



TWISTS & TURNS

April 2018

Run to the Desert - Borrego Springs



By Ken and Stacy Hurd

On Saturday, March 10th, twenty-one cars joined run leaders Ken and Stacy Hurd for the Borrego Sculptures & Wildflowers (?) run. Whether it was because of or to spite the weather gods is unknown but we did enjoy some good roads. Highland Valley road delighted us with twisties and beautiful green grass and trees arching across our path. The camels were out on Old Julian road as we drove past. At Dudley's Phil Daoust rendezvoused with our merry band while John Lord left to check up on some of the roads that we would drive on his Shamrock run. The mist was starting to leave us and was definitely gone as we headed down the curves of S22 into Borrego Springs.

Shortly after entering Borrego we reached our first "walkabout", parked and got out of our cars, or at least some did, to see the sculptures of farm workers tending the grape vines that used to be...

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Rear View Mirror

By Gene Streeter

As far as this column goes, I've lovingly prepared them for three and a half years.



Just because they were lovingly prepared doesn't mean they were always received with the same enthusiasm. Such is the nature of journalism and creative writing, not that I actively claim to produce either. I was understandably reluctant to accept Laurie Waid's resignation as our latest in a long line of illustrious newsletter editors. (I thought "Alliterations R Us" was going out of business. – Ed) I was less concerned about the format options – a blog, published on-line or mailed "old school," than its continued existence when I couldn't find her replacement. Despite my support and enthusiasm for Twists 'N Turns, I dodged multiple overtures for me to assume the editor role. I remained optimistic I could find a suitable replacement. My term as your president ended with Dave Bryan succeeding me, but without a newsletter maven.

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Speaking of Dave Bryan, it's my impression he's shouldered his presidential responsibilities well. He's direct in his board communications, but not given to tweets. He's already working his agenda and addressing members' concerns. Thanks to certain political action committees and running un-opposed, your votes at last November's Annual Meeting installed Dave and a few new board members. My replacement was overdue, for my sake and yours. Now, all of us are relieved to have a replacement newsletter editor, in new member Dale Pound. Not to be confused with veteran member "Dell" Pound. Two months with a truncated version and one month without can have the desired effect; I wanted to be part of its return to glory.

"On the Outside Looking In ..."

"I'm on the outside looking in, An' I wanna be, an' I wanna be back on the inside wi-ith you..."

Whether your "moldy oldies" song preference was the version by Little Anthony or Smokey Robinson, the sentiment is the same. It's a love song lamenting the mistakes and separation from someone he loved. My situation isn't quite that dire, but I do regret having missed the following:

The Corvette-Miata-BMW K1 Speed Challenge. Despite not being part of the "ridiculously fast" contest group, I had gotten some practice sessions in and looked forward to the Main Event. I haven't heard ... how did we do?

The Coastal Cruise – our annual foray to the wilds of Fresno and to California's equally-lovely Central Coast (and no problematic perpetual pollution without political solution via the Tijuana River). Yes, it's an event hosted by the San Joaquin Miata Club, but we've enjoyed significant participation for many years.

The Ranch & Sea Run – where the ever-clever combination of Lynn Nolan and Jan Frederick show us what can be done to combine coastal venues and interesting drives with good food as a reward.

Run to the Desert – where Ken and Stacy Hurd orchestrate what has become an annual pilgrimage to Borrego Springs and the sculptures

of Ricardo Brecedo; as bad luck and timing would have it, I've missed several of these runs.

Shamrock Run – in doing the Lord's work, John and Phyllis have re-constituted their nearly-famous Punxatawney Phil's Hearts and Marmots Run a month later, combining challenging roads with BBQ and comfort food. Color me Irish green with envy, and pardon the pun.

The "why" of my looking in is fairly simple. Lady Bonnie took a serious fall February 20, generating multiple fractures in her shoulder ("humorous" to those of you with medical knowledge; "not funny" to the rest of us), a broken foot, and a multi-colored swollen memento above her right eye. She's in healing mode since a successful surgery, but has been far more dependent upon me than she is comfortable with. As I shared with member Bob Gish in a chance encounter at a Kaiser pharmacy, I'm not accomplished as a caregiver.

