



# TWISTS & TURNS

May 2018

## Rear View Mirror

By Gene Streeter

### May Newsletter Reboot

As part of my first column penned in 2018 (April Twists 'N Turns), I lamented the fact that I had missed so many of SDMC's recent activities, then proceeded to name each one. My bad ... I'll try not to make the same mistake this month. I'll simply state that of the nine events available this month, it appears I'm only going to accomplish three of them; and that includes our May monthly meeting. I read the run reviews posted to the SDMC list, and the teasers for those yet to come.

I'm missing the Tour of Italy as well, but we'll only be a few hours away from some of the route. Lady Bonnie and I will be enjoying our fourteen-day River Cruise, from Amsterdam to Budapest, soaking-up some European history, culture, and whatever trinkets Bonnie can't resist along the way. Rest assured, I'll be thinking of the group of you terrorizing the Italian Alps. With only one event to my credit thus far in May, that doesn't leave much to write about ... so you say.

### La Jolla Concours ... "it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood"

I'm not going to get all "Mister Rogers" on you, but wanted to share my version of our most recent SDMC volunteer effort in support of the La Jolla Concours – a high-profile charity event. If you're a Facebook devotee, you've likely seen some of the photos of the event shared on that site. (Hopefully not too much of your personal

information.) While those images documented some of the functional art (the philosophy of the Nethercutt Collection) and the coastal scenery, photos alone can't tell the entire story. Nor will I attempt to. (*That's a relief.* Ed.)

I consider myself an automotive *aficionado*, just as **Jon Connor** would describe himself as a "car hobbyist." I don't claim to be an expert, an authority, or otherwise; I simply appreciate the automotive art form - the execution of styling, engineering, colors, and textures, usually in concert with a vehicle's performance. Other vehicle marques usually come to mind ahead of the featured marque of this year's event, which happened to be Lincoln. It would be easy to dismiss the Lincoln brand of automobiles as "Detroit Iron," but that borders on the vulgar; Fred Rogers was hardly known for his excursions there. Quite *ironically*, this was my first visit to this local event. While I've called San Diego home for fourteen years, I've missed the previous thirteen editions. It was on my "mini" bucket list – those are the ones that are almost too easy to accomplish.

Thank you, **John and Sue Sroka**, for soliciting club volunteers and providing the opportunity, the impetus, for me to finally enjoy the

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event, in the company of SDMC friends and with virtually no financial commitment. (Free admission and lunch are part of the deal.) You've heard me mention, proudly, numerous times the wide variety of talents and backgrounds harbored within our membership roll. Despite their official role in the Concours - Directors of Volunteer Load-in Crew (a last-minute change from their previous "exit crew" assignment), they might readily agree "cat herder" is more accurate. They were particularly attentive to the needs of the three SDMC novices taking the challenge of moving to the morning load-in crew with them – **Chris and Alberto Echeverria**, and yours truly.

Normally, if my day starts before 4:00 AM (notice I didn't say "up" before 4:00 AM – that's a different motivation), I'm doing a road trip somewhere or headed to an airport. The beauty of being "on the field" at 5:00 AM, I experienced no traffic getting into La Jolla and no parking challenges once I arrived. The down side was I didn't actually work with the dozen or so other SDMC volunteers that helped escort vehicles off the field at the day's end nor was I able to take advantage of **Ken Hurd's** shuttle service and free parking in his nearby neighborhood. At least I was able to enjoy "The French Gourmet" lunch with some of them:

**Wally Stevens & Sandy Bagnall**

**Ken Hurd**

**Wayne Johnson**

**Dave Shapiro**

**Pam & Dave Hunt**

**Mark Booth**

**Linda Doud**

**Alan & Perry Kagan**

**Pres. Dave Bryan**

**George Watson**

**Mark Woodard**

### ***Field of Dreams***

The sheer volume of investment brokerage hospitality tents and extra-cost optional events being staged (how about a champagne and honey tasting corral?) was a pretty good indication this might be a significant display of wealth. There was a \$3.4 million Bugatti Chiron (base price remains \$2.6 million, if you had your heart set on one – it still carries 1500 HP and a claimed top speed of 261 mph ... Wally) in at-

tendance, in addition to the more plebeian dealer sponsor collections of automobiles - Rolls, Ferrari, Aston Martin, Porsche, McLaren, and Lincoln, to name a few. Eventually, we parked 133 vehicles "on the field," according to a detailed plot plan and numbering system, all subject to the Concours judging process. The expectation was that all vehicle equipment and functions are operational, featuring original equipment and/or restored to the original standards, panel fitment, with all chrome, glass, body panels, and interior "as new."

