



TWISTS & TURNS

July 2019

From the President

Car-to-car communication.

DON'T PANIC!

I'm sure you've seen some of the e-mail chatter regarding radios by now. DON'T PANIC; no one is taking away your CB radio! When I joined the San Diego Miata Club 22 years ago we filled a small corner of The Boll Weevil patio and all drove NA's. Communication on runs was easy using CB radios. Over the years, we've seen the Miata evolve through NA, NB, NC, PRHT, ND and RF. Each MX5 version was a technological leap from the previous. Unfortunately some of those technological advances have made use of CB's somewhat more challenging. Our club too has grown since those early days making the distance from run-leader to sweep frequently long enough to require message relay from the middle. Please don't even get me started on the subject of squelch!

From time to time over the years many members have asked if there might be something better. After all, now we have email, cell phones, GPS, etc. A few ideas came and went, but we still had good ole CB's. Recently some of our "techy-type" members took it up as a challenge. They independently formed a small ad-hoc group and dove in. At their own expense, they began experimenting with various radio types and frequencies and I must say the results so far are impressive. The group of testers has grown. After the one

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SDMC—An Extended Family

By Steve Sampson

"Mountains" of thanks are due to the group on the Temecula Fun Run and Car Meet recently.

As we were winding up and down the De Luz wild country, I was paying too much attention to radios and not enough to pot holes. The well-deserved result was a flat front right tire. We ended up grounded on a tiny dirt pull-out – in the middle of nowhere – with no cell coverage! Two problems; Miata tire goo wasn't up to the size of the hole, and lions and tigers and bears (OH MY!) were roaring in the bushes! We needed help!!! Mark Woodard made two trips up the mountain with me so we could find cell coverage to call AAA. Others blocked the road and hung around until we knew a tow truck was on the way. Since AAA couldn't text us without cell coverage to get our exact location, George Watson went to the most likely intersection and flagged down the truck and got him going the right way. The very complimentary AAA driver told us he saw Miatas along the road that were pointing back to where we were stuck. He commented on how special it was to be part of a group where

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The Magnetism of Magnetics

By Lynn Nolan



I did it. You can too!

One of the marvelous things that SDMC offers is the runs. There are various types of runs and something for everyone:

Twist and Turns--This is the classic SDMC run and its legacy is the infamous Puke. While to my knowledge no other run has quite equaled or topped the Puke, Twists and Turns runs are challenging, exciting and a test of driving skill. As the name implies these runs consist of twists and turns as well as hills and valleys.

Destination--This run has an engaging destination as the goal. It might be a museum, car show, gathering at a club member's home, etc.

Scenic--Elements of this run consist of extraordinary panoramas, bucolic countryside, and attention-grabbing scenery.

Social--This run is definitely a kinder, gentler run with slower speeds, more straightaways and plenty of time.

Other--Many creative runs occur after dark, out of San Diego county, are seasonal, etc.

Combination-- Often the doctrine of unforeseen consequences occurs, and a run will intermingle several types that result in a more diverse run.

I am both competitive and goal-oriented, and these traits have served me well throughout my short life. Within months of joining SDMC in June 2016, I decided to earn my magnetics. It was not only the quest that appealed to me, but



also I wanted to "give back" and to be part of the team. At first it seemed a bit daunting, however I embraced the challenge. Whenever I take on a challenge, I'm in it to win it!

While it seems in the 20+ year history that all the roads have been driven in SDMC runs, my perspective is that the systematic steps in structuring a run are not unlike cooking, and it's the final result that makes each run distinctive. While the ingredients (roads) in a recipe may be the same, it's the way these ingredients (roads) are combined that make each "dish" (run) unique.