She called me at the end of her two-hour ambulance ride to the ER to explain "I pulled a 'Grace.'" She was referring, of course, to Grace Mills who is still recovering from her own falling mishap and similarly serious injuries late last year. Let's not forget Linda Doud's similar injury and protracted recovery. I'm told that Alan Kagan's recent shoulder surgery was actually planned and he was far more photogenic in his Facebook posts. Unlike me, Jill is a professional nurse and accomplished care-giver.

Even by my own relaxed standards of social etiquette, I'd be seriously remiss if I didn't acknowledge those of you that offered your thoughts, prayers, and general well wishes for Bonnie's recovery. The flowers and offer of prepared meals were "over the top." Being part of the SDMC family has always been special to us.

Craig Moya – our SDMC Motorsports Director?

One of the observations I've made from the above-mentioned sidelines, member Craig Moya has been orchestrating the K1 Speed Challenge and the year-long practice sessions on our behalf as well. Taking karting practice to the next level, he's even orchestrated club participation on two separate cruises where the newest of cruise ships features an electric kart track on its top deck. I'm looking forward to our Alaska cruise

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with like-minded vacationers in August. Add in F1 viewing parties, an overnigher in Long Beach for the Indy Car spectacle there ... you get the idea.

There are a few Miata-related competition events lacking in Craig's repertoire. Daryled Bristol (featured in February's newsletter member profile) and Steve Waid (typically does his own "promotions") remain our autocross liaisons and share responsibilities for our annual Flyin' Miata Summer Camp outings and track days there. SDMC's participation in major Miata events at MRLS (Mazda Raceway – Laguna Seca) is typically encouraged and/or orchestrated by Mark Booth. Brian Goodwin, of Goodwin Racing fame, fields his own race vehicles at MRLS and elsewhere. In concert with Rocky's Miatamotive, Goodwin Racing provides performance upgrades for many SDMC members.

You might have heard, Craig also has a motorsports business – Angelwings Tech. While most of the hardware is Corvette, they also carry driver essentials, such as helmets, safety gear, even Piloti shoes. All that said, I wanted to acknowledge Craig's efforts on our behalf – his shepherding of karting and track events, and for helping keep the flame of our competition torch alive. If not a board-appointed position, then certainly an honorary one – SDMC Motorsports Director.

Craig's Miata sports a "wide body" kit and decal outlines of the race tracks he's challenged

Automotive Futures – Under that Beautiful Skin, Mazda's Vision Coupe

I've dabbled in the conversation around trends in automotive design, legislation, and charted demise of driver-engaging vehicles that we currently enjoy and largely take for granted. If you remain committed to the sports car driving experience, in being responsible for each shift at redline, in carving your own arc through each decreasing radius turn and sweeper, even the enjoyment of top-down motoring and the mechanical sounds your chariot emits, you're likely aware of changes in vehicle design and engineering designed to minimize the need for such inputs. Here's a list of the available technologies, subject to frequent additions:

- Driver Alertness Detection System - system to prevent crashes caused by fatigue
- Automatic Braking systems to prevent or reduce the severity of collision
- Infrared night vision systems to increase seeing distance beyond headlamp range
- Adaptive headlamps control the direction and range of the headlight beams to light the driver's way through curves and maximize seeing distance without partially blinding other drivers
- Reverse backup sensors, which alert drivers to difficult-to-see objects in their path when reversing
- Backup camera
- Adaptive cruise control which maintains a safe distance from the vehicle in front
- Lane departure warning systems - alerts driver of an unintended departure from the intended lane of travel
- Tire pressure monitoring systems
- Traction control systems which restore traction if driven wheels begin to spin
- Electronic Stability Control, which intervenes to avert an impending loss of control
- Anti-lock braking systems
- Electronic brakeforce distribution systems
- Emergency brake assist systems
- Cornering Brake Control systems
- Assured Clear Distance Ahead measurement and speed governance systems
- Pre-crash system
- Automated parking system
- Obstacle detection sensor systems

Realize that all of these are intended to enhance driver safety, typically adding weight, complexity, and expense to the automotive equation. Some of these (lighting systems, for example) can make us better drivers, but most tend to dull our engagement in the driving process. For example, ABS never quite delivered on its promise of fewer accidents; drivers were lulled into the belief they could stop much quick -

er (shorter) by relying on their ABS. That wasn't the case; basic laws of physics still apply.

