



TWISTS & TURNS



September 2017

Rear View Mirror

by Gene Streeter

“This Object May Be Shorter Than You’ve Come to Expect”

Some people are good at recognizing the signs of stress (physical and mental) in others; not all are practicing medical professionals. Our oral communication, our body language, and behaviors all provide clues. Stubborn though he was, “Events Guy” Dan Garcia (for the past two years) is recovering today because wife Chris and others reacted in time ... just one example.

Seeing some patterns in me, Editor Laurie thought she would give me this month off – I could elect not to submit a column for the first time in about four years. (From afar, I can’t discern whether the noise I’m hearing is applause or sighs of disappointment.) In consideration of our focus on Board member profiles, I elected to shorten it up – considerably. As comedian Ron White often recounts as part of his early brush with the law, he “... may have had the right to remain silent, but not the ability.” Similar dichotomy for me – I had the option not to submit my column this month, just not the good sense to exercise it. Bear with me, loyal readers; this “Rear View Mirror” column is shorter than you’ve come to expect.

High School Class Reunions and All

Those that attended our Summer Picnic (nearly 90 of you did) were aware 1st Lady Bonnie and I left just prior to the unveiling of the luau pig. Aversion to pork? Large crowds? Neither; Bonnie’s 50th high school reunion was also happening that day. I knew that even as we scheduled the event with our awesome hosts, Pam and Dave Hunt; August 19 was good for them and our Events Calendar. As it happens, that day was good for about one-third of our total membership. In recognition of the “total solar eclipse” coming just two days later, we attempted to



stage a Miata Eclipse of Poway, or at least the Hunt’s neighborhood and cul-de-sac.

I’m one of those that are content to “let bygones be bygones.” Before the phrase was ever coined, I was a “nerd” in high school (and, arguably, in college) and don’t need any decades-late validation of that in a class reunion. Bonnie and I are decidedly different; she enjoys that sort of social gathering. Dutifully, I agreed to attend and suffer through the experience of not knowing anyone ... again. For the record, I was a sophomore in another Whittier-area high school when Bonnie graduated in 1967. One of our tablemates began talking about one of his peers who had made good, one Stephen Saleen ... I perked-up just as my pooch’s ears do at snack time.

According to the 1967 Whittier High School yearbook, Steve was the “school’s disc jockey and a thespian,” neither talent remotely suggesting he would become a “performance automobile icon,” in the company of Enzo Ferrari, Ferdinand Porsche, or this country’s own Carroll Shelby. Not far from the country club’s front door was his “in your face” red, scissors-doored,

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and uber-capable S7 coupe. (Want more info? Here's the website: <http://www.saleenmotors.com/us>)



Not your typical country club ride!



The manufacturer's license plate explains a few things

Back inside, I joined the conversation he was having with a few former classmates. He and his lovely wife had just returned from China, having visited an architecturally over-the-top museum built in his honor and bearing his name. I gushed "you're my hero; had I known you were going to be here, I wouldn't have given my wife any resistance to coming in the first place." I also learned his next big product launch will be part of the LA Auto Show in a few months ... stay tuned.

I've been in contact with members Wally Stevens and Sandy Bagnall via text this week, as they travelled to Monterey to experience the automotive offerings

there. While I don't have any confirmation, the Keslers (Ted and Sue) usually make the annual pilgrimage as well. In this context, my only probing question was this: "with all the automotive events going on in Monterey this week (Concorso Italiano, Monterey Historics, and the Pebble Beach Concours d'elegance, to name a few), I assume you're flying there as soon as this is over."

His response was immediate, providing a glimpse into his psyche: "Monterey happens every year, this happens just once in a lifetime."

Letters from Summer Camp - Competition Improves the Breed

Not that you would ever notice, there's always a friendly competition between my "other" friend Steve (Waid) and me. Technically, between Steve and a host of others in our club – he invites it. If and when he doesn't win the competition at hand, he masterfully spins the rules and story line to suit the occasion. As your president, would I ever mislead you? (It's a rhetorical question.)