The most noteworthy thing that I did in planning my run was to bring in knowledgeable, experienced people. This team was the key to success, and they gave untiringly of their time and expertise. **Jan Frederick, Ed Grant and Chloe Oswald** agreed to participate. Jan was my proficient, albeit a bit exacting and strict (I wanted to drive much faster) navigator, and Ed and Chloe were expert sweeps. Together we did several pre-runs. When I wasn't driving *with them*, I drove it *alone*. When I wasn't driving *alone*, I was *thinking* about it! On our pre-runs we often capriciously discovered new roads, occasionally replacing or adding to those we had. On one of the pre-runs, Jan and I decided to check out the cleanliness of the restroom in the gas station that was to have been our rest stop. To our surprise and dismay, we discovered that the gas station we had chosen did not have a restroom! That would have been quite a calamity! Of course our new undertaking was then to find a suitable rest stop. It turned out to be a fortuitous quandary. We found a much better rest stop – Bates Nut Farm.

39 Miatas (according to the waiver sign in) and 53 high spirited people set out on the 65-mile

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adventure on the morning of my run! After all the planning and some worrying, I really relished my role as the lead! I absolutely love driving and here I was at the head of the line of Miatas. We christened the run "Run to the Rainbow" because it concluded with a scrumptious lunch at Rainbow Oaks Restaurant.



That day, June 17, 2017, I was awarded my magnetics by **Gene Streeter** and **Dan Garcia**. It was like scoring a winning touchdown! We had taken it from concept to creation! And although I don't want to play the gender card, I would be remiss not to mention that it was gratifying to demonstrate that the gentler sex (yes, I can be gentle) can also lead a run. I wasn't the first female driver to do it, but it was a good reminder for other women to take on the challenge. We celebrated the run at Rainbow Oaks restaurant in typical SDMC fashion—plenty of food, good friends and joie de vivre. Run to the Rainbow is now just a memory...but a great memory!

Here is a primer with some tips, *although this list is not all inclusive*, for those who are considering earning their magnetics:



Photo by Mark Booth

1. Start with a general idea of the type of run and roads that might be good for that kind of run. Stay away from unpaved roads and/or roads with gravel or small stones!
2. Select a start and end point. The start point should have a restroom and if pos-

sible, a gas station.

3. Map it out using a paper map, Thomas Guide or internet. Be flexible. There will likely be some changes.
4. Consult the expert members of SDMC. They've likely earned their magnetics and/or driven hundreds of runs!
5. Choose your navigator and sweep.
6. Drive it.
7. Find a rest stop that's about an hour into the run that will accommodate a large group.
8. Drive it again.
9. Check out suitable restaurants, keeping in mind that there must be adequate parking and restaurant seating.
10. Here's the fun part! Have a bite to eat at the restaurants you are considering. Talk to management regarding their ability to handle large groups. The morning of the run you will have to call them with the anticipated number that will be arriving.
11. Drive it again with your team, recording the mileage and making the necessary changes.

Check the Events calendar for a suitable date.

Consider a month that is not too busy. Let the Events Coordinator know so it can be official, get posted on the website and announced in the meetings.

Drive it yet again a week or even a few days prior to the event to evaluate the route for construction, flooding, fires, road closures, etc.

Voila! Do it!

I did it! So can you!

Zoom Zoom!

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Rear View Mirror

– July, 2019

“Running On Empty”

Editor Larry Lloyd gave me the month off last month, meaning only that I didn't need to submit my long-running column. If only my “boss” in real life saw the wisdom in that. If you missed it, that's the story. If you didn't, it could be there was enough good material in the newsletter and on the SDMC.List to more than make up for the lack of the customary pages. More on that a little later.

In advance of Father's Day just passed, Lady Bonnie and I had the opportunity to host our twin 11-year-old grandsons. While they mostly entertained themselves, even these kids grew tired of their video games and tablets. One of them decided to help “Grumpy” (I trust it doesn't refer to one of Disney's seven dwarfs, right? - Ed.) prepare my car for the road trip to Summer Camp. My Miata needed an oil service, tire rotation, etc. to better ensure a trouble-free 2,500 mile drive. Wanting to be involved in the process, Matt helped me attach wheel lug nuts, do some cleaning, and asked lots of questions. One of them was easy to answer – “can I go on the test drive with you?”

