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*The newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club*

**February 2017**

## Rear View Mirror

**Words and Photos by Gene Streeter**

### *"It's A Numbers Game"*

Credit "Corvette" Craig Moya with keeping karting competition on the front burner. (Quit showing off your alliteration skills. – Ed.) It's true; Craig has been arranging and hyping the practice sessions for all those interested, or those harboring fond memories of SDMC's victory in the last Corvette – Miata K1 Speed Challenge. Practice sessions alternate between Fridays and Saturdays, beginning as soon as K1 Speed (downtown location) opens in the morning.

Arguably, the mixed practice sessions between the Corvette Club(s) and SDMC racers have been successful and explore common ground between our clubs and members. No matter what we drive on the street, the karts are the same size and have essentially the same driving characteristics. There's clearly a cadre of Corvette jockeys (there he goes, again. – Ed) that usually dominates the practice sessions and posts the fastest lap times. The goal is simple: set "fast time" each session and break the 22-second barrier as often as possible in navigating the course. Much like a high school letterman's jacket, there's a colorfully-embroidered black version to certify that accomplishment.

Congratulations to SDMC's inimitable Ken Hurd for recently earning his jacket; the presentation was very low-key. Look for Greg Lee to do the same in the near future; he's so close, with a personal best of 22.094 seconds. As Craig and Ken will attest, cracking the last few 10ths of second is a combination of skill and "luck of the draw" where the race-prep of the kart – tires, motor, and wheel alignment really does matter. And, no, none of that is adjustable in these karts. Some of the karts in service in the Carlsbad



location are "shifter karts," which adds another element to driver control.

In the same spirit of inclusion, Craig recently reached out to the Porsche Club in San Diego. Their response, loosely quoted: "No thanks. Our national organization says karting is too dangerous." The local chapter of the BMW Club, however, accepted the invitation and challenge. Game on! Saturday, March 4 is reserved for our annual showdown, re-named the SDMC, COCSD and BMW K1 Speed Challenge.

If you're competing, I'll see you at the track a few more times for practice; it's all about the "seat time." If you haven't tried it, don't let the Porsche Club's position scare you off. In exactly 41 K1 Speed races, over nine years and three different venues, I've only been "roughed-up" once, courtesy of Steve Waid. Per his version of the incident, he simply couldn't see me sitting there sideways as he came around the corner at the end of the long straight. Never hitting the brakes, he T-boned me at full speed; both of us had

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## Coming 2017 Events

	WHAT	TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
JAN. 26	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEETING	THE HAMBURGER FACTORY FAMILY RESTAURANT, 14122 MIDLAND ROAD, POWAY, CA 92064	GENE STREETER
JAN 27-30	COASTAL CRUISE	TBD	MEETING SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY MIATAS FOR 2 DAYS	STEVE WAID MARK BOOTH
JAN 28 AND FEB. 25	K1 SPEED CHALLENGE PRACTICE	10 AM TO 1 PM	K1 SPEED 1709 MAIN STREET SAN DIEGO 92113	CRAIG MOYA
FEB 4	PUNXSUTAWNY PHIL/ HEARTS & MARMOTS RUN	9 AM TO 3 PM	BY TGI FRIDAYS AT Rancho San Diego, 2991 Jamacha Rd . El Cajon, CA 92019	JOHN AND PHYLLIS LORD
FEB 10	K1 SPEED CHALLENGE PRACTICE	11 AM TO 2 PM	K1 SPEED 1709 MAIN STREET SAN DIEGO 92113	CRAIG MOYA
FEB 23	MONTHLY MEETING	5:30 BOARD MTG 6 PM EAT 7 PM MEETING	THE HAMBURGER FACTORY FAMILY RESTAURANT, 14122 MIDLAND ROAD, POWAY, CA 92064	GENE STREETER
MAR 4	SDMC, COCSD, BMW K1 CHALLENGE	10 AM TO 2 PM	K1 SPEED 1709 MAIN STREET SAN DIEGO 92113	CRAIG MOYA

### ***SDMC Quarterly Board Meeting***

February 23 at 5:30 PM (Prior to our monthly meeting)

Your Board welcomes great ideas, concerns and feedback.

