

The San Diego Miata Club News Letter

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CASTLES, DRAGONS, MT. RUSHMORE AND SO MUCH MORE

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ALL ABOARD!

That's what my head was saying as 24 of Les Smith's friends from the Miata club, his railroad hobby club, and neighbors boarded the Metro Link at OceansideTransit Center for the Jan. 3 trip to Pasadena. We were going



to see the Rose Parade floats and admire the floats, flowers and other vegetation and creativity to create the floats. All surfaces had to be covered in some kind of organic material, even the float driver doors, the cars, the Harley Davidson motorcycle, and bicycles.

We left at 8:15 from the Oceanside Transit Center and traveled north for about 2 hours through San Onofre seeing the "Dolly Parton" domes, and passed through Camp Pendleton ocean to watch the ocean

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How it Works: The Club Website

DAN GARCIA

I was asked to join the appointed board as the new webmaster (actually the new second time around webmaster) in October of 2010. You see, way back in May, 2004, I took over the job from the esteemed JT Holland who became the club's first webmaster and postmaster in, I believe, May, 1996. (That date was the first published Newsletter and he is listed as such). JT developed the site back when there were not many tools to develop sites and thus he spent many hours writing the computer language of websites which was a very tedious task. By my count he kept the web/post master job for eight years, but in 2004 he was ready to pass on the position.

Steve Kennison, the president at the time, put out the word and yours truly stepped forward. By the way, it took two to replace JT, as Bob Kleeman took

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Welcome to our newest members...

David & Mary Cuzick Spring Valley 2016 Soul Red

Contact information may be found in the membership roster on SDMC-List.

REMINDER: RENEW! We're well into the New Year 2016 and past time to renew SDMC memberships that expired 12/31/2015. You can do that in person at the February 25th monthly meeting, or download the renewal application from the SDMC website and mail it with your check to the address on the form. SDMC membership is still a great deal at only \$35 per calendar year – cash or check, or via PayPal at the meeting.

In early March, our Yahoo! Groups SDMC-List will be validated for current (paid for 2016) membership, with action taken to remove accounts of those who are not current.

Questions? Need a renewal form emailed to you? Contact us at Membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org.

Chris & Linda
SDMC Membership



and surfers, Laguna Niguel, and other coastal cities and Angel stadium. We even saw a naked man taking a bath in the L. A. "River".

By the time we reached Buena Vista the graffiti was abundant and looking ugly. And it kept going and going, following the wall along the railroad tracks. I wanted to get out my paintbrush and then realized it would be fruitless. Paint it today and it would be back tomorrow. Such a shame to ruin the view. The Final Advent over the responsibilities of the Postmaster and has held that position to this day - a big hoorah for Bob! So, after a few months of development (I used a web development tool, making the job much easier), version 2 was launched. I did not get any negative feedback, so I assumed all was well received.

In the spring of 2008, I decided that with being retired and doing a lot of travel it was best to step down as the webmaster. Jerry Standefer said he could do it and became the webmaster in May of 2008. Jerry developed the current and well written version 3. I had one condition in reassuming this position - no new version, the current version works and looks very good, why reinvent the wheel - thank you Jerry! So, in November, 2010, the transfer of responsibility started, with me taking full control in January of 2011. As luck would have it, he used the same web tool I had used for version 2, making the transfer much easier. Oh - I should mention that none of the versions have been those canned sites that the online services offer. We all developed them using coding, and web tools. So, there you have it - a brief history of how we got here.

Once a web site is launched, it becomes an easy matter of maintaining and updating the site. Many of you may be thinking, well it must not have been that much work for Dan to take over the site again! Well, you would be correct, so please do not give me any credit for the current site. I know I am repeating myself, but the credit belongs to Jerry. Anyway, I receive the monthly newsletter in PDF format from the newsletter staff, update the newsletter web page, then upload the newsletter files to our host provider and then test the changes. Did you get the idea that I am NOT doing anything with the newsletter itself? The next step you are all familiar with, I announce the posting to the membership via the Yahoo! Groups email service.

You all may have the idea that I keep pretty busy keeping up with all the events and making sure they are published on the main page. Well, you see, that calendar is updated by the Events Coordinator, not me and seeing how the calendar is right on the front page there is not much for me to do, in fact, there is nothing for me to do.

