



TWISTS & TURNS

The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club

December 2016

TIME TO RENEW

CHRIS & LINDA JONES, SDMC Membership Team

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

It's time to renew your SDMC membership for 2017 – “official notice” -- and it's still a bargain at just \$35 for the calendar year. All memberships expire on December 31st, so don't hesitate to get your renewal form submitted very soon. The updated renewal form is available on the SDMC website. **For Members > Renewal Application (page 15 of this newsletter), or pick up a form at the Club's monthly meetings.** Either mail a check with your signed form to the address indicated, or renew in person at one of the upcoming monthly meetings where you may pay with cash or check. We greatly appreciate your renewal by the end of January 2017 (grace period). Thanks!

Annual Meeting 2016

Photos by Mark Booth



Clockwise from top:

The Executive Board for 2017.

The crowd watches in anticipation.

Members of the Year 2015 Neal and Grace Mills present the Members of the Year for 2016, Ken and Stacy Hurd.

President Gene with his awards.



SDMC MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

For DECEMBER 2016

Welcome to our newest members...

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Catherine Bonker & Dalton Williams | San Diego | 2001 Emerald Mica |
| Jim & Marcie Farthing | Oceanside | 2016 Soul Red Metallic |
| Tom Parham | Encinitas | 2004 Titanium Gray Metallic |
| David Purcell | San Diego | 2013 Dolphin Gray Mica |
| Keith Saunders | Oceanside | 1997 Marina Green Mica |
| W Bruce & Patricia Rambow | San Diego | 1995 Brilliant Black |
| Dune & Rob Mallory | San Diego | ...still looking? |

We end 2016 with 162 memberships (37 single, 125 dual) for a total of 287 members. This is 3.9 percent below our average of 168.5 memberships for the previous four years.



**Don't forget to check the website calendar for
the latest in
Events information.**

December 2016 Events

| | | TIME | LOCATION | WHO TO CONTACT? |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
| DEC 3 | HOLIDAY PARTY | 6 PM | BAY VIEW RESTAURANT MCRD | GENE STREETER |
| DEC 4 | SAN MARCOS HOLIDAY PARADE | 10:30—3:30 | NORDAHL AT HWY 78 BY HOOTERS IN PARKING LOT | STEVE WAID |
| DEC 10 | HOLIDAY LIGHTS RUN | 4 PM—7 PM | TBD—CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS! | NEAL MILLS |
| DEC. 15 | MONTHLY MEETING | 6 PM EAT 7 PM MEETING | THE HAMBURGER FACTORY FAMILY RESTAURANT, 14122 MIDLAND ROAD, POWAY, CA 92064. (858) 486-4575 | GENE STREETER |
| JAN 1 | ANNUAL ROSE RUN | 7 AM TO NOON | PEGAH'S CAFÉ | DARYLED BRISTOL |

Rear View Mirror

Gene Streeter

Happy Thanksgiving

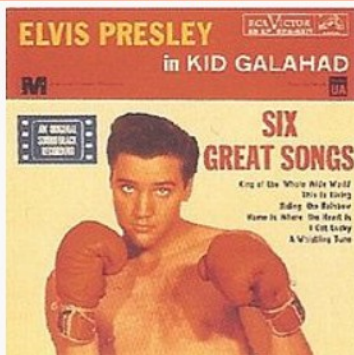
Since it's likely this edition will be available before the Thanksgiving weekend ends, there's still a window of time to wish you the best of this holiday. I'm thankful for my association with SDMC and many of you, individually. Whether you celebrate the time off with family, football, feasting, travelling, or shopping, the holiday is more than just the sum of its parts. Just as it is with the nimble roadsters we drive and enjoy, there's a feeling, a state of mind that comes over us.

Please pass the cranberries and yams, will you?

"Well, I've never been to ... Idyllwild"

I'm not shy about borrowing song titles and pop culture references to add color and interest to my narratives. Blame the positive feedback from our audience of twelve loyal readers for its continued presence. In actual fact, *I've never been to Idyllwild* in the fifty-six years I've lived in Southern California, even though it's only 35 miles outside of Hemet and a mile in elevation above Palm Springs. As soon as the November 5th run (no mystery in the name – "Melinda's Birthday Idyllwild Ice Cream Run") was posted to our events calendar, I saw an opportunity to eliminate that void.

