



November 2017

## Flip or Flop?

By Ed Grant



October 7, 2017 was a beautiful morning in Temecula. Brave souls in nineteen beautiful Miatas of various ages and colors showed up for a run full of twisties and turns. We departed at 9:30 and due to a few uncooperative traffic lights, we were immediately strung out, but we overcame as all competent drivers do!

We proceeded through some really nice vineyard areas. Fortunately no one stopped to partake of the local refreshments. We turned right onto the first road of twists and turns. They were on the gentle side, so we could get warmed up a little. After a wiggling around, we turned right onto a road that was a little more challenging. We then turned left onto a more challenging road, Wilson Valley Road. After that we turned left again and took a little break at the Dairy Queen in Anza. After the break, we headed out of town to Highway 74, then turned left for a beautiful drive to Mountain Center. We proceeded down the mountain with quite a few twists and turns. We did some more maneuvering around through Hemet to

State Street. State Street eventually turned into Sage Road. This road has some moderately good twists and turns which we were able to navigate all the way to Highway 79 South, which took us into Temecula.

The total drive time was three hours and we drove 108.6 miles, according to my odometer.

We arrived at Richie's Diner, which is across the street from our starting point. They have good food and the fellowship was outstanding. While eating, a wonderful lady named Grace stated that she was relieved that an OTM got in front of us, thereby slowing us down. Another wonderful lady, Robyn, stated that she was apprehensive about going *lickity split* then admitted it wasn't so bad and she was looking forward to her next run so that she could drive her ND.

Well folks, I am wrapping this up by saying I really enjoyed leading you and a backward run and I thank all of you. I sincerely hope you enjoyed it.



# Incident!

By Daryled Bristol ( Mr. W & F)

Recently during our travels we had the opportunity to test our skills. I talk a lot about the value of a skilled driving event and how it applies to everyday driving. Let me start off with a disclaimer: I do NOT believe in accidents and in the event of a mishap, there are generally two vehicles involved. When this incident happened, I can't find any one driver who is totally at fault. If you hit a trash can, the trash can was probably in the wrong place. In this instance there were two vehicles involved. One was me in my 2008 MX-5 Miata, the other was a very large tractor tanker trailer. Yes I know the rules: *if you can't see the driver he/she probably can't see you. Don't tarry along side an 18 wheeler, you are giving them way too much time to run you over.* In any case, I found myself along side a large tractor tanker trailer. My first clue was the image of his cab passing in front of me. My brain reacted with the concept that the tanker part of the rig was about to follow close behind. HELL! I was close behind. I applied the brakes in a controlled manner as I attempted to find space away from the tanker. Off the pavement and onto the grass we went, followed by a very horrendous sound of very large wheel chewing thru my door. By now I was about 4 feet off the pavement and fighting for control. Finally quiet, as I came to rest with the tanker traveling on. Shortly he came to a full stop as well and I pulled in behind.

Note: I put myself, my wife and my car in a position to fail tragically, I expected the driver to see me, I expected to pass the driver without incident and I was wrong. We got lucky.



PS: Damage repair estimate \$3820.05. OUCH!



# What Position would YOU Like?

By Gene Streeter

I thought, however briefly, about tweeting an update on my intentions *not* to campaign for SDMC President this year. Not only campaign, but to actively thwart any suggestion I go just “one more round.” Two things prevented that: I can rarely develop an intelligent and complete thought short of a paragraph and I’ve never even used that app. How better to formally communicate my intentions and thoughts than in our newsletter? It’s the electronic medium I prefer.

Well into the final months of my third term, it’s been my pleasure to serve you as Board President since January of 2015. Where I once replied “no, thanks” to the personal solicitations of those who care deeply for our club, I’ve found that serving in this capacity has been rewarding – personally, not monetarily, lest anyone misunderstand. Fact is, I’m very much an introvert by nature and choice; this role has encouraged personal growth and the improvement of certain social skills.

I’ve enjoyed representing us in the Miata community and beyond; I’ve attempted to share the respect accorded us by that same community with all of you. I’ve been allowed to apply my style and stamp on those meetings I’ve been privileged to lead. You’ve been a good audience and largely tolerant of those efforts.

