



# TWISTS & TURNS

November 2018

## The Rear View Mirror

By Gene Streeter



### Giving Thanks

The recent weekend rain was certainly welcome. In conjunction with moderating San Diego temperatures, the advent of "pumpkin spice" flavored everything, and the discreet un-veiling of Holiday decorations, our change in weather helps usher in our Fall season. While I enjoy the fantasy of Halloween, Thanksgiving is more honest, more wholesome, even more nutritious if you do it right. I always find myself taking stock of those things I'm grateful for in my life.

I'll start with you, dear reader. I'm grateful for this club and its eclectic collection of personalities and talents. I'm impressed with the smorgasbord of runs, events, and social interactions available month after month, year after year. Like you, I'm saddened by the loss of a member, one of our extended family, of a friend. I'm grateful to associate with a group of people that morph "transformer style" into an emotional support group from one masquerading as "just a sports car club." We're so much more; let's "give thanks" as we enjoy the best of this season.

### It's All About the Timing ...

I dragged my feet, figuratively, in getting this article to our latest, and equally esteemed

## Our Holiday Bash



## San Diego Miata Club

2018 Annual Holiday Party

&  
Gift Exchange

Sunday, December 2, 2018  
5:00 PM

Sycuan Resort and Golf Club  
3007 Dehesa Road  
El Cajon

For Details, see page 7

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editor, Larry Lloyd. We both decided it would be part of the November newsletter.

While you might already know some of the major details of the Silver State Classic Challenge,



there are a few things worth sharing (*I'll be the judge of that.* –Ed.) about the September, 2018 edition. Let's get after it.

About 80 vehicles gathered at the local high school for the parade through town; some 22 local kids got to ride in our "race cars." We threw candy to those lining the sidewalks of town. While the absolute rule was "no Burn-outs" (race disqualification, if caught), loud exhaust and revving of engines was encouraged.

Saturday morning was the big car show in the park, very near the center of Ely, one of several storied mining towns in northern Nevada. I have a few sample shots of the 113 vehicles scheduled to run. I had a great conversation with legendary designer, racer, author, and old-fashioned gentleman – Peter Brock. While there's mild profanity, here's a link to a Car & Driver interview some of you might enjoy from 2013: <https://www.caranddriver.com/features/what-id-do-differently-peter-brock-feature>. I think it's interesting, and quite a contrast with today's best practices, how successful businessmen once thought they needed to verbally abuse their employees to get things accomplished. (I'll get off my soapbox now and back to the story.)

SDMC member and life-long "car guy," **Wally Stevens** fielded his in-your-face yellow 2016 Corvette C7 Z-06. Wally wears his age and experience well, but has a habit of coordinating

his car number with his age. If you're clever (I'm confident you are) you can deduce his chronological age in the number he requested for this event – #482. He's been participating in SCCA and other racing events much of his adult life; I might not otherwise be tempted to buckle up next to him. (My wife always asks about my life insurance policy before I leave home.) Ironically, we narrowly survived Saturday morning's Tech Inspection – all four run-flat Michelins showed a little degradation on the inside edges and I had a "wardrobe failure" of sorts. I had forgotten to bring my leather (key word) driving shoes with me to Tech. I had them for the weekend, just not with me. Between the two of us, we convinced the Tech Steward we were properly equipped, and he relinquished the Tech Inspection sticker we needed.

Come race day, we were up at "o' dark thirty" and off to McDonald's for coffee, and what we loosely call "breakfast." I rarely eat oatmeal, save for the fast-food version that I get there, doctored with fruit. On the other hand, Wally *always* orders three oatmeal cookies with his coffee. For those of us old enough to remember, a young Bill Cosby once maintained he was justified in feeding his kids chocolate cake for breakfast, since it contained most of the essential food groups. Please nod knowingly and say "yep" if you remember that more innocent time of our lives. But, I digress. McDonald's opens up crazy early just for us, much as the entire town has gone out of its way to accommodate the Silver State and Open Road Challenges every year for the last thirty.

