



TWISTS & TURNS

July 2017

Reflections on the road less traveled to the Rainbow

by Lynn Nolan

On the morning of Saturday, June 10, 2017 the annual June gloom had become mist and rain. It was a dismal morning. I feared the worst-- that this day would forever live in infamy as a historic SDMC event when no one showed up for a run. My spirits lifted somewhat when I arrived at the starting point as 6-7 Miatas came into sight. I parked, greeted by fellow drivers. Then it began. More and more enthusiastic, smiling people were arriving and arrive they did in great numbers! Members, couples, solos, kids, nonmembers, and new members gathered. It seemed to be a tsunami of people! **Mark Booth** made his way among the group bolstering serum glucose levels with fresh donut holes while **Jan Frederick** and **Chloe Oswald** placed a rainbow lollipop for "a sweet run to the Rainbow" on each Miata.

I was asked to move my car closer to the group for the awarding of the magnetics. As I began to walk toward my car **Gene Streeter** asked me where I was going. I quickly turned and told him that I was so overwhelmed by everything that I "just couldn't do it" and that "I was going home." Seeing the color drain from his face, I took pity on him, telling him the truth, that I was just moving my car.

After the driver's meeting the coveted magnetics were awarded by **Dan Garcia** who placed one on the driver's door. **Gene Streeter**, on the passenger side, got down on one knee. For a fleeting moment it seemed he might pop the question and I thought **Bonnie Streeter** might have a problem with that. But, no question. No popping. Gene placed the other magnetic on the passenger side.

39 Miatas (according to the waiver sign in) and 53 high spirited people set out on the 65 mile adventure that morning! After all the planning and some worrying I really savored my role as the lead. **Jan Frederick**, a proficient navigator, was constantly aware of the drivers' status and line position. **Daryled Bris-**



Mr. President installs Lynn's new magnetics.
Photo by Mark Booth.

tol was an invaluable mid-pack communicator. **Ed Grant** and **Chloe** were skilled sweeps.

As we turned onto Lomas Santa Fe to begin our run, I notified the restaurant that instead of 40-44 people, approximately 53 would be arriving for lunch and 39 Miatas would need adequate room to park. Needless to say, the increased count resulted in some consternation on their part.

Enjoying the fact that I was the lead, I sought to satisfy my need for speed. My dutiful navigator, who had assessed the progress of the entire group, quickly reminded me to take it more slowly. The well heeled residents of Rancho Santa Fe were just waking up as we passed through and we were well on our way along Del Dios Highway where the weather seemed to improve. Continuing on through Bear Valley we soon came upon a turn that promised a bit of a challenge. Lake Wolford seemed a bit perilous but it was so fun. Rounding one of the corners, a paint ball place on the left caught my eye. That might be an exciting SDMC event!

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Soon we arrived at Bates Nut Farm for a 25 minute rest and explore stop where **Barb** and **Dennis Sullivan** surprised everyone with a visit but were unable to join us on the run because of other commitments. Our time at Bates was quickly over and everyone seemed eager to hit the road again! **Mark** then successfully rounded up the group for a photo session and we ventured out again to continue our journey of twists, turns and hills. As we crossed I-15, one driver

veered off from the group with **Ed** and **Chloe** in spirited pursuit. The wayward driver would not respond to their efforts however he did repent by catching up with us at the restaurant.

It was now the end of the Rainbow run at Rainbow Oaks Restaurant where the staff cheerfully welcomed our hungry group, providing prompt seating and extraordinary service. We celebrated the run in typical SDMC fashion—plenty of food, good friends and *joie de vivre*. Run to the Rainbow is now just a memory....



Photo by Mark Booth

Is that Thunder I Hear?

by Melinda Smith Connor



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

A bunch of us braved the heat and thoroughly enjoyed the Storm vs. the Quakes on Tuesday night. Lots of hits, a fun family crowd and great seats were part of the deal.