Kid Galahad



our restaurant stop (Jo'an's) during the filming of his musical, *Kid Galahad*, in Idyllwild and the vicinity in 1961 and 1962.

Music aficionados among you may realize that prolific songwriter Hoyt Axton penned the song and "the King" was one of dozens of singers to perform or record it. I've taken certain liberties with the second stanza:

As it happens, there's an interesting connection between the song "Never Been to Spain" and the small mountain resort town destination. With his usual historical perspectives and charitable style, host Jon Connor explained that Elvis Presley frequented



*Well, I've never been to England
But I kinda like the Beatles
Well, I headed to Palm Desert
Only made it out to Idyllwild ...*

We, too, were made to feel welcome at Jo'an's and in town. Lined-up along our "caution tape"-reserved parking spaces, our twenty-one cars were on display for two "primetime" hours there. In keeping with our drive-eat-drive format, roughly thirty-five of us occupied the inside dining area. Apart from lunch and the various photo ops, most of us made our way to the ice cream and candy store that was the focal point all along. The center of town offered a collection of quaint gift shops and specialty stores, one claiming to have been "in the family" since 1953.

Summing up, the weather was "chamber of commerce" perfect, the landscape relatively green for this late in a drought-ravaged year, with great roads and drives owing to the modest traffic volume we encountered. I'm not certain whether this is a record, but we had three different "sweeps" on the day.

As I've advocated over the years, I told Jon I would gladly submit a run review as part of my column, in appreciation of their job well done. Thank you, Jon and Melinda, for sharing Idyllwild and your birthday with us.



Photo by Jon Connor



Photo by Jon Connor



Annual Meeting Hijinks

As I'm wiring this, Editor Laurie is waiting on my column to complete this newsletter edition. I'm not unused to this particular pressure, but we agreed we would include the results of our Annual Meeting.

First, it's a real business meeting, but surrounded on the calendar by an overnight tour the previous weekend, a lower-attendance monthly meeting (just forty members; somewhat typical) a few days earlier, and just four days prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. With the prospect of modest attendance at the Annual Meeting, I made certain that members were aware of the chef-prepared luncheon involved. Once again, we were late in getting into the Automobile Museum for our setup; we were twenty minutes behind schedule before we even started. I recorded a few "notes to self" as things unfolded.

"Don't Stop ... thinking about tomorrow"

Despite my monthly meeting encouragements, my non-candidacy statement in October's newsletter, and efforts to recruit a Board President replacement, I came up empty on that front. The first item of business was the election of our 2017 Board of Directors. I knew I was in trouble when my request for nominations from the floor was met with either blank stares or by responses placing me in nomination for a third term. While it's permissible in our bylaws, I continued

my appeal for a change in personality and/or perspectives; I lost my appeal, uncontested.

Jon Connor was nominated and elected as our 2017 Vice President; Dennis Sullivan was nominated and affirmed as the future Treasurer, both deservedly so. The office of Secretary provided the only competition and election challenge. Current VP, Greg Lee, requested consideration for the Secretary role, as had been previously discussed. Uttering the "quote of the day," Dave Bryan offered loud and clear, "I've been part of SDMC for nearly twenty years and haven't done anything. I'd like to be considered for this office and 'give back' to our club."

"Citizens get the government they deserve"

The past few elections proving it unnecessary, I had failed to arrange for ballots. There was nothing readily available to pass out, so I elected to do the only practical thing left at that point. Both men left the room, and we conducted the vote by a show of hands. Congratulations, Dave; you're an integral part of our 2017 Board of Directors. For those of you already doing the math, Neal Mills will remain in his role as Immediate Past President. Fact is, he had lobbied me for that position.