Despite succession planning efforts, and public encouragements, we find this edition of the newsletter lacking any other campaign statements, or “hats being thrown into the ring” signifying interest in these necessary elected roles. Past appeals have been directed to a few of our women as well. There’s no specific gender, work experience, or employment status best suited to being president, or a board member. Several incumbents remain willing to serve in some capacity, if not their current role; that’s reassuring. I think I understand the reservations; I, too, was anxious whether the role would be a good fit for me. Arguably, it has been, but our club deserves an infusion of new ideas and energy.

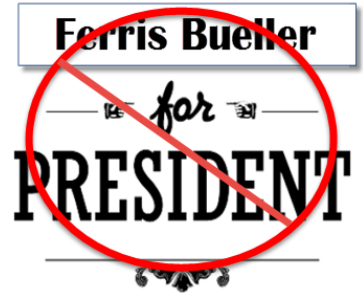
Our Annual Meeting will be held November 18; details are on the Events calendar. In addition to election of our 2018 Board of Directors, we’ll recognize those of you that have contributed to our success throughout this year. You’ll enjoy the socialization and the MX-5/Miata swag\* as well ... perhaps even one of my final monologs. (Swag, def.: *Souvenirs, Wearables, and Gifts*, or “stuff we all get”)

Unlike the political process at large, you can mount an effective word-of-mouth campaign between now and then. I’m reminded of the populist presidential campaigns mounted by the likes of comedian Pat Paulsen, and MAD Magazine’s Alfred E. Neuman. Fans and supporters of Paul Newman (no relation), Pat Bedard, Dan Gurney, even Roger Penske, mounted election campaigns on behalf of their heroes. Their passion for driving and the discipline of motorsports competition may have served them well in the political arena.

Valuing honesty as I do, I’m also compelled to share that, come January 1<sup>st</sup>, there’s no office décor or furnishings to pass, no artificially modest salary, no expense account, and no gavel to deliver. There is the potential to be the curator of a certain weighty Club Participation Award, currently in the possession of Club secretary Dave Bryan. My portable “lectern” is entirely negotiable. The special feeling of accomplishment, of having “given back” to our organization, and the special “L” salute, I’d like to retain.

What board responsibility is your pleasure?

*Gene*





# Rear View Mirror

By Gene Streeter



## **“Like A Rock ...”**

Hailing from central Massachusetts, it's slightly ironic I never laid eyes on Plymouth Rock until I was investigating my “roots” there some ten years ago, Lady Bonnie at my side. Having participated (against my wishes, for the record) in elementary school Thanksgiving pageants and slogged through historical accounts of the early American colonies, I knew I had to experience this landmark, this birthplace of our country's heritage.

As it happened, late October that year was the perfect time to be there, complete with a light snowfall to add a sort of Norman Rockwell touch to the landscape. We first visited a first cousin of mine who's lived in Plymouth for decades. Explaining our itinerary for the day, Mark chuckled a little at our interest in visiting “the Rock.” He even wanted to accompany us there before trundling off to his restaurant a few blocks away. Half an hour later, I understood his interest. We had seen bigger boulders in the middle of Hwy. 330 on the way to Big Bear. The difference is, CalTrans would have un-ceremoniously pushed it off the side of the road, not chain it off and install a commemorative plaque to mark the spot.

As John Wayne once advised, “Whoa, take it easy there, Pilgrim.”

Don't get me wrong; I'm still a history buff, even a bit of a romantic. I now enjoy sharing this version of Plymouth Rock, and our modern version of the Thanksgiving. If your modern version of Thanksgiving looks remotely like mine, I think we're all on the right page. Of course there's the traditional foods – cranberries,

pumpkin, turkey, and yams with marshmallows on top. Family and friends preparing, enjoying, and cleaning-up after holiday meals. Senior member Bill Jones routinely cooks Thanksgiving dinner for friends and neighbors; I'm guessing a number of you help prepare and serve meals to the less fortunate citizens of San Diego. Be that small rock and make an out-size impact on those around you. Among other things, I'm thankful for the friendships we've cultivated here at SDMC.

