



# TWISTS & TURNS

August 2018

## Rear View Mirror

By Gene Streeter

With the exception of a month or two, I've used the same "rear view mirror" photo to set my column apart (as if length and vocabulary wasn't sufficient - Ed.) for roughly three-and-a half years. That's right, Greg Lee has been living off the royalties his photo has generated over those many months. That, and a few other income streams. Thank you, Greg. Thank you, Eliot Shev, for sharing this image from our recent Summer Camp tour of the Southwest. This photo speaks to the heat wave we've been experiencing of late; the sizzle coming off the asphalt is every bit as intense as the "sizzle" you'll find in the following paragraphs.



### Touch-A-Truck, if You Dare

Steve Waid has been responsible for our club's participation in this event four years running. He'll likely share his version of last Saturday's event, to the best of his recollection and imagination. One of those resources is decidedly stronger than the other; I'll let you decide which. (Before you think me cruel, let me remind you I am many "laps down" in this contest and will likely never make my way to the front; he is that good at delivering zingers and such.) In the Spirit

## The Ongoing Adventures of Presto (Flyin' Miata Summer Camp)

By Steve Waid

When we left Presto last he had just returned from Flyin' Miata Summer Camp in August of 2017. That road trip was among several firsts for Presto. As noted in the September 2017 SDMC newsletter, he had been to 3 states he had never been in before, and seen National Parks, Monuments, and many other attractions that he had never seen before.

But, the biggest memory that he had was traveling with a bunch of old SDMC people and finding out why and how we have so much fun. To frame this statement a little more, perhaps I should explain that Presto is our grandson, Preston Waid, and in August of 2017 he was not yet 15 years old. He was excited about returning to Summer Camp and driving on the track in Grand Junction, Colorado in 2018 as he was already ready to do it again. I spoke with Keith Tanner, Flyin' Miata Track Steward and spokesman for

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Flyin' Miata. He told me that Preston could drive the track in 2018 with his learners permit with me in the car. Let the training begin.

Preston got his learners permit in March of 2018, and I began the training of how to drive a manual transmission car, and specifically, a Miata. He was a good learner and motivated. By May, Preston was ready to drive the pre-run of the Run around the County that earned Dale Pound his magnetics a week later. Of obvious importance was Dale got me to eat Mexican Food, twice. But I digress. Presto was now handling more than shifting and driving a manual transmission. He was driving in traffic, on mountain roads, and performed as the sweep driver for Dale on the pre-run.

There was only one last thing to do. He needed a little performance driving experience. That opportunity came via autocross. He rode with me as I drove the course first so he could see the course at speed...then came his turn. After spinning his first two laps, he put down an unbelievably fast time. I never expected him to be that good. As the afternoon ended he was only one second slower than me. This was his first time, and I have been doing this for 20 years. He was ready.

This year his grandmother was going to come along, which meant we took both Miatas. Jan Frederick agreed to ride along with Laurie, and Preston and I took the flamed Miata. Preston drove all the way to Grand Junction, and I was just his passenger. For the entire trip he logged over 2000 miles behind the wheel. I would dare say that not many 15-year-olds will log that many miles before they earn their first drivers license.

We had a great track day on Thursday, June 21st. Preston was laying down fast laps with only one significant mistake. Exiting the main straight at speed, the tasks of braking, downshifting, turning, and maintaining speed became a

little much to do in about 2 seconds. He released the clutch while turning without applying throttle, and the natural result was that the rear end "stepped out". To his credit he was able to "catch the car" and straighten it out but went off track (all 4 wheels), but didn't slow and went right back on. There was considerable dust, but we were right back on track in the next session.

This exercise paled in comparison to Gene Streeter losing the rear end of his Mazdaspeed coming onto the main straight and working like crazy while approaching the start/finish tower. He saved it just in time, but we had a break in the action while the tower workers changed their pants. As he came off the track he was greeted by all of us with the "Gene Streeter Presidential Salute".

SDMC members numbered 24 which was better than 10% of the total registrants at Summer Camp. We make quite an impression to everyone. If my counting is correct we had 6 first-timers to Summer Camp and 5 first-time drivers on the track days. With as much fun as we have on the road trip and at summer camp, we will continue to get repeat attenders, and they will be "selling" to other club members what a terrific experience this is. I have already had people tell me that they are going to go next year.