We were off to Pre-grid in Lund, making multiple trips to the bathroom and/or porta-potty (both coffee and nerves getting to us). Once gridded an hour later, we donned the rest of our safety gear – fire-protective underwear, gloves, helmet and buckled into a five-point racing harness, along with arm restraints. Once cinched up, I couldn't even reach the dash and glove box; we were human sausages about to brave the rapidly-warming Nevada high desert. How's that for a visual? We roared away from the start line, all 650 horsepower bellowing at full staccato – outside. Inside, and with the convertible top in place, we cranked the A/C and set the cruise control as a way of moderating throttle inputs. I thought about leaving this part out, since it detracts from the "manliness" of it all. (*Not to mention cutting-down the overall length.* – Ed.)

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There's no crime in being comfortable, right?

I was proud of Wally, not so much for his choice of breakfast nutrition, but for his driving of the "Narrows" (about 4 miles of serious curves @ speed) a little faster this year, at very nearly 100 MPH, having "banked" 9 seconds of time in the first 2/3rds of our run. The rest of the 90 mile course (Nevada Highway 318 is closed for the Event) is mostly straight, with some lesser blind curves thrown in for good measure. Even at 140 MPH, his Z-06 is rock solid; we destroyed a lot of bugs, but managed to avoid larger wildlife. At one point, there were cows on the course to delay the race, but we were already through that section.

While there's a \$4000 computer/GPS setup available, we were competing the old-fashioned way – a hand-held stop watch/lap timer. I was clicking off the mile markers (94 of them in all) and tracking our progress, while sharing information and instructions with Wally – another reason for the top to be in place. We were running absolutely to plan, but I somehow got tripped-up in the final ten minutes. We finished .7 seconds fast over the 90 miles; yes, less than one second short of "perfect," but not



nearly good enough to win. The **class-winning** women notched a 0.0011 seconds deviation from perfect. Indeed, the "best man for the job may well be a woman." While we earned a podium finish, it wasn't nearly as satisfying as an outright win.

This race is really well-suited to Vipers, 'Vettes, and modern performance machinery. There



were two Lamborghinis, multiple Hellcats and Hemi-powered Mopars, Mustangs, Porsches, AMG Mercedes, even a Scion FRS and a Mazda 6. There's a speed class for most everyone – from 95 MPH to Unlimited, which BTW, the record is 219+ MPH over the entire course, with a trap speed of 250.

The finish line is a mile back, for safety's sake. In the May "Mile Shoot-out" event measuring top speed in a standing mile, a 2018 Z-06 Corvette driver took his foot off the throttle, but somehow "forgot" to apply the brakes, plowing the field beyond the braking area. He claims he's going to rebuild it, over his wife's strident objections.



at least twice a year ... legally.

I'm convinced **Wally** does this both for the "Kodak moment" and the opportunity to put the hammer down on 650 horsepower

**T&T**

# The Devil's Highway

By Terry & Julie Thompson



Arizona 191 (Old  
666)

460 twisties in 120  
miles

On Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 31 Miatas of various models and colors (mostly red and no yellow) from Arizona and San Diego met in 3 different cities in Arizona; Apache Junction, Camp Verde, and Fountain Hills. The San Diego Miata Club members were represented by 5 1/2 cars, Tom and Dona Thompson, Ed and Chloe Grant, Bill Jones, George and Elsa Watson, Terry and Julie Thompson, and Larry Lloyd who is a member of both clubs. From there, the 3 groups made the 4-hour trip from their different meet up points to rendezvous in Springerville, Arizona to nourish our weary bodies, rest up overnight, and to prepare and plan our trek for the next day. The Sahuaro Miata Club hosted the run and were extremely friendly and welcoming. Run communication was via FRC radios versus CB radios, which the San Diego Club members use, was another "twist" in the run. It's especially challenging to communicate when your radio has slipped over the back of the glovebox into the center console. You can listen by leaning over in the passenger seat with your ear to the console but can't push the button to talk. Thanks to the persistence of one member of the Sahuaro Club, the mystery of the lost radio was solved when the radio was retrieved before the Saturday run. The NA console remained undamaged, the situation made for a great ice breaker and many laughs between members

of the two clubs, and that "miracle worker" received free beers on Julie and Terry that night at dinner.

