



# TWISTS & TURNS

October 2018

## Marconi Museum Redux

By Jon Connor

It was a glorious Sunday morning when a small but determined band of San Diego Miata Club members gathered at the Aliso Creek rest stop to begin our annual visit to the Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin.

The Museum is the private collection of Dick Marconi who founded the Marconi Automotive Museum & Foundation for Kids in 1994. Always a great car enthusiast, over the years Marconi amassed an impressive collection of high performance street cars and race cars. Once a year, they hold an Open House and car clubs are invited. The San Diego Miata Club has been one of the featured clubs at this event for three years running.



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## Art Hamilton Remembered

By Neal Mills

Nov. 18, 1934—Aug.  
31, 2018



Mr. Arthur "Art" Lee Hamilton was born on November 18, 1934 to the late Patsy and Fred Hamilton in Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina. Art received his formal education

through the New York City Public School System.

Art joined the U.S. Marine Corps, served during the Vietnam war, and retired as a Master Sergeant. He received the Vietnam Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation; National Defense Medal and

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various other medals during his Marine career.

He later became a staff member at the University of California, San Diego for many years until retirement.

During retirement he volunteered his services with a variety of organizations, joined clubs and donated to many charities. He was a member of the American Legion, the national Montford Point Marine Association, and Escondido Fish and Game Association. For many years he volunteered his time and service to the Salvation Army to feed the homeless and the hungry during the holidays and volunteered with other organizations.

Art was one of the 55 **charter** members (34 memberships) that attended San Diego Miata Club's very first membership meeting on March 31, 1996. Art was also a member of the Southern California Miata Club and was a regular participant on Miata fun runs prior to SDMC's founding. Up until the last few years, Art was a routine participant at just about every SDMC event. His infectious smile, great personality and willingness to help out were well known within the club. In February 1999, Art earned his SDMC magnetics by co-hosting a tour of Camp Pendleton, an event that is fondly remembered by everyone that attended.

Art died at his home in San Diego on August 31, 2018.

Art had 3 loves in his life – the Marine Corps; cars, particularly his 10AE; and the search for his next bowl of ice cream. In his memory, please have a bowl of vanilla ice cream and raise a spoonful in salute to Art Hamilton. **T & T**



## From a Past Newsletter—Why the Puke ?

By Laurie Waid

[Ed. From the May 2004 Newsletter]

Being one who HATES to be sick to my stomach, I often wonder why in the world my beloved nicknamed our run the Puke O Rama. Well, a little history to fill you in...

The first run Steve and I prepared after joining SDMC was called The Grand Back Country Run or something nondescript like that. We went all over the place, beginning at Children's Hospital at a charity breakfast, and ending for dinner (I can't even remember where!) We did, however, drive our Puke signature road, Engineer Road in Cuyamaca State Park. Steve was hooked. I was sick.

From then on, the Puke has made at least one passenger ill every year. This year was no exception. On the way up the west side of Palomar Mountain, someone in the Daffodil Group reported an ill passenger, and left the run. One year we had THREE pukers. Oh, my.

This year we started the run at Dalton's Roadhouse in San Marcos, on their new patio with a great all-you-can eat brunch. I don't think too many ate all they could eat, just in case! Dalton's is very car-club friendly and their manager Marty even donated tee shirts for the run leaders this year, and always supports our raffles with a donation. The tee shirts say "Road Crew", which is pretty appropriate.

Approximately 55 cars split into five run groups as is Steve's tradition, so that we can stay together more easily and avoid causing traffic jams. Run leaders and sweeps this year were Steve Waid with Scott Lewis sweeping, Tom Thompson with Jack DiLustro sweeping, Dennis Garon with Bruce Lewis sweeping, Prez Steve Kennison with Dennis

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## Marconi Museum Redux

Dick Marconi's featured marque is Ferrari and he has some wonderful examples including the rare F40 and F50.



Ferrari F50

There are also several celebrity cars in the collection. Boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya (aka "The Golden Boy") commissioned a low rider pickup truck after winning the Gold Medal at the 1992 Olympics. His truck is finished with 24 karat gold fixtures including the sound system and the hydraulics located in the bed of the truck.