In a similar vein, transportation planners are all about marginalizing the same motor vehicle that initially connected us all, and broadened employment opportunities. The automobile is credited with providing previous generations a sense of freedom and real independence. Some of the recent conversations underlying California's gas tax hike leave little doubt our state officials and politicians are "anti-motor vehicle, at least private passenger cars." Our move to computer-managed safety systems (automated braking, vehicle dynamics control, lane departure, and advanced cruise controls) has made possible the advent of autonomous driving vehicles. Not just automobiles, or Uber alternative vehicles, or Domino's pizza delivery vehicles, but heavy trucks with 53' long cargo trailers, and beyond.

"Way Mo" dangerous than they used to be?

Here's the latest. Tech giant Google has been engaged in a self-driving car project named "Waymo," and that has morphed into logistics – "trucking" in plain English. While I've never been aware of them, their self-driving trucks have been sharing the roads with us in California and Arizona. Its software is learning to drive big rigs in much the same way a human driver would after years of driving passenger cars. The principles are the same, but things like braking, turning, and blind spots are different with a fully-loaded truck and trailer. Just ask Daryled (or better yet, Carlan), about his close encounter with a tractor trailer rig late last year.

As a Miata driver, I feel particularly vulnerable in sharing the road with seventy-five feet and up to 40 tons of tractor trailer, let alone the prospect of one operated without benefit of a professional driver. I take minor comfort in knowing the Waymo operation is relocating to the Atlanta area and, for the time, will still have the oversight of a highly-trained driver, or chaperone.

A Driving Test for Autonomous Vehicles?

I've tapped into an academic discussion (see the attached web address) of the challenges ahead of us: <https://theconversation.com/redefining-safety-for-self-driving-cars-87419>

According to Texas A&M University Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering, Srikanth Saripalli, the real challenge ahead of us is to program autonomous vehicles with instructions about how to behave when other vehicles and drivers do something out of the ordinary.

"... Testers need to consider other vehicles as adversaries, and develop plans for extreme situations. For instance, what should a car do if a truck is driving in the wrong direction? At the moment, self-driving cars might try to change lanes, but could end up stopping dead and waiting for the situation to improve. Of course, no human driver would do this: A person would take evasive action, even if it meant breaking a rule of the road, like switching lanes without signaling, driving onto the shoulder or even speeding up to avoid a crash.

Self-driving cars must be taught to understand not only what the surroundings are but the context: A car approaching from the front is not a danger if it's in the other lane, but if it's in the car's own lane circumstances are entirely different. Car designers should test vehicles based on how well they perform difficult tasks, like parking in a crowded lot or changing lanes in a work zone. This may sound a lot like giving a human a driving test – and that's exactly what it should be, if self-driving cars and people are to coexist safely on the roads."

Here's my point in all of this conversation. Even with all the GPS, radar, lidar, and other sensory input, and computer algorithms controlling every vehicle move, autonomous vehicles are not yet as capable of operating a vehicle as most of us in the real world. I left room for those drivers we encounter on special occasions making moves that qualify them as "knuckleheads." We still need to be wary as we encounter them on the highway and city streets. We need to be wary of them in the near future as manufacturers seek to comply with government expectations and regulations automating more and more of the driver functions we covet as our own.

MazdaSpeed and Memories for Sale ... NOT!

Fleeting thoughts only. In a low moment, I allowed Bonnie's current physical condition to allow me to think she may not be able to tolerate my Miata any longer. She currently struggles a

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little getting in and out of our sedan, just as she struggles doing the stairs in a casted leg. We're concerned whether our two-story home is appropriate as we approach our 70s and beyond.

That concern, coupled with our the current legislative climate, increasingly averse to personal motor vehicles, the plethora of skill-numbing driver aids, and the prospect of our highway landscape being littered with autonomous driving cars and heavy trucks, I was briefly tempted to part with my one-owner 2004 Mazdaspeed. I'd be expecting a telephone call from young Dune Malory (or an email from Mom, Misti) within hours of any such posting.

No, that's not going to happen any time soon. I'm not going to allow any of those concerns to take root, nor pay any heed to public opinion. To paraphrase the mantra of another contemporary association's membership "they'll have to pry my cold, dead fingers from my leather-wrapped steering wheel." Driving my car still delivers a smile every time I get behind the wheel; just the thought of a road trip or run with my SDMC friends has the same effect. The memories will always be precious.