In an effort to give Presto some more first-time experiences, we wanted to take him home on some of Route 66. We were able to set a course through Monument Valley (another first) on our way to Flagstaff, Arizona. Our plan was to hit the key spots on Route 66 that are in Arizona.

The route took us through Williams, Ash Fork, Seligman, Kingman, Hackberry, up Sitgreaves grade, and into Oatman. I'm afraid that some of the history and nostalgia that grips people of my vintage (those of you that have accompanied Mark and Cathy Booth on one of their Route 66 pilgrimages know what I mean) doesn't

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quite reach a 15-year-old boy. That said, he did sit in Angel Delgadillo's barber chair, and had ice cream at Juan Delgadillo's iconic Snow Cap res-



*Photo by Steve Waid, Presto in the Barber's Chair*

taurant. He was able to watch as Neal Mills got some of their "special mustard." The Delgadillo brothers are given credit for reviving the interest in the old road.

As we ate dinner the last night at the Giggly Cactus (let that name sink in) in Needles (114 degrees) I asked all of us that were taking this route (Neal Mills, Jan Frederick, Laurie, Presto, and me) what they remembered from each of the days. When we got to the day we were on Route 66, Presto said "I can't believe what driving the Sitgreaves grade felt like!" He had not driven anything like that before. You have to see it to believe it. It is a whole different kind of road. He



*Photo by Steve Waid, Ice Cream at the Snow Cap*

then added, "I never thought there would be that many burros in Oatman."

Well that ends the 2018 Adventures of Presto. Neither of us can wait for 2019. A track day with a new Flyin' Miata Turbo...oh boy. **T&T**



*Photo by Steve Waid, Presto and Burro*



of Independence Day just past, I'll not trample on his right to do so. I just wanted to share my own version of things, while respecting Editor Dale's efforts to reign in the volume a little; to somehow move me from the James Michener end of the spectrum to the Readers' Digest version of things.

Many of the participants in the recent Touch-A-Truck event (San Diego) were surprised the event wasn't cancelled by the heat wave afoot in much of San Diego. Not only was attendance well off the usual pace, but the tender flesh of the pint-sized adventurers was sometimes seared by black leather seats and sun-baked steering wheels. We provided towels on the seating surfaces exposed by having the tops down, but there's only so much we could do. Les Smith and Alan Kagan rounded-out our fearless foursome.

Another roadster of note was an aluminum-bodied Shelby Cobra in Le Mans blue and white stripe livery. Ten years an event participant, the Cobra earned the right to appear on the event t-shirt. In chatting with the "Boss Boss" and organizer of this mechanized horn-blowing chaos, Melissa did admit to liking the Miata Roadster profile emblazoned on Les Smith's perspiration-dampened shirt. There's hope for us.



Photo by Gene Streeter, "Us"

The heat was oppressive, likely producing the hottest Touch-A-Truck event on record, so there was seldom much of a line of parents or children waiting to try on our vehicles for size. Perhaps not a major membership recruiting opportunity, there were still quite a few adults that slid into the driver's seat, gauging the fit and reliving a time when driving was fun. It's the "pint-sized" drivers I want to honor at this point.



Photo by Gene Streeter, "Not Us"

As I always do, I detail my 2004 MazdaSpeed prior to the event. On the locally-known "Booth Scale of Brilliance," I can only claim a 7.2 result –

certainly not a "10," but respectable. It's both a ritual and a way for me to gauge children's' enjoyment of our brand of motoring. At the end of the show and during the drive home, here's what I observed:

- Significant transfer of sunscreen to both seats, door panels, and steering wheel
- Fingerprints dotted the exterior landscape of my vehicle as well
- Owing to the sunscreen, my dash looked like a photo-negative of fingerprints lifted from a crime scene
- A complete re-programming of my radio pre-sets and musical preferences
- My clock was miraculously re-set to GMT and in military time
- Not a single user setting remained across my center stack of buttons and switches

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- Nor the trip odometer mileage readouts

- It wasn't until the recent Twilight Run that I discovered the instrument panel lights had been dimmed

- Miracle of miracles, one of these budding electronic geniuses managed to clear my "Check Engine" MIL – no kidding! And, no code reader or trip to Rocky's Miatomotive was required

- Heads-up, Rocky. You need to begin grooming your apprentices while they're still v-e-r-y young

- Nothing was broken, or missing – testament to most parents supervising their children and Mazda's engineering prowess. I still marvel at the strength of the turn signal and wiper control stalks; they're often used as sort of a column shifter as the pint-sized racers go through the gears