Where “dinner with family and friends” is concerned, here's a pic of



our recent Halloween dinner get-together.

## **But Wait, There's More ...**

The month of November means our Annual Meeting is on tap November 18; we'll gather to celebrate our successes this year and plot our course for 2018.

Yep, it's our own version of Election Day, sans months of mega-expensive campaign ads, eviscerating debates, and opinion polls. It's democracy as it was once done in the really old days, post the Pilgrims' arrival on “the Rock.”

Speaking of Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup> on the official national calendar, that Tuesday also marks the launch of the sixth edition “Ferris Bueller's Day Off.” Venerable teenage alter ego, Ferris Bueller, was very intentional in picking this date. See the blurb elsewhere, along with his announcement that he will neither campaign for, nor accept any nomination for a 4<sup>th</sup> term.

## **“Fast and Loose”**

If you're thinking this is an announcement of a movie spinoff of the “Fast and Furious” franchise, featuring fearless Vin Diesel and his gang in serious need of kaopectate. (How does he do that alliteration thing month after month? – Ed.) The medically-trained

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among you (and even within our twelve loyal readers) likely know the active ingredient is now bismuth subsalicylate. It just doesn't roll easily off the tongue. Fear no more.

No, it's how I like our monthly meetings to run. Fast-paced, snappy, interesting and interactive, as much as possible. At base, these are "business" meetings, but most of us cringe at the thought of calling them that. Meetings need to have a purpose, an agenda, and be respectful of everyone's time.

Reflecting on our last few monthly meetings, especially September's, there was little evidence of them being "fast," but they were definitely "loose." Per our club's bylaws, it's my responsibility to conduct monthly meetings. (Section 5.3, if you're curious.) I choose to make it my pleasure, as well. I enjoy regaling you with all manner of comedic ramblings, and hopefully, providing a setting and experience that supports our purpose – (Section 2.1 Purpose - The purpose of the Club shall be to promote good will for the mutual benefit of Club members and to provide social and recreational activities that enhance the ownership experience of Mazda MX-5 Miata automobiles.)

It's that element I want to remind us of. It's not enjoyable for the presenters to be bombarded with questions, or for an audience to suffer through those that are readily answered elsewhere. With our Events presentation, in particular, realize that most of the information being shared is already captured on our website, in the Events calendar, or in our monthly newsletter. The events presentation allows run leaders to pitch their run or event, create additional interest, and provide insights that will help you address the question "is this for me?" Help me restore some order and enjoyment to these proceedings. Thank you.

### **Now about those comedic ramblings ...**

Approaching the end of three years, I've grown accustomed to doing my monolog (my agenda spells it out as "opening remarks") on the specified Thursday evening. As your "lame duck" president, I'm coming to grips with the fact there are only two more monthly meetings and our Annual Meeting (Nov. 18) for me to orchestrate. My version of separation anxiety has me contemplating taking my act on the road. Several of you have actually been suggesting that for most of my three terms, with a decided emphasis on the part "on the road."

I'm now ready to oblige you as well. Here's a thought ... if all our members were to read this at precisely the same time, the collective groan across San Diego might register on certain, sensitive seismic equipment. (There he goes again. – Ed.) First stop – maybe "Open Mic" night at the La Jolla Comedy Store.

You'll want to read my "other" article "Ferris Bueller for President ... Not" for my official campaign remarks and guidance.

### **"Meaner than a Junkyard Dog"**

Former SDMC member and multi-Miata owner, Larry Ellis recently hosted a mega garage sale in an effort to shed some serious parts inventory. You might have seen my post to the SDMC list. As the pictures attest, he might have had some hoarding tendencies. His merchandise was nicely-sorted and prices were both fair and negotiable. A number of us helped him downsize in preparation for his move to Murrieta, but I doubt that was the ultimate solution.



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## City Lights Tourist

I've always been fond of our San Diego skyline, the variety in building architecture, and its interplay with the Pacific Ocean and calmed harbor. My occasional after-dark forays over the Coronado Bay Bridge or cruising the Big Bay on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July remind how beautiful this city is all lit up on a clear evening. I suspect I'm not alone, owing to the Saturday evening gathering of SDMCers at Balboa Park last evening. (Thanks to Editor Laurie for allowing this late newsletter entry.)