Enjoy your Miatas and the driving experience they can deliver. See you real soon, San Diego Miata Club! **T&T***

Borrego from pg. 1

...grown in Borrego. Others drove on a bit to see the larger Scorpion and Grasshopper statues. After that we got on Borrego Springs Road and stopped for our second and final "walkabout" at the Serpent Sculpture which is on both sides of Borrego Springs Road. Then it was on through



Christmas Circle to La Casa del Zorro for lunch. Those attending the Art show in Christmas Circle got to admire 22 beautiful rolling sculptures as our cars drove past them.

Ken counted 21 cars in our group, one more than expected. Well it turns out we were joined by someone out enjoying their Miata. While leaving Borrego and heading home, he saw our group, turned around and joined us for our drive through Borrego.

We had a nice lunch outside on the patio terrace since the weather, though still cloudy, had warmed up to the mid-70s. As we left La Casa del Zorro and headed up Yaqui Pass Road, Ken and Stacy 2003's reached its 200,000 miles of smiles mark. That's 200,000 miles of fun roads, many of which were with fellow SDMC members to places around the west.

As we reached the crest of S2, the moisture commenced in earnest. By the time we reached our turn at highway 79, Mr. Waid was ready to "push the button" and did just that. Thus, Preston and he finally joined the rest of us with our tops up.

Due to the weather, we passed on our drive up and down Palomar Mountain. After a rest stop at the Harrah's Shell Station it was on to Lake Wohlford and the end of the run. **T&T**



Photos in this article by Bill Bennett

* Editor's note: **T&T** stands for "Twists & Turns" and means "End of this Article."

Events Information

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 K1 Speed School	7
8 La Jolla Concourse d'Elegance Volunteer Experience	9	10	11	12	13	14 Run Around the Hills III
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 SOLO Practice SE Lot Up Hill - Down Hill
22 EARTH DAY SOLO Championship SE Lot K1 Speed School	23	24	25	26 SDMC Monthly Meeting	27	28 Dell Finally Got Off His ___ Tour
29	30					

San Diego Miata Club April Events

Runs

1. First out of the box is Lonnie and Kaye Kernes "Run Around the Hills III" On April 14 Lonnie and Kaye are going to take us on a run through the hills of (probably) South/Central Eastern San Diego County.

The group will meet at the Walmart parking lot at 170 Town Center Parkway in Santee at 9:00 AM. Driver's meeting will be at 9:15 AM with a departure scheduled for 9:30 AM and ending at the Barrett Junction Cafe for lunch. The run will end there.

More details will follow as they become available.

Point of Contact : Lonnie & Kaye Kernes 619-766-9294

2. Then Ed Grant and Chloe Oswald are going to take us on Ed's "Up Hill-Down Hill" run in the Fallbrook area On April 21

Meeting location: Hwy. 76 and Hwy 395. North

of 76 at the Park & Ride.

Drivers Meeting: 10:15

Depart 10:30 AM

DURATION: Approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours, depending on the time spent at the Wildlife Center.

LUNCH: Will be at the Garden Center Cafe & Grille in Fallbrook.

Enjoy some of the best Miata roads in the Fallbrook and surrounding area.

Point of Contact: Ed Grant 951-491-9470

3. Lastly (or maybe next-to-lastly) Dell Pound will take us on a run he wants to call the "Dell Finally Got Off His ___ Tour" on April 28 This sounds like fun !

The plans aren't fully firmed-up, but his intent is to take us to the Desert View Tower just before the I-8 zooms down into the Imperial Valley and then eventually end up in Julian for lunch and pie.

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Non-Driving Activities

New members John & Sue Sroka have gotten the SDMC invited to provide workers for the La Jolla Concours D' Elegance on April 8.

This is a wonderful show, rivaling Pebble Beach and Amelia Island.

SDMC members have been invited to participate by working as volunteers in helping the organizers manage the later hours of the show including the Awards Presentations and the Exit of the automobiles from the Browning Scripps Park (La Jolla Cove).

Unfortunately, people wishing to volunteer are out of luck - all the spots have been filled. Better luck next year.