The task for keeping the regalia page updated requires me to converse with the Regalia Team, getting pictures and prices correct. As far as vendors and business links are concerned, I make sure the contact information is correct and that they meet club policy for being on the site. And, of course, updates are made whenever there are changes to the board or other such things.

A few behind the scene tasks: I screen the emails sent to the webmaster, where a business requests to be added to the resource page. Club policy is that the business must be car related, preferably Miata and/or will give members at least a 10% discount. Not many new requests meet the guidelines. The webmaster also is responsible for keeping the subscription fees for our service provider current and pay the yearly domain fee and yes I float the monies until the Treasurer issues me a check. Would not want the web site to go dark.



Oh - I almost forgot, the potentially most work related task is the photo gallery. I won't go into the details, but I work with the pictures making them internet friendly, add notes and captions and various other things. I say "potentially" because historically not many members have submitted pictures, which makes my job easier. The pictures shared on the website are viewable by the public, however the club has a second photo gallery on the Yahoo SDMC group site that is only viewable by members of the group. You can get an account as explained in this newsletter under the Contact SDMC/E-MAIL heading. All members of the group have the ability to create albums, upload pictures and add captions. Maintaining the SDMC Yahoo group is the job of the Postmaster.

So, how do you go about getting your pictures on the website? Glad you asked! The easiest way is to E-mail digital photos or digitized scans of your photos in any common graphics format to me. You can also mail or give me CDs, DVDs, flash drives or photo prints, I will return your media as soon as I copy the data. Staying on the subject of pictures, I am always looking for interesting pictures of events to put on the front page. The current pictures are getting stale. Rather clever way of asking for pictures - don't you think?

Lest I forget all you Facebook users, there is a 'SDMC' Facebook page. A link is provided on our website home page, please look it up and join.

Well, I trust you have gained a better understanding of how the club's website works, even if you may have yawned a few times while reading.

One last note: While I am not looking for another webmaster, I am open to giving it up to any member who likes to do this sort of thing. Just talk to me or a board member. A new fresh version sounds good.

It is a question that has been asked since the first automobiles were built: We all drive fast cars, but who has the fastest drivers?

SDMC or COCSD or CofSD?



We will find the answer at K1 SPEED

1709 MAIN ST., SAN DIEGO
Saturday, February 20

Meet at Bob Stall Chevrolet at 9:15 am

The Corvette Owners Club of San Diego racers were dominant in the last K1 Speed Challenge, taking 9 of the top 11 places. The San Diego Miata Club and the Corvettes of San Diego club are getting a chance to show that it was an aberration. We're hoping to have 30 racers - 10 from each club. If the other two clubs can't field that many, COCSD will make up the difference, giving them an advantage.

Each club will get a separate 14-lap qualifying session. After a short break, we'll divide up into three race groups (fast, very fast and ridiculously fast), based upon the qualifying times, for 16-lap races for the trophies and the bragging rights.

Following the races, we'll head up I-5 to the **Corvette Diner** for lunch in the Corvette Clubhouse.

The **cost to race is \$44** (\$5 off the regular price), which includes an always-in-fashion "head sock", so that you can use one of the track's helmets. Or if you have your own full-face helmet, bring it! There is **NO COST** to watch and cheer on the SDMC racers. There is plenty of safe parking at both locations.

Questions? Call Craig Moya at 619-723-2020.

Rear View Mirron

GENE STREETER

"Good-bye" to the Holiday Season

Can I be frank with you? I'm glad to see the holidays go. It's a hectic time, despite any attempts we might make to remain serene, reflective, and accommodating to everyone around us. Holiday traffic was something to dread, or avoid as much as possible. And shopping ... Bonnie was so good about handling the gift shopping duties that she even picked up items for herself to put under the tree. Before you think too poorly of me, I'll have you know I wrapped them up attractively and circumnavigated the packages with contrasting ribbon. I didn't use any "special edition" Miata wrapping paper, but the thought had occurred. Like many of you, I still have some left from years ago.

One of the social highlights of the season had to be our Holiday Party – attended by many of you, and even easy on the little yellow credit card. Thank you for being well-behaved – right up to the point of the first gift exchange "steal." I'm not certain whether Barb Sullivan or Dave Hunt spent more time at the gift table; thank you to Mark Booth for the musical timer and his customary photographic efforts.