One of my personal favorites was the 1930 Duesenberg J - Murphy-bodied coattail speedster below. It's an impressive vehicle, having won Best of Show at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance years ago and part of the Gen. William Lyon collection housed in his Coto de Caza estate. The two men in the photo are "Bill" Lyon Jr. (on the left) and one of the two employees charged with maintaining the extensive car collection, Robin Miller. Despite his casual attire, I quickly sized-up Mr. Miller as being responsible for showing this rare Duesenberg, one that somehow escaped Jay Leno's significant grasp.

At idle, the big straight-8 was mechanical perfection, sounding every bit as good as she looked. After gentle prying, Robin confessed he services these vehicles, exercises them on the highways and back roads of Orange County, and maintains their pristine appearance as his full-time occupation. While it's not all "living *la vida loca*," I can think of many occupations slightly less satisfying for a gearhead. Sizing-up my official uniform - white shirt, tan slacks, blazer, and "volunteer" badge, Robin made my day when he confided "we've taken our cars to *Pebble* countless times, but the atmosphere there has become too stuffy, too political. You guys put on a great show ... we'll be back here next year." As will I, searching out my new "best friend of show."

Interesting side note: Bill, Jr. goosed the throttle while the judges were evaluating the vehicle, heavily soiling the tan slacks of one of the judges standing less than a foot from the single tailpipe. I didn't have the heart to photograph his blackened pants, or pained expression. There would be no "Best of Show" award this outing. His judging peers lightly roasted him for "taking

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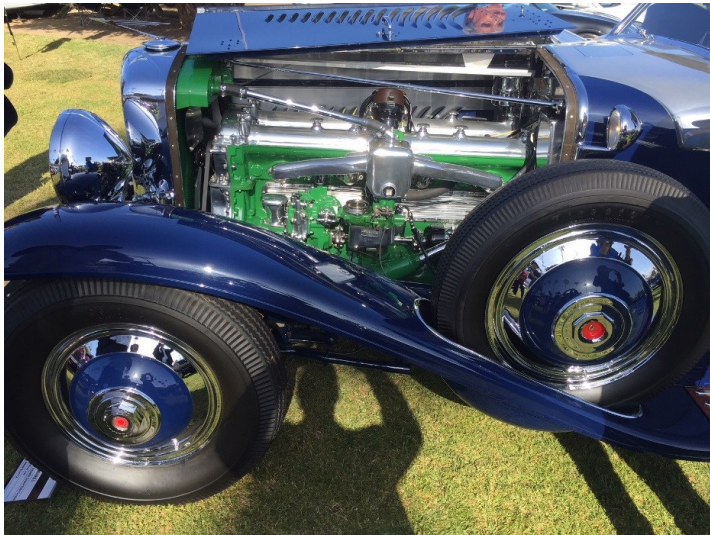


one for the team” on this field of dreams.



*Photo by Gene Streeter*

I would have liked to share the audio file of the engine running



*Photo by Gene Streeter*

### ***Vestiges of Ferris Bueller's Day Off - #4***

Since my assigned responsibilities were completed by 9:00 AM, I had free run of Browning Scripps Park until my sleep-deprived body decided otherwise. What did I see but a vendor tent for Alan Taylor Company on the edge of the display field? Having already stripped-away my shyness, I inquired of the woman “manning” the table there “do you have any of your restored cars in the show?”

“We do ... the orange and silver 1934 Packard belonging to Michael Coit and the 1923 Stanley Steamer 7-passenger sedan – both

along the front row. We just barely finished the Steamer in time for the show.”

