



# TWISTS & TURNS

December 2018

## The Rear View Mirror

By Gene Streeter



### Seeing Red

I'm blaming this entire segment on long-time member Tom Thompson. He can take it, with his broad shoulders and chiseled physique. Besides, he started it ... with his incendiary post to our Club List about the color "red." You might have missed it. (*Now I wish I had.* – Ed)

I was perusing the Mazda USA website this evening (looking for info on the 2019 CX-5) when I ran across the following quote:

*"In our minds, **red** was the only color that could express Mazda's strong passion and dedication to the creation of cars."*

– Color Designer Akihiro Hosono on the creation of Soul Red

My wife, and outspoken former First Lady (take note, Lori Bryan), always responds to the wide-eyed new member coerced into sharing information about themselves and their Miata, when more times than not its color is a variation of red. Bonnie usually contributes her singular comment upon its mention – "power color."

She's *not* wrong. (Too obvious quest for man-points, Larry?) I found multiple non-designer-

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## 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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## New Zealand MX-5 Run!

*By Maryanne & Dennis Garon*

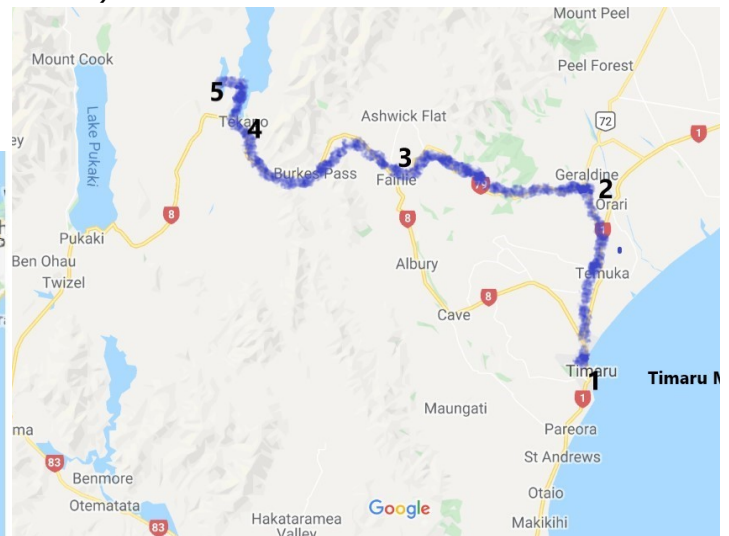
On October 28, the Garons were hosted by the Timaru MX-5 and Convertible Club (on the South Island of New Zealand) for a pleasant Sunday run. Of course, this run was open to ALL SDMC members, but . . . only the Garons were able to make it.

The run was led by Bryan Burrows, one of the "boys" the Garons and Waids met on their trip to New Zealand with a boys soccer team, 37 years ago. The 18 cars (one of their BEST turn-outs ever!) started in Timaru and finished at Lake Alexandrina (see map). The weather was cool and cloudy, but the rain pretty much held off all day.



After leaving Timaru and traveling about 20 minutes, the group met a few other cars just outside of Geraldine. Here, we presented the run leader, Bryan, with SDMC magnetics to match his black car. We then drove another 30 minutes to Fairley where, of course, everyone had to stop for tea. (It is somewhat confusing because, as in other British Commonwealth countries. . . tea can mean a meal or. . . just tea!). Run members got out of their cars, pulled out their thermoses and poured out their tea. A few people had stopped at a well-known

bakery in Fairley to buy their sausage rolls and meat pies (yummy!). After about another 20 minutes of tea drinking and socializing, the group took off again. This time, the drive was about 40 minutes through some of the strikingly beautiful South Island scenery. We also saw two dead wallabies on the road. Apparently someone in the 1800s brought wallabies over from Australia, but they are now considered pests (see photo of sign!). This called for another stop at Lake Tekapo, for photos (probably more tea) and socializing. (Bathroom breaks don't seem to be planned with this group -you are on your own!).



After the obligatory group photos were taken, the group hit the road again. . . another 30 – 40 minutes, to another Lake. . . Lake Alexandrina, a popular fishing and camping area. Again. . . it was time for tea, but this time, it meant a picnic meal. (See photo on page 6) We watched as chairs, picnic tables, table cloths, full sets of dishes, hot plates, tea kettles and all sorts of picnic meals emerged from the cars' trunks. After the meal, raffle numbers were drawn (3 lucky members got SDMC shirts!). Then we presented SDMC shirts to Bryan Burrows, run leader and Hedia Paaaka, run organizer, club photographer and secretary. In exchange, the Timaru Club gave us beautiful black rugby style shirts with the NZ silver fern and club name embroidered. That was the official end of the day's run.