I am reminded of the political philosophy that suggests "citizens get the government they deserve." While it's often attributed to Alexis de Tocqueville or Abraham Lincoln, it likely has its roots in the notion "*Toute nation a le gouvernement qu'elle merite.*" attributed to French philosopher Joseph-Marie de Maistre. Whether I deserve a third term, or SDMC deserves the sort of leadership I bring to the table, will play out for membership in 2017. Upon reflection, I'm honored by the vote of confidence and challenged, once again, to maintain and improve the value of our club. In keeping with Dave Bryan's observation, my objective is to broaden participation in its operation and its activities.

"Every Good Boy Deserves Favour"

Elections handled, or mishandled, depending upon your point of view, it was my pleasure to recognize all those performing valuable functions in our club – Membership, Events, Regalia, Newsletter staff, Webmaster, and Postmaster. These are all appointed positions, having no set terms (thankfully) and focused on specific tasks and providing member services. The etched, inscribed glass ornaments were custom-made for us by Joe Portas, aka the Knobmeister. Were they gold-trimmed and diamond-encrusted, they

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wouldn't be sufficient compensation for most of those roles. Feel free to thank those folks when you interact with them.

My Board peers were presented with awards I assembled "with a little help from my friends." The cam gears were provided by Rocky's Miatomotive (should he call you requesting its return, blame it on me) and the inscribed plaque by Joe Portas. We've worked well together and thus, look forward to continuing the relationships.

You can read Steve Waid's contribution to our meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. Having reviewed a few of the archived newsletters from our early history, I asked him to provide his perspective on the changes to our club since he was President in May of 1999. In meetings past, we've had presentations from Mazda North America, some having the same effect as a tryptophan-laced turkey dinner. I think you'll agree we stopped well short of that.

Planned "new business" presentations by Linda Southard, of our Membership Team, and Les Smith, our resident "good idea generator," were shorter than we had hoped, in an effort to get to our luncheon. Look for an "opt-in" election on our membership renewals, rather than an automatic mailing of a new, laminated membership card in an effort to speed the process. Les shared his notions of having an experienced SDMC member mentoring new mentors in the various activities and, especially, in planning and executing a run or event. Thank you, both.

"Planes, Trains, & Automobiles"

SLoW Productions (Steve and Laurie Waid), Bonnie, and I orchestrated "Planes, Trains, & Automobiles," our most recent overnight tour; I've also referred to it as our *Nethercutt pilgrimage*. This was my 5th time visiting the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar; it never seems to get old or go out of style. Our tour guide in the well-named "Tower of Beauty" claims to have recognized me, even called me out as a trouble maker (Imagine that – Ed.) at one point, when I was able to answer his automotive history questions. He even advised others on the tour "the Miata Club's cars should also be admired, and not touched; they're great little cars." Thank you, Kyle. We'll be back again.

With a little help from contributors, Editor Laurie has assembled a photo essay of that tour. I'm not inclined to call it a "run" for its general lack of interesting roads. While I-405 proved more effective than I-5, it was simply a "means to an end." Enjoy the images,

especially if you have never been. Perhaps the next tour will materialize sooner than the four-year interim we've been observing; we may be able to include the restoration shop and a look backstage ... **"make-up!"**



"staged" by your author, who used a good deal of restraint in captioning this photo - at the Nethercutt Collection

Our visit to the Reagan Library the next day proved equally enjoyable, but for very different reasons. The time capsules on display there provided a slice of the state, national, and international political landscape of the times; many of the issues and social tensions of the time came flooding back to us. One of the docents there indicated the Nixon Library (in Yorba Linda) has been refurbished, recently re-opened, and well worth a visit. Those of you interested in hosting a run and earning your magnetics might give this a look – no overnight stay or passport necessary.

Stay grateful, involved, well-traveled, and cultured, San Diego Miata Club!



SDMC...PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE?

Steve Waid

THE MIATA MAKES IT BIG!

President Gene Streeter asked me to give a “short talk” reflecting the changes that I had noticed in SDMC over my years of participation and membership in the club. Below is the framework for my “little” talk.

In the fall of 1989 Mazda introduced the Miata to the United States in dealerships across the country for the first time. The 1990 model was regaled by the automotive world as virtually the “2nd coming”. In some ways it was as it was compared to the British sports cars of the 1960’s. Proclaimed as car of the year by many auto publications, the enthusiasm for the car was unmatched since the introduction of the Mustang.

