michael Cowlshaw & Geneva Woehler	San Diego	2016 Soul Red (LE)

155 memberships (44 single, 111 dual) for a total of 266 members. ■



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of the lyrics, rhyme, and meter; they derive from the classic opera "Porgy and Bess," dating to 1934. Credit George and Ira Gershwin for the music and my more recent inspiration. Credit Theodore Geisel for my sense of rhyme; see Les Smith for the explanation of poetic meter or an impassioned reading.

Summertime @ SDMC

Summertime and the livin' is easy
Our picnic is jumpin' and season's car shows are nigh
Your ND has arrived and it's really good-lookin'
So hush, Boomer Baby; don't you cry

On weekend mornings we rise up a-longing
To spread our wings beneath that San Diego sky
At the wheel of a sprightly char-i-ot
There are few pressing matters weighin' on you
With driver and co-pilot standin' by

Summertime and the cruisin' is easy
that Grand Avenue to Cuyamaca and beyond
The cat-fish are jumpin' and the pine trees are high
(A) Twilight Run is perfect when summer's heat is on
So hush, Miata faithful, don't you cry

"Tis the Season ..."

Car show season, that is. As I'm writing this, today's events are fresh in my mind and memory. The Annual Main Street America has ended, rather abruptly for many, courtesy of the substantial showers that Hurricane Dolores orchestrated from the South. There were other car shows capturing our attention and participation ... bookends, if you will. There was the "other" bay front show at MCRD a few weeks prior and the "Greatest Show on Turf" a few weeks later.

Much of the credit for the "good to the last drop" Main Street America's success certainly accrues to Craig Moya and his Corvette Owners Club of San Diego. If you read Craig's e-mail directly in its wake, he documented the rarity of that show getting anything more than morning mist. It had been rain-free for seventeen consecutive years; that is until Craig joined SDMC. Coincidence? Maybe.

It was no coincidence that SDMC repeated its raid on the Main Street America trophy room, however. With additional classes opened-up for our three generations, club members garnered a total of eleven awards, including the massive Club Participation award. See the accompanying photo; see me if you want joint custody of this heavyweight gearhead sculpture. Thanks for asking, we fielded 26 member cars for this sold-out charity event. Nicely done, SDMC!

The image below depicts the Miata camp at MCRD and your surprised and grateful leader ... another great venue. Not uncommon for some of us, Phil Daoust put so much effort into cleaning and polishing his gorgeous Briata roadster that he drained the battery. When it wouldn't start (hold the Lucas references), he brought his lovely Jaguar coupe instead. Currently without a Miata in his stable (or Sandy Bagnall's for that matter - that's hard to imagine), Wally Stevens had to improvise as well; his Lamborghini Gallardo garnered its share of complements.



photo by your author and current curator



photo by Laurie Waid

Tech Daze

I made good on my plans to attend the Annual Car Classic on the Bay, MCRD; my first time ever. We were rewarded with a great venue, and a wide variety of vehicles and participants. And, oh, perfect weather, Craig. The show put a bigger dent in my day than anticipated, because by the time I made it to Rocky's

Miatamotive and Goodwin Racing, the elusive ND had vaporized before I was able to test-fit the interior and get hands-on with the chassis. No matter, I was able to spend some time with the remaining gearheads and assist in re-parking the derelict Miatas camped-out at Rocky's. Both events that Sunday registered a good turnout.

Shoulder Bolts



My usual collection of random and technical bits is on sabbatical this month. Instead, I've dabbled in photo-journalism. By "dabbling" I mean to suggest that neither the photos nor the journalism is likely to garner any awards; I few chuckles is all I can ask.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

It might be a little early for such an assessment; it's sometimes an exercise reserved for junior high English classes, just to blow out the memory cob-webs and get the creative writing juices flowing once again. For some of us, those creative juices flow like Vermont maple syrup in advance of Spring; where even Punxatawney Phil knows to resume hibernation. But I digress ...

It's usually toasty here in SoCal, especially in the months of July and August. It's picnic time, be it at the beach or around the pool. We chose "pool" for the SDMC Summer Picnic again this year; Pam and Dave Hunt's pool to be precise. Since newsletter article submissions were due to Editor Jon Dingee prior to the July 25th event, I've assembled a few preview panes.