24 Karat Gold Sound & hydraulics



Oscar De La Hoya "Golden Boy" Truck

One other celebrity vehicle at the museum is a beautiful yellow Ferrari that Sonny Bono gifted to Cher in a futile attempt to win back her affections from Gregg Allman. We know it was futile because Marconi, and not Cher, now has the Ferrari.

In addition to the wonderful cars, there were food trucks, a live band and FREE ice cream.



Indeed, a good time was had by all.

**T & T**

## Run to The Storm

By Jon Connor

Did you know that the San Diego Padres have a minor league team that doesn't play at Petco Park? That's right, The Storm, an Advanced Single A farm team plays at The Diamond in beautiful Lake Elsinore.

It's a quick Miata run into the Inland Empire where on a marvelous Taco Tuesday we were treated to \$3 tacos and \$3 tall boys. With 2 for 1 ticket pricing (or Richard Taylor's extra special pricing), \$5 parking and the aforementioned tacos & tall boys, one could enjoy a fun evening at budget prices. This our fourth year of making this run and it has become a Club favorite.



*San Diego Miata Club Members enjoying baseball, snacks and liquid refreshments.*

The Storm acknowledged us on the scoreboard and even eked out a 1-0 win over the

visiting Inland Empire 66er's (Angels farm club). **T & T**



## CALLING ALL CANDIDATES!

The San Diego Miata Club's **annual meeting and election** of your 2019 board of directors takes place Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever want to get into politics? Actually, we don't really have politics; we're a car club. Here's your opportunity to be more involved with the running of your car club. The board of director's positions to be elected are listed below. Details, duties and requirements for these positions can be found in the San Diego Miata Club bylaws. The bylaws can be found in the "for members" section of the SDMC website.

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Who's next?



## Are Those Wedding Bells that I Hear?

By Lynn Nolan

It all began at the 2015 SDMC Surfing Safari. As they say, one thing led to another, and two SDMC members have been together since that Surfing Safari.

At that event one of the club members commented that Carol Freeland and Steve Taft seemed to have an obvious connection. Not only did they enjoy each other's company, they attended the same church and both had



homes in Mexico. Carol's casa was in Cuernavaca, Morelos while Steve's place was in Mulege, Baja Sur.

Time marches on and in August they "made it official." They tied the knot at the courthouse in Las Vegas. Carol and Steve will be hon-

eymoonning in various states in their Country Coach motorhome. Future plans include dividing their time between Mulege during the winter and enjoying summers on the Deschutes River in Oregon.

Meanwhile, there's one lonely Miata in Del Mar awaiting the next....

Congratulations!



## Why the Puke run?(cont'd)

Didier sweeping and Laurie Waid with Gary Scott sweeping. This year, alternating groups ran the course forwards and backwards giving us a chance to "run" into each other as we traveled.

After a 150 plus mile jaunt throughout our favorite roads including Lilac Road, Couser Canyon, Palomar west and east grades, Mesa Grande, Pine Hills, Boulder Creek, Engineer Road, Wynola Road, Old Julian Highway and Highland Valley Road, everyone had lots of stories to tell as we reconvened at Dalton's for an early dinner. Driving is exhausting, just ask anyone who drove the Puke. **T & T**

From May 2004 SDMC Newsletter

# Events Information

## October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Alaska Cruise-COCSD	2 Alaska Cruise-COCSD	3 Alaska Cruise-COCSD	4 Alaska Cruise-COCSD	5 Devil's Highway Run Alaska Cruise-COCSD	6 Devil's Highway Run
7 Devil's Highway Run	8 Devil's Highway Run	9	10	11	12	13 SCCA Solo Autocross Practice
14 SCCA SOLO Championship	15	16	17	18	19	20 Ed Grant's Fabulous Flip-Flop Run 9:30am - 1:30 pm
21 SCCA Solo Autocross Novice School	22	23	24	25 SDMC Monthly Meeting 7pm - 8pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### San Diego Miata Club October Events

*By Bill Bennett*

Lucky us! As the San Diego Miata Club settles into the fall, there will still be a lot of fun that can be had with our Miatas/MX-5's. We're blessed with beautiful fall weather whereas a lot of the rest of the country is already thinking of putting their little darlings away for the winter and switching to their "winter beaters". Trust me when I say, "Lucky us!"