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However, a small group of us continued to the top of Mt. John, where there is an observatory and café (coffee, not tea was enjoyed this time), with fantastic views. Our Kiwi hosts told us that the observatory used to be run by the Americans; they assume it was used for information gathering (spying) efforts. It is now run by a NZ university.

A few side notes about the differences between SDMC and the Timaru club: This was to us a very leisurely run, mainly on highways with broad sweeping turns., but no real twisties.



The Garons

They do have a drivers' meeting where the leader gives an overview of the planned run and stops.

There are no run directions, no queuing up and no CBs. (Ed. Note: Called Waypoint runs down under) The Timaru Club used to be only MX-5s



(they have never been called Miatas in New Zealand) – but the numbers were so small, they decided to include other convertibles.

It was a great day and so nice to pass time with other car enthusiasts. As we find so often when we travel, people have more commonalities than differences . . . whatever the country! **We are now claiming the longest distance traveled for a Miata run** – sorry the rest of you couldn't make it! **T&T**



## Biased references on the internet:

Red represents power and courage. The color red is the basis of the traditional red power tie or red suit in business, and the red carpet for celebrities and VIPs.

Red is the color of energy, passion and action. The color red is a warm and positive color associated with our most physical needs and our will to survive. It exudes a strong and powerful masculine energy.

Red is a warm color that evokes a strong sense of passion, lust, sex, energy, blood and war. The red color is good at stealing attention from other colors, which is useful in many contexts.



***You be the judge of what color is most striking on this very conflicted ND. I rest my case, your honor.*** ([http://www.car-revs-daily.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2016-Mazda-MX-5-Colors-5\\_001-horzagsfrd.jpg](http://www.car-revs-daily.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2016-Mazda-MX-5-Colors-5_001-horzagsfrd.jpg))

I consider myself a fair-minded person, objective to a fault. I've even hinted that previous generations of "Miatae" look great in yellow. But, I get a little weak in the knees when poring over Mike and Elinor Shack's new ND RF, in its "Soul Red Crystal" exterior. I secretly hope that color doesn't get over-used in production. Ask yourselves why the Jolly Old Elf of Christmas fame is just never presented in

any other color but red ... even though it's not exactly "slimming."

Or, ask auto sales counselor Barb Sullivan why vehicles bathed in "resale red" sell better than the rest, all other things being equal. Or why legions of sports and performance car drivers describe their color choice as "arrest me red." Try to recall the last Valentine-themed anything in yellow, green, blue, let alone the "grey" end of the color spectrum. "Seeing red" stirs something in our psyche, it grabs our attention, and fuels our affections.

I rarely fuel the contention that one color is better on a Miata than another, but I just couldn't ignore this opportunity, holiday newsletter edition or not. Worse yet, I actually look forward to push back from some of you; I'll take comfort in the fact you're reading this column. That is, beyond the twelve of you already ordained as "loyal readers."



***Photo at speed – by the author, not of the author***

## ***Life ... Abbreviated***

Since last month's newsletter re-capped the Flip-Flop run, and various posts debated the appropriate speed at which such a run should unfold, there hasn't been much activity (apart from our Annual Meeting) for me to review, or



of the various runs conducted by the Ed Grant and Chloe Oswald duo. While I thought Bill Bennett was doing a superb job with Events, his departure came as a bit of a surprise. Similar physiology aside, I'm confident in Ed Grant's ability to "fill his shoes" in that role.

I cooked-up this sub-title to meld several random thoughts and provide some sort of explanation for these observations. My column will be an abbreviated version of its usual self (No comment. – ED.) The days, more precisely hours of daylight, are verifiably shorter as we race toward Winter Solstice. From my perspective, this entire year has felt abbreviated, exaggerated with the timeline between Halloween, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, and Christmas growing shorter as we speak. (*Awfully good oxymoron.* – Ed.)

Need more examples? Take our November monthly meeting, where President Dave's meeting agenda was rendered skeletal by absent board members, and certain key characters. Meeting attendance was a little light as well. Yes, it was the timing of the meeting – just a handful of days removed from our well-attended Annual Meeting & Regalia Sale, and a Wednesday, no less. A last-minute change in schedule forced upon us by restaurant management and a communications hiccup may have also contributed. For those of you that missed it, you're in good company. Hamburger Factory's Manager, Kevin, offered up a historical conflict solution, a la Marie Antoinette – "let them eat cake!" Went really well with my French Dip sandwich and French Fries. (All that, and I failed to make the trip from Prescott - Ed)

Our Annual Meeting is a virtual case study of abbreviation, except where its enthusiastic attendance was concerned. Perhaps because Regalia sales were brisk and conversations among friends old and new were abundant, the meeting came to order half an hour late. President Dave conducted the business meet-

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## 22nd Annual Meeting Report

*By David Bryan, President*

Thank you to all that attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the San Diego Miata Club and made it such a fun event. The turnout was fantastic! The Buca di Beppo lunch was great too!