On Saturday, we awoke to the anticipation of running the famous **Devil's Highway**, which is known as one of the twistiest roads in the United States. We ate breakfast and then broke into 2 groups, those wanting to drive more aggressively and those desiring a more "leisurely" trip, for our pre-run drivers meeting. The first group took off 30 minutes earlier than the 2<sup>nd</sup> group, this was necessary for the restaurant in Morenci to accommodate seating for such a large group; what better way to drive a twisty road than with a full stomach?!?! After lunch we made a short jaunt to a mine and took a group car photo and driver photo. The trip took us along a mine road, next to an operating rock crusher, the road was under construction and very dusty. It had water running across it from the rains Arizona received from Hurricane Rosa. This made for some muddy Miatas and unhappy drivers, unless you were the only NA on the trip. The NA was the only model with mud flaps! Once the obligatory "group photo" was obtained, the fun continued. We had a mini driver meeting. The directive, go have fun! The 31 cars took off to drive the twisties at their own pace and comfort level with the more "care-free" (aggressive) drivers going first and the more "relaxed" (slower) drivers going toward the rear of the 31 cars.

Nicknamed "The Devil's Highway", Route 666, it was the 6<sup>th</sup> offshoot of the infamous Highway 66. The very twisty devilish bits are located in Arizona. The curves are tight, very tight. I don't think I have ever seen a road where the "10 MPH" curve sign was not used to mark a particular curve but miles and miles of curves. If you like seeing signs that say "10 MPH for the next 11 miles" this is your road.







speeds are pretty accurate (for OTMs), although in a Miata you can test that 10 MPH just a bit. The road is narrow and at times it runs along the cliff side. There is no shoulder and no guard rail separating you from the cliff's edge. This is not a road on which to push your cornering abilities; a mistake can be fatal. There was very little traffic which added to the pleasure of driving this route. What can be better than miles and miles of super twisties with few vehicles on the road to spoil the fun? The Devil's Highway had a 6,000 foot elevation change between Alpine and Morenci. The curves were exhausting and felt like they went on forever. It's definitely a road one must drive at least once in a lifetime. It was a hell of a drive!

We all celebrated the beautiful day later in the evening with a delicious BBQ dinner and a chance to relive and recount the thrills of the twisties. On Sunday morning we all headed toward home at our own pace and route. Many of us were worried about the predicted rain in our path to home. Little did we know, the temperature dropped enough that we drove for about 30 miles through snow. Another first for the Miata from Michigan!

**T&T**



# Events Information

## November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Halloween	1	2	3
4 Daylight savings Ends 7:30 AM—5 PM SCCA Solo Autocross Championship	5	6	7	8	9	10 10am-1pm SDMC Annual Meeting
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 7pm-8pm SDMC Monthly Meeting	16	17
18 SCCA Solo Autocross Solo Championship 13	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### San Diego Miata Club November Events

*By Bill Bennett*

### San Diego Miata Club November/ December Events

*By Steve Waid*

As we arrive in the beginning of the Holiday Season it always seems like our schedules get filled with family gatherings and such which interferes with the Miata Club schedules. At this point planned events are a little light, but if you pay attention you will likely find some activities that get added late. Remember, the club web site and club email announce new fun events as they are created.

SCCA Autocross events wind down at the end of the year. For those interested in seeing first-hand what Autocross looks like, there are 3 more opportunities in 2018. Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> there is a Championship, on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> there is

a Practice Day, and on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> is the last Championship of the year. All are held at Qualcomm Stadium, and the first car out is 9am.