Of the twenty-five Miatas gathered for the occasion, many of us had memories of this run as part of our Surf N' Safari effort two years ago, executed on a

Thursday evening instead. Traversing Coronado, Harbor drive, the Gas lamp, and Balboa Park attractions, our Surf N' Safari run execution was, at times, well below our usual standards; I still have the occasional "sweep driver" nightmares stemming from trying in vain to keep us together. This was the backdrop of Steve and Laurie Waid's decision to run this again.

While the execution wasn't perfect, I'm convinced it was the best anyone could have hoped for; not losing even a single car that made it out of the parking lot after our picnic on the lawn is impressive. Even losing a queue-up spot to customer parking didn't spell disaster. That sweeps Dave and Laurie Bryan were still speaking amicably at the end was another positive sign. Our tour even passed within twenty-five yards of their wedding venue, the Star of India. Afterwards, I shared high praise with Steve, bowing in his direction to ensure he got the message. Having Laurie Waid performing sweeping/herding duties mid-pack provided CB listeners some minor entertainment at times, as Steve wasn't always responding to the appropriate "Laurie." A few fun facts, if you will:

- *just 20.1 miles in length, the run took two hours to complete*
- *the drive/crawl/parade up 5<sup>th</sup> St. was the most challenging to navigate, what with pedicabs coming at us to the left, even in the One Way section*
- *if you squinted just right, a gaggle of colorful LED-lit pedicabs resembles Disneyland's electrical parade; just add an infectious music soundtrack*
- *Lonnie and Kaye Kearnes drove 67 miles each way from Boulevard to make that 20-mile scenic drive*
- *Yes, I'd do it again; preferably as a passenger in order to better appreciate the scenery. I'm pretty certain many of you feel the same - San Diego is "my kind of town."*

***Be charitable and grateful, engaged members and potential leaders; don't forget to slow down and appreciate your surroundings, San Diego Miata Club.***



**Top:** The Gas Lamp District has unlimited energy on a busy night. **Bottom:** SDMC members lit up the night!

Photos by Laurie Waid

# Train Trip to the Petersen Auto Museum

By Chloe J. Oswald with Photos by Jon Connor

We took the trip to Oceanside, parked the Miata at the Metrolink parking lot. We met the Miata group and boarded the Metrolink and was on our way through the back yards, along parking lots and best of all along the ocean front. We took the Purple Line Subway, mostly under ground. Next, we boarded the big Red Bus. These buses were articulated. Got off in downtown L.A. Walked a few blocks to the Petersen Museum, which was a big multi colored black and white art deco building. There were 22 members of the San Diego Miata Club gathered there and the price of admission was \$12.00. That's because most of our group is considered Senior Citizens.

We started the tour on the third floor. It was loaded with Ferraris in different sizes and colors. There were special interest cars such as two that were in the movie, Cars. One was Lightning Mac Queen and the other was the Hudson. There were beautiful vintage motor-cycles.

We moved down to the second floor. There was a radiant 56 Bel Air convertible, two spectacular G.T. 40's, a black Packard loaded with chrome accents. There was a display of Bugattis. I learn that the

Bugatti family were very creative. They designed furniture, jewelry, painted pictures, made statues and cars. In 1922 Bugatti had a twin cam overhead engine. There was an outstanding 1955 Mercury designed by the Ghia family.

The first floor had many creatively hand painted cars. One of them was an elaborate 64 Chevy with hand engraving on the under carriage such as the brake rotor and differential housing. There was extensive chroming and the painting of portraits of men and women. Many of portraits were on the underside of the trunk, hood and the back of the glove compartment door.

The Miata Club group queued-up at 3:15 P.M. to return to Oceanside. Before we left, we walked to the L A Union Train Station, which has a very elaborate entry way. The old leather overstuffed chairs looked so comfortable. The station was built 78 years ago.

This was a fun and interesting day.





# Membership Information

By Membership Team, Chris Jones and Linda Southard

Welcome to our newest members of 2017...