### **It's An SDMC Trifecta**

On the tiny heels of Touch-A-Truck (more accurately "Honk-A-Horn"), came our participation in the 4th of July ("what date was that?") Parade in Julian. Events Chair Bill Bennett did a great job of creating interest and in driving our eventual participation in this small mountain resort town of roughly 1500 inhabitants. Speaking of Bill Bennett ... he has been doing a remarkable job of booking our entertainment and filling the calendar with events, even when he has to fill the voids himself. I'll use the month of July as an example. Our Events Calendar looks like a Scrabble Board of activity, some of them overlapping; fifteen different event days in all.

Rural living proponent Phil Daoust posted some great comments to the Club List in the wake of the parade. At his recommendation, I'm thinking we might want to join-in on the deep pit BBQ next year. My experience suggests this parade gets top honors for being the shortest route we've navigated. If not, the narrowest boulevard;

our signature moves from side-to-side and loops around were greatly constrained. To echo the announcer's energetic comments, "this is the most Miatas I've ever seen in one place." We didn't burst his bubble with any number of examples ranging from Summer Camp to Miatas at MRLS, or even our own Surf 'N Safari.

### **Ain't Life Grand?**

Perhaps, but not in this heat. The third and final event of this self-proclaimed trifecta came just two days later – Friday night's Cruisin' Grand. SDMC franchise operator Steve Waid is convinced this may have been the hottest Cruisin' Grand ever. Attendance was way down; so much so "daily drivers" were parked on both sides of the street normally reserved for vehicles from the 1970s and older. We decorated our roadsters in 4th of July style, with miniature versions of "Old Glory" being proudly waved by our windshield wipers in the vertical position. As the saying goes, "you had to be there." Or, maybe you stayed home watching one of the World Soccer events in air-conditioned comfort. Of the stalwarts that actually came out that evening, only Steve and I were zealous enough to walk the affected blocks. Since there wasn't that much on display, heading for dessert at Steve & Laurie's was the perfect finish to the work week.

### **Clean-up on Aisle Seven**

Don't get me wrong; I had a great time at Summer Camp again this year. We had the largest SDMC contingent ever making the trip, nicely augmented by SDMC women as well. Since Editor Dale has imposed length and weight restrictions on my submissions, I'm hopeful that some other contributor will do justice to the Summer Camp experience. A few weeks prior to our departure, Goodwin Racing/Rocky's Miatomotive announced their mammoth garage sale in advance of their planned August move. As any bargain hunter might be, I was both crushed and

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# Events Information

## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Cruisin' Grand	4 Greatest Show on Tur Alaska Cruise-COCSD
5 Alaskan Cruise w/COCSD	6 Alaska Cruise- COCSD	7 Alaska	8 Alaska Cruise- COCSD	9 Alaska Cruise-COCSD	10 Alaska Cruise- COCSD	11 Alaska Cruise-COCSD
12 SCCA SOLO Championship	13	14	15	16	17	18 Meguiar's Paint Care
19	20 Run to the Storm	21	22	23 SDMC Monthly Meeting	24 K1 Seed Event	25 Moon Over Miatas
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### San Diego Miata Club August Events

*By Bill Bennett*

July for the San Diego Miata Club was packed with events, sixteen unique experiences or, on average, one every two days. August is starting to look like people may have overdone themselves in July and are looking to take a little break. Between July's many activities and the sweltering heat, this isn't hard to believe.

As I am writing this in the middle of July, if you don't consider COCSD's eight-day Alaskan Ship Cruise, there are six activities currently on our August calendar.

If you're a new member and haven't done your "Magnetics Run" yet, this would be a great opportunity to step-up and find out what the club is really about. There are loads of Events that are possible and lots of seasoned club members willing to help you get "magnetized".

August 3rd Cruisin' Grand – Organized by the Waids. Meet at Tom's #23 in Escondido on the southwest corner of Centre City Parkway and 5th Street around 6:00 PM for dinner. Drivers Meeting and head out around 7:00 PM. After the cruise and walk of Grand, we'll decide on where to go for the (almost) mandatory stop for pie and ice cream.

August 4th "Greatest Show on Turf" – Coordinated by the Waids. Held at the South Clairemont Recreation Center, 3605 Clairemont Dr., San Diego, CA 92117. Show hours 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Pre-registration \$25 comes with goody bag and T-Shirt. Registration \$25 the day of, no goody bag or T-Shirt. Class Trophies.