Joining the Connors were the Waids and grandson Mason, the Kemptons, Chloe Oswald and Ed Grant, Bill Bennett, Debbie Ketaly and Richard Taylor. The dog, Thunder, was visible everywhere as well. We had a great time!



and MIATA ECLIPSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

12:30 TO 6:00 PM

Pam & Dave Hunt's home
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Poway, CA 92064

Cost: still just \$10 per member; checks made payable to SDMC.

Bring them to the July meeting or mail to our Treasurer:

Dennis Sullivan
27018 Sunningdale Way
Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 828-8424

See additional details on our
Events Calendar

You'll want to join the run to the
Picnic as well!

Always good food and good com-
pany

Reasons to Register for Main St America!

1. You might win a trophy! Like Rosie Romero
2. You might win a raffle prize! Or even two or three!
3. You will be supporting the San Diego Foundation for the Blind!
4. You will have fun!
5. You will enjoy seeing the other cars!
6. You have an excuse to clean your car!
7. You will support your club's participation!



Check out the SDMC events calendar for registration information.
www.sandiegomiataclub.org



Rear View Mirror

Words and photos by Gene Streeter

“Summertime ... and the Livin' is Easy”

June 21 marked the advent of Summer ... Lynn Nolan's initial run offering June 10 was just as significant. While June Gloom and significant drizzle offered to put a damper on things, the thirty-six Miatas that came out to play put to rest Lynn's fears that hardly anyone would show at the appointed Solana Beach meeting place. At one point, Lynn repositioned her pearl white ND in the parking lot. On her way to do so, she lobbed this remark my direction – “I can't take the stress of all these cars that turned out; I'm leaving.” She left alright ... me in shock.

Even with 35 cars in tow, Lynn and veteran navigator Jan Frederick confidently wound their way around Lake Hodges via Del Dios Highway and East toward our first stop at Bates' Nut Farm. Even though we haven't stopped there as part of a run in quite some time, it didn't prevent the sort of word play that would have us swap the first two words of the name. Mark Booth even has photographic evidence. Some of our old favorites and new roads both entertained, with multiple OTM (“other than Miatas”) drivers occasionally letting the procession through at posted stops or by pulling to the side of the road, to let it remain intact. Courteous ... very courteous.

For me, the major attraction of this run was the opportunity to finally dine at the rainbow Oaks Restaurant.



I've viewed the sign countless times driving northbound on the I-15; most of those times I've thought “there's a place I'd like to sample one of these days.” Like so many things in life, “one of these days” never materializes without conscious effort ... or someone else's design.

The opportunity materialized and I'd take full advantage of it. The log cabin look and heavy exposed beams reminded me of the years we'd lived in Big Bear. Because of our numbers, some of the group were seated on the patio. There were more menu options than Miatas in the parking lot, and many of them just as appealing. I can heartily recommend the prime rib chili *and* driving with the top down ... as always.

“Go Listen to the Guitar Man”

For any of us that exposed ourselves to any creative writing classes, we were provided a “golden rule” or two about the process. “Write about what you care about,” what moves you, or what you know best. The other is to “know your audience.” You'll find it's easier to commit words to print and tell your story; you'll actually connect with your readers. Your choice of words and style is determined by the audience you're trying to reach, to affect. Is it those with well-honed skills, or the broad spectrum of education and experiences? I commended Dave Bryan's newsletter submission and effort last month, and Kaye Kernes's effort the month prior. You want the passion to come through; putting the polish on the effort is the easier part of the process.



Photoshopped by Mark Booth with apologies from the editor to the wonderful Bates family

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Even the twelve loyal readers among you are likely wondering “where’s he going with this? Music lyrics from an old David Gates/*Bread* hit song from the 1970s?” Fair questions. I finally seized the opportunity to tour Taylor Guitars as part of the SDMC group assembled by Mark and Cathy Booth last month. Over the years, I had heard high praise for their public tours. A member of my work group plays Taylor guitars as part of his music hobby and ministry. When we assembled in the lobby of their original El Cajon location, one of the first questions our tour guide and marketing manager, Jay Parkin, asked was this: “How many of you here play guitar?” Out of our group of thirty, just one of us raised his hand. Jay didn’t even ask what our level of proficiency was.