Volunteers will be expected to wear a specific uniform (white dress shirt and khaki pants, along with appropriate dress shoes spelled out in the flyer)

This is a wonderful opportunity and volunteers will be given free admission and a complimentary gourmet catered lunch [An approximate \$150 value].

Point of Contact: John & Sue Sroka 858-412-6394

Karts at K1 Speed

Craig Moya will be putting on two Kart driving schools at K1 Speed in San Diego on April 6 and April 22.

Corvette Owners Club of San Diego (COCSD) President, Craig Moya, is conducting a driving school at K1 Speed on Main St. in San Diego on April 6th at 6 PM and on April 22nd at 11 AM. For more information contact Craig at 619-723-2020 or cjm63sw@att.net

Solo at Qualcomm

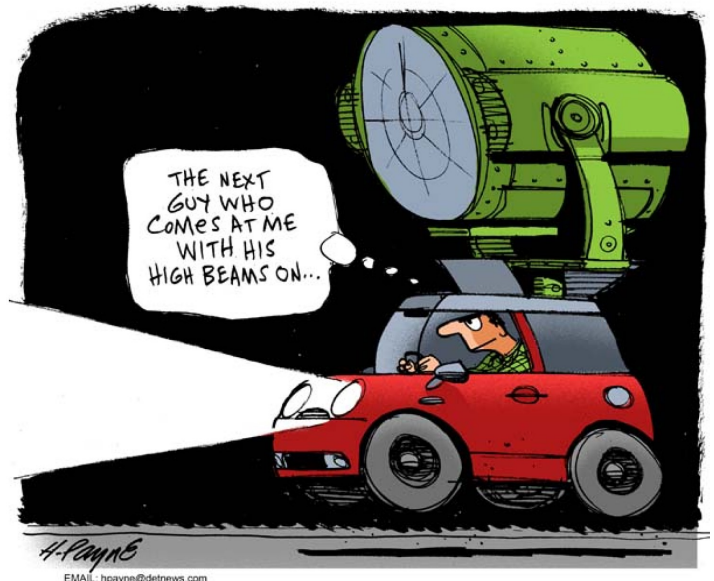
The San Diego Chapter of the SCCA is putting on a two-day SOLO session at Qualcomm Stadium in the SE Lot. The Practice Session will be on April 21 and run from 7:30 AM to approximately 5:00 PM. The Championship Session will be on April 22 running approximately the same times.

Point of Contact Daryled Bristol 619-784-3953

Monthly Meeting

The monthly club meeting will be held at the Hamburger Factory in Poway on April 26. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and runs to approximately 8:00 PM. Come an hour early and enjoy a dinner and social hour with your friends from the club. **T&T**

A Little Bit of Humor



Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

Welcome to our newest members of 2018...

Slava Sukharev & Victoria Shageryan	San Diego	2017 Ceramic Metallic (RF)
Nicola Reynolds	San Diego	2017 Crystal White Pearl (RF)
Mark Meyer	San Diego	2017 Soul Red Metallic
John & Sue Sroka	San Diego	2017 Ceramic Metallic (RF)
Jeffrey & Maria Ellen Christy	Ramona	2016 Crystal White Pearl

Welcome back after a short break in membership...

David & Iris Corning	San Diego	1991 Crystal White
Hal & Carolann Haley	La Mesa	2001 British Racing Green

Ranch and Sea Run

By Ed Grant

This is for the multitude who missed the "Ranch and Sea Run". This is the bare plain fact; It was raining for the signing of the Waiver Sheet! The rain let up for the Drivers Meeting.

We didn't have a Sweep before the meeting, but ever dependable Warm&Fuzzy, Daryled and

Carlan Bristol stepped right up and volunteered (makes me wonder if he was ever in the military) and I was a happy camper. The run had a very nice surprise on Camino Del Mar Rd., we came around a curve and there was the Pacific Ocean, with a little Sunshine on it (very beautiful). Camino Del Mar Rd. turned into N. Torrey Pines Rd. and that was another pleasant surprise, there was an ocean right beside us and a lagoon on the left with a state park on the right.

Jan Fredrick, my Navigator, really impressed on the drivers at the meeting to follow the written directions as there were a lot of turns in down town La Jolla. Anticipating traffic and pedestrians we figured there would be large gaps between some cars. I will come back to this part a little later.