SDMC Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on the mezzanine in the San Diego Automotive Museum on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 am. We will be electing our 2019 officers, celebrating the Miata Club joys of 2018, and looking forward to 2019. Come and enjoy cake and refreshments too.

November and December monthly meetings will be held a week earlier than normal so that conflicts will not be caused with family celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas. The November meeting will be Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and the December meeting will be Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hamburger Factory, at 14122 Midland Rd. in Poway.

The Annual San Marcos Holiday Parade is Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. As SDMC has been doing for 20 years, we will be decorating our cars and parading our cars in this "small town" celebration that is

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## 2018 Holiday Party December 2nd

By Larry Lloyd

children and family oriented. This year the theme is "A Super Heroes Holiday." We will meet at 10:30 am in the parking lot adjacent to Hooters in the Nordahl Marketplace north of Highway 78. After the parade we will consider eating a late lunch together, although the SDMC Holiday is that evening. HMMM?

**T&T**

### **The Miata Mash**

I was passing by a car lot one October night  
When my eyes beheld an eerie sight  
A Miata on the front row roared to life  
And suddenly to my surprise

It did the Mash  
It did the Miata Mash  
The Miata Mash  
It was a Halloween smash

Its Soul Red paint warmed to a bright orange glow  
And then the flame decals crackled as if aglow  
Bats were released through its retracting top  
And the exhaust noise screamed with a hellish pop

From the service bay that smelled of grease  
To the sales floor where the vampires feast  
The staff marched like zombies to that MX-5  
That howled like a werewolf in its midnight life

More cars arrived from the surrounding lots  
The Party had just begun  
Sports cars, pony cars, circling in a dizzying whirr  
That Japanese roadster was creating quite a ghostly stir

The scene was really rockin'. I digging the sounds  
As MG's were leaking oil and shorting out  
Buzzing rice rockets were the next to arrive  
With their vocal group, the Fast Drift Five

Out of his plastic coffin, a Corvette's exhaust  
began to ring  
Seems it was troubled by just one thing  
It opened the lid and spun its tires  
And said, "Can you believe all this from a little  
girlie-car?"

Now everything's cool, even Fiat's part of the band  
And the Miata Mash is the hit of the land  
For us, the drivers, this mash brings new meaning  
to Halloween  
As we take to the road like bats out of hell

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 need be.

**T&T**

Then you can mash,  
Then you can Miata Mash  
Then you can mash  
The Miata Mash  
And do the Miata Mash

**Copyright Les Smith 2018  
To the melody of The Monster Mash  
With apologies to Bobby "Boris" Pickett**



# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

November, 2018

## Welcome to our newest members...

Garrett Huening      San Diego 1999 Sapphire Blue Mica (AE)

Our Club's numbers as of 10/15/2018:

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

## 2019 Membership Renewal – Don't procrastinate

See below

Note: You're welcome to renew for multiple years, if desired. Sorry, no multi-year discount.

Thanks!

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

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—Don't Procrastinate

Membership renewal season is starting with the SDMC Annual Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 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. Renewals are due December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

Thanks!

## Member Classified Ads

### 2002 Mazda Miata

4 cylinder/1.8 Liter; 5-speed Manual Transmission w/ Tachometer; Vinyl Convertible Roof w/ Glass Rear Window (Replaced in 2014); Dual Front Airbags; Power Windows, Door Mirrors & Steering; Leather Steering Wheel; Cloth Seats w/ Custom Slip Covers; Custom Floor Mats; Rear Window Defroster; Air Conditioning; AM/FM/Single CD Player; Replaced Tires, Rims, Radiator, Plexiglass Wind Deflector & Battery in 2017. Passes smog tests. All maintenance records since January, 2014. White Exterior w/ Vinyl Pin Striping; Black Interior; Dark Navy Convertible Top. Odometer: 118,477 original miles. Escondido. \$6,700 OBO Upgraded to a 2016 Club in Soul Red! Contact Sandra at (619) 838-7399 or [SDNative.Sandra@yahoo.com](mailto:SDNative.Sandra@yahoo.com). Also listed on Craigs List with photos: <https://sandiego.craigslist.org/nsd/cto/6722144744.html?lang=en&cc=us>