Feel free to contact me with any agenda proposals.



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our figurative bells rung. Even apart from collisions with the walls or other karts, it's not unusual to be a little sore; hustling one around the track is an upper-body workout. Ask Dave Kempton, who joined a recent practice session and proved to be a quick learner, lopping nearly eight seconds off his lap time from one session to the next. Dave quipped, "it wasn't good weather for sailing."

Q: Where's the practice schedule, Dan?

A: The Events Calendar, of course, along with details of the Main Event.

If not, come out and cheer for our team. If you saw the U-T news article Mark Booth shared a few weeks back about the financial challenges with San Diego's Fleet Week, you'll recall the vintage racing attraction (aka SpeedFest) was identified as being the biggest financial drain. Bottom line, it appears we'll have one less race event to enjoy in 2017.

### ***Dodging Raindrops to Chase Rainbows***

Editor Laurie Waid has designs on getting each month's newsletter out prior to our monthly meeting. There are only two things that typically hobble her efforts to assemble it timely – lack of content and my column. Some of you can help her with the first item; you know who you are. This month, her design has the added pressure of getting it done prior to SDMC's group departure on the annual Coastal Cruise.

Owing to our unseasonal deluge, an escape to the Central Coast and its forecast of sunshine and great weather, this is going to be a great run. As he often does, Mark Booth extended a last-minute invitation to join in the fun. The itinerary is all new and very fresh this year. Not only that, but I get to share one of my entertainment finds with fellow Cruisers. Like old-fashioned melodrama theater? Either way, you'll want to read all about it in March's edition. Let's give a positive spin to the expression "going coastal."

I'm leaving Friday morning, just so I can conduct my first meeting of 2017 and of my third term as your president.

### ***Mock Coronation / Inaugural***

Don't read too much into this. I have the occasional errant thought ... some worth sharing, some are not. In recognition of my third term as your president (and you thought our "railroad" system was on life support),



*Chasing rainbows during the Uphill Downhill Run*

I thought I might commission an inaugural celebration, similar to the one recently conducted in Washington. Because Mandie Lee had done such a great job arranging the menu and particulars for our Holiday Party, I requested she orchestrate the entire coronation, er, inauguration event. Our budget was restricted to just two months' worth of opportunity drawing proceeds. Treasurer Dennis Sullivan is very mindful of our fiscal responsibilities, you know. Here are some of the particulars we decided:

Arm-in-arm with my long-suffering bride, coincidentally also from Europe, we would ascend the stairs at the Automobile Museum, and then enter the rear of the meeting hall, making eye contact and shaking hands with each member arranged along the center aisle as we strolled forward. Once at the podium, and by the powers vested in him, Les Smith would preside over the swearing-in ceremony and/or renew our marriage vows.

Strains of "Hail to the Chief" emanate from an iPhone somewhere in the room. Additional audio, including the microphone, is provided by anyone other than me. Microphones have somehow become my nemesis. I reiterate my non-campaign promises and vow to be a better president, running our club with complete transparency and being more inclusive. Of course, our Vice President Jon Connor and wife Melinda, and the entire Board are an integral part of the ceremonies and celebration.

SDMC's favorite musician, Gary Seiler, was unavailable to perform at the Inaugural Ball; he managed to convince it really was a "booking" thing. Barb and Dennis Sullivan perform as cover artists for some

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Toby Keith hits, making “I Love This Car” memorable once again. Adding elegance to the occasion, Rosi Romero volunteered to play waltz-appropriate numbers on her harpsichord.

Quite appropriately, SLoW Productions would be responsible for the motorcade, with additional volunteers under Daryled Bristol and Neal Mills conducting security and “sweep” functions. Because both the expense and weight of the vehicle armor package is prohibitive, your Board has decided to retain the previous NC “open parade car,” affectionately known as the “critter,” despite then-VP Greg Lee’s insistence on “varmint.”