Continuing on the run we toured LaJolla and

drove to the ball park in Rancho Bernardo for a potty break. Fortunately for us the anticipated rain kept almost everyone away so there was plenty of parking for our twelve Matias and seventeen people. We then proceeded to Highland Valley Rd. (a Miata must). We wound up in Ramona where we had lunch at the Nuevo Grill Restaurant.

Going back to LaJolla. Jan had really stressed the importance of following the written directions, which we did, except ME! I rolled right through an intersection where we were supposed to make a right turn, and the driver right behind me followed the leader. So after we made a quick U turn we found the rest of the group all Q ed up waiting to give me the Razzberries which I richly deserved.

I want to give big KUDOS to Lynn Nolan and Jan Fredrick for designing such an interesting and scenic run. I was supposed to be the sweep, but due to some complications Lynn Nolan couldn't make the run so she asked me to step up. I thank her for the confidence she placed in me.

In closing for those of you who were afraid of the rain, you missed an entertaining run. Looking forward to seeing you at the next run. **T&T**

Behind the Wheel

By Lynn Nolan

Bill Bennett

Miata Year, Model & Color: 1991 Basic Red
SDMC Since 2013 or 2014

I grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, LA County
(San Marino & Alhambra)

Name of College/University: California State
Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal-Poly)

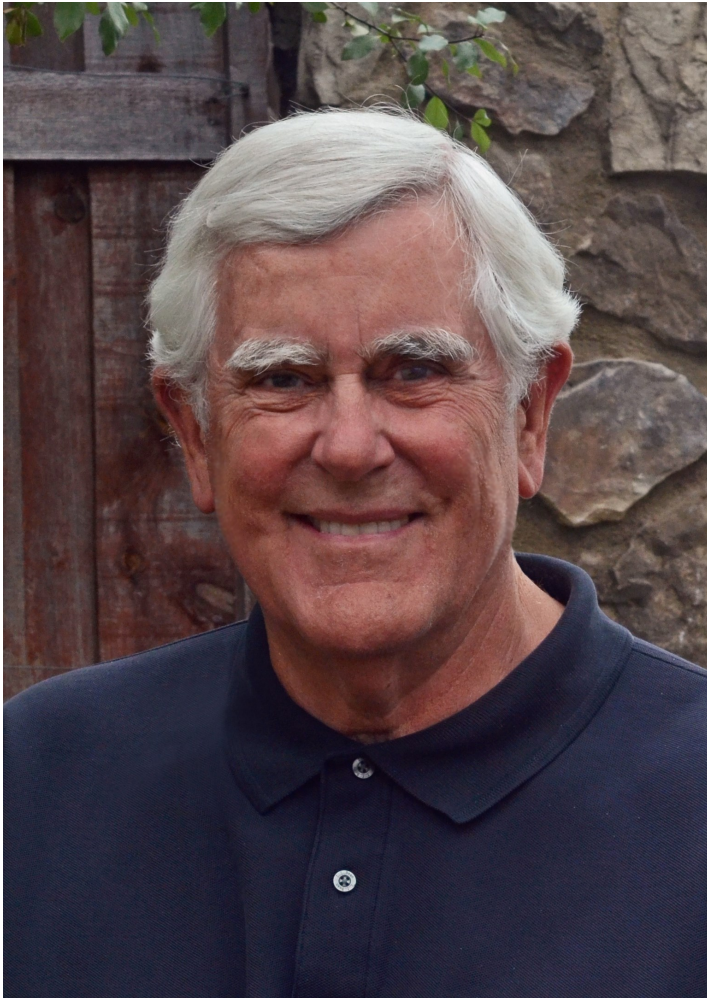
Occupations:

USMC - Huey Pilot

Maremont Corporation (Maker of Gabriel Shock
Absorbers, Cherry Bomb Mufflers etc.) - Sales
& Sales Management

Sperry-Vickers: Sales - District Manager

Steelcase Inc. (Office furniture mfr.) - Sales and
Marketing Executive



MotoPhoto - Owned Portrait studio/
Photoprocessing business & commercial pho-
tographer.

If I could have done anything in life, I would
have liked to have been an astronaut

Favorite Restaurants: Miguels, Bob's Big Boy &
P.F. Chang's.

Favorite Food: Most anything except liver, oys-
ters and lamb.