Our test drive packed-in a number of very quick turns and course corrections, since he had never ridden in a Miata before. Oh sure, he's visited the SDMC display at Touch-A-Truck in the past, but sitting in one and riding top-down (of course) in one are very different experiences. His youthful enthusiasm was evident, as was the smile on his face. His assessment once we returned to the race shop, *er* garage, made my day as well – “sweet ride, Grumpy!”

“What We Have Here ...”

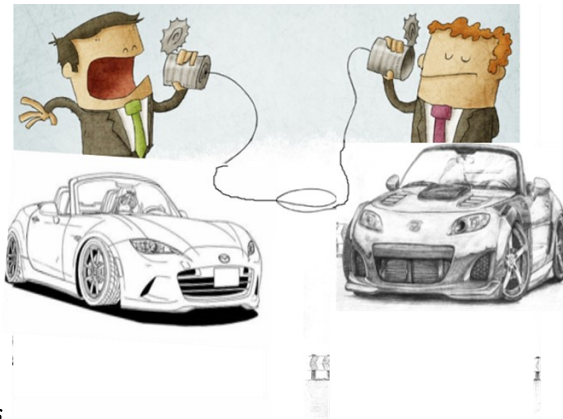
“What we have here is ... failure ... to communicate.”

So claims Strother Martin's oft-quoted line from the classic Paul Newman movie *Cool Hand Luke*. What SDMC actually has, of late, is something of a run communications challenge and summit conference to resolve this technological challenge. Just as Laurie Waid requested of the protagonists (see ringleader Alan Kagan's excellent compendium (“summary” would have been sufficient, Mr. Webster – Ed.), I was drawn into the fray simply by attending the recent Cruisin' Grand event and asking a few questions of my own. With just the borrowed 4-watt radio I was carrying, I was able to communicate clearly with Steve Sampson up to the 3-mile mark as he was headed home.

Our club and its appointed board of directors has faced similar, quasi-monumental challenges to the status quo over the last five years – changing our annual meeting month to align our fiscal year and the calendar year, changing our monthly meeting location, our Annual Holiday Party venue, how best to deal with the expected onslaught of Fiat 124 Spiders, just to name a few. The resolutions came from surveying membership, carefully weighing the pros and cons, and presenting solutions, not by executive decree or back-room negotiations. The necessary changes were made and the majority have embraced them, even though a few still pine for the “good old days.” I've always maintained our club is run in the purest sense of a democracy, with direct access to leadership and a genuine opportunity for anyone interested in leading to do so.

Mr. Kagan's collaboration with other knowledgeable radio/communications members has surfaced the perceived best options, and made recommendations based upon future needs and the least impact to membership. President Dave's recent email post "Don't Panic" is in keeping with our past behavior and the "pain" that comes with any unexpected change. To the extreme, you may have read about the "911" call to police in another state (it wasn't Florida, for a change) when the local Taco Bell restaurant was out of taco shells. (In Arizona, we'd consider that a public service. – Ed.) There is no reason for alarm here, just the natural progression of technology and the wisdom of weighing the benefits and liabilities. You may remember reading my account of the ALPRs (license plate reading cameras in use "everywhere") a few months back. Now that's a serious issue to ponder.

My own relationship with a Cobra 75 WX ST CB (it almost sounds like a model of Subaru) is now fourteen years old, and I didn't envision a breakup on the horizon. Truth be told, we have been having more and more communications issues; I couldn't hear and understand certain key communications, despite a separate cockpit speaker to enhance the handheld's capabilities. I was considering plumbing the broadcasts through my Mazdaspeed's speakers or maybe a headset. I was simply unaware of a better option for club run communications. Based upon the above-mentioned experience and the rave reviews of others, I'm ready for the next chapter.



With apologies
for the juvenile graphics mish-mash, illustration by your author

Charity ... Begins at Home

Not to espouse any socio-political position here, just to acknowledge members Dennis and Maryann Garon for their charitable efforts on behalf of high school students aspiring to college educations. Their most recent Gregg's Goals event was, indeed, at their home and in their expansive Escondido backyard. Bonnie and I arrived fashionably late to the party (no fault of my own ... not that it matters), joining the fourth large round table of supportive SDMC members.