The most important part of all this? You’re all invited to participate ... in everything.



image courtesy of “encontracarros.com”

### **“Weather ... or Not”**

*Jalopnik.com* is a website worth perusing now and then. They even admit to being decidedly biased in favor of Miata; that’s refreshing. It’s not difficult for me to find material or inspiration there. Of late, I’ve found myself slightly annoyed with all the rain and inclement weather here in San Diego, forgetting just how good we actually have it. Our version of winter has been overnight temps in the “low-40s” and an occasional under half-an-inch rainstorm. While I’ve been known to drive “top-down” in some less-than-ideal weather conditions, the adjacent image reminds me I’m far from unique. It also reminds us our cars are equipped with capable heaters. And, if we drive fast enough, the moisture (liquid or solid) doesn’t land in the cockpit.



credit @AlysonBruner @cleveland19news for this twitter post and image

### **“A Rose by Any Other Name”**

I recently spoke with one of our new members, Paul (name withheld to protect the innocent and because I didn’t inquire), who confided that he wasn’t particularly interested in getting up early enough to make breakfast and the drivers’ meeting for our annual New Year’s Rose Run. I told him he missed a great run and proceeded to torment him with some of the details. While Daryled and Carlan Bristol didn’t originate the concept, they certainly added to the legacy.

Breakfast, socializing, long-stem roses for every vehicle, not just the ladies. Car count was about twenty. Accounting for weather conditions, we avoided some of the higher elevations and wound our way down Banner Grade and into the desert and Borrego Springs. For those that enjoyed a substantial breakfast at Pegah’s, in Escondido before the start, lunch at La Casa del Zorro resort came precious few hours later. In his travels with SDMC, my Dad used to claim “It seems we eat just to avoid getting hungry.” It’s entirely possible he succumbed to Yogi Berra’s influence on our language; fairly common with my father’s generation.

Bonnie and I always look forward to starting out the New Year “on the right foot.” Using both feet, the drive in brisk weather and in the company of Miata friends is both exhilarating and satisfying. I’m certain Neal and Grace Mills would have preferred sweeping the run to being “under the weather.” Steve and Laurie Waid filled the void, and there were other offers as

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well. Thank you Daryled and Carlan for sharing your latest varietal “rose” with all of us.

### **Year of the Rooster**

Assuming this column reaches you by January 28, I can appropriately wish you “Happy New Year” once again; this time for Chinese New Year. It’s not that I typically celebrate it, but I do pay close attention to the paper place mat in front of me at my favorite Mandarin restaurant. Effective the last week of this month, we’re living the *vida loca* in the “Year of the Rooster.”

It’s not lost on me the “rooster” has special significance within our club. According to legend, some of the racers in the early days of SDMC banded together under the “Team VooDoo” banner. In addition to driving skill, the *voodoo* could be summoned to your Miata by adding certain specialty parts to it. One of those nearly-legendary characters became “VooDoo Bob”; another was the “Pollo Rampante” symbol that identified the faction. The “screaming chicken” graphic and its yellow field was fully intended to be a design parody of the iconic Ferrari “prancing horse.” It’s not your barnyard-variety poultry.

As the current owner of the “VooDoo” design and label, SDMC’s own Tom Thompson should have especially good luck with those items this year. According to the commentary I absorbed in viewing portions of the Barrett Jackson Collector Car Auction this past week, the corresponding “prancing horse” Scuderia Ferrari emblem isn’t standard on most modern Ferraris. You’ll need to “pony up” an extra \$2000 for the privilege ... hardly chicken feed, but almost insignificant relative to the cost of the vehicle. In comparison, a pair of the parody graphics will set you back a lot less lira - \$12 US. for the 6” size. Feel free to get yours at [www.thompson-automotive.com](http://www.thompson-automotive.com)



or



*Stay competitive, open to new adventures, and chasing rainbows in the face of rain, San Diego Miata Club.*



*Our Rose Run was a re"sounding" success – complete with left-over NYE horns, funny hats, etc.*



# The Auto Hobbyist III

Words and Photos by Jon Connor

**R**ecently, this intrepid reporter, accompanied by partner-in-crime, Bill Bennett made a visit to the Motte Historical Museum in Menifee.