### Election results:

Please allow me to introduce your 2019 SDMC board of Directors.

- **President; David Bryan was re-elected after a bitterly close election.**
- **Vice President Elect: John Lord.**
- **Treasurer; Dennis Sullivan was unanimously re-elected.**
- **Secretary Elect; Julie Thompson.**



**In addition, Ed Grant will assume the role of Events Coordinator at the beginning of 2019.** Thank you to Bill Bennett for being our fun-master for the last year!

**Thank you to Laurie Waid, and Linda Doud** for their help throughout 2018.

### Awards:

• **Tom & Dona Thompson** received this year's coveted perpetual **Members of the Year** Award for spearheading SDMC's first intercontinental run to Italy and Beyond Miata-land! The award was presented by last year's award winners, Jon & Melinda Connor.

• **Lynn Nolan** was awarded this year's **Silver Scribbler** Award, for her outstanding contributions to the SDMC Twist and Turns Newsletter though her Behind the Wheel column.

Thank you and congratulations to the incoming SDMC Board of Directors and SDMC! Club lap 23 is well underway!

**T&T**

*Photo by Mark Booth, Add'l Photos on Page 10*

# Events Information

## December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:30—2:30 San Marcos Holiday Parade 5 PM—9 PM SDMC Holiday Party	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8
9 7:30 AM—5 PM SCCA Solo Auto-cross Chmpshp 14 Holiday Lights 3:30PM—10:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 7 PM—8 PM SDMC Monthly Meeting	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 New Years Day	2			

### San Diego Miata Club December Events

*By Steve Waid*

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 Wednesday, November 14<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 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 Party is that evening. HMMM?

The Holiday Lights Run is December 9. Pay attention at the monthly meetings, monitor club email announcements, and review the Events Calendar on the SDMC web site at [www.sandiegomiataclub.org](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org). **T&T**

### From the Garon's New Zealand Run



How to picnic on the New Zealand Run with the Timaru MX-5 and Convertible Club.

## Ed's Flip/Flop Run

*By Ed Grant*

October 20, 2018 was a beautiful day in Temecula. 32 die hard members attended my BIRTHDAY, I mean my Flip/Flop run, in 23 beautiful Miatas. NA's, NB's, NC's and ND's-a very nice assortment.

We departed at 10 A.M. and had our first queue up in about 2 miles (as planned, stop lights). We proceeded East through some nice wine country and then hit our first twisty/turny road. E. Benton had gentle curves and we proceeded at a moderate pace. We were able to warm our brains up a little and then we got onto Sage Rd. This one has some tighter curves so it was a little slower, but more FUN. Next came Wilson Valley Rd! The curves and grades are a lot tighter, but even more FUN! Of course we all drove in a safe and sane manner. Well, we wound up on Hwy. 371 and drove to Anza's Dairy Queen for ice cream and to catch our breath, did I say it was a beautiful day? We drove to Hwy. 371's dead end, turned left and drove to Mountain Center. Don't blink but we were sure to stop at the stop sign. Turned left and drove down the mountain. A couple of drivers pulled over for us, very sporting of them until they found out there were 23 Miatas. We proceeded to the outskirts of Hemet and turned West onto State St. I wonder how many people noticed the replica animals on the right as we drove by? Anyway we continued onto Sage Rd. which as many know has a few twists. We continued onto Hwy. 79 and wound up at Richie's Diner which has a fairly comprehensive menu.

The run lasted about 3 hours including about 25 minutes at the Dairy Queen. We drove about 108 miles. All in all I noticed quite a few smiles and grins at the end and one of our members had a little tougher time. I would suggest if you liked the view, take the run directions and go for a leisurely ride.

George and Elsa Watson were my Sweeps and they did a great job and I really appreciated them.

Looking forward to leading my Uphill/Downhill Run. It is a very leisurely run going through some nice wooded areas.

**T&T**

## 2018 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 December 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**

# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

December 2018

## Welcome to our newest members...

Chris Adams	San Diego	2017 Arctic White (RF)
Keith & Robyn Fosgett	Carlsbad	2016 Soul Red Metallic [MIATA♥N]
Jack & Kathe Houghtaling	Fallbrook	1992 Sunburst Yellow

Our Club's numbers at the end of 2018:

156 memberships (48 single, 108 dual) for a total of 264 members.