August 12th SCCA Solo Championship – Qualcomm Stadium West Lot, Starts 7:30 AM ends 5:30 PM

August 18th Run to Meguiar's for "Intro to

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Paint Care and DA Polishing” Organized by Ken Hurd. Drivers meeting at the McDonalds parking lot off of I-5 on Oceanside Blvd. The Driver’s Meeting will be at 6:45 AM with departure at 7:00 AM and arrival at Meguiar’s in Irvine at approximately 8:00 AM

August 21st “Run to the Storm” Organized by Jon Connor & Melinda Smith. It’s \$3 Tacos, \$3 Tall boy beers and 2-for-1 Tickets to watch the Lake Elsinore Storm the Class A-Advanced Padres Farm team located north in southern Riverside County.

August 23rd San Diego Miata Club Monthly Meeting. Come for dinner 6:00 PM or before. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

August 25th “Moon Over Miatas” Organized by the Waids. Participants will meet at 7:30 PM in Dudley’s Bakery’s parking lot in Santa Ysabel. Come earlier for dinner at the Apple Country Restaurant adjacent to Dudley’s if you’d like. The run will end at the Golden Acorn Casino for a bio-break and dessert if you so choose.

For more details on any of the above events, see the Monthly Calendar on the website at [sandiegomiataclub.org](http://sandiegomiataclub.org) or contact the event sponsors. **T&T**

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**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!

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## Miata Club Philippines Member Visits San Diego

*By Jeff Christy*

In the first week of July I had the privilege of hosting Miata Club Philippines member Reynold Gan. He and his family were visiting the San Diego area for a few days. Reynold proudly owns a 2018 Soul Red Crystal ND soft top he affectionately named "Scarlet." Reynold is very active in the Philippines club which has grown over the past few years to quite a few members. I presented Reynold with a SDMC shirt and took him for a ride up to Mt. Laguna to experience some of San Diego's wonderful back roads. My family and I plan to visit the Philippines in August. Reynold will return the favor by showing us some of the beautiful roads in and around Manila. **T&T**



*Jeff Presenting Reynold with a SDMC Shirt*

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## A Little Humor - Great One Liners

Larry David on Baldness:

“Anyone can be confident with a full head of hair. But a confident bald mean—there’s your diamond in the rough.”

# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

Welcome back after a break in membership...

Mike & Lisa Schwartz  
John Conn

San Diego  
Ocean Shores, WA

1994 Classic Red  
2017 FIAT 124 Spider

Our Club's numbers as of 7/15/2018:

141 memberships (42 single, 99 dual) for a total of 240 members.

SDMC-List is available to any active (current) SDMC member. If you desire access, send an email to [membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org](mailto:membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org) requesting an account be set up for you.

## Member Classified Adds

Classified adds will be published for paid members on a space available basis. Adds will run for a maximum of 90 days.

MEN'S PUMA LEATHER HIGH TOP DRIVING SHOES, Size 12, Black - worn once - \$75 Contact: Carol Freeland 619-301-2139 [free92067@gmail.com](mailto:free92067@gmail.com)

2002 RED MIATA, 65,000 +or-, new tires, some wear on driver's seat from entering. Paint is in fair condition, has aero panels, regularly serviced with records. Asking \$6,000 OBO. Contact: Ed Grant 949-701-6866 [fxpthl@gmail.com](mailto:fxpthl@gmail.com)