You see, Mr. Taylor and his General Manager were gracious enough to allow the Ferris Bueller experience to unfold in his Escondido restoration shop in 2012, making it FBDO IV. By most accounts, it was magical place to visit, what with its exotic leathers and the in-process restoration of a rare Bugatti 57SC Atlantic; there was over 700 hours of metal work in each of its swooping fenders. For those of you that attended, is it all coming back to you now?

If you were able to peruse the show program (OK, the glossy print stock collection of advertisements and occasional articles about the show), you might have noted that custom-fitted luggage is now a specialty of Alan Taylor Company and its Taylor Made® product line. Bespoke in its design and with color-matched choice of fabrics (including exotic leathers and skins), “... it's for all automobiles, vintage or new.”

I'm sharing this information as my good deed for the day, my public service, putting longtime member **Geri Causarano** on notice of this new competitor for our accessories dollars. If you're not already familiar with her company, “Geri's Bazaar” (*That's probably a trademark, not a psychological assessment. Ed.*) produces what most of us consider to be the best custom-fitted Miata luggage available in the market.



*Photo courtesy of SoCal Shelby American Auto. Club and the Alan Taylor Co. Facebook page*

I knew from personal experience, the

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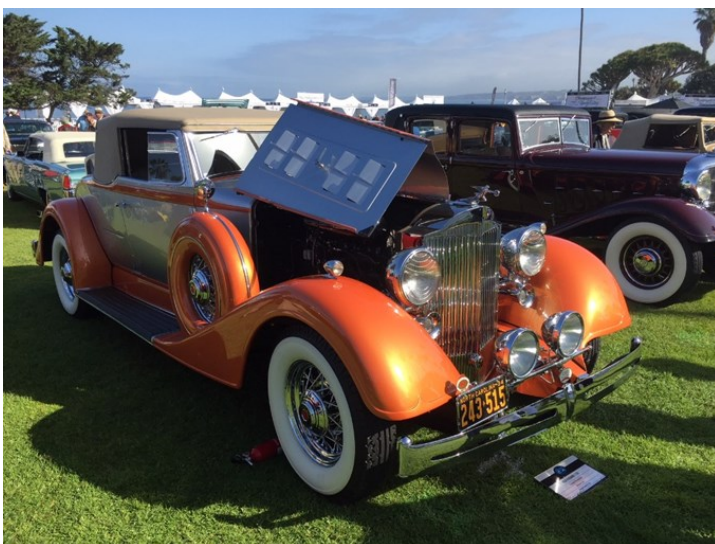


Stanley Steamer might be one of the “heavyweights” of the show. John, Alberto, and I were three of the six volunteers required to push the recently-completed restoration project into position. While the Stanley wasn’t heavy by the standards of its day, its narrow tires and rain-moistened ground made it a challenge. By all accounts, it’s a beautiful car; the owner can’t wait to get it fully-functional.



*Photo by Gene Streeter / 1934 Stanley Steamer 7-Passenger Sedan*

The buzz among the Packard purists, and certain aficionados, addressed the presence of metallic orange as the contrast color. Beautiful – yes. Original to the vehicle and era? Probably not.



*Photo by Gene Streeter / 1934 Packard Coupe-Roadster*

## ***But Wait, There’s More ...***

Recall my references to functional art? The highly-stylized 1938 Bentley pictured below was a jaw-dropper and mind-bender all rolled into one package. I couldn’t get enough of this radical boat-tail design, or its collection of clever design elements. Nicknamed the “Black Prince,” its creator Gary Wales is my new best artist friend. He shared that he lives just eight houses down from legendary auto customizer George Barris, in Woodland Hills. Pity, because traversing LA would never work for a long-overdue installment of *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off*.