John and Evelyn Motte privately founded the Museum through their estate. Their aspirations were to showcase the history of the pioneer families who first settled in the valley, their antique car collection, and document the area's agricultural roots.

The Museum commemorates how the valley has grown and changed, in hopes to encourage the community to continually preserve, teach, and educate others about local history.

Leon E. Motte built the Motte's Romola Farms Barn in 1985 with architect Robert Morris. Robert Morris has done much architectural design in downtown Temecula, and is known for his wrought iron work and western artistic touch.







The Motte Historical Museum is a treat and they love to host car clubs. Could a run to the Motte be in the San Diego Miata Club's future?



In 1951 John Victor Motte bought a Chevrolet Touring for \$15, overhauled the engine, and restored the car in the late 1970's. That Chevrolet was the car that began the private collection, and fueled the Motte Brothers desire to restore antique automobiles. The 1926 Chevrolet Touring is currently on display at the Museum, and the preservation of the rest of the restored automobiles continues today.



This photo is from Motte website

In addition, to the fine collection of autos, there are some very interesting, early memorabilia, such as juke boxes, a replica malt shop and a replica "Bijou" that shows car related movies.

**Don't forget to check the website calendar for the latest in Events information. If you don't check it, you may miss out!**



# Climb Every Mountain, Ford Every Stream

Jon Connor

“Climb every mountain  
Search high and low  
Follow every byway  
Every path you know  
Climb every mountain  
Ford every stream” – from *“The Sound of Music”*

There is a weather phenomenon which is well known in many parts of the country, but remains somewhat of a mystery to the residents of Southern California. The official title of the occurrence is called “rain” and it rarely is demonstrated in our area. Lately, however, there have been manifestations of this weather occurrence and many of us have wondered what exactly this wet stuff is that falls from the sky.

We Miata drivers are particularly mystified by the stuff and maybe we have to consult our Owner’s Manuals to learn how to put our tops up. So, it was with these weather issues as a backdrop that 17 Miata’s gathered for a reprise of the Chloe Oswald & Ed Grant’s “Uphill, Downhill Run”.

When we last had this run, it was a pleasant romp through the hills, valleys and twisties of Fallbrook, De Luz and the Santa Rosa Plateau. This time around the previously mentioned “rain” provided us with some unexpected thrills as many of the roads had been visited by not only rocks, gravel and mud, but once “dry washes” were now “wet washes”. So indeed, we climbed every mountain and forded every stream as our ATM’s (that’s “All Terrain Miatas”) made their way through a new “twist” to a familiar run. Richard Sanders was pretty sure that he picked up a river trout as a co-driver/navigator along the way!

We did complete the run with our tops down. As the saying goes, “**a convertible** is a car that the top goes down when the weather is good. **A Miata** is a car that the top goes up when the weather is bad”.



Photo by Laurie Waid





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Photo by Gene Streeter



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# Southern California Motorsports

**Jon Connor**

Southern California is the birthplace of hot rodding, drag racing and custom car culture. Many of the performance oriented manufactures are headquartered around the region. Nissan, Honda and Miata, among others, have design/research centers in Southern California so that they can keep “an ear to the ground” as to the current *zeitgeist* and what future trends may be.

Many of us like to “personalize” our Miata’s and in doing so we are continuing in the tradition of Southern California aftermarket enhancements.

The Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum, located on the edge of the Los Angeles County Fairplex, where it houses a collection of memorabilia, automobiles and motorcycles related to the sport of hot rodding. The museum was created by a group of long-time NHRA staff members led by founder Wally Parks, for whom the museum was renamed on his ninetieth birthday.

Among the exhibits are one of A. J. Foyt’s Coyote Indy Cars, Kenny Bernstein's first dragster to reach speeds in excess of 300 mph (480 km/h), the Bob McClung helmet and photo collection, a collection of Indianapolis 500 credentials and artifacts from early events in the history of land speed records and hot rods. Temporary exhibits have also been created to honor participants in hot rodding including Vic Edelbrock, Don Prudhomme, John Force, TV Tommy Ivo, the 1932 Ford, Track Roadsters, Parnelli Jones, and the So-Cal Speed Shop.