Of course, keep in mind, the auto industry had struggled for almost 2 decades trying to create a car with the restrictions that had been put on the industry. Fuel economy, smog controls and safety restrictions were confounding American auto makers in their attempts to create an interesting and profitable automobile. Mazda took a huge risk in producing the small, light-weight, inexpensive, 2-seat roadster. For sure, it would be a small market, but would it be the “halo car” that it, in fact, became?

With the introduction of the Miata, Mazda mirrored the success of Porsche and BMW by creating a national car club in advance. The Miata Club of America sported its own magazine and encouraged the start-ups of Miata Club Chapters around the country. The groundswell of enthusiasm by people around the country to invest in a reliable Japanese version of the sports cars that they remembered from their younger years exploded. Immediately, chapters of local Miata Clubs started popping up around the country. The Del-Val (Delaware Valley) and Puget Sound clubs were arguably the first. However, one of the first was the Southern California Miata Club (SOCALM) which initially was to cover all of Southern California including San Diego County.

In April of 1996 11 people in San Diego had the vision to create and charter the San Diego Miata Club which was spawned from SOCALM. For many years there were dual memberships sported by people living in San Diego and the L.A. area. By this time, Miata Club memberships in clubs around the country and abroad were exploding.

SDMC...IN THE BEGINNING

By the end of 1996, just 8 months after its creation, SDMC had 153 members. At this point, SDMC was one of the early clubs to use email as its primary form of communication and produced a monthly newsletter. Laurie and I joined the club in March of 1997 as the club was readying itself for its first birthday. This turned out to be the only annual meeting that we missed in our 19 years of membership.

When we joined I asked what kind of a car club this was. I was told that “we are a driving club.” This turned out to be an apt description based upon our experiences. Of course, the drive, eat, drive nature of the club also was evident.

In the early years we did not have a web site, but the newsletter was one of the best. We had our monthly meetings, known at the time as “Meals and Wheels”. From the beginning, or close to it, these meetings were held at the Boll Weevil in Clairemont Mesa. One of the early staples of a run was wherever it ended someone would call out, “Pie Run!” We then would drive to some suggested location for pie. Of course, I plugged into this strategy right away and generally was the one to make the shout out.

Autocross for some members was an instant activity. As we all know now, the car was made for that. In 2015 the SCCA Magazine, SPORTSCAR, devoted its cover and feature article to, “How the Miata changed the face of SCCA”. As became evident from the beginning, driving the Miata was what we did.

STATISTICAL PERSPECTIVE

SDMC membership began to grow immediately. By the end of 2000 we had 448 members. We peaked in 2001 with 573 members. There was a slow decline in membership that showed 470 at the end of 2005, 397 at the end of 2008, 271 in 2011, 287 in 2013, and currently 287. The membership totals have been about the same for the last 4 years. At the 2005 annual meeting a by-law changed the membership renewal date for all members to be the first of each year instead of the each member’s membership date. This change was initiated January 1, 2006.

Based on my memory, we have had 12 presidents. No president yet has held office over 2 years. One has held two one year terms. One has held office for one year. Club by-laws called for 4 officers through

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2014 (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). In 2014, by-laws were changed to include as a board member the immediate past President to provide an uneven number of board members should there ever need to be a tie breaking vote.

Appointed board members have included Web Site Administrator, Web Mail Administrator, Newsletter Editor, Events Coordinator, Membership Administrator (Membership Dude), Regalia Administrators, Historian, and Car Club Representative. The numbers of club members who have held these positions is large. Some people have held several positions over the years and some positions have been held for much longer than 2 years.

ARE WE STILL A DRIVING CLUB?

My answer is that we are that...and more. As the Miata has changed generations 4 times now, we have also garnered members with slightly different or varied interests than the early years. In addition, the early members have aged...significantly, but graciously. I had to say that. New members have come with the desire to affiliate with fellow Miata owners, as always, but the initial appeal for the 1990 Miata is not quite the same as it was. What has fostered that change?