*Photo by Gene Streeter*

I’ll have to tell the rest of this story, and more, another time. I don’t wish to exhaust the patience of our new Editor **Dale Pound**, nor the available space. In April’s edition, there wasn’t sufficient room for the photos I submitted to illustrate a few of my topics ... won’t make that mistake again. (*Too late! Your reputation precedes you. Ed.*)

In the spirit of the Riley racer and the earliest Hondas and Mazdas that were on display, I can one day envision a Miata gracing this very field. Where its high production volume and relative newness diminish its acceptance (most Concours d’Elegance entries are there by invitation.) There is the issue of significance. In Post-War, Post-Federal Highway Safety Standards design, the Miata re-ignited top-down motoring for fans of that driving experience. It became the “little roadster that could.”

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## Temecula Backcountry Grand Tour

By Lynn Nolan

It was the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, a sunny day, ideal for a run. The group assembled on the uppermost level of the Pechanga parking structure. **George and Elsa Watson** were leads, **Ed Grant** brought up the rear as sweep and spirited SDMC members were eager to depart. Rain had been in the forecast so the warm sun was a very welcome addition to the day. It had rained on several recent weekend runs so perhaps having this run on a Wednesday as a “geezer run” did the trick.

With the awarding of the magnetics to George and Elsa, they were officially welcomed into the distinctive magnetics group. The Miat-



Photo by Laurie Wade / George & Elsa Receive their Magnetics from Bill Bennett (Events Coordinator)

as then quickly assembled. Tops down, bladders empty, gas tanks full and expectations high, the group set out on the 76.17 mile quest. The Rally Navigator that George used for directions was definitely impressive!

George set a more leisurely pace, conducive to a better appreciation of the magnificent countryside scenery. The rest stop at the wildlife center provided a break in a tranquil setting as well as interesting exhibits that depicted the life and history of those who had long ago settled in the area.

As the run progressed the course included views of abundant fruit groves, large, beautiful country homes, valleys, and breathtaking panoramas. As the group crisscrossed Temecula's backcountry roads with just the right amount of twists, turns, straightaways and hills. Many of the roads had never known Miata tires on a run. Lunch outside at The Bridge in Temecula was the ultimate reward. Congratulations, George and Elsa on an enjoyable day!

### T&T

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

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While the execution of a lightweight, spirited, and safety-conscious roadster (you're welcome, Daryled) may well be an art, our Miatas are best-enjoyed when driven, not rolled off a trailer onto the lawn of a concours display. We can always admire and enjoy those that are.

***Revel in the significance of your Miata, but put greater emphasis on your driving experience. See you soon, San Diego Miata Club. T&T***

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*Editor's Note: The editorial comments in RVM are courtesy of Gene. They were the right words in the right place so I left them in! No Gene, that's not encouragement!! Just like any other aspiring wordsmith I enjoy an apropos quip when I see one.*

*Editor's Note: Tell us at [SDMC-List@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SDMC-List@yahoogroups.com) if you like the new feature—member's full names in **bold** text.*

# Events Information

## May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 BML	3 Beyond Miataland (BML)	4 Beyond Miataland Cruisin' Grand	5 Beyond Miataland SOLO Practice West Lot The Spicey Meataball Run
6 Beyond Miataland SOLO Championship SE Lot	7 BML	8 BML	9 BML	10 Beyond Miataland	11 Beyond Miataland	12 Beyond Miataland Novice SOLO Driving School SE Lot
13 Mother's Day Beyond Miataland	14 BML	15 BML	16 BML	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day Run Around the County
20	21	22	23	24 SDMC Monthly Meeting	25 K1 Speed Downtown (W/ COCSD)	26
27 SOLO Championship SE Lot	28	29	30	31		

### San Diego Miata Club May Events

*By Bill Bennett*

The Farmer's Almanac tells us that Southern California's weather for May will be sunny and warm with some scattered precipitation in the middle and late parts of the month. This is good news for the San Diego Miata Club because it means perfect top-down weather with maybe a free car wash thrown in as an added bonus. We're going to lose a good number of club members as **Tom Thompson** and **Lynn Nolan** lead the Beyond Miataland run to Italy with the potential for seeing at least part of the trip from the seats of a Miata. We're all excited about hearing the stories they'll have to tell once they return from their adventure to the continent.

On Friday, May 4, **Steve Waid** will lead the legendary summer activity, "Cruisin' Grand May 2018.