The SDMC appears to be a very popular club. A good part of the events we get to enjoy in October have been other organizations inviting us to join them on their events. But to start with, I'll give you the SDMC-sponsored events.

**Ed Grant's Fabulous Flip-Flop Run** Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Meet @ 9:30 AM Launch @ 10:00 AM Done by about 1:30 PM Meet at the

east end of the Walmart parking lot in Temecula on Hwy 79

This is the second year Ed's taking us on this magical adventure. He's taking us on some of the great roads in South Riverside County, but we'll do them in the reverse of the direction we normally do. But don't worry that you'll wear out your transmission and get a stiff neck from looking over your shoulder, we'll do them going forward! But they'll look different because you'll see them from a new perspective unless you went on last year's Flip-Flop - 1. We'll finish the run by having lunch at Richie's Real American Diner in Temecula Old Town.

**San Diego Miata Club Monthly Meeting** Thursday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hamburger Factory, at 14122 Midland Rd. in Poway. Meeting starts @ 7:00 PM and ends @ approximately 8:00 PM. Come early (6:00 PM or earlier) and

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## Events Continued

get a head start on dinner and pick out a great seat for the meeting.

The meeting will feature a summation of late September's and October's (so far) events, discussion of finances, new members, birthdays, upcoming events and the 50/50 Raffle. Repartee delivered by President David Bryan.

### Non-club-sponsored events

**Alaskan Ship Cruise with the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego.** Starts Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. See the club calendar for more information and contact Craig Moya @ [cjm63sw@att.net](mailto:cjm63sw@att.net) or 619.723.2020 for more information.

**Sahuaro (Central Arizona) Miata Club Devil's Highway Run** Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Club members will meet-up with the Sahuaro Miata in Springerville, AZ and navigate the breathtaking highways of Eastern Arizona and Western New Mexico. Contact Larry Lloyd for more information. If this is your first exposure to this run, quite likely you're too late. Larry Lloyd 619.873.7077 or [llloyd4725@sbcglobal.net](mailto:llloyd4725@sbcglobal.net)

**SCCA Solo Autocross Practice**, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Qualcomm Stadium SE Lot

**SCCA Solo Autocross Championship 11**, Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Qualcomm Stadium SE Lot

**SCCA Solo Autocross Novice School**, October 21<sup>st</sup>, All day Qualcomm Stadium SE Lot

For these three Solo Autocross Events, contact Daryled Bristol @ 619.784.3953 or [daryledb@aol.com](mailto:daryledb@aol.com)

## Holiday Party, December 2nd Sycuan Resort and Golf club

*By Larry Lloyd*

The Sycuan Resort and Golf Club, located at 3007 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, (NOT Sycuan Casino) will be hosting our SDMC holiday party in the Magnolia Room, beginning at 5 PM on Sunday, December 2. It is a beautiful and spacious room and we look forward to the event.

The ticket price for the party is \$30, reduced from last year. You can make reservations with Dennis Sullivan at the club's monthly meeting or by mailing a check to Dennis at:

Dennis Sullivan,  
27018 Sunningdale Way  
Valley Center, CA 92082

Since the Resort is a bit far for some of us, or for those who'd like to enjoy an extra cocktail that night, we have blocked a group of rooms for the rate of \$139 per night. EACH PERSON OR COUPLE IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENT, i.e., call the Resort and book your room with your credit card. These room reservations must be completed by November 1, 2018 to receive the rate. The Resort phone number is 619-442-3425. Ask for the San Diego Miata Club rate.