1. Competition: There are now more cars that compete with the Miata in the segment that was captured outright in 1990. There are now other 2 seat convertible sports cars. You can argue that they are not direct competition, but they do capture interest. There are now sport coupes that didn't exist in 1990 that some people would rather have than a "drop top".
2. Alternatives to a run: Since the early years of SDMC we have introduced more varied kinds of events. We have had rallies as an alternative to "just a run". Parades, car shows, overnights, and road trips. We have destination driven runs like the recently completed trip to the Nethercutt and the Reagan Library and Museum. We have introduced gimmick events...costumes, miniature golf, and numerous other ideas.

Social gatherings: Even though there has been an annual Holiday party since 1996, there have been picnics, concerts, dining opportunities, hosting other visitors, and lastly but not least, Surf 'N' Safari. And in 2016 we rented a hospitality tent with the Corvette Club for our members at the Coronado Speed Festival

SDMC has evolved as the membership has diversified in age and interest, and at the same time so has society and available activities. I even went to an Art Museum once (The Getty).

SPECULATION AS TO WHAT THE FUTURE COULD HOLD

As some of you know, I have represented SDMC as our representative to the Car Club Council of San Diego since about 2002. As information, there are well over 100 car clubs in San Diego County. There are over 80 clubs as members of the Council, and another 25 or so in the Low Rider Council. Years ago, this is how I first met Craig Moya from the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego as our two clubs worked together on behalf of the Car Club Council to park cars for the annual Greatest Show on Turf in Balboa Park. Through this participation on my part, I have met many people from other car clubs and have gotten to know their clubs and their club history. As you can imagine, there are all kinds of car clubs. Hot Rod Clubs, Muscle Car Clubs, Marques (specific makes of cars), vintage cars, low riders, race cars, modified cars, and more are represented.

When I was in high school there was a car club at our school. It was named The Pharaohs, and lasted for about 3 years because it was organized by car owners in my graduating class. I mention this because it didn't last. My belief is that what jump started the whole car club and car show phenomenon was the movie American Graffiti from 1973. There were car clubs and shows before then, but there were many more after 1973. And, they still exist today...at least for a while longer.

The members of the hot rod, muscle car, and vintage car clubs are getting older. They do not replace themselves as easily because the interest dies as they do. The cars pass into collections and museums. Some are purchased, but today's youth do not affiliate the way that older enthusiasts do.

I like to use the Corvettes and Mustangs as examples of what I mean by affiliation. COCSD is the oldest Corvette Club in the world, chartered in 1956, or 3 years after the first Corvette. The first Mustang was sold as a 1964 model. Both of these cars are still built today. Due to the difference in "affiliation needs" by owners, there are now 5 Corvette Clubs and 7 Mustang Clubs in San Diego County.

What do I mean by "affiliation needs" you ask. Below in a simple list are some things that have separated out some of these clubs.

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Planes, Trains & Automobiles



The Grand Salon
Photo by Rick Spurgeon



Silhouette of Beauty
Photo by Steve Waid



The Bugatti
Photo by Rick Spurgeon



Gathering for the Opening
Photo by Rick Spurgeon



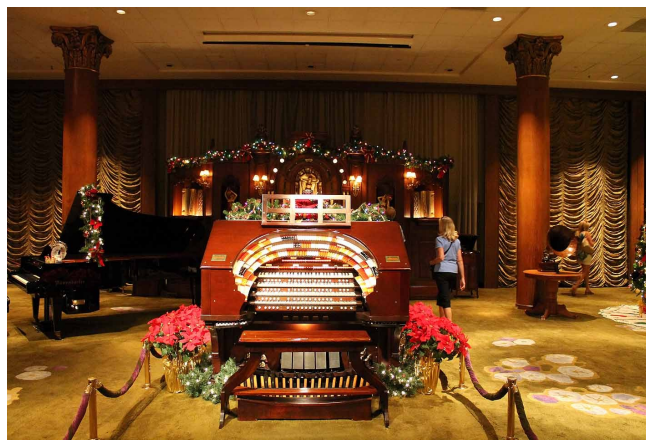
Steve & the Yellow Car
Photo by Tom Thompson



Beautiful Simi Valley from the Reagan Library
Photo by Rick Spurgeon



The Pipes at Christmas, by Rick Spurgeon



The Magnificent Wurlitzer, by Rick Spurgeon

The Nethercutt Collection and Reagan Library in a Weekend

Steve Waid

Four years ago was the first time that we put these two attractions together in a long weekend offering for SDMC members. As was the first one, this trip proved to be another once-in-a-lifetime experience, even though I had done it before.