Apart from the evening's fun, those in attendance were treated to an educational segment. Vice President elect Greg Lee-son shared elements of his own doctoral thesis on the "other" English language – "redneck." Trading his PowerPoint projector for flip-charts, Greg exposed his extensive vocabulary and translation skills, even the necessity of keeping sufficient "earl" in yur motor. Hopefully, this month will see Greg's lava orange Mazdaspeed back on the tarmac. As I'm already fond of saying about Greg, "the VP is just a heartbeat away from being president." That's at once a very tempting and entertaining thought, isn't it?

"Send in the Clowns"

Another highlight: the San Marcos Holiday Parade. Where a brace of SDMC drivers decorate their automotive alter-egos and enjoy the "hold" time with like-minded *fashionistas*. We outnumbered the participating Shriners in their pint-size parade machines, and arguably out-performed them all the way down the parade route.

Case in point - Ginny Mc Laughlin is still in search of her apex –often moving backwards through the turns. As president, my fervent hope is that law enforcement present doesn't expect we drive like that on any other public roads. We had to do something to entertain us and the curb-hugging crowds. I'm not saying the parade was slow-paced, but the elementary school shepherds ahead of us were all sporting beards by the time we broke for a late lunch.

Chasing the Winter Blues Away

Coastal Cruise – where many of you left our San Diego clime for a rendezvous in ... **Fresno**? While it's just one night, it does seem like an auspicious beginning for a coastal cruise. Attending last year's event, I nearly froze in anticipation; but the increasing warmth as we headed farther West and the eventual contrast of Cambria and the Central Coast made that day so much more enjoyable.

Plans of a visiting relative would keep me from accompanying the dozen or so of you doing this year's cruise,

only to relive it vicariously through your exploits and images. I, too, enjoyed Jill Wilson's video post while traveling Highway 1; the *i*-phone production values were exceeded by her singing and dance moves. "What about Alan?" you say. In fairness, he was handling the logistics of the video; think Phil Spector without the prison garb. But I digress ...

My last Coastal Cruise experience was made so much more memorable by Rick Kagamaster's knowledge of area roads, some little more than fire access roads. Part of an elite squadron of adventurers (need you ask, Bonnie refused to go along), we chased Rick all over hill-and dale, while winding all through that area's farmland and wine country. *Salute!*

"We're Men, Men in Tights ..."

We're men, but not exclusively. For many of us, it's the fit that's tight. K1 Speed's electric karts aren't very spacious, but they're a bunch of fun. Take all of the handling goodness in our Miatas to at least the third power and a fraction of the weight. Where the weight of the driver approaches that of the vehicle.

Looking forward to the Corvette-Miata Challenge coming February 20, I'm concerned it may feel anticlimactic for those of us participating in the practice sessions leading up to the main event. Where the worst thing that happens if you drive too aggressively or apply the "chrome horn" to the kart in front of you is warning by the course marshals not to do that anymore. No cone marks, no damaged body panels, no physical abuse of your street machine. The only down side is that you don't get to prepare "your" car or kart. Their performance – tires, wheel alignment, and motor torque does vary from machine to machine.

Chasing Craig Moya and his well-practiced corvette club cronies is inexpensive fun and a genuine upper body workout. The scenery never rivals that of Cambria's back roads, but the competition element and the cheap adrenalin rush is there in spades. Just ask the competitive Mr. Booth and new convert, Bob Van der Hoek.

New Year's Resolutions

Weather concerns seemed to keep some of us at bay for the New Year's Rose Run, now a signature run and one that I always look forward to, no matter how late Bonnie keeps me out on New Year's Eve. Always keeping my consumption of alcohol under control, it's the staying up well past my bed time that takes its toll. Steve Waid's secret to being available early weekend mornings is afternoon naps. Even though I didn't compose an actual list of resolutions for 2016, I didn't even entertain that one. It's tantamount to the AARP card that I keep refusing.

"Better to Know Me and Not Need Me..."

Back in November, I was running late to a Surf'N Safari meeting ... I'm pausing intentionally for you to do the calculations. Wasn't Surf'N Safari in October? Yup. Some of us (Neal Mills) thought we were having so much fun that we would have a recap meeting. Here I am, hustling northbound on I-15 when all 5 lanes of traffic begins to pool into a sea of brake lights and bumpers. I ducked into the HOV lane at the last opportunity and resumed my legal speed limit and a few more *mphs* for good measure.