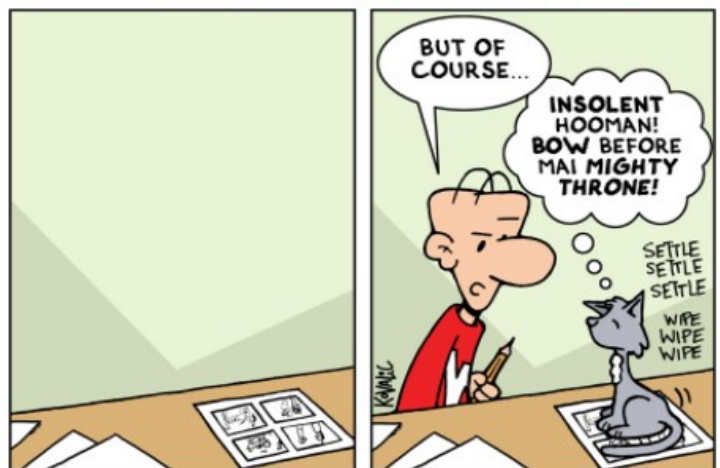
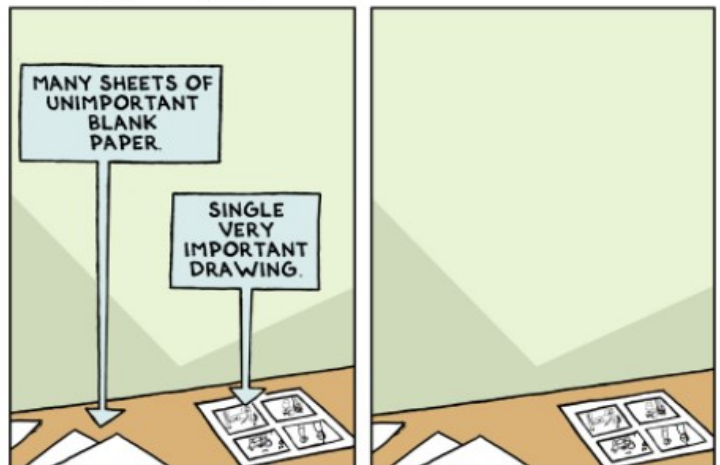
## A Little Humor - Great One Liners

George Carlin on Innovation:

"The very existence of flame-throwers proves that some time, somewhere, someone said to themselves 'You know, I want to set those people over there on fire, but I'm just not close enough to get the job done.'"

Posted on March 20, 2018 by John Kovalic

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## Angeles Crest Highway Run

*By Bill Bennett*

Wow, what a day ! Thirty-three people joined us on the run across the Angeles Crest Highway last Wednesday. I received a lot of nice comments on the wonderful road, the beautiful views and the fun time had by almost everyone. The weather was nice on our early morning trek to Wrightwood, the traffic was light and we made good time up the I-15. We picked-up four participants at the Murrietta Hot Springs on-ramp and continued up the I-15 to the 138 off-ramp, got refueled, refreshed and on toward Wrightwood. In Wrightwood we picked-up three non-member cars from LA County that had asked if they could join us and off we went. Jon Connor was our navigator with Pamela & Dave Hunt doing the sweep duties.

As we gained altitude, the effects of the warming day were mitigated by the cool mountain air and it was ideal weather for a spirited run across the Crest. And spirited it was, although the lead car I was driving was usually within arm's length of the posted speed limit. After taking several opportunities to queue-up because of the different driving styles and speeds of the participants, the group voted that we would continue on, and since there was not really any way to get lost, we would let everyone arrive in La Canada/Flintridge on their own schedules.

When we finally arrived at the Hill Street Café at the end of the westward leg, we were mostly in good shape for a lot of water replenishment and a great meal. We got both.

The road was in great shape with no pot holes and the sweeping corners were amazing as you could go through them near the adhesion limits of your tires. This day the Crest was unusually rock-strewn and two cars succumbed to

tire damage due to hitting rocks: Dave Bryan suffered a slow-leak puncture and Richard Taylor and his son, Rio, had a hit that flattened his tire and damaged his rim. Dave was able to limp home with his slow leak and Richard and son made it to Escondido courtesy of a Triple-A flat-bed. Richard told me that he was unable to wipe the smile off of Rio's face on the run and it was a great father/son experience for both of them.

The cake to celebrate Steve Waid's and Gene Streeter's birthdays was also a victim of the heat and turned into a pool of liquid chocolate frosting in the bottom of my trunk.

Nonetheless, I think most everyone had a great time and we learned some lessons that will make the next ACH run even more fun. Simply said, break the group into two run groups with separate sweeps, one for cruising sight-seers and one for those there to enjoy the driving experience. Also, spend more time talking about dealing with the rocks which were the worst I had ever seen. The rocks need to be dealt with by substantially increasing the interval between cars and slowing the speeds.

But almost everyone told me they had a great time. I know I did.

I would like to thank Jon, Pamela and Dave for the yeoman's work they did helping manage the run. I'd also like to thank Laurie and Steve Waid for the great job they did in relaying messages back and forth on the column and assisting Pamela and Dave with the sweep duties.

To all of the attendees, thanks for coming ! **T&T**

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## Main Street America Car Show

By Mark Booth and Steve Waid

*Ed Note: This article is a compilation of email messages sent by the authors listed above.*

From Mark Booth

My thanks to Craig and the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego for another terrific Main Street America Car Show!