On Saturday, May 5, **Mark and Cathy Booth** are going to take Southern California-bound members on their "Spicey Meataball Run" where we'll get another chance to experience our Tuscany-like terrain and weather followed by some excellent Italian food.

On Saturday, May 19, new member **Dale Pound** will be taking us on the "Run Around the County," his magnetics run. As you may know, Dale recently took on the responsibility for publishing "Twists & Turns", the club's monthly newsletter. Details for the run are being worked out and will be communicated by email once they are complete.

For you Solo lovers, May will offer five different driving opportunities: two practice days, two championship days and a novice driver's school in the middle of the month.

The monthly meeting will take place on

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the 24<sup>th</sup> of May at the Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant. Come early at 6:00 PM or before for dinner and fellowship, the meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

On Friday, May 25, there will be a K1 Speed event with the COCSD at K1 Speed in downtown San Diego.

Just as an early reminder, we'll be taking a run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June up to Chino, CA where the Boy's Republic will have its annual Steve McQueen Car & Motorcycle Show. This will be our third year and it's a great show with lots of interesting vehicles and displays that benefits the Boy's Republic which takes in at-risk youth from Southern California and helps them get their lives on-track with meaningful education and work experiences. This is a great show and a great charity and the trip is lots of fun, especially when we throw in a stop at Annie's Café in Lake Elsinore for breakfast and entertainment by Annie (Jan) and her crew.

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

Check there regularly for changes  
and additional details!

## Spicey Meataball Run

While some of our fellow members are in Italy, **Mark and Cathy Booth** have graciously planned an Italian-themed run to take place here in San Diego. The run will feature some Tuscany-like twisty roads and will end with a late lunch at a high-end Italian restaurant that will let you participate in the spirit of our globe-trotting members in Italy. Mark, the club's first president over 20 years ago, will select a route that will closely mimic Tuscany's roads, as only someone with Mark's knowledge of San Diego County's twisties can do. Once we arrive at our restaurant destination, the four-course lunch will feature appetizer, salad, three entrées to sample and dessert along with non-alcoholic drinks. It will be served family-style so you can sample each of three main courses.

RSVPs are required for this event. Mark and Cathy will make the restaurant and parking arrangements for the group. You will need to bring \$40 **in cash**. We will use public parking, \$10, and the food, drink, and tip is \$30 per participant.

Due to this being a RSVP required event, the time and meeting location will NOT be posted to the events calendar. Mark & Cathy will use email to share the details with those that have RSVP'd.

Everyone is welcome, we hope to get a big turnout for this very special event. The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, April 26, 2018. RSVP to Mark and Cathy via email: [markbooth@cox.net](mailto:markbooth@cox.net).

## Cruisin' Grand

The first Friday of every month SDMC invades Escondido for an evening of vintage Hot Rods, Muscle Cars, and Boulevard Cruisers to

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# Gregg's Goals

**Save the Date!**

## Gregg's Goals Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, June 9, 2018 3 PM to 7:30 PM

Wine and soda tasting, fun and games

Meet the scholarship recipients

Dinner—Desserts

For more info see [www.wwggd.org](http://www.wwggd.org)



*By Dennis and Maryanne Garon*

Please join the Garons and your Miata friends for the 2018 fundraiser for Gregg's Goals. The fundraiser will be held **June 9, 3 - 7:30 pm** at the Garon's home: 1843 Da Gama Ct. , Escondido, CA 92026.

This gathering is a FUN-filled event, with wine and soda tasting, a Silent Auction , Food



Carey Balderrama and Barb Sullivan (2017)

(gourmet hot dogs), costumes, contests, drawings etc. The cost is **\$35.00/person**.

What is Gregg's Goals about? A little history: in 2006, family members and friends got together to create a scholarship for soccer players in San Diego county, in memory of our son, Gregg Garon, who passed away at age 35 in 2005. Gregg grew up in Rancho Penasquitos (PQ) and played in the first year of soccer in the Poway and in Penasquitos. He played soccer all his life and also coached in PQ, Poway, and in Marietta, GA. The scholarship effort grew from a few \$250 scholarships to more than 8 per year, at \$1500 each.