Rick & Jo Beth Lytle	Ramona	2000 Highlight Silver Metallic
Jude Rice	San Diego	2016 Ceramic Metallic
Cameron Rabiyan	San Marcos	1990 Classic Red
Eric Finley	Poway	2017 Soul Red Metallic
Jocelyn"Josh"& Anne Poissant	San Marcos	2016 Soul Red Metallic (LE) [16MX5LE]
Tim Cooper	Oceanside	2017 Machine Gray Metallic RF [SD SHARK]
Eric MacPhee	Escondido	2008 Stormy Blue Mica
Dale & Norma Pound	Escondido	2016 Soul Red Metallic [SXTN OZS]
Roy & Dorothy Jones III	San Diego	2015 Crystal White Pearl [RKJ3]
Terry & Julie Thompson	Escondido	1994 Classic Red
Luigi Bono	Oceanside	1999 White
John & David Popp	San Diego	2011 Liquid Silver Metallic

...and welcome back after a break in membership...

Brandon & Jessica Chittenden	San Diego	1996 Brilliant Black
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**175** memberships (54 single, **121** dual) for a total of **296** members.



This year's **Annual Meeting** is  
Saturday, Nov. 18  
at the San Diego Auto Museum  
in Balboa Park  
10 am sharp!

Voice your opinion and VOTE for new elected officers.  
After the meeting, enjoy a short run to lunch!

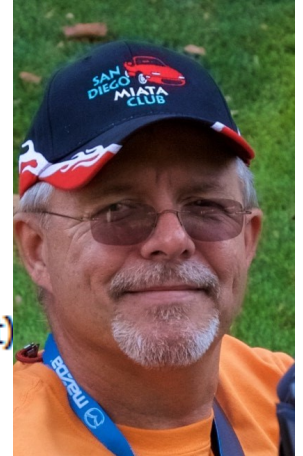
Also, you can **RENEW** your member for 2018 at this time.  
Applications will be available, or print yours off the website  
and bring it with your check for \$35 to the meeting.





# *Behind the Wheel*

By Lynn Nolan



Name: Mark Booth

Miata year, model and color: 2016 LE in stunning Soul Red Metallic

SDMC member since: March 31, 1996 (SDMC co-founder and first president)

I grew up in (city, state): Chula Vista, CA

Name of College/University (if attended): Southwestern Jr. College

Occupation/s: Retired at age 52. Was with Albertson's for 35 years, 31 years in the produce department then 4 years in the checkstand (due to back issues after 31 years of lifting in produce).

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to retire even earlier than I did. Retirement doesn't suck.

Favorite:

Restaurants - El Indio's, Phil's BBQ, In-N-Out, Red Lobster, Pick-Up Stix and Red Raven (Williams, AZ).

Food - Medium-rare steak (filet) with roasted potatoes and fresh green beans. The best steaks are the ones I grill myself topped with homemade whiskey peppercorn sauce.

Movies - The Majestic, La La Land, Field of Dreams, plus too many more to list.

Music - R&B classics, hits of the 50s and 60s, smooth jazz, and many movie soundtracks.

Hobbies and leisure activities: Road trips in the Miata with my lovely wife, Cathy; home theater (we entertain friends in our garage theater, aka the Booth Bijou); photography and videography; computers or just about any gadget with a printed circuit board in it; and magic (as in, slight of hand).

Something most people don't know about me: Was diagnosed with idiopathic cardiomyopathy (heart failure) in 2000 due to virus or bacteria that attacked my heart. I had my first cardiac pacemaker implanted at age 44. No heart attack (in the traditional sense), was just very unlucky.

# Events for November

By Bill Bennett

Wow! November is just about on us and it looks like it's gonna' be a month of surprises and fun activities, particularly for you mid-weekers.

The first surprise will be the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> "Native American Support Auxiliary's" very first twisty and circuitous run to a predetermined, but unannounced, location for lunch, a little yakking and maybe even a little recreation of your own making. Your Events Team concocted this idea and think it will give us an opportunity for some mid-week fun for those of you not tied to 9-5 schedules. Good drivin', good eats and good fellowship. And maybe, as the concept grows, we'll throw in things to make it even more interesting. I hope you'll join us on this groundbreaking event and share in the fun.