And supportive "we" were. While Steve and Paula Kennison may have been the highest-volume winners of the silent auction offerings, many contributed in that fashion. Also in attendance were our fabled SDMC membership team, Chris Jones and Linda Southard. Not to be talking out of school here, but I think I saw them feverishly taking notes about the payment efficiencies in place there; this could have implications for more timely membership dues payments in the future. As soon as the auction winner was announced, an escort was assigned to deliver them to the cashier's table inside – "cash, check, or credit card, please." It was pleasant, but very efficient. It appears Paula and Steve likely earned a lot of frequent flyer miles in that process.



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Lessons Learned ... In Mazatlán

Before you *go there*, I'm not referring to drinking the water, although there is a certain precautionary tale I can share about the ice (another time – Ed.). Lady *Bonita* (that *is* her real name) and I recently spent a week in Mazatlán, Mexico. It's home to a working port on the Pacific Ocean side of things, and where a certain German brewmeister set up shop brewing his European-style *Pacifico* beer. (Some of you likely knew that; I'm just building trust.) Apart from being one of the Western Hemisphere's largest shrimp producers/exporters, the town's commerce is heavily biased toward tourism – the precise reason we were there. We took advantage of all types of transportation while there, but none was more interesting than the independently-owned class of "pulmonias." A near-perfect short trip solution for the balmy weather there, these casual taxis have more in common with an over-size golf cart than they do the more conventional 4-door sedan. That, and there's the fun factor knowing you're riding in (or on) a re-purposed iconic VW Beetle chassis.



As it was carefully explained to me, when the initial fiberglass, open-air taxis made their debut, they weren't well-received ... especially by the entrenched competition. The taxi businesses began a marketing campaign that sought to capitalize on the name of this "new technology." You see, the Mexican word "pulmonia" is also used to describe respiratory illnesses; you guessed it – "pneumonia." Billboards and other influencers warned of the health hazards associated with this alternative transportation. Resistance to change was only temporary. They are now licensed and widely accepted as the way to get around town in Mazatlán style. Their decorative lighting and bass-

pumping stereos make them easy to identify all night long. Passengers and luggage are more easily loaded and unloaded. They're probably even safer for other vehicles and pedestrians, owing to all of that visibility. (If you're somehow lobbying for change, you're even sneakier than I thought. – Ed.)

Until Next Time

I'd like to acknowledge a few other SDSMC news stories, most being properly covered by others:

Mark Booth, and his faithful drone (we'll nickname it "Interloper 1" after his spying efforts and photos at the port), are keeping many of us entertained with stories of the orange invasion of 30 AEs coming to our neighborhood.

Returning member Jan Wagner is amping up our club's media coverage via his "Auto Matters & More" posts and professional connections. Maybe it's just my perception, but it seems that his OTM ownership in the interim has re-energized him for the better. By his own profession, he's happy being back with the SDMC family and our over-achieving roadsters. I look forward to chewing the fat with him sometime soon.

Speaking of family, it's good to see the outpouring of love and concern for Ed Grant (our former Events Chairman) and Chloe Oswald. While Ed has proclaimed himself OK, Chloe still deserves our thoughts and prayers for recovery. While the photos of their damaged NC should give everyone pause, realize it was just this sort of scenario that drove a lot of club members to the installation of roll bars in their Miatas about the time I joined – about fifteen years ago.

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Even given the relative strength of the cowl/windshield structure in our cars (they are designed to meet DOT roll-over standards for strength), roll bars can add a significant layer of security.

Well-traveled Ken Hurd can be counted-upon to weigh-in on all matter of club posts and inquiries, usually having to do with just that – travel. But he's been known to do the research on other topics and on your behalf. Beware our own SDMC version of "poking the bear" stems from someone posing the question "what tires work best on my car?"