Steve bested all of us on our track day, the Thursday of Flyin' Miata's Summer Camp in Grand Junction, Colorado; it also happens every August. If you read his article, he doesn't even mention his quickest lap time of our group. (Laurie, that may be a symptom deserving your attention.) Despite having grandson Preston there as a witness (and serious challenger), Steve's description of our bowling competition is lacking in one important detail: I bested his final score ... by a significant margin.

An infrequent bowler (I can count the last four decades' games on my fingers and toes), I bowled the best game of my life. Typical of Steve, he disavowed the facts - "do you have any proof? I, on the other hand, took a photo of our scoreboard." Let me revel in my tiny victory. I need to cherish that result in the wake of my driving directions faux pas in our Run to the Picnic.

Stay observant, be transparent, on your game, and practice the "Aloha" spirit, San Diego Miata Club. And, oh, enjoy the member profiles segment that begins with this issue.

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The Auto Hobbyist

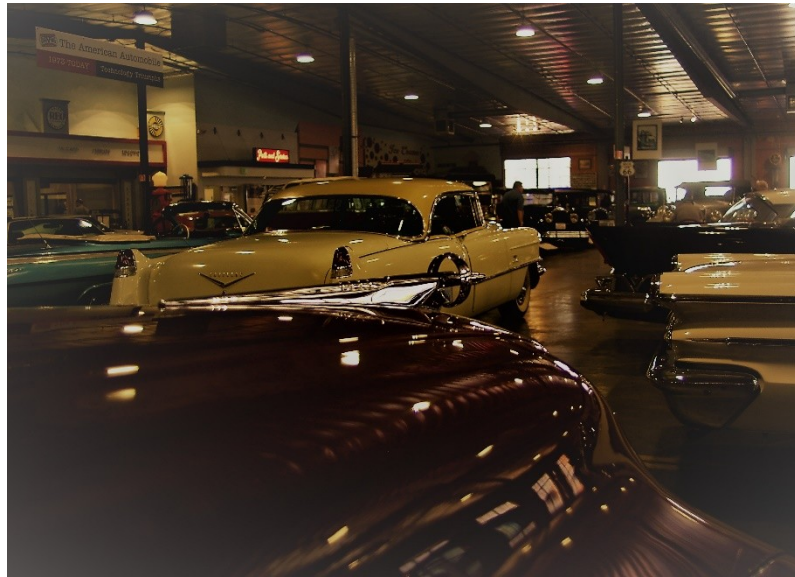
By Jon Connor

Nestled in the shadow of Los Angeles International Airport, in beautiful El Segundo, is one of the most unique automotive museums in California. The Automobile Driving Museum is much like other museums but with one big difference: every Sunday they take a selection of three to five cars out of the museum for drives and patrons can ride along with them!

Their collection is eclectic yet accessible. Most of the cars are not roped off and patrons can approach them, open doors, and actually sit in the vehicles. The museum rotates its permanent collection on a regular basis so the cars that are available to ride in vary.



In addition, they host themed car shows throughout the year generally by marque, but sometimes by theme (such as “gassers” or dune buggies). They are particularly fond of Packards and one of their most significant holdings is one that was owned by Josef Stalin. That particular car has carried VIP/Dignitaries in the Rose Parade on several occasions.



The Museum also has an old-fashioned malt shop where tasty offerings are available. The malt shop, and indeed, the entire museum is available for special events.

The Auto Hobbyist is predicting that a San Diego Miata Club run is in the future.