No picnic would be complete without a collection of enthusiasts playing games; it's not uncommon to break out a "limbo bar" ... remember those? Here's a modern twist on that classic theme.

Swimming is always popular this time of year. As convertibles go, Miatas are better-than-average in the sealing department; they're just not water tight, as this owner can attest. With the top down, a Miata can swim about as well as I do.





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Some may have even visited their local tattoo parlor.

Around the pool, and anywhere near the beach, "bikini" tops are always popular and in style. Ever wonder why you have to pay more money for less fabric?



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While others took time to commune with Nature. I'm guessing the design team didn't envision any camping trailers as part of the NC's silhouette.



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Some of us took a cruise ... or simply escaped the ordinary.



courtesy of Richard and Jean Sanders

Some of us went to Summer Camp, or did some serious autocrossing. Here's an example of a well-used luggage rack.



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Summer Camp, Flyin' Miata style. Bill and Teri Cardell have a "man cave" to drool over. Even Rocky Murphy thinks so.



Photo courtesy of Bill Cardell's drone and pilot skills



Look carefully at the driver ... yes, it's Flyin'Miata's legendary TurboDog demonstrating the true meaning of the "Dog Days of Summer" - 15 years ago.

Since a smaller-than-usual cadre of SDMCers will be passing through Las Vegas on our way to Summer Camp, it only seems fitting to re-purpose one of its widely-used marketing slogans to defend Turbo Dog and the

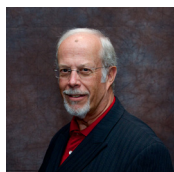
rest of us bent on having a good time (maybe I should re-phrase):

"What happens at Summer Camp, stays at Summer Camp." Unless, of course, one of us manages something worthy of next month's newsletter. **Indeed.** ■

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Meeting Location	Point of Contact
Saturday August 1 st	The Greatest Show on Turf	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	South Clairemont Park 3605 Clairemont Drive, San Diego, CA 92117, USA	http:// carclubcouncilofsandiego. com/wp-content/ uploads/2015/05/GSOT-2015- back-final.pdf
Saturday August 1 st	21st Annual Twilight Run	3:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Albertson's/Target parking lot Rancho San Diego	Mark Booth
Friday August 7 th	Crusin Grand	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Tom's #23	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net
Wednesday August 12 th	Lake Elsinor Storm	4:30 pm - 9:30 pm	'Tower' parking lot at the corner of Ynez and Rancho California just East of the I-15	Melinda and Jon Connor
Thursday August 27 rd	SDMC Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123	Gene Streeter, gene.streeter.CZLI@statefarm. com
Saturday August 29 th	Moons over Miatas	4:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Dine at D'Carlos Restruant 1347 Main St Ramona Drivers meeting at 6:30 pm at Dudley's Bakery	Lonnie & Kaye Kernes
Friday September 4 th	Crusin Grand	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Tom's #23	Steve Waid swaid@cox.net

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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: **AUGUST 27th, 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.

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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.

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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).

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(There's) No Room to Rhumba in a Sports Car

Lyrics written by Fred Wise, Manning

(Words & music by Fred Wise - Dick Manning)

This was gonna be the night tonight
I was gonna get to hold you tight
But I guess we didn't plan it right
I never stood a chance, we couldn't dance
Cause there's , no room to rhumba in a sports car
You can't move forward or back
There's no room to do what the beat tells you to
Without throwing your spine outta wack
When a little kiss I want to steal
I hit my head against the steering wheel
Now I know the way a pretzel feels
All I can do is shout...Hey let me out!!
Cause there's , no room to rhumba in a sports car
You can't move forward or back
There's no room to do what the beat tells you to
Without throwing your spine outta wack
What a way to waste a day with you
Nothing happens that can tell the truth
Let's go out and find a telephone booth
Yeah that's a better place, I like more space
Cause there's , no room to rhumba in a sports car
You can't move forward or back
There's no room to do what the beat tells you to
Without throwing your spine outta wack