Anybody up for a drag race?





## 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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**New Member**

# 10 years ago—Mazda's Box of Crayons

JERRY STANDEFER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

*From the Editor's Column, February 2007  
Written by the then editor of this newsletter,  
but relevant and interesting today:*

**B**efore I entered Miata-land several years ago, I had a Classic Red 1999 Protege ES, and Gabe had a Laser Blue Protege5. A good friend of mine always remarked about the pureness of the red and blue. I took her to a Mazda dealership, and, after looking around the lot, she exclaimed that Mazda used "Crayola" colors—pure, unadulterated colors that one would expect in a box of crayons. Les Smith and Kelley Raymond have been hard at work planning a run to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the introduction of Brilliant Black to the Miata line-up. I had mentioned to them that I believed that color to be the longest running Miata color. However, it didn't take much research to realize that I was wrong. For some reason, Mazda didn't offer it for the 2005 model year. Alas, that nettlesome Classic Red still holds the title as the longest-running Miata color. But the research into Miata colors was absolutely astonishing, and eye-opening. Since the MX-5 Miata was introduced in the U.S. in the 1990 model year, an amazing 43 different colors have been offered! And that's not counting the special-color cars that were sold all those many years ago.

## Colors galore

As I mentioned earlier, Classic Red has been offered in more model years than any other color—15 years, from 1990 to 2005. Despite what Steve Waid may say, it was a true classic. Well, at least Steve's car is easy to find in a parking lot full of Miatas, which I can't say for those red ones.

Brilliant Black runs a close second, with 14 years (1992–2004, 2006–2007) of dust-attracting, nightmare-inducing brilliance. After once owning a black car, I said I would never own another one. I am ashamed to say that Gabe and I now have three Brilliant Black Mazdas in the driveway (two '06 Miatas and one '07 Mazda5).

Coming in a distant third is Sunlight Silver Metallic, with seven years (2001–2007) of shimmering elegance. How "sunlight" got into the name, I don't know. Chaste White and Emerald Mica were both around for

six years each. Chaste White (1994–2000) replaced the original Crystal White. (Can you tell the difference? I can't.) Emerald Mica (1999–2004) was as pure as the jewel it was named after. Coupled with the tan interior, it kind of looked like a baby Jaguar. The next four colors were around for four years each. Crystal White (1990–1993) was one of the three original colors. In contrast (well, maybe not), Pure White (2001–2004) was the last of the true whites. Mariner Blue (1990–1993) was definitely the brightest of the many blues that Mazda has offered on the Miata. The last color in the four-year category is what a lot of people tease is not a color at all: Titanium Grey Metallic. Titanium owners, don't pay attention to them, because for four years in a row, only special Miatas were painted this special hue: '02 SE, '03 Shinsen, and '04–'05 Mazdaspeed. Midnight Blue Mica (2001–2003), Montego Blue (1994 M Edition, 1995–1996), Twilight Blue (1997 STO, 1999–2000), and Velocity Red (2004–2005 Mazdaspeed, 2006 Third Generation Limited) were all around for three years each. Blue is Mazda's corporate color, and the three here are just the beginning. I always loved the sparkly Velocity red, although another friend of mine said it looked like nail polish.

Coming in with two years each are the sumptuous Black Cherry Mica (2004–2005), timeless British Racing Green (1991 LE, 2001 SE), new-age Copper Red Mica (2006–2007), award-winning Crystal Blue Metallic (2001–2002), modern Galaxy Grey Mica (2006–2007), gleaming Highlight Silver Metallic (1999–2000), striking Laguna Blue (1994–1995), elegant Marble White (2006–2007), mysterious Nordic Green Mica (2005–2006), star-crossed Silver Stone Metallic (1991–1992) fashionable Strato Blue (2004 SE, 2005) and obligatory True Red (2006–2007).