Every step of the guitar-making process was shared with us during the 90-minute tour – from gathering the most desirable hardwoods (many now sustainable, thanks in significant part to company co-founder, Bob Taylor) to the final finishing steps and assembly. Even their competition is welcome to take this free tour; the Taylor organization is confident in their abilities to create the best acoustic guitars at a competitive price. Case in point – they sell more of them annually than their more-tenured competitors; more than Martin, Gibson, and Fender. Entrepreneur and musician, Taylor is credited with being the process genius, while Andy Powers is now in charge of creating the magic and new product development. Part of that “magic” is what Jay called the “playability” of a Taylor guitar – how well it feels and handles in the hands of beginners and veterans alike. Jay was speaking our language, even if wasn’t using the same vocabulary.

I was very surprised to see multiple CNC machines (“computer numerical control”) producing perfect components out of a variety of woods. The physical plant itself was better laid out, organized, and far cleaner than I anticipated. Jay indicated their Tecaté operation was purpose-built and much more efficient; there are 700-plus employees between the two locations and many are shared between them. Where the level of automation was impressive, the number and variety of artisans was equally marvelous. Even the ambient air was clean, nearly dust-free, owing to their filtration efforts. Employee pride was evident everywhere we looked; high morale was evident in the obvious focus and smiles across so many faces. We were able to interact with many of the craftsmen (and women, in significant numbers) and appreciate their enjoyment for the work they do. Interesting factoid: every new employee has to assemble his or her own

guitar. No, those aren’t discounted and sold to anyone; I asked.

While Jay “taylor-ed” most of his explanations to the un-initiated, he shared the finite details whenever one of us raised a more technical question. The passion for their instruments and how well they perform was evident everywhere we looked, and in everything we heard. Mark indicates he’ll likely organize another tour in a year or so, but you don’t have to wait that long if you want to join a public tour in the near future. Have a look: <https://www.taylorguitars.com/contact/factory-tours>

I Love a Parade ... both Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch parade organizers come calling.

I enjoyed participating in Rancho Bernardo’s Spirit of the 4th parade and festivities two years in a row and several years back. The “Stars and Stripes,” semi-circular bunting, and decorations of red, white, and blue were everywhere; and that was just on our cars. It was a memorable way to spend the holiday.

I had never been a part of the Scripps Ranch version of the celebration. I understand it’s a great show. As a club, we once participated with gusto. Dozens of Miatas travelling in formation ... or not. We participated to such a degree that parade organizers put a cap on our numbers – no more than ten. SDMC leadership at the time declined to participate under those circumstances.

It’s been quite a few years since, and there’s been a changing of the guard. The current parade organizers want us back. Judging by the straw vote at May’s monthly meeting, you want us back. Think General Taylor’s response to Lt. Steven Hauk in *Good Morning, Vietnam* – “... Reinstate the man!” As I recently shared, we received email invitations from both parade committees. Let’s make the best of our chosen opportunity. Inveterate cheerleader Steve Waid delivered the first of several pep talks at June’s monthly meeting ... you should have been there.

“Make a Joyful Noise ...”

Really! You should have been there, at our final meeting of 2nd Quarter, 2017. For a collection of reasons – summer solstice, family vacations, Miatas at the Fair that day, and perhaps some confusion over which Thursday is our meeting night in June, many of our members were conspicuously absent. I didn’t count all those in attendance, but I’m guessing about 50 or fewer were there. The value of the opportunity drawing proceeds won by member Paul Alaimo was

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underwhelming; there was available seating in all four quadrants of the room. Only one person, Cathy Booth, admitted to having a June Birthday. Actually, I encouraged her ... twice. Then, I called her out.

Crooner Steve Waid lavished all his “deeply resonant” vocal attention on Cathy. I don’t know whether husband Mark captured a photo of her blushing or not. While I’ve yet to make Steve blush, it is on my bucket list. When I remarked on how resonant his voice was prior to starting the meeting, he was quick to point out to anyone within earshot how his voice has become so much sexier since getting ill on their 50th Anniversary cruise to Alaska. Laurie was suffering the residual affects as well; I’ll let you finish this thought as you see fit. I’m taking the high road here; and congratulating the two of them “Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary.”