There will be two K-1 Speed Events on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of Nov. See the calendar for the details.

**The monthly meeting at the Hamburger Factory has been moved forward to Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Same time, same location.**

Jon Connor and Melinda Smith will lead a group up the I-5/PCH to Dana Point for a fun lunch on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Being the food expert Jon is, I know the spot he picks for our lunch will be excellent. We will meet at the Aliso Creek Rest Stop on I-5, a little over 5 miles north of Oceanside, almost directly across from the Navy's Hovercraft Facility. This is my favorite meet-up spot because the entrance onto the I-5 resembles a mini Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway "Corkscrew" and is worth the price of admission all by itself.



## The San Diego Miata Club's Annual Meeting,

where we pick our new leaders for 2018, will be held on the mezzanine of the San Diego Automobile Museum in Balboa Park on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the meeting with a short drive to a local restaurant for lunch.

## Native American Support Auxiliary Run



On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first meeting of the Native American Support Auxiliary (NASA) will meet in the El Cajon Parkway Plaza parking lot adjacent to the Sears Auto Center to begin what your Events Co-Chairs hope will become a somewhat spontaneous monthly occasion to take in a little Indian culture & entertainment (Casino), culinary exploration (lunch), with possibly even some "donations" being made to support the local tribe. Of course, in addition to this we will partake in the scenery and roadways leading to said destination.

To make things interesting, the leader of the run will NOT pre-announce the prescribed route or destination, but will, instead, look to the followers to maintain a crisp interval and not get lost. We won't know where we're going until we get there. But don't worry, we will make arrangements for any who lose their way. This will be a run with surprises, not unlike the World Famous Ferris Bueller Run later this month.

If you'd like to be there and be able to say that you went on the very first NASA run, then show-up at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and join the fun.

Sears Auto Center  
575 Fletcher Parkway  
El Cajon, CA 92020  
POC: Steve Waid 760-715-7850  
Bill Bennett 858-755-9525

## Unto Pacific Coast Hwy Run

We'll be doing a Mid-Week run up the Interstate 5 & PCH to Dana Point for lunch.



We will gather at the Aliso Creek Rest Stop, north of Oceanside, approximately across from the Navy Hovercraft Facility. Arrive at 10 AM, driver's meeting



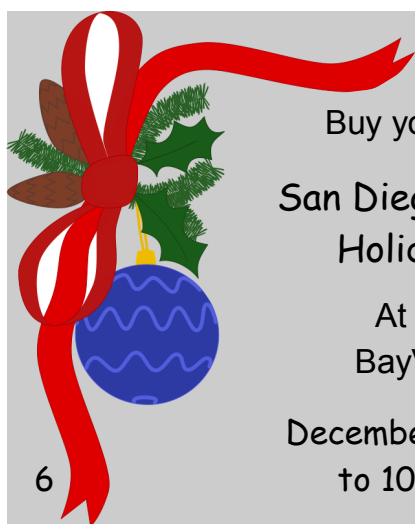
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at 10:15 and depart for Dana Point at 10:30 AM.  
Return to San Diego approximately 2:00 PM

With Jon being the gourmand that he is, the location for lunch should be really special. Always fun is passing the “everywhere I go, I see things that remind me of her.” location. Don’t forget the Marine helicopters and Osprey doing touch-and go’s just west of the freeway and, of course, the surfers out at Trestles and Doheny Beach.

POC: Jon Conner and Melinda Smith  
760-458-4503  
jcsuperstarusa@netscape.net

For all other November activities, see the SDMC calendar on the website for details.