The Adventures of Presto

By Steve Waid

Flyin' Miata's 2017 Summer Camp

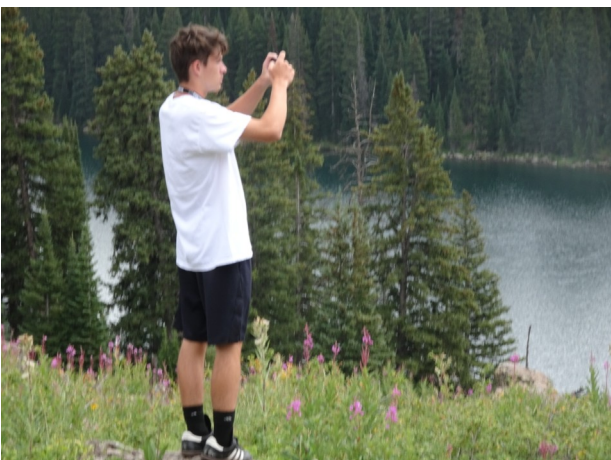
Laurie and I have been going to Flyin' Miata's Summer Camp since 2013. We have enjoyed ourselves to the degree that we look forward to going back each year. I love the track day. We both love the spontaneity of the road trip to and from Grand Junction, Colorado with several other people from SDMC. This year there were eight Miatas from San Diego carrying eleven enthusiasts.

Supporting Flyin' Miata is something that I enjoy doing, because they have supported SDMC in so many ways, including each of the Surf 'N' Safari events that we have hosted. Terri and Bill Cardell are good friends to all, and have an event put together that includes driving, sightseeing, eating, playing, and information over 5 days. This is a terrific value even before you consider the fun we have doing a road trip together.

The Change to our Plans

Because of a commitment that Laurie wanted to honor, she was unable to go with me this year. She quickly suggested, "maybe Preston would like to go with you." Preston is my 15 year old grandson, offspring of my son Scott and his wife Marla. He responded by saying, "Yeah, I've never been on a road trip before." We were set! I went and picked up Preston on Monday, July 31st. He spent the night at our house in Escondido, because the meeting spot for the caravan was only 3 miles away, and we were heading north.

Tuesday morning we were at the meeting spot at about 8 AM. The agreement was that we would leave at 8:30 or when everyone arrived, whichever was



sooner. Before 8 we were off. We had different leaders throughout the day, just so we could tease or whine about different leaders instead of just one. As Preston and I talked throughout the day, we soon discovered that we would be able to keep track of "firsts and highest and biggest" for Preston to use as things to remember about the trip. As soon as we got into northern Las Vegas he said, "I haven't been this far on I-15 before. Soon we entered Utah after stopping for gas in Mesquite, Nevada. That became his second "first" as he had never been in Utah before.

We stopped in Cedar City for the night and had dinner in a local café. This was the first time on the trip that we were all together in the same place. Preston experienced the dynamics of the group as we joked, teased, and laughed throughout the dinner.

My "First Crush"

The second day was spent mostly in Utah, and driving through some beautiful and ever changing terrain. Preston, who ended up taking 183 photos on the trip, kept his head on a swivel as we looked at everything. We joked about how some of the roads/turnoffs could have gotten their names. We wondered which rock formation was "Ghost Rock". And then we stopped in Green River for lunch. The Green River, incidentally is brown.

While we were all sitting and waiting for our lunch to be served, I felt a tap on my shoulder and a voice say, "Steve". I turned around and saw sitting in a booth a few feet away, friends of mine from Del Mar. *Friends* is probably an understatement. I have told the following story many times. Sitting behind me were the Rittmans...Bill and Lori. Lori and I were in the same kindergarten class when we were considerably younger. Well, as the story goes, I asked Lori to marry me every day in kindergarten. Lori turned me down every day in kindergarten. Meeting her and her husband in Green River, Utah while on a road trip was...I don't know what. But, several of my fellow travelers had heard this story before and now got to actually meet my "first love". This was another first for Preston.

What Preston did at Summer Camp

Wednesday afternoon we arrived at the Hampton Inn in downtown Grand Junction where we spent the next 4 nights. We went to the room and unpacked. I de-

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cided to take a shower. I decided to use the toilet. I flushed the toilet. After flushing, the toilet, rather than refilling the tank, decided to spray water all over the wall behind it. As the room began to flood, I quickly reached behind the toilet and turned off the water to the toilet. Calm ensued. I took my shower. I threw all the towels on the floor to soak up the water. I dressed. I called the front desk to tell them they had a problem. Two minutes later, a maintenance guy knocked on the door and handed me keys to the room across the hall. We repacked. We went across the hall. We unpacked again. This was another first for Preston.