There is also a beautiful restaurant for breakfast, and Dave Kempton will coordinate golf for any who'd like on Monday morning after the party. Email your interest to Dave at [GDKempton@gmail.com](mailto:GDKempton@gmail.com)

Additionally, please let Laurie Waid know via email when you have booked a room so that we can keep a room count, and increase it if needed. T & T

# Membership

**By Chris & Linda Jones**

SDMC NEWSLETTER INPUT (for OCTOBER 2018) -- Combined the SEP & OCT reporting

## **Welcome to our newest members...**

Steve Marion	Encinitas	2017 Soul Red Metallic (RF Club/Brembo)
Wendy & John Crumbaugh	Ramona	2014 Meteor Gray
Mark Gale & Maria Osborn-Gale	Chula Vista	1990 Black
John & Christine Schmitz	Sun City, CA	2013 True Red
James Wildermuth	San Diego	2018 Snowflake White Pearl Mica
Jonathan Avesar	San Diego	looking...
John & Kelly Telles	Oceanside	2005 Velocity Red (Mazdaspeed)
Ezra Fairbanks	Valley Center	1999 Sapphire Blue 10AE
Chris & Jill Childers	San Diego	2006 Galaxy Gray Mica

## **Welcome back after a break in membership...**

Susan & Mike Pasterkiewicz	San Diego	2001 British Racing Green
Steve Taft	Del Mar	looking...
Sandra & Lyle Boelter	San Diego	2005 Lava Orange Mica [FUN4S&L]
Brandon & Jessica Chittenden	San Diego	2017 Machine Gray Metallic & 1996 Brilliant Black

Our Club's numbers as of 9/15/2018:

154 memberships (47 single, 107 dual) for a total of 261 members.

If you desire access, send an email to [membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org](mailto:membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org) requesting an account be set up for you.

## **2019 Membership Renewal**

Membership renewal season is fast approaching. As always, all memberships expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, but there's no need to wait until New Year's Eve to renew. We'll start accepting 2019 renewals at the November 10<sup>th</sup> SDMC Annual meeting, and continue at the November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> monthly meetings. You're welcome to mail your SDMC Renewal form to the Club's PO box at any time (address is on the form). Annual on-time renewal is still only \$35.00. Pick up a renewal form at the above meetings, or download online and print at: [http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for\\_members/index.html](http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/index.html) -- look for "Renewal Application" at the bottom of that page. If you renew after December 31<sup>st</sup>, you're late. <smile>

Note: Some members renew for multiple years – you're welcome to consider that, too. Sorry, no multi-year discount.

Thanks!

Chris Jones & Linda Southard  
Your SDMC Membership Team  
[membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org](mailto:membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org)



## What colors are our Cars?

By Chris & Linda Jones

Q: Are all sports cars red?

A: Well, mostly.

Our Club's inventory continues to reflect Red's popularity, strengthened by the influx of Soul Red Metallic in recent Miata model years.

Color Group	Count	Percentage
Reds	64	39%
Blues	24	15%
Whites	19	12%
Grays	15	9%
Blacks	12	7%
Silvers	12	7%
Greens	9	5%
Yellows	7	4%
Oranges	2	1%

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[Ed. The total number of cars shown is 164, how many members are without a Miata?]

## Member Classified Ads

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)

## Ode to the OTM

By Bruce Lewis

[April 2002 Newsletter]

OTM, OTM I am on a run,  
OTM, OTM someone get a gun.  
OTM, OTM my grandma goes faster  
than you do,  
OTM, OTM I must catch up to Voo-  
doo.  
OTM, OTM is this the way it goes?  
OTM, OTM your driving really blows.  
OTM, OTM please look in your mirror,  
OTM, OTM I'm tired of second gear.  
OTM, OTM I just want to pass,  
OTM, OTM I wish you would haul \_\_\_\_!  
(Sorry, "G-rated" newsletter.)  
OTM, OTM please just go away,  
OTM, OTM my hair is turning gray.  
OTM, OTM my bladder's about to burst,  
OTM, OTM are you stuck in first?  
OTM, OTM thanks a freaking bunch,  
OTM, OTM now I'm late for lunch.  
OTM, OTM pulling to the side,  
OTM, OTM sorry, I did chide?  
OTM, OTM thanks a whole lotta,  
OTM, OTM next time, buy a Miata!  
(stuck behind a Subaru)

**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)**

# From the President

## Membership Renewal Policy

By David Bryan, President, SDMC

considered delinquent 30-days after that.