Favorite Movies: "Close Encounters of the Third
Kind", Steve McQueen's "Le Mans"

Favorite Music: Eagles, Crosby, Stills & Nash,
Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers, Country, Jazz,
Rock, Folk & Classical.

Hobbies & Leisure Activities : A lot relating to
cars and car models, my grandchildren & family
and travel, I'm restoring a 1973 Datsun 240Z.

Something most people don't know about
me: In high school, I worked for the Wham-o
Corporation demonstrating their products in-
person and making film ads ("Slip & Slide", "Air
Blaster" & "Frisbee") **T&T**

A Little More Humor

The day finally arrives: Forrest Gump dies and goes to heaven. He is met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter himself. The gates are closed however, as Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter says, "Well Forrest, it's certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must inform you that the place is filling up fast, and we've been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The tests are fairly short, but you need to pass before you can get into Heaven."

Forrest responds "It shore is good to be here St.Peter. I was looking forward to this. Nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. Sure hope the test ain't too hard; life was a big enough test as it was." St. Peter goes on, "Yes, I know Forrest, but the test I have for you is only three questions.

1. What days of the week begin with the letter T?
2. How many seconds are there in a year?
3. What is God's first name?"

Forrest goes away to think the questions over. He returns the next day and goes up to St. Peter to try to answer the exam questions. St. Peter waves him up and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."

Forrest says, "Well, the first one - how many days of the week begin with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one's easy. That'd be Today and Tomorrow."

The Saint's eyes open wide and he exclaims, "Forrest! That's not what I was thinking, but....you do have a point though, and I guess I didn't specify, so I give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?" asks St.Peter. "How many seconds in a year?"

"Now that one's harder," says Forrest, "But I thunk and thunk about that and I guess the only answer can be twelve."

Astounded St. Peter says, "Twelve!? Twelve!? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?" Forest says "Shucks, there's gotta be twelve: January second, February second, March second....." "Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you're going with this. And I guess I see your point, though that wasn't quite what I had in mind, but I'll give you credit for that one, too."

"Let's go on with the next and final question. Can you tell me God's first name?"

Forrest replied, "Andy."

"OK, OK," said a frustrated St.Peter, "I guess I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you came up with the name Andy as the first name of God?"

"That was the easiest one of all," Forrest replied "I learned it from the song.....

"ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN"

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/kiddiejokes/forrestgumpjoke.html>



San Diego Miata Club

www.SanDiegoMiataClub.org

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

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

Option: If no changes to your information, check here ☐ -- complete the Name(s), Signature(s), and "Action Here" sections.

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

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP+4: _____ - _____

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

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

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

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Miata Information:

Year: _____ Color: _____ License Plate: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed (Member): _____ Date: _____

Signed (Copilot): _____ Date: _____

Please return this signed application with \$35.00 check to: SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB (or SDMC)
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!!! ACTION HERE !!!

Do you want a replacement member card? ☐ Yes ☐ No (card can be requested any time if desired in the future)

Save the Date!

Gregg's Goals Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, June 9, 2018 4 PM to ?

Wine and soda tasting, fun and games

Meet the scholarship recipients

Dinner

For more info see www.wvggd.org



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!

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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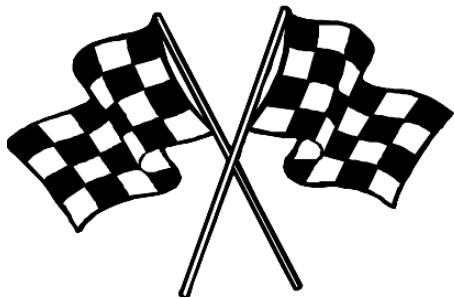
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E-Mail

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

Follow these steps:

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



Member Discounts

Many vendors offer discounts to Miata Club members. The Club does not endorse these vendors, but lists them as a membership benefit. Some offers may require you to show a current SDMC membership card.

Businesses that wish to be listed must offer a discount from their normal retail prices to SDMC members. Listings are limited to five lines (30-35 words). Contact newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org for additional information.

Automotive Services

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

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

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

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

Geri's Bazaar—custom Miata luggage made to fit your specific Miata. Free embroidery to SDMC members. WWW.SHOP GERI-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 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 . 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.

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. 760.395.9990 (Cell) or 760.755.9531/01. 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

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