Because of some calendar conflicts for some of our original travelers, we had a handful drop out just before our launch on Saturday morning. This was a good news and bad news happening. Although it was much easier to keep everyone together throughout the trip with fewer cars involved, I was disappointed for those that couldn't come with us, because I would have enjoyed watching their reactions to the trip.

The Nethercutt Collection and Museum

It is always fun to watch the jaws drop when the tour of the collection begins. With extremely knowledgeable and entertaining docents leading us, each level of the 4 floors on the tour is another "oh wow!" moment. Upon entering the Grand Salon, eyes tend to look up at the ornate architecture first and then down to the cars. Featured is the "\$20,000 Car". This Duesenberg has won Best of Show at the Pebble Beach Concours multiple times, and is licensed and driven every year by lucky employees of the Nethercutt's. While roaming the Salon we were serenaded by George Gershwin via a player grand piano from an actual performance by Mr. Gershwin. The tour only went up from there.

Up we went to the 4th floor and the 3rd largest pipe organ in the world which was also converted to a digital formatted player organ. Jaws dropped again as curtains in the giant room opened to reveal hundreds

of pipes lighted and decorated for Christmas before the organ began to play. It was as if you were inside the organ itself.

The museum across the street housed nearly 100 more cars from the collection and featured just outside the building a 1937 Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson Locomotive and a 1912 Pullman private car.

Let's All Get Together

Saturday evening allowed us to rest and socialize in our hotel. Most of us chose to eat in the hotel restaurant which provided a fun environment, and also revealed that we could purchase discounted tickets to the Reagan Library at the front desk in advance. What a great place to stay.

The Reagan Library and More

Not to be outdone, the Reagan also had decorated for Christmas. What this included was their display of "Christmas Trees from Around the World". For those that had not been to the Reagan before, the jaw dropping moment is when you enter the huge room that displays Air Force One. Unless you have heard about this before, no one expects this giant plane to be displayed INSIDE the building, resting on pedestals with one complete wall of glass making it appear as if Air Force One is about to fly out over the valley.

For someone of my age who is also a native Californian, the timeline of Ronald Reagan and his life mirrors much of my recollections of events experienced and observed. I can't really remember how many times I said, "I remember when that happened".

All in all, the trip the second time did not disappoint. There is so much to see at the Nethercutt and Reagan that doing multiple visits is almost a necessity, and certainly never regretted. Let's do it again, soon.

The Car Hobbyist Revisited

Words and Photos by Jon Connor

Steve Waid coined the term “car hobbyist” to describe those of us who not only love our Miatas but, indeed, everything automotive. Recently two intrepid Miata Club members (that would be the aforementioned Mr. Waid and myself) had the great good fortune of visiting a private collection owned by John Ellison of San Diego.

This particular collection focuses on Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Cadillac and Packard. In addition to these marques, there is a sprinkling of other interesting vehicles with many of them being award winners at various concours d'elegances including the prestigious Pebble Beach show.

Upon entering the collection, the first vehicle one notices is the Presidential limousine that was used by President George W. Bush:



Once inside, there are numerous significant Rolls-Royce vehicles. There is this Pebble Beach and La Jolla show winner that takes tailgating to a whole new level. The previous owner was a polo and horse racing fan who liked to dine elegantly while watching his favorite sports.



Then there is this Rolls that was commissioned by Romanian Dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu.



Auto Hobbyist - Continued from page 10

When the Soviet Premier, Leonid Brezhnev, visited Romania he told Ceausescu that since he was a Communist, he couldn't own such a "Capitalist" car. The car was returned to Rolls-Royce in England where it lived until it was acquired by an American physician. But the car's travel days weren't over. Rolls-Royce contacted the good doctor and asked if they could borrow the car for a while. It seems that Queen Elizabeth was going to be vacationing in the Cayman Islands and she wanted this car available for her use while she was in "the colonies". Rolls packed the car up and had it air lifted to the islands. A few years later, the Queen was again vacationing, this time to Bermuda, and the Rolls-Royce was pressed into the Queen's service.