Wednesday night was pizza night at Flyin' Miata. This was Preston's first sight of what Flyin' Miata was. As we entered the office to check in, Tami Brown (who is always the first person to hug you and call you by name) stepped up to me and gave me the big hug and then turned to Preston. "You must be Preston...you don't mind if I give you a hug." Before he could say anything he was engulfed by Tami. I said to myself, "Welcome to Flyin' Miata, Preston."

The thing that I, as grandfather, appreciated the most was that no one treated Preston as just a kid. He was included in everything. At the track day, he rode with me on every lap. He also rode in two of Flyin' Miatas demo cars...the Turbo ND and the Exocet. We en-



joyed Miata night at the Sonic with everyone. These were all firsts for Preston.

On Friday, I was determined to add to his list of firsts, so I decided we would drive back toward Moab, Utah so we could see Arches National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, and Canyonlands National Park. At first Preston thought he had never been to a national

park, but then he remembered he had been to the Grand Canyon. When Preston's dad Scott was just three years old, Laurie and I took him on a trip to the same two national parks. At three years old Scott was climbing onto the barrier wall at Dead Horse Point so he could see over the precipice into Canyonlands. I



now have a photo of both of them at the same spot. Preston didn't need to climb.

That evening was the most

fun for me, and as it turned out it was very memorable for Preston. In 2016 we went bowling for the first time at Summer Camp. In 2017 we did it again. We were given a lane for 6 of us to bowl. As the names went up on the electronic score board, below Wendi and before Bill, was Presto. From that moment on, Preston became Presto. Everyone needs a good nickname. The teasing and strutting began, and Presto was in the middle of it. In the end, Presto and his grandfather tied for high score and bragging rights. That will hold true until 2018.

We had another adventure/memory that night as at 2:30 am, the hotel fire alarms went off. Preston tried to wake me, but being hearing impaired I could not grasp what he was trying to get across. When he said something about an alarm, I looked at the clock and said it was set for 6:30 not 2:30. Finally, I figured out what was going on and we evacuated the building as we should. No fire. I think Carlan Bristol pulled the alarm because she always wakes up early, and she wanted company. Another first for Presto...and me too.

Presto and I went by ourselves for a tour of Grand Mesa. This is the largest and highest Mesa in the world. Not only was this a first, but at 11,200 feet, it was also the highest that Presto had ever been. We also drove 45 miles of gravel roads in order to see Lands End and to find our way down from the Mesa at the opposite end from where we entered. The Ranger at the Visitors Center said that these were "must do's". I think he must still be laughing!

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The Saturday night banquet was the last event of Summer Camp and Presto received a big hug from Terri Cardell to say goodbye.

The Trip Home

The trip home started a wonderful day of driving. Going to Gateway, Colorado we were almost run down by a small herd of mountain goats. I don't know who acted more surprised, us or the goats. Presto spotted some rock climbers that were way up on the side of a cliff hanging by their ropes. They waved down to him as we passed. We drove the Million Dollar Highway into Silverton, Colorado and went on a mine tour. As the tour guide was talking, and Presto was taking a video, the guide turned on one of the drills. In the confined space of the mine, it sounded more like an explosion. Presto almost dropped his phone, and I almost had to change my pants. All of these were firsts for Presto.

We stopped and spent the night in Gallup, New Mexico. We had a group dinner at the iconic El Rancho Hotel on Old Route 66. The next morning we headed into Arizona and ultimately turned south onto "The Devils Highway." This adventure took us all of the morning and the name has been correctly named. You must pay attention as the turns keep on coming. Some are the up-hill left turns where your eyes see nothing but sky as you approach. At the end of the Devils Highway we enter into the area of the most productive copper strip mining in the United States. It goes on forever it seems. All of these were firsts for Presto and for me.