Good to Be “Scene”

Many of you may remember the Wilhoits – Marvela and Bill. They were active in SDMC a few years back, and now well in their early 80s. Bill was equally memorable for his constant parade of hats (mostly fedoras) and his medical issues. He’s had multiple brushes with death, even suffered a few minor strokes during our runs. Most recently, he was committed to hospice care immediately following a serious surgery. If you’re thinking this is an obituary, you’d be mistaken. I just led you down the path.

I was enjoying a business lunch a while back at Chula Vista’s “Galley at the Marina” when the two of them approached my patio table. “Marvela thought she recognized you from the Miata Club. It’s so good to see you!”

“It’s good to be seen,” I quipped, as I often do. We exchanged pleasantries, of course. Bill explained they were celebrating his leaving the hospital, especially under the circumstances of surviving yet another serious medical situation. They sold their Miata (NC version), having difficulty getting in and out of it. He was quick to explain how great the handling of their newest Mazda 3 replacement vehicle is, what with its G-vectoring control (GVC) and all. They remain kindred spirits; and they made my day.

“Charity Begins at Home”

I can’t escape my Dad’s collection of homilies; in fact, I’m not even trying all that hard. I’d internalized them over the six decades of our relationship. Many of our club’s individual members have made charity and charitable work a part of your lives. While many of you stand out for your work and association with charitable causes, I’m convinced public recognition isn’t the motive. The Garons, Dennis and Maryanne, hosted yet another suc-



Skipper” Melinda Connor and crew in a “Sand Pebbles” photo op. (Jon Connor, Ed Grant, and Chloe Oswald in the background)

cessful Gregg’s Goals on the same day of another SDMC calendar event/run. You’ve seen their flyer, may well have attended, or at least, probably heard they were able to expand both the number of recipients and the scholarship award amount. Bravo!

Saturday, June 3rd, was the 19th production of the Steve McQueen Charity Car Show and Auction on the grounds of the Boy’s Republic in Chino Hills. Yes, the young McQueen was a resident there, not entirely of his choosing; you may have heard the storied details. My third consecutive year, I joined the troupe following run leader Bill Bennett, first to Annie’s Café in Lake Elsinore for breakfast, and then to the show destination. That was Dave Kempton’s intention as well; I was one of those telling him how much he would enjoy the event, and how “cool” all the period motorcycles were, in addition to all the show cars, vintage cars, movie, and race cars. While I understand Dave eventually found his way there, he strayed from our herd and was separated for much of the day.



Remember me? the “original RF” on one of the cars on display at the Steve McQueen car show

Apart from begging Dave’s forgiveness, something similar happened to me, but at the end of the day and event. I enjoyed the show at my own pace and direction, pretty much as I usually do. I only joined-up with a sub-group long enough to enjoy a root beer float in the gymnasium and snap a Sand Pebbles photo of them after. I bumped into

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a Porsche aficionado and former associate of mine. We talked for the better part of an hour before I finally escaped his clutches. Walking to the grassy knoll where our cars were parked earlier in the day, mine sat isolated and alone – not another Miata in sight. I still had time to get home, shower and back to the Garon's for the festivities.

Or so I thought. Making my way home, and finally clearing the 91 while southbound on I-15, my Mazdaspeed's temperature needle buried itself on the right side of the gauge. (Translation: his engine is overheated at the southern edge of Riverside – Ed.) Neither of my electric cooling fans were working. We took a tow truck ride off the freeway; unable to come up with a diagnosis, let alone a repair, I took what was behind door #2. Door #1, a tow home (or Rocky's Miatomotive), was going to be many hundreds of dollars. Door #2 was an offer by my son, Jared, to loan me his pickup so I could tow my car to Rocky's with a rented car trailer. Bonnie retrieved me in Corona after I returned both borrowed vehicles; we arrived home at 12:30 AM. We completely missed the Gregg's Goals event and many of you.