"Gregg's Goals" is a 501c3 nonprofit that has NO overhead. . .it is run by the Garon extended family - the fundraising is an all volunteer effort. The funds taken in provides scholarships for young men and women to encourage them to continue their education after high school. In addition, we are now able to help eligible scholar-

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# Behind the Wheel

By Lynn Nolan

## Dale K. Pound

Miata year, model, color, and name: 2016, GT, Soul Red Metallic, "Maxine"

Member since: 2017

I grew up in: Azusa, CA (the San Gabriel Valley)

Name of College/University: National University (MS in Cyber Security)

Occupation(s): Retired US Navy Chief Electronics Technician (Surface Warfare), IT Manager, IT Director, President and Founder Cornerstone Computer Services, Computer Systems Engineer, IT Security Professional (Current)

If I could have done anything in life I would have: Driven Formula One

Favorite Restaurants: Cotija Mexican, Filippi's Pizza Grotto, Akita Japanese



Favorite Food: Mexican, Italian, Japanese

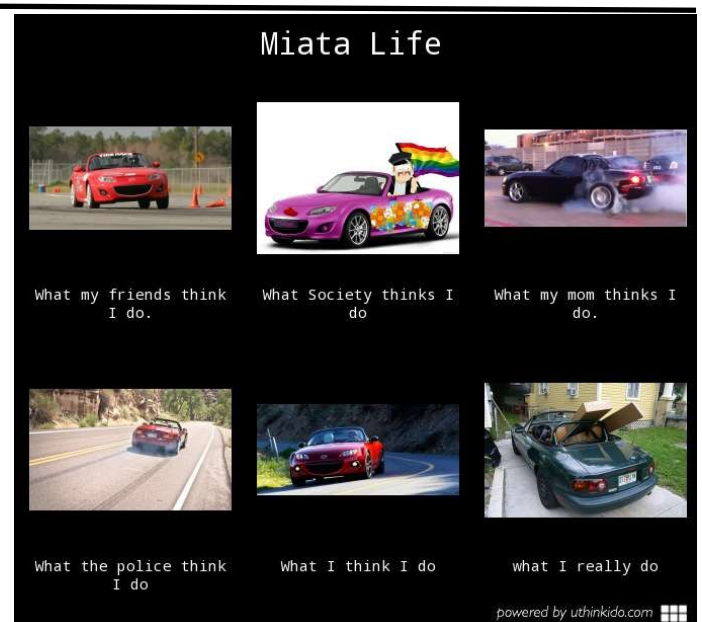
Favorite Movies: Groundhog Day, Dune (1984 Release)

Favorite Music: Rock, Pop

Hobbies and leisure activities: Reading, Walking, Golf, Movie Watching, Family. Currently in training to walk the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll 1/2 Marathon in June.

Something most people don't know about me: I don't have a lower-right canine, it never grew in.

## T&T



## Run Around the Hills III

By Lynn Nolan

April 14 was a gorgeous day for a run with hardly a cloud in the sky! A spirited group gathered in Santee, anticipating the fun that was at hand.

**Dan and Chris Garcia**, fresh from a month-long cruise, appeared rested and ready to sweep. Dan mentioned that 30 days was too long at sea. Interesting. This, from a navy guy? After the “usual and customary” by run leader, **Lonnie and Kaye Kernes**, 19 Miatas set out on the east county excursion.

The run embarked on a leisurely start, crisscrossing through some populated east county neighborhoods. Drivers even endured two speed bumps (horrors!) on Los Ranchitos, in the leisurely portion of the run.

As the group reached Olde Hwy 80 and continued onto Japatul Rd, Japatul Valley Rd, Highway 79 and beyond, CBs fell silent as it was Katy, bar the door! Speeds increased as everyone adeptly

navigated the hills, twists and turns that the country roads offered.

The rest stop off Buckman Springs brought a welcome R&R. The winds were refreshing but quite brisk, reminding me of some lyrics in James Taylor’s Fire and Rain, “Lord knows when the cold wind blows, it’ll turn your head around.”