# Annual Meeting

## *San Diego Miata Club Annual Meeting*

November 10, 2018

San Diego Automotive Museum

Balboa Park

2080 Pan American Plaza

San Diego, CA 92101

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Annual Meeting is when we elect officers, plan for the year ahead and reminisce about the past year

Board positions to be elected are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

Lunch will be a catered meal plus the club unofficial birthday cake

### 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

Secretary

Treasurer

**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!

# From the President

## Membership Renewal Policy

By David Bryan, President, SDMC

### 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 considered delinquent 30-days after that.

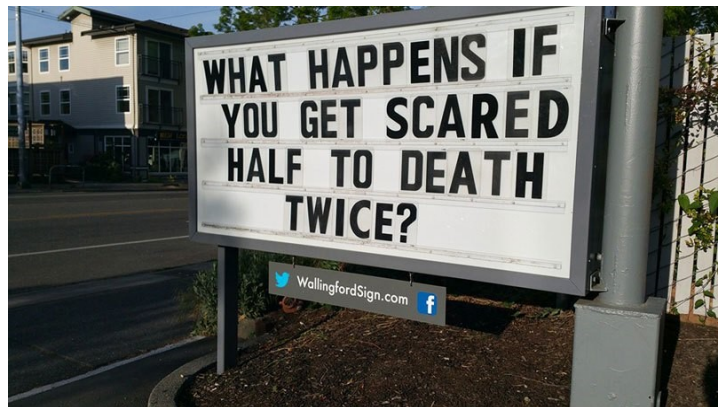
*Dues renewals not received or post-marked by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a \$5.00 late fee. - (\$35.00 dues + \$5.00 late fee)*

(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.*

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# 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

Name: Daniel M. Garcia

Miata: 2003 Shinsen Edition, Titanium

Chris and I have been members since October of 2003

I was born in the city of San Diego and grew up in the mountain community of Crest (El Cajon)



I graduated from San Diego State University on the GI bill after a 6 year hitch in the US Navy.

After getting out of the Navy I was employed by the Navy as a civil servant and worked at what is now Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR). Did many exciting and sometimes dangerous jobs there, including traveling to many exotic places, going out to sea on many different types of ships, submarines and military planes and ended up being the lead for the high performance computing program at SPAWAR.

I really wanted to become a fighter pilot for the Navy, but did not have the physical or mental capacity to do that.

My favorite food: Well, I of course like Mexican food the most and my late grandma's fresh homemade tortillas. Chris and I really like to go to Rubio's and Outback Steak House.

Our favorite movie must be "A Walk in the Clouds" because we rarely watch a movie twice, but have seen this one at least four times.

Well, of course, I like driving the Miata, but also enjoy going on trips in our RV, cruising and lately guided land trips. My biggest joy is volunteering as a Docent at the USS Midway Museum, been

doing that for almost 11 years now. Oh – I do enjoy being the Webmaster for our club and being the events guy for almost 2 years was interesting.

Well, most folks do not know that I belong to a small group of mariners that have made the deepest dives possible. One of my submarine adventures was on the USS Dolphin (now decommissioned), which was and still is the deepest diving operational submarine in the world. I can only reveal that I went down to 3000 feet, which is the official unclassified depth of the Dolphin. This was probably the most dangerous thing I did and I did not tell Chris before I went.



The USS Dolphin is now at the San Diego Maritime Museum.

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# 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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# SDMC Officers



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## E-Mail

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

Follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://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.

**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 Roadster-Sports 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, 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. 6129.287.9626. 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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