The last group of colors is truly special. If you have a Miata in one of these colors, be proud to know that you have a color that was never produced in any other model year: Black Mica (2005 Mazdaspeed), Blazing Yellow Mica (2002 SE), Evolution Orange (2000), Garnet Red (2004), Highland Green (2007), Laser Blue Mica (2002 Special Order), Lava Orange (2005 Mazdaspeed), Mahogany Mica (2000 SE), Marina Green (1997 M edition), Merlot Mica (1995 M edition), Razor Blue Metallic (2005), Sapphire Blue Mica (1999 10th Anniversary Edition), Splash Green



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(2003), Starlight Blue Mica (1996 M edition), Stormy Blue Mica (2007), Sunburst Yellow (1992), Vivid Yellow (2002 special order), and Winning Blue (2006).

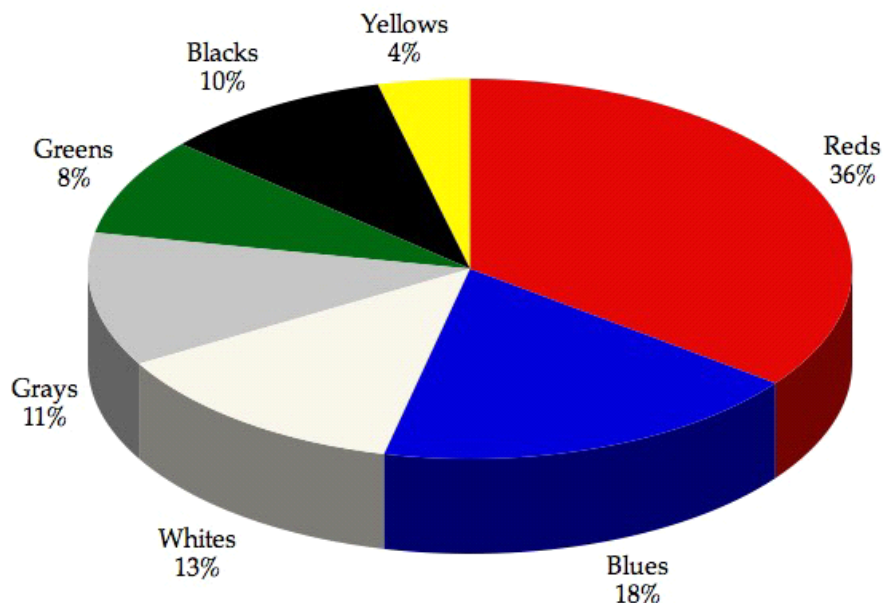
### Photo Opportunity

I wonder if we have every color represented in our club? Wouldn't that make a terrific photo? With so many colors, the Miata certainly represents Mazda's box of crayons.

So which is my favorite? Shall I come out of the closet? (No, I already came out of that one!) My favorite Miata color is not Brilliant Black, which I own now, and its not Titanium Grey, which I owned previously. My favorite Miata color is (I can hear the boos now) Blazing Yellow Mica, and if someone would be willing to paint my '06 in that awesome color, I would hand over the keys in a heartbeat!

Photo, right, by Steve Waid, at Jackson Lake, Tetons National Park, May 2012

*Editors addendum: It would take quite a bit of research to update this chart to current colors represented, as Mazda has added and subtracted colors each and every year. It is interesting how it changes with each edition, each body configuration and each new generation of drivers. I felt this article gave a good historical perspective on Mazda's color choices, and their global decisions on what to offer.*



Although this is a graph from **10 years ago**, red continues to dominate the SDMC color distribution, even in 2017!

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Follow these steps:

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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

**M**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 are limited to five lines (30-35 words). Contact [newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org) for additional information.

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

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 receive 10% discount. 2260 Main St., Suite 3, Chula Vista 91911. (619) 575-9274 or 1217 Simpson Way, Escondido, 92029 (760) 871-8000 [smartcarcareproducts.com](http://smartcarcareproducts.com)

**Stuart Terry Auto.** Specializing in Miata A/C problems, recommended by Rocky's Miatamotive. 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](http://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](mailto:DavidBrealtor@cox.net). DRE#01009295.

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