We spent the night in Tuscon, Arizona after stopping in Tombstone. Unfortunately, we arrived just before most of the attractions were closed for the day. We did get to see the OK Corral and hear the presentation there, but then I found out that Presto did not know who Wyatt Earp was, or anything about the shootout at the OK Corral. So, I bought him the DVD of the most recent Tombstone movie....another first for Presto.

The last day was all driving just to get home. As we drove, I asked Presto if he enjoyed the trip. He listed off some of the things that we did, and then said, "and, I laughed a lot". I was so happy for him. We have begun our planning of how to get him there next year with Laurie coming too. Also, we have to get his Learners Permit and some training in on a manual transmission Miata so he can drive the track too. That would be a first for Presto.



Another Big Day at Main Street America

By Steve Waid

As has become somewhat routine, The San Diego Miata Club showed up in big numbers to the 2017 Main Street America Car Show again. There were 25 SDMC entries. 22 were in Miata classes, and 3 were in others. For the 6th consecutive year (I think) **SDMC won the Club Participation Trophy**. Due to a lot of back turning, Club VP, David Bryan ended up with the perpetual trophy. Good luck with that, Dave.

There were 5 trophy winners from the club.

Miata NA and NB Class

1st Place – Fred Santillo – 1997 STO

2nd Place – Greg and Mandie Lee – 2005 Mazda Speed in Lava Orange

Miata NC and ND Class

1st Place – Mike and Silvia Lenth – 2017 MX5 RF in Machine Gray Metallic

2nd Place – Rick and Diane Spurgeon – 2016 MX in Soul Red

1973 -2017 Foreign Class

1st Place – Wally Stevens – 2014 Lamborghini in “Real” Orange



Behind the Wheel

By Lynn Nolan

Welcome to our new monthly feature! Each month this column will spotlight a member of SDMC. We are kicking off **BEHIND THE WHEEL** with the spotlight uh...headlights, on our president Gene Streeter and the Executive Board of SDMC.

Gene Streeter



If I could have done anything different with my life it would have been to “be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.” More seriously, the “Walter Mitty” alter-ego side of me imagines me a professional driver, racer, and raconteur. You’ve probably heard me say, more than a few times, “when I grow up, I want to be just like Wally Stevens” ... or Brian Goodwin, or Steve Waid. More realistically, I fancy myself an entertaining writer; perhaps in the Peter Egan vein, or a satirist in the Mark Twain style. If nothing else, I possess a fertile imagination. Agreed?

Favorite Restaurants: something new, different, unique in ambience and cuisine. I’m a sucker for Classic American diners and off-the-wall dishes. Everything from “Willis’s Pile o’ Food” (laugh if you want, but it was a real menu item in Cuba, Missouri) to the traditional seafood dishes at Top of the Market, in Tuna Harbor. Recently, while in Tempe on business, I lucked into a little Poke (raw seafood, with rice and a host of add-ons) shop there. I found it so nice, I ate there twice.



Favorite Food My reputation in the club largely precedes me. When it comes to food, my motto is “I’ll try anything once; just maybe not a second time.” I do have a preference my food isn’t moving. When I’m traveling, I try to avoid fast food restaurants and any restaurant chains. I’ve had some unique and memorable meals that way. *(ed: I have personally seen him eat elk, pheasant, venison, buffalo in one meal, and Willis’ Pile of Food on another occasion.)*

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Name: Gene Streeter, aka Ferris Bueller, and a host of other nicknames

Miata year, model and color: 2004 MazdaSpeed – Velocity Red Mica

SDMC member since 2004

I grew up in : Born in Massachusetts, forcibly relocated to Southern California (I was only 8) where I terrorized a succession of cities – Bellflower, Norwalk, Cerritos, Artesia, Big Bear Lake (twice), Laguna Niguel, Rancho Santa Margarita, and Chula Vista.