Lastly, and certainly not the least of our current concerns, is the topic of **Surf 'N Safari**. Per Board Secretary Julie Thompson, she hasn't received a lot of membership responses to the question "do we want to conduct the next edition?" but they are overwhelmingly positive. **That decision is time-sensitive.**



Neal "Doc" Mills standing beside one of the CARS movie stars on display at Cruisin' Grand.

Stay charitable, inquisitive, and fabulous, San Diego Miata Club! **T&T**

SDMC Makes Gregg's Goals Fundraiser A Big Success

By Maryanne Garon

Thanks to the great support and attendance of SDMC members, "Parrotheads Unite", the annual fundraiser for "Gregg's Goals (a 501 C3 non-profit) cruised to another successful finish!

Over 100 participants filled the Garon's backyard to enjoy tastings of nine wines or eight sodas, a Jimmy Buffet-tropical theme, bid in a Silent Auction and savor the cheeseburgers (in Paradise), sides and homemade desserts.

This event is held annually in memory of the Garon's son, Gregg, who passed away in 2005. Gregg loved soccer, so funds raised go to scholarships to local young people meeting the criteria. The scholarship's aims to reward players who are not necessarily the best soccer players, but those who are leaders, good team members, volunteers and have a lot of heart. This year, 6 of the 7 scholarship recipients were able to attend and receive their scholarships during the event. 4 of the scholarships went to graduating seniors going on to college and 3 went to past recipients to continue their education.

The event is put on and staffed by members of the Garon-Balderrama families, so there is virtually no overhead. This year, multiple wines, as well as Silent Auction items were donated (many by SDMC members!) which also helped to decrease the overhead.

Besides the tastings and eating, there were several contests and SDMC members put on a great showing!



SDMC swept the costume contest: First place

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Surf 'N Safari Survey - Introduction by Gene Streeter

If you attended April's monthly meeting, there was a significant showing of hands indicating interest in hosting Surf 'N Safari V in the fall of 2020. I'd like to think it was my presentation of the concept, but I know better. It was likely Laurie Waid's recounting of the details and the memory jogs in all of you that planned, executed, and participated in any of our previous versions. (Or, perhaps Steve's insistence the Car Show was one of the 2015 highlights.) Quite a few of you have enjoyed all four of them. Want a refresher? Or, just want an account of the festivities? Have a look at the November, 2015 Newsletter, archived and linked on our website.

Let's Get Serious About Our Fun

You should have a sense of SDMC's reputation within the Miata community for holding "the" regional event to attend. Realize that many of the most memorable events in our own club history are tied to each of the four distinctly different versions in three different resort venues. It's well-established that planning needs to begin eighteen months in advance. Hence, the urgency around this survey.

While there was a good meeting turnout, your Board wants to reach as many members as possible to more accurately gauge the levels of interest and commitment to the process. No matter how engaged the Surf 'N Safari a Committee, its Chairman (I've volunteered, with my wife's permission), the Fun Team, or the Board might be, we can't do this without you as party-goers and volunteers. I've attached a volunteer outline to provide some concrete details. We'll also need committee members over the entire planning process. Personally, I enjoyed the string of those meetings and emails. Plus, it allowed most of us to develop new and deeper friendships.

Here's what you need to do. Scan or print and complete the survey (page 6) Board Secretary Julie Thompson has prepared for this effort. Depending on your preferences, you can email it to (secretary@sandiegomiataclub.org) or send a hard copy addressed to Julie Thompson. Her mailing address is 952 Bittersweet St. Escondido, CA 92026

Your prompt response(s) will determine whether or not we undertake and host the fifth edition of our nearly-patented Surf 'N Safari event. Thank you.