the long, lonely trip home from the Steve McQueen Car Show – photo by your author

Even before I arrived at the shop at 8:30 Sunday morning, Rocky had diagnosed the dead short caused by too much amperage being drawn through that circuit and replaced the melted connector, which shut me down in the first place. (Translation: the car was already fixed – Ed.) For our me-

chanically/electrically- inclined readers, the two electric fans are now on separate fused circuits. Everything is functioning normally once again. I don't condone or encourage Mr. Murphy's election to work the occasional Sunday, let alone Father's Day. I do appreciate his charitable response to my SOS-type telephone calls, just as I appreciate those in this club that make room for other charitable events and behaviors.

Stay healthy, cool, and charitable, San Diego Miata Club. Let's make it a great summer!



Photo by Mark Booth

← Tom Thompson models the new tee shirt design selected by our members for 2017.

Miatas have represented SDMC at two different San Diego County Fair days this year. →



Membership Information July 2017

Welcome to our newest members of 2017...

Ed & Deene' Mollon	Jamul	2017 Machine Gray Metallic RF (LE)
Micah Williams	San Diego	1990 Classic Red
Mark & Nicholas Woodard	Escondido	1991 Classic Red
Edward & Jan Grant	Fallbrook	2016 Soul Red Metallic (LE) [16ZOOMR]
Jose & Stacey Campo	Poway	2015 Soul Red Metallic
Drew Bizzaro & Paul Olingy	Oceanside	2008 Galaxy Gray Mica
Jim & Michelle Davenport	Chula Vista	2016 Soul Red Metallic
Alberto & Chris Echevarria	Valley Center	2017 Machine Gray Metallic RF
Mark Handley & Wendy Rosenthal	Escondido	2000 White
Sam & Susie Leeper	Campo	2016 Soul Red Metallic
Trish Moss	Murrieta	2012 Velocity Red Mica
Raymond Shadwick	San Diego	2016 Jet Black Mica
Bob Wolford	San Diego	2016 Ceramic Metallic
Gabe Carapucci	Santee	2004 Velocity Red Mica
Rocco Di Ubaldi & Michelle Sterrett	Chula Vista	2016 Arctic White
Holly Hauske	La Jolla	2017 Machine Gray Metallic RF (LE)
Jim Lackey	Escondido	2001 Crystal Blue Metallic
Paul & Terry Seiler	El Cajon	2016 Ceramic Metallic

Welcome back after a short break in membership...

Tom & Roslie Green	La Jolla	2001 Classic Red
Robert McAllister	Santee	1994 Classic Red
Ian Schoenleber & Maggie Lam	Idyllwild	2016 Meteor Gray
Jack & Ashley White	El Cajon	1997 Montego Blue

150 memberships (41 single, 109 dual) for a total of 259 members.

Lots of red Miatas!

July Events Calendar

		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
TUESDAY JULY 4	SCRIPPS RANCH 4TH OF JULY PARADE	STAGING AT 9:15 AM	RED CEDAR LANE AND RED CEDAR DRIVE	GENE STREETER PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
FRIDAY JULY 7	CRUISIN' GRAND	6 PM MEET	MEET AT TOM'S #23 505 W. FIFTH AVE. ESCONDIDO (CORNER OF CENTRE CITY AND 5TH)	STEVE WAID 760.715.7850 SWAID@COX.NET
WEDNESDAY JULY 12	ANGELES CREST HWY DRIVE AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	9 AM	PARK N RIDE AT 1-15 AND HWY 76 ON SOUTH SIDE	BILL BENNETT WRBBENETT@AOL.COM
SATURDAY JULY 22	23RD ANNUAL TWILIGHT RUN	4 TO 9 PM	OTAY RANCH TOWNE CENTER 2015 BIRCH ROAD CHULA VISTA CA	MARK BOOTH MARKBOOTH@COX.NET
WEDNESDAY JULY 26	IDYLLWILD MID-WEEK RUN	9 AM	WALMART PARKING LOT REDHAWK TOWNE CENTER 32225 TEMECULA PKWAY, TEMECULA	JON CONNOR VICEPRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
THURSDAY JULY 27	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	THE HAMBURGER FACTORY 14122 MIDLAND ROAD POWAY CA	GENE STREETER PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
SUNDAY JULY 30	MAIN STREET AMERICA CAR SHOW	9 AM TO 3 PM	EMBARCADERO PARK, BY SEAPORT VILLAGE,	MUST PREREGISTER. CONTACT CRAIG MOYA CJM63SW@ATT.NET