Name of College/University (if attended): Univ. of California, Riverside & Pepperdine Univ. School of Law; thanks for not asking if I completed both degree pursuits

Occupation/s: where do I start? “Junior” landscaper, home construction helper, automotive refinisher (and apprentice), service advisor, service manager, collision damage appraiser, body shop manager; currently, and for nearly 25 years, I’m an Estimating Team Manager and work out of my Chula Vista home. While it really doesn’t qualify as an occupation, I’m fairly capable of filling newsletter pages with mostly original thoughts and non-standard combinations of mostly-English words.



Favorite Movies: I prefer character development and story lines over special effects and violence - gratuitous, or otherwise. Think Spielberg and Ron Howard over Peckinpaw and Tarantino. While I wasn't a fan of Clint Eastwood's early work, I don't hesitate to see the movies he's involved with as a senior citizen. I have an affinity for Robin Williams' work – he stretched himself as an entertainer; very few could compete with his wit and timing.



Favorite Music: I like jazz, but my default is whatever is playing on local classic rock/contemporary popular music. Confession: I miss the "Jeff 'N Jer Showgram" morning show now that it's been cancelled.



Hobbies and leisure activities: SDMC runs and events, travel, and family outings. Driving tours and vacations are a favorite, but not Bonnie's. I'm a motorsports fan as well – see above.

Something most people don't know about me: 1)

I'm very much an introvert, your garden-variety wall-flower at social gatherings and parties.



Turtle-style, I poke my head and appendages out of my shell when I'm interacting with people I already know and am comfortable with.

2) I was your stereotypical "good student" as a child – excellent grades, study habits, and what we used to call "citizenship." In my sophomore year in high school, I cut school with my best friend on the very day I was to have been presented the "freshman of the year" award in an assembly of nearly 1200 peers. One of my jealous buddies ratted me out ... loudly – "he ditched!" Given that turning point in my teenage years, you can better understand my affinity for the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."



Neal Mills

Former President and Current Board Member

Miata year, model and color: 2016 Miata GT Blue Reflex

SDMC member since: 2008

I grew up in: Carlsbad, CA

Name of College/University (if attended): Mira Costa & Palomar Community Colleges

Occupation/s: Retired Navy & Retired Defense Contractor

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to: Don't know. Haven't figured out what I want to do when I grow up – if I ever do

Favorite:

Restaurants: Miguel's Cocina (Love their white dip)

Food: Mexican

Movies: Anything with a good plot and good acting

Music : 60s and 70s

Hobbies and leisure activities: Driving

Something most people don't know about me:

I'm pretty shy with people I don't know but once I get to know you, I can be very outgoing.





Jon Connor Vice President

Miata year, model and color: 2004 Classic Red

SDMC member since: 2013

I grew up in: San Diego, CA

Name of College/University (if attended): University of San Diego; Boston University; The International College; DeSales School of Theology

Occupation/s: Priest; Retired College Professor & Businessman

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to: Be a film maker or jazz musician

Favorite:

Restaurants *Bourre'* Southern Bistro

Food Creole/Cajun; Bar-B-Que

Movies Anything *Noir*



Music: Jazz; Blues; R&B; Zydeco; Reggae

Hobbies and leisure activities: Cooking, cars, photography, music, film, crossword puzzles

Something most people don't know about me:

I was a candidate for a San Diego City Council Seat; I was officially invited to the White House by President Nixon.



Dennis Sullivan Treasurer

Miata year, model & color: 2016 ND LE, Soul Red
1999 10AE, Sapphire Blue

SDMC Member Since: 2008

I grew up in: Montebello, California

Name of College/University: B.A. St. Mary's, Perryville, MO M.A. Webster University, St. Louis, MO

Occupations: Project Manager – Missouri Pacific Railroad, Staff Vice President – Citicorp Vice President, Operations – Centerre Bank – St. Louis, Vice President, Operations – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri, General Manager, Woods Valley Golf Club, Office Manager, H&R Block Currently – Tax Preparer, Interfaith Community Services, Tax Preparer, Missionary Tax Services

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to: Play Division I college sports, spent more time with family, traveled more

Favorite:

Restaurants: Bertrand at Mister A's, Passions, and El Gaucho in Aruba

Any small town family owned place in Italy

Food: Fresh seafood, Italian, Steak

Movies: Casablanca, It's a Wonderful Life, E.T., Godfather I and II in date sequence.