Being the good driver that I pretend to be (if you're thinking Dustin Hoffman's character in the movie Rain

<u>Man</u>, you're forgiven), I constantly scan the adjacent lanes and my *rear view mirror*. I take stock of a CHP vehicle slowly closing the gap between us and notice the officer is giving me a pretty good looking over; maybe he likes the car. When he comes alongside and seems to be pacing me, I acknowledge him with a confident nod.

The convertible top is down and life is still pretty good, until his red and blue lights begin to flood my interior. Just for the record, I never really liked Disco, or the obligatory revolving, mirrored globe sort of lightshow, but I like this particular light show even less. Many of you know the drill ... "driver's license and registration please." In all sincerity, I inquire about what I could have possibly done wrong. "I noticed you don't have a passenger; why are you driving in the HOV lane?"

"Because I have a Fastrak account and I pay for the privilege, officer," trying to regain my composure and feign a little smugness.

It's his move. "Where's your transponder, then? I don't see it anywhere." I'm diving into the glove box of my son's Miata, searching frantically for the transponder I stashed there days earlier. And, I may not have added his vehicle and license plate to my account for just this sort of reason.

As it turned out, he didn't want to hear any explanation, anything about my near-\$90-a-month account activity, wrote the citation (mis-spelling the personalized license plate), making me even later in the process. Licking my wounds the rest of the way to Escondido, I'm annoyed that my last-minute decision to use the HOV lane is going to set me back \$490, even more if I wanted to do Traffic School. My ticket came in the mail, as promised, announcing the payment and/or appearance options in the case of "People of the State of California vs. Gene D. Streeter." It doesn't get much more onerous that that. As a newly-minted defendant in a Superior Court case, my media filters funneled all manner of defense options to my addled brain. Even San Diego bail bond business icon "King" Stahlman spoke to me from his grave – "better to know me than need me."

"Winner, winner ... chicken dinner"

Other than swelling my column to its customary size, I have a reason for sharing this story. I've since had my faith restored in the system, courtesy of a mildly complicated bureaucracy and strict adherence to the procedures. I beat the ticket by pleading my case via the "trial by declaration" process, detailed online as part of Vehicle Code 40902. I was allowed to share the logic of my highly anti-social behavior and ever-so-delicately suggest that particular ticket was a thinly-disguised way to extort even more money out of a franchised user of the toll road system... the documentation probably didn't hurt, either.

My case was dismissed for lack of prosecution dismissal and an order to the court to refund my bail (you have to pay the fine up front) came a scant 75 days after my transgression and filing. I promised my bride we'd do something special with the refund when it arrives. Had she been with me, this would have never happened.

Shoulder Bolts

Overheard at Wally Stevens Birthday dinner, allegedly borrowed from the internet. As we know, if it's on the internet, it must be true.

You may not remember this, but this actually happened back in 2008 - with Wally's previous yellow Corvette



Wally was proudly driving his brand-new Z06 Coupe around downtown San Diego, getting lots of stares and beaming with pride. On reaching his destination, he parked the car at the curb and got out on the traffic side. Just as he opened his door, a beater taxicab slammed into it, ripping the door right off its hinges. The cabby accelerated away in a cloud of smoke as if nothing happened.

As luck would have it, a nearby policeman witnessed the whole thing and ran up to Wally, who is now wailing loudly, "Ohhh myyy gaaawdd! Look what that idiot did to my new C-o-r-v-e-t-t-e!

The cop looks at Wally, shaking his head, and says, "You Corvette owners are so materialistic! Here you are whining about your expensive car, and you don't even realize the cab tore off your arm!"

Wally looked down at where his arm used to be and began wailing loudly once again, "Ohhhh myyy gaawd, my Rolllllleeeexxx is gone!"



Northbound I-15 Christmas morning, courtesy of Bonnie's iPhone

Q: Why is Santa being chauffeured in an EcoBoost early Christmas morning?

A: Please choose from the possible responses below: ()

- 1) His sleigh and its eight tiny reindeer failed the most recent smog test and he was thus unable to get it registered for his travels in the US, As compared with the hydrocarbon emissions of today's computer-controlled alternatives, Santa's reindeer are gross polluters.
- 2) The reindeer orchestrated a sick-out in support of taxi drivers everywhere feeling threatened by technology-driven alternatives such as Uber.
- 3) Santa and his "North Pole" gifting and delivery business is facing increasingly severe competition from internet-based Amazon and the delivery businesses such as FedEx and UPS. At last count, UPS sported more than 96,000 delivery vehicles in its fleet.