Remember, all the most up to date and complete information for our events is on our website at sandiegomiataclub.org

Check there regularly for changes and additional details!

Midweek Specials Are Fun

Words and Photos by Jon Connor

On a recent Wednesday, 27 Miatas along with 32 drivers and passengers gathered in Temecula for a run over the mountains into Palm Springs. The turnout was so great for this run, I found myself commenting “doesn’t anyone work?”

But then it dawned on me that not only are some of members retired but there are others who work alternative schedules that allow them to embrace a midweek run, hence we do such runs a disservice by labeling them “Geezer Runs”.



We had a beautiful Spring day as we saddled up and headed off through Anza and the Santa Rosa Mountains. As we wended our way along we stopped at a scenic overlook before descending into the desert valley.

Once we arrived in Palm Springs, we found that we had achieved our goal of escaping the “May Gray” and found clear, sunny skies complimented by 103 degree temperatures!

Our lunch was at **Las Casuelas Terraza** where we were treated as honored guests.

Watch our Events Calendar for more Midweek Specials (Idyllwild anyone?)



The Steve McQueen Car & Motorcycle Show

by Bill Bennett

It could have only been better if Steve McQueen would have shown up !

This is the third year that members of the San Diego Miata Club have ventured north to Chino Hills and the Boy's Republic to take in the SMCQC&MS. This is a wonderful event for gas-heads like us who love things powered by , or pulled by things powered by, you guessed it, gasoline. Along with an enjoyable day looking at beautiful cars and motorcycles, many of which have a direct connection to Steve McQueen's life or movies, there were also classic trailers, unusual trucks, stationary engines and airplanes to enjoy.

For those of you that don't know, the Boy's Republic is a working farm and school where troubled and at-risk boys AND girls can put their lives back together given the choice between that or incarceration. Besides learning how to tend to the animals and crops of the farm, they can also take classes that will prepare them for careers in food preparation. Steve McQueen was an alumni of the Boy's Republic and spent his working career doing things to benefit the school. Steve's son Chad and a group known as the Friends of Steve McQueen are now responsible for organizing the show. The car show generates a large portion of the funds required to keep the school running, but they also famously produce Christmas

Wreaths that are made and sold during the holiday season.

One of the features of the show is the opportunity to take a guided tour of the school that shows how they work with the boys and girls to develop their skills, attitude and their character. The young adults play a big role in putting on the car show and are a joy to meet and connect with. Gone are the urban/ghetto "attitudes" replaced by young people interested in making this the best event they can so we'll come back, year after year. I haven't met one person who didn't enjoy coming to the show and if you didn't make it this year, the date is June 2, 2018 for next year's show, so add it to your calendar

Of course, a trip to the Boy's Republic isn't complete without a stop at Annie's Café in Elsinore for breakfast. Annie's is becoming a regular "watering hole" for the SCMC. And this trip was especially fun because we got our own special area on the patio and Annie (Jan) and her girls gave us an exclusive show in the parking lot, dancing for us. We also had some newbies with us who got the "Silly Hat" initiation, and the teasing from all of us that went along with it.

Thanks to everyone that participated and I hope you had as good a time as I did. Special thanks to Jon & Melinda for doing an amazing job sweeping. See you next year !



Photo from Friends of Steve McQueen official website.

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 on the third Thursday.

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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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.

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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 Miatamotive 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 Store—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 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

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

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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.

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