Music: Broadway, Country, Classical, Blues & Jazz

Hobbies and leisure activities: Golf, Fishing, Sailing, Hiking

Something most people don't know about me:

Barb is my 3rd wife, I finally got it right.





David Bryan Secretary

Miata year, model & Color: 2013 Club PRHT, Crystal white pearl mica/black top

SDMC member since: 1996

I grew up in: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Toronto, London, Reno, St. Petersburg and San Diego

Name of College/University (if attended): Associates from Grossmont Cuyamaca College

Occupation: Current: Realtor, previously a Senior Manufacturing quality engineer

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to travel more.

Favorite:

Restaurants: Varies on mood

Food: Mexican

Movies: Anything with John Wayne or an old Western

Music: Classic rock or Classical

Hobbies and leisure activities:

World and domestic travel, camping, hiking, fishing in the mountains, cars.

Something most people don't know about me:

Hooked on sports cars since my 20's, had an MGA, MGB, MORGAN, RX-7 and 4 Miatas so far.



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

Check there regularly for changes and additional details!

September Events Calendar

		TIME	LOCATION	WHO TO CONTACT?
FRIDAY SEPT 1	CRUISIN' GRAND	6 PM MEET	MEET AT TOM'S #23 505 W. FIFTH AVE. ESCONDIDO (CORNER OF CENTRE CITY AND 5TH)	LAURIE WAID 760.715.7850 SWAID@COX.NET
SEPT 8-13	NORTH RIM GRAND CANYON RUN	TBD	RESERVATIONS NEEDED. CONTACT BOB!	BOB VANHOOK 202.431.1990
SEPT 14-16	SAHUARO MIATA CLUB DEVIL'S HIGHWAY RUN	TBD	SEE THE SDMC WEBSITE FOR OVERNIGHT'S DETAILS	TOMTHOMPSON TOMIATA@COX.NET
THURSDAY SEPT 28	MONTHLY MEETING	6 PM EAT 7 PM MEET	THE HAMBURGER FACTORY 14122 MIDLAND ROAD POWAY CA	GENE STREETER PRESIDENT@ SANDIEGOMIATACLUB.ORG
SATURDAY SEPT 30	TRAIN TRIP TO PETERSEND MUSEUM	6 AM TBD	LEAVE OCEANSIDE TRAIN DEPOT FOR LA AT APPROX 7 AM	LES SMITH LESSMITH@SAN.RR.COM

Membership Information September 2017

Welcome to our newest members of 2017...

Fran Arter	San Diego	2017 Crystal White Pearl Mica RF
Rick & Cindy English	San Diego	2016 Blue Reflex
George & Elsa Watson	Temecula	2016 Soul Red Metallic (LE)
Donna Schmidt	San Diego	2002 Emerald Mica
Gene & Carol Sullivan	San Diego	2017 Soul Red Metallic
Patty Franco	Valley Center	2016 Soul Red Metallic

162 memberships (48 single, 114 dual) for a total of 276 members.

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

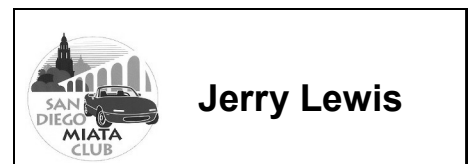
Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each,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

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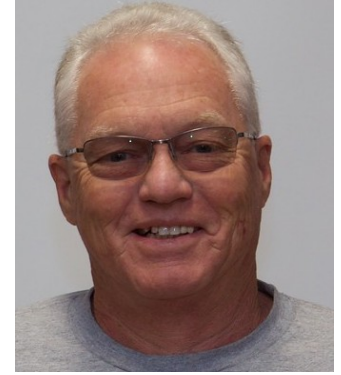
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Automotive Services

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.

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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.

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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 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 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

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