We cued up several times along our journey and at one stop a White NB Miata with a tan top drove slowly along the line of cars right to the front, stopping next to the lead car. Road rage? No. More like “run envy.” It seems the interloper was a random driver who, upon catching site of us, found the run to be so irresistible that he had joined us for a time! After Lonnie gave him our website address, he snapped a photo of Lonnie’s magnetics and off he went on a more mundane journey alone.

42 miles later, SDMC Run Around the Hills III arrived at the Barrett Junction Café for the specialty of the house, fish and chips, and other delicious offerings! **T&T**

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## A Little Humor - Great One Liners!

Bob Newhart on Country Music

“I don’t like country music, but I don’t mean to denigrate those who do. And for those who like country music, denigrate means to ‘put down.’”

Billy Crystal on Aging

“By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he’s too old to go anywhere.”

Bob Hope on Banks

“A bank is a place that will lend you money ... if you can prove that you don’t need it.”

Robin Williams on Clean Living

“After I quit drinking, I realized I am the same [jerk] I always was; I just have fewer dents in my car.”





# San Diego Miata Club

www.SanDiegoMiataClub.org

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

All SDMC memberships expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> 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)**  
PO BOX 180456, CORONADO CA 92178-0456

### !!! ACTION HERE !!!

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

ship recipients to remain in college.

The target group for the scholarship is young people who have played soccer, rewarding the "unsung heroes" amongst the players – the ones with a lot of "heart", love of the game, the



Cade (Gregg's Son) with Dan Garcia (2017)

ones who are always there rain-or-shine, win-or-lose to be part of their team.

Through our fundraising efforts, we have been able to raise close to \$50,000 and award over 45 scholarships over the years! With your support, we hope to be able to provide scholarships for even more.

Payment for the fundraiser may be mailed to the Garons: 1843 Da Gama Ct. Escondido, CA 92064, or paid at a meeting, or via PayPal (email: [wwgdd68@yahoo.com](mailto:wwgdd68@yahoo.com)) or on our website [www.wwgdd.org](http://www.wwgdd.org) (click on the **donate** button on the home page).

Most of all - this is a really good time that our Miata club friends have supported since the beginning - and we would love you all to come out and have some fun again this year! **T&T**

**Knock knock.**

Who's there?

**Cargo.**

Cargo who?

**Nooo, car go "beep beep"!**

the sounds of early Rock and Roll. We meet at Tom's #23 on the southwest corner of Centre City Parkway and 5th Street for a 6 to 7 PM dining and social hour. At 7 PM we head 1 mile north to Grand Ave and then cruise Grand. Following our cruise we park and walk Grand for approximately an hour at which time we gather back at the cars and decide what we will do for our "required" pie and/or ice cream run. For details contact **Steve Waid** at [swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net)

Questions: **Steve and Laurie Waid**, 760-432-0727 or [swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net).

### Run Around the County

This is a leisurely drive "Around the County" on some of my favorite roads. We will start at North County Fair and make our way out through East County, down into South County, and then into heart of West County near downtown San Diego.

Lunch is at "Las Cuatro Milpas" the longest running Mexican restaurant in San Diego. The restaurant has been in continuous operation since 1933. Bring money, the restaurant only accepts cash. Expect to pay about \$8-\$10 per person depending upon your appetite - \$10 will get you a lot of food!

Questions: **Dale Pound**, 858-356-7998 or [dale.pound@outlook.com](mailto:dale.pound@outlook.com). **T&T**

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### Humor—Good One Mazda!

It turns out the Mazda Miata is the world's fastest... See the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACiMZC6q-38>.





## 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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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://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 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](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.** 760.395.9990 (Cell) or 760.755.9531/01. Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (except smog, oil changes, and tire rotation). For purchase, ask for **Barb Sullivan** 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; Coldwell Banker West Realty. I sell garages with homes! SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me receive a 1 year free home warranty. 619.672.0493. [DavidBrealtor@cox.net](mailto:DavidBrealtor@cox.net). DRE#01009295.

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