## 2019 Membership Renewal – Don't wait any longer!

Membership renewal season is in full swing. All memberships expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, but there's no need to wait until New Year's Eve to renew. Mail your SDMC Renewal form to the Club's PO box any time this month (address is on the form), or pass it to us at the December monthly meeting. Annual on-time renewal is still only \$35.00. Pick up a renewal form at the meeting, 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>.

New this renewal cycle (2019): \$5 late fee kicks in on January 31<sup>st</sup>. (See the November 2018 newsletter for details). Avoid the hassle and added expense – renew in December.

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)

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effectively, if not more soberly than I have done the last three years. I really enjoyed his calculated reveal of a tuxedo-style t-shirt.

Bravo, David.

To my point, our election process was abbreviated as well. No secret ballots were necessary, as all Board member positions were filled and re-filled without being contested. Not surprisingly, President David Bryan will lead us for another term and Dennis Sullivan will monitor our treasury likely for as long as he is willing to do so. Thinking the Vice-President's role requires no real work, John Lord presented himself as more than capable. No one seemed to disa-

gree, but conventional wisdom would have him being groomed for the greater responsibility. Anxious to become more involved, Julie Thompson is Secretary-elect. I remain a Board Member as your Past President and humble servant. Mark Booth, SDMC Charter member and our 1<sup>st</sup> President, shared his gratitude for those in our club that assume leadership roles and orchestrate activities on everyone's behalf. Certainly not abbreviated, our club has already prospered 22 years.

**T&T**





## Member Classified Ads

*Happy Holidays, SDMC! And many more.*

### 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>

**2003 Miata** \$5000 or best offer. Please view Craigslist posting. <https://sandiego.craigslist.org/esd/cto/d/2003-mazda-miata/6722453452.html>

Call Lonnie or Kaye for more information 619-766-9294.

**Midland 75 WX ST CB radio** for sale includes Jeff Anderson splitter for 1999 - 2005 NB Miata and Cobra external speaker. All work very well. \$100 for all. Call Lonnie or Kaye 619-766-9294.

**2001 MAZDA MIATA** 89,763 miles. 4 cylinder - 1.8 liter - 5 speed manual transmission, tachometer, dual front airbags, power windows, door locks, mirrors and steering, A/C. Convertible top in good condition. Black sheepskin seat covers. Cobra CB radio - Front and rear Racing Beat sway bars - Jackson racing supercharger - oversized radiator - Boss Frog dual roll bars - NEW Falken Azenis tires. Passes smog tests. Maintenance records. Family owned since purchased new. Crystal Blue Mica. \$8,500. Contact: Carol Freeland [free92067@gmail.com](mailto:free92067@gmail.com) - 619-301-2139



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

Check there regularly for changes  
and additional details!

# Photos from the Annual Meeting

Photos by Mark Booth



Regalia table below



Events Coordinator  
Ed Grant



Outgoing SDMC board on left

David Bryan—President  
Laurie Waid-Vice President  
Linda Doud-Secretary  
Dennis Sullivan-Treasurer

2018 Members of the Year on right  
Perpetual Trophy

Tom & Dona Thompson—Incoming  
Jon & Melinda Connor—Outgoing







# 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

## Larry Lloyd

Miata year, model, color, and name: 2006 MX-5 Grand Touring, Sunlight Silver, "Elvira"



Member since: 2015

I grew up in: Vallejo, CA, a navy town where my father painted naval battle scenes from WWII.

Name of College/University: UC Berkeley – Finance major

Occupation: Retired Enrolled Agent (income taxes), computer tax software quality assurance analyst for Intuit/Turbo Tax (retired).

If I could have done anything in life, it would have been three things:

First, to own and manage a sports car racing team.

Second: to have traveled to Europe to see more sports car and F-1 races.

Third, I would have emigrated to Australia as I admire the country and their lifestyle.

Favorite Restaurants: Point Loma Seafood, Rubio's, Pho soup restaurants and my own kitchen

Favorite Food: Almost anything except turnips, parsnips. My favorite dessert is lemon meringue pie. Nothing compares to a good lemon pie.

Favorite Movies: Casablanca, Shawshank Redemption, Young Frankenstein, early Star Wars movies, McQueen's Le Mans; movies with car chase scenes like Bullitt, Ronin, French Connection

Favorite Music: Folk music, old time rock n roll, classic country music. Peter, Paul & Mary; Beach Boys; Eagles; Simon & Garfunkel, Elvis of course.

Hobbies and Leisure Activities: Saltwater fishing, travel, grandchildren, cooking, hiking. **T&T**



# 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 December 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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**Vice President**



**Dennis Sullivan**  
**Treasurer**



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**Secretary**

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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.SHOPGERIBAZAAR.COM](http://WWW.SHOPGERIBAZAAR.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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