This is always a fantastic event and, frankly, it amazes me that we don't get an even larger turnout from SDMC. Why? Because a good description would be 'SDMC Party on the Hill'. That's what it is, a party. A good time. A lot of fun hanging out with your fellow Miata nuts. SDMC gets to park their Miatas on a grassy knoll that features gorgeous views and a nice ocean breeze. As a bonus, there just happens to be a couple hundred beautiful OTMs to admire too!

Topping that off, the proceeds from the event go to the San Diego Center for the Blind. So, in addition to having a party, it's all for a good cause. Win-Win!

When next year's chance to register rolls around, don't hesitate, come join the party!

Congrats to: Greg & Mandie Lee for their First Place win (Miata NA or NB), Steve & Laurie Waid for their Runner-Up wins (Miata NA or NB & Corvette), Daryled & Carlan Bristol for their Runner-Up win (Miata NC or ND) and to Wally Stevens & Sandy Bagnall for their Sponsor's award for their 2014 Lamborghini Gallardo (which I forgot to take a photo of, sorry).

That said, here's the link to my photo gallery from the event:

<https://www.thephotobooth.net/Miata-Snapshots/San-Diego-Miata-Club-Events/Main-Street-America-Car-Show-2018/n-sLN4hV/>



Photo by Mark Booth: Steve Waid Regaling Us with a "True Story."

You'll notice that the first picture features Steve telling a tall story, an apt beginning to the day! :)

Congrats to SDMC for winning the Club Participation Award... again! (And a special thanks to David Bryan for hauling the massive Award around in his Miata! :)



Photo by Mark Booth: David Bryan (aka Da Prez) Receiving the Club Participation Award for SDMC.

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# San Diego Miata Club

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## 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.

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☐ 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

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



From Steve Waid

Mark did a wonderful job of describing the Main Street America Car Show in both words and pictures. However, modest as he is, he did not mention his winning the first place plaque for his Soul Red ND Launch Edition in the ND and NC class. Even though I tend to belittle the Soul Red Miatas, there is no doubt that Mark's is the most pristine example around. Also, he displays some tasteful bling that he has added to personalize his already-special car. So, now that you have been recognized Mark, you can put the photo of you accepting your plaque (taken by the tall good looking SDMC member that we all know and love) on your photo page of the event.



*Photo by Suede: Mark Booth Receiving the First Place Award for His Soul Red Launch Edition.*

One other omission was Alan Kagan whose Acura NSX won the class for more current imports and sports cars. Of course Alan created the omission by leaving before the awards presentations, so there is no photo.

Mark was also quick to point out that in the first picture I was "telling a tall tale" to start the day.. I was in fact regaling Neal Mills who sits with a bored expression. At first I thought I might need to be offended, but then I remembered that Neal always has a bored expression so I was OK.

It was a great and fun day! **T&T**

conflicted. The cleverer among us left "buy" instructions with Rocky, Brian, and staff.

It was more than a little ironic, then, that Flyin' Miata had much the same idea. Upon our arrival we were invited to help ourselves to any of the parts, assemblies, or boxes stored outside on multiple pallets. There were salvage parts and surplus for sale inside their warehouse. Whether you "cleaned-up" in Palisades, Colorado or on Garnet in San Diego, these are the gestures that build community and our car culture. And, help clear the decks for better inventory turn and efficiency. Win-win.

There's something on the events calendar for most everyone; even good stories can't replace the activities themselves. Get out there, San Diego Miata Club! **T&T**



*Photo by Gene Streeter: Digitally captured! This beast was spotted behind bars and within city limits.*

## A Little Humor - Great One Liners

Bill Murray on Hope and Bacon:

"Twenty years ago we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope, and Steve Jobs. Now we have no Cash, no Hope and no Jobs. Please ... don't let Kevin Bacon die!"

# 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!"
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8. For complete instructions and club email etiquette go to [http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/for\\_members/sdmc-list\\_events.html](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/sdmc-list_events.html)



## 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.SHOP GERI-BAZAAR.COM](http://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](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 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](http://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

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**Mazda of El Cajon.** 619.590.3700. Discount 10% on parts & labor. VIP Membership: 3 oil changes for \$19.95 with \$5 going to Rady's Childrens Hospital.

**Mazda of Escondido.** 858.395.9990 (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

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