*Dues renewals not received or post-marked by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a \$5.00 late fee. - (\$35.00 dues + \$5.00 late fee)*

(Ref 10.2) Partial year dues apply to new members only.

*A member with delinquent dues does not qualify for Partial Year Dues by waiting until July 1st. In order to qualify for partial dues the member must have been away from the club for a minimum of one year.*

*Members with delinquent dues can be dropped from membership rolls, mail and e-mail list as soon as March 1st. Members with delinquent dues are not eligible to take part in SDMC-subsidized events such as the annual Summer Picnic or Holiday Party.*

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL POLICY

As any of you who attend the SDMC monthly meetings can attest, the club has a miserable time with late membership renewals every year. This causes a tremendous amount of extra work on the part of your membership duo and club treasurer & treasury, as well as constant cajoling by the president at the monthly meetings. We nag, make threats, send e-mails, and make phone calls. *It goes on for months and has to change!*

Here's an excerpt of the SDMC bylaws concerning membership and renewal.

#### Article X. Dues and Expenditures

10.1 Dues - Membership dues shall be \$35 annually for either a dual or a single membership.

10.2 Partial Year Dues - Dues for new members who join in January through June are \$35; dues for those who join in July through December are \$20.

10.3 Expiration - All memberships, regardless of when paid, expire at the end of the calendar year. Renewals are due by January 1.

10.4 Delinquency - Lapsed members who are more than 30 days delinquent will be dropped from the membership rolls.

**Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, SDMC policy as determined by the board of directors are as follows:**

(Ref 10.3, 10.4) All memberships expire at the end of the calendar year and renewals are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues are



# 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)



# Behind the Wheel



By Lynn  
Nolan

Hobbies and leisure activities: Driving the Miata, woodworking and reading

Something most people don't know about me:

I had two marriages, the first not so good, the second to a wonderful woman for 30 years and the final wonderful woman (Chloe). I am truly blessed. **T & T**

Name: Edwin "Ed" Grant

Miata year, model and color: 2006 Club Mediterranean Blue

SDMC member since: 2016

I grew up in (city, state): Crete, Illinois

Name of College/University (if attended): SDSU and National University

Occupation/s: Truck Driver, Millwright (Lumber)

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to: Get my degree before joining the Navy

Favorite Restaurants: Honeycutt Farms

Food: American, especially steak and hamburgers

Movies: Action, Sci-Fi and Adventure

Music: 50s doo wop & amp; Country I don't understand opera



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## A Little Humor - Jay Leno

As part of his standup lines

"If you drive a Smart Car and place a bag of groceries in the passenger seat, you have to down-shift to a lower gear to keep up with the traffic."

## 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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**Tom Matano**

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**President**



**Laurie Waid**  
**Vice President**



**Dennis Sullivan**  
**Treasurer**



**Linda Doud**  
**Secretary**

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## Contact

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Coronado, CA 92178-0456

### 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://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.
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.

**Gerl's Bazaar**—custom Miata luggage made to fit your specific Miata. Free embroidery to SDMC members. [WWW.SHOPGERLBAZAAR.COM](http://WWW.SHOPGERLBAZAAR.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** 696 Naples St. Chula Vista 91911 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).

**Pitstop Autoglass.** Rock chip repairs free to SDMC members. Must show membership card. In-shop only. 858.675.GLASS (4527)

**Porterfield Enterprises** Brake pads, ro-

tors. 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

**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)

**TJM Enterprises** (formerly Magnolia Auto body) Restorations, Body Work. 10027 Prospect Ave. Santee. 619.562.7861 Ask for TJ. Discount: 10% on parts and labor.

**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.** 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

**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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