Buy your tickets now!  
**San Diego Miata Club  
Holiday Party**

At MCRD’s  
BayView Café

December 9, 2017  
to 10 PM

Purchase your tickets now by mail  
Or at the November meeting,  
\$35 per person

**Optional:** Bring a wrapped, car themed gift worth approximately \$25 for our annual gift exchange and thievery.

Tickets can be purchased with cash or check made payable to SDMC. Final date for purchase is November 22. If purchasing by mail, mail check to:

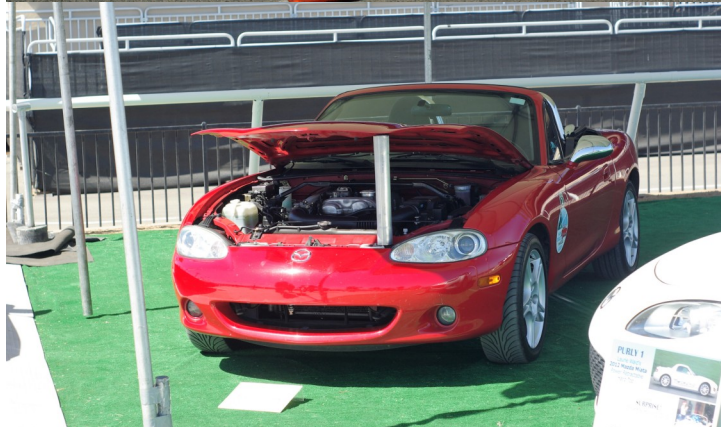
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Valley Center, CA 92082

## Random Photos— were you there?







A few of our members spent an evening at Grossmont Center, enjoying the train museum and one of the club’s favorite music groups, the Catillaces.

Other random photos from the past



# November Events Calendar

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2	THE VERY FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT AUZILLARY (SDMC CHAPTER) FUN RUN		<p><b>TIME? LOCATION ? WHO TO CONTACT?</b></p> <p>SEE PAGE 10 AND 11 FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION!</p>
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11	K-1 SPEED PRACTICE		
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15	SDMC MONTHLY MEETING		
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16	UNTO PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY FUN RUN		
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24	K-1 SPEED PRACTICE		



**Remember**, all the most up to date and complete information for our events is on our website at [www.sandiegomiataclub.org](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org)

**Check there regularly for changes  
and additional details!**



## 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

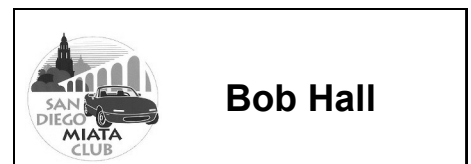
Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each,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

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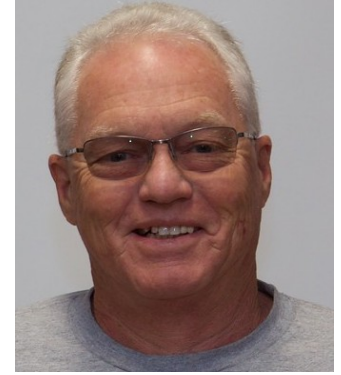
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Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Yahoo Group named SDMC-List. A free Yahoo account is required.

Follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
5. In "Comment to Owner," state that you are an SDMC member.
6. Complete remaining selections, perform Word Verification, and click the "Join" button.
7. Your SDMC membership will be verified. The verification and approval process may take several days.



## Member Discounts

**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.

### Automotive Services

**American Battery.** Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff Hartmayer. Fleet discount on all products.

**Auto Image Paintless Dent Repair,** leather/vinyl/plastic repair, headlight restoration & paint touch up. Free estimates at your home or work. Contact Britt Colton. 619.244.2227, Discount: 10%

**Dent Time.** fast reasonable paintless dent removal. 800.420.DENT 93368). They come to your door, provide quick and professional service.

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

**Geri's Bazaar**—custom Miata luggage made to fit your specific Miata. Free embroidery to SDMC members. [WWW.SHOPGERI-BAZAAR.COM](http://WWW.SHOPGERI-BAZAAR.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](http://Www.goodwin-racing.com) Special club pricing on RoadsterSports Items only. 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](mailto:joe@knobmeister.com) . 303.730.6060.

**Langka Corp.** Guaranteed paint chip and restoration products. 800.945.4532. [www.langka.com](http://www.langka.com) Discount. 30%.

**Rocky's Miata Motive** 2951 Garnet Ave. San Diego 92109 858.273.2547. Discount: 10% on labor.

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

**TJM Enterprises** (formerly Magnolia Auto

body) Restorations, body work. 10027 Prospect Ave. Santee. 619.562.7861. Ask for 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](http://smartcarcareproducts.com)

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

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

**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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