Finally, we share with you, Steve Waid's favorite car in the collection. It is a beautiful classic Packard that Steve found particularly alluring with its chosen paint scheme.

This beauty was built for the Rockefeller family and was delivered to their banana plantation in the Philippines hence the banana color.



There were many other interesting vehicles and Mr. Ellison related the stories behind each of his cars. Much like Dick Marconi of the Marconi Museum, John Ellison is a gracious host and a true "auto hobbyist".

SDMC—Past, Present and Future? *Continued from page 7*

1. Age of members
2. My car is now a show car and I don't drive it... I show it.
3. I like to modify/customize my car.
4. I like to socialize with fellow members.
5. I like to race my car.
6. Geographic – Your meetings and activities are too far away from where I live and play.

So far, SDMC has been able to be all things to all members. But here is a rhetorical question. What would happen to SDMC if Mazda were to stop making the Miata? My thinking is that over time that would make a big change. See the "affiliation needs" above.

As the Miata gets older, we will see more of the older NA's become collector cars. I think that we are going to likely see a jump in membership with the introduc-

tion of the RF in the next few months. I also think that the demographic of the RF owner might be a little different than the current Miata owner. Will that cause a change in SDMC? It might.

Looking even further ahead, there are considerations being pondered by mankind currently that could impact the automobile, car collecting, and ultimately the little old San Diego Miata Club. In the recent past (20 years for sure) and currently there are great debates around the world regarding overpopulation, use of fossil fuels, mass transportation, and even robotics driven automobiles. Looking at the last 100 years of transportation history only goes to make me believe that the next 25 years will bring about even more dramatic changes to how life on this planet and our personal mobility will further evolve. Can you say?...Beam me up Scotty.

Anyway, I offer up these thoughts for you to contemplate. In the meantime you can still enjoy what is the largest car club in San Diego, most enthusiastic, and fun bunch of people you can find anywhere.

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 we meet as announced due to the Holidays. We meet at the Old Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant, 14122 Midland Road, Poway 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.

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

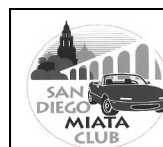
Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each, plus shipping.

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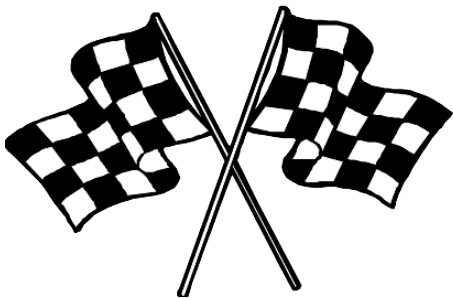
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E-Mail

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.



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 (30-35 words). Contact newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org for additional information.

Automotive Services

American Battery. Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff Hartmayer. 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 93368). They come to your door, provide quick and professional service.

Express Tire. Auto repair, tires. 12619 Poway Rd., Poway. 858.748.6330. Manager Dick Dolan. Discount 10% on parts & labor incl. tires.

Geri's Bazaar—custom Miata luggage made to fit your specific Miata. 10% Discount to SDMC members. geri@gerisbazaar.com or phone (843)754-8815

Good-Win Racing LLC. Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss & more. www.goodwin-racing.com Special club pricing on everything. 858.775.2810.

Hawthorne Wholesale Tire. Tires, wheels, brakes & suspension. 877 Rancheros Dr, San Marcos. Discount. 10% 760.746.6980.

Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Cir. 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 Miata Motive 2951 Garnet Ave. San Diego 92109 858.273.2547. Discount: 10% on labor.

Lutz Tire & Service Alignment specialist, tires. 2853 Market St San Diego 619.234.3535. Ask for Mike. Discount. 10% on parts (tires not included).

TJM Enterprises (formerly Magnolia Auto-body) Restorations, body work. 10027 Prospect Ave. Santee. 619.562.7861. Ask for T.J.

Discount: 10% on labor & parts.