Stay healthy, stay engaged ... stay relevant, San Diego Mata Club!

Next Month:

El Nino – welcome child or spoiled brat?

Water injection or water ingestion?

Beware when buying a car, any car after floods move through an area

I've been TCB, according to Elvis

Or, if you remember BTO – Bachmann Turner Overdrive Hey, I thought this was a car-related newsletter

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, FEB 20 - Corvette Drivers VS Miata Drivers K1 Speed Challange

The fifth K1 Speed Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2016. Ten racers from the San Diego Miata Club are needed to take on ten each from the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego and Corvettes of San Diego. (Yes, they are two separate clubs.) The format will remain the same as the previous challenges. Each club will get a 14-lap qualifying session. Then all 30 racers will be divided into three groups, based upon their fastest lap time in their qualifying session. Qualifiers 21 to 30 will be in the "fast" group, and will run the first 16-lap race for position. Qualifiers 11-20 will be in the "very fast" group and will run the second race. The final race will be for the "ridiculously fast" group, made up of qualifiers 1-10. The first three finishers in each group will be awarded medallions at K1 Speed. Following that awards ceremony and group photos, we will head to the Corvette Diner for lunch and the presentation of the "real" awards. Everyone is welcome, whether you race or not. The cost to race is to be determined, but is expected to be around \$45 per person. There is no charge for spectators. K1 Speed uses electric karts that are clean and quiet, with no gas fumes. The facility is nice and well lit, with lots of secure parking.

POC: Craig Moya to be added to the "racers" email list or further information: Send request.

THURSDAY, FEB 25 - SDMC MONTHLY MEETING

TIME: Members typically start arriving around 6:00PM for dinner. Business meeting is from 7:00 - 8:00PM.

LOCATION: The Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant, 14122 Midland Road, Poway, CA

SATURDAY, FEB 27 - Borrego - Sculptures & Wild Flowers Run

Ken & Stacy Hurd will once again lead a run to Borrego to look at the sculptures and wildflowers. We will leave from Westfield's North County Mall in Escondido.

Time: Drivers Meeting: 9:15 AM Departure Time: 9:30 AM

Meeting Place: Westside of the Westfield's North County Mall Escondido parking lot. Just North of BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

POC: Ken Hurd

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 - Tech Day at Rocky's

Time: 8:00 Am to 4:00 PM

LOCATION: ROCKY'S MIATOMOTIVE, 2951 Garnet Ave., San Diego, CA 92109 (Pacifc Beach) (858) 273-2547

Bring that project you have always wanted to do on your car. Rocky will offer advice, tools and encouragement. Bring a few dollars to chip in for lunch and drinks.

If your project requires the hoist or you are planning something special, please let Rocky know in advance so arrangements can be made to accommodate you, ESPECIALLY IF YOU NEED A LIFT. This is a popular event, so make your requests known in advance. There will be coffee, snacks, BBQ lunch at noon, and a raffle so bring some cash with you. Also, bring a folding chair to hang out with the group.

Thanks Rocky for this wonderful opportunity!

SPECIAL EVENT: MARCH 19 Greg's Goal Fundraiser:

Hold the date for a different adventure and location. From what I have been told it promises to be a lot of fun. We are looking for a run leader to do a run or rally based on this year's theme.

Contact the Garon dmgaron@cox.net

This event needs reservations: SDMC RESERVED Meguiar's Detailing 101 Class

Apr 23, 2016, 6:45 AM - 3:45 PM See the events calendar for details.

NOTE:

We're looking for volunteers to lead a run or be in charge of a special event for the months of March and beyond. This is a great opportunity for someone to earn their magnetics or, for experienced run leaders, to lead us on new Miata roads to your favorite locations. Really need more runs/events down the road - they are rather far and few between for the next few months.

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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 Wednesday.** We meet at The Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant, 14122 Midland Road, Poway, CA 92064. To contact the restaurant, call (858) 486-4575. 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: Thursday, February 25th

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? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each, plus shipping.

Member Discounts

any 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 ate 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 SDMC 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 (1pint).

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.

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