Pitstop Autoglass. Rock chip repairs free to SDMC members. Must show membership card. In-shop only. 858.675.GLASS (4527)

Porterfield Enterprises Brake pads, rotors. 1767 Placentia Ave Costa Mesa 949.548.4470. Discount: 15% on Porterfield & Hawke brake pads, \$10 off rotors, \$9.25 per pt of Motul 600 brake fluid.

Smart Car Care stores—SDMC members received 10% discount. 2260 Main St., Suite 3, Chula Vista 91911. (619) 575-9274 or 1217 Simpson Way, Escondido, 92029 (760) 871-8000 smartcarcareproducts.com

Stuart Terry Auto. Specializing in Miata A/C problems, recommended by Rocky's Miata-motive. 4858 El Cajon Blvd. SD 92115. 619.287.9626. Ask for Stuart, 10% discount on parts & labor to \$50

Thompson Automotive. Cool Miata accessories, oil filter relocation kits, gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs & MORE Discount. 10% 949.366.0322. www.thompson-automotive.com

Tri-City Paint. Professional detailing, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar: 858.909.2100, Santee: 619.448.9140. Discount: body shop price #CM6660.

U Fix It Automotive. Open to anyone who wants to work on a car, 6 bays, 5 lifts, and tools. Rent by the hour, day or multi day. Contact Jose Munoz 760.544.6181. Discount 10%

World Famous Car Wash. Complete professional car care, detail, hand wax, leather treatment. Free shuttle service. 7215 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. SD 858.495.2974. 10% discount.

Mazda Dealerships

Mazda of El Cajon. 619.590.3700. Discount 10% on parts & labor. VIP Membership: 3 oil changes for \$19.95 with \$5 going to Rady's Childrens Hospital.

Mazda of Escondido. 760.737.3200. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (except smog). For purchase, ask for Barb and get free SDMC membership for 1 year.

Westcott Mazda. National City. Discount 15% on parts exclusive of oil changes. 619.474.1591.

Other Services

David Bryan, your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Pacific Sotheby's International Realty. I sell garages with homes! SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me receive a 1 year free home warranty. 619.334.4325. DavidBrealtor@cox.net. DRE#01009295.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

All SDMC memberships expire on December 31st of each year; we hope you will elect to continue participating in your Club. Please use this application for renewal, PRINTING CLEARLY, and thank you for renewing promptly.

Option: If no changes to your information, check here ☐ – complete Name(s) and Signature(s).

Member's Name: _____ Birthday (Mo/Day): ____/____ [optional]

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ - _____

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Copilot's Name: _____ Birthday (Mo/Day): ____/____ [optional]

☐ Check here if phone numbers/email are same as Member's above [or complete the following as applicable]

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Miata Information:

Year: _____ Color: _____ License Plate: _____

Special / Limited Model? ☐ Special Edition ☐ Anniversary Edition ☐ Limited Edition ☐ Launch Edition


☐ Mazdaspeed ☐ M Edition ☐ PRHT ☐ Shinzen ☐ Other (specify) _____

Club Membership Roster is maintained on the SDMC-List Yahoo! Groups website; access is limited to active (current) members who have requested to join the SDMC-List. The roster includes the following member information:

Member & Copilot names, member email address, primary phone**, city, vehicle year and color, and license plate.

** ☐ Check here if you do not want your phone numbers listed on the roster or released to Club members.

Club's newsletter, *Twists & Turns*, is published monthly and is normally available around the first of each month. All members can download current and past issues from the club's website (see top of page) for easy viewing. Posting of the newsletter is announced on SDMC-List and via email.

☐ Check here if you prefer to receive a hardcopy newsletter via U.S. Postal Service. 

Release Statement (must be signed): I wish to participate in activities and events organized by the San Diego Miata Club. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in these events, I hereby agree to release the San Diego Miata Club, its officers, organizers, members, sponsors, and vendors from any and all liability for injury, damages, or loss arising from my participation and attendance in any Club activity. (If spouse or significant other is applying for membership, they must also sign.)

Signed (Member): _____ Date: _____

Signed (Copilot): _____ Date: _____

Please return this signed application with \$35.00 check to:

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