Surf 'N' Safari survey on Page 10

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Example Only: Surf 'N' Safari Volunteer Needs

Thursday:

Hospitality Suite: None
Gazebo: Noon until 7 PM
Help with registration
Answer questions
Sell raffle tickets
6 volunteers (two 2 hour shifts of 2 people and one 3 hour shift of 2 people)
Fun Team: 1 volunteer to assist with run sign-up (Fun Team will provide)

Friday:

Hospitality Suite: 9 AM to 6 PM.
Answer questions
Help visitors as needed
Sell raffle tickets
8 volunteers (three 2 hour shifts of 2 people and one 3 hour shift of 2 people)
Gazebo: 8 AM to 6 PM
Help with registration
Answer questions
Sell raffle tickets
10 volunteers (Five 2 hour shifts of 2 people)
Fun Team: 8 AM to 10 AM
3 volunteers (1 at Gazebo and 2 to assist with run coordination/departure) (Fun Team will provide)
Barbeque: Welcome guests
Check people in (by checking lanyards)
2 volunteers (SNS Committee)

Saturday:

Hospitality Suite: 9 AM to 4 PM
Answer questions
Help visitors as needed
6 volunteers (two 2 hour shifts of 2 people and one 3 hour shift of 2 people)
Gazebo: 8 AM to Noon
Answer questions
4 volunteers (two 2 hour shifts of 2 people)
Fun Team: None
Banquet: Welcome guests
Check people in (by checking lanyards)
2 volunteers (SNS Committee)

Sunday:

Hospitality Suite: 8 AM to Noon
4 volunteers (Two 2 hour shifts of 2 people)
Gazebo: None
Fun Team: None

Throughout SNS:

Car wash station: 1 volunteer (Put out buckets/washing materials in AM and removed in PM) (Fun Team to provide)
Car show judges: 3 volunteers (Fun Team to provide)
Raffle Coordinator: 1 volunteer (Dell Pound has volunteered)
Run Leaders/Sweeps: TBD (Fun Team to provide)



PRESENTS:

California Dreamin' -



Thursday Afternoon to Sunday
Oct 8 — Oct 11, 2015

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SDMC MEMBER SURVEY

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

(IF DIFFERENT)

EVENING PHONE: _____

DO YOU FEEL THE CLUB SHOULD SPONSOR THE SURF 'N' SAFARI?

YES _____ NO _____

WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE PURPOSE OF THE EVENT HELD EVERY 5 YEARS IN SAN DIEGO:

FUN _____ OUTREACH _____ PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT _____

OTHER (PLEASE LIST) _____

WOULD YOU CONSIDER PAYING \$165/PERSON OR 300/COUPLE TO ATTEND THE WEEKEND EVENT?

YES _____ NO _____

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE A PART OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE? (REQUIRES ATTENDING REGULAR MEETINGS/MONTHLY AND LIKELY MORE FREQUENTLY AS EVENT GETS CLOSER/ POSSIBLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS)

YES _____ NO _____

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP, PLACE A CHECK NEXT TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN WORKING?

_____ MARKETING/WEBSITE

_____ SPONSORSHIP/BUSINESS ADS

_____ REGISTRATIONS ON LINE

_____ PROGRAM/POINTS OF INTEREST

_____ LIASON TO HOTEL/MEALS

_____ RUNS/CAR EVENTS

_____ HOSPITALITY SUITE

_____ DECORATIONS

_____ REGALIA/PRE-ORDER

_____ CAR CARE AREA

_____ ENTERTAINMENT

_____ BANQUET

_____ RAFFLES

OTHER COMMENTS:

Behind the Wheel

Behind the Wheel

Steve Sampson

By Lynn Nolan



SDMC member since:

Dec 2018, or was it Jan 2019? Details, details, details.

I grew up in (city, state):

Second generation San Diego native (born on North Island NAS), lived a year in Asbury Park NJ and nearly two years in Viet Nam (seemed longer).

Name of College/University (if attended):

San Diego State University with far too many units in math, engineering and business management.

Occupation/s:

Retired (mostly) as a VP for Cubic Corporation. Many subordinate jobs from electronic technician and up over many years.

If I could have done anything in life it would have been to

I once wanted to be a commercial airline pilot, but learned it is better to relax in the back than work in the front.

Favorite:

Restaurants

Been to many around the world. Best fish ever was in an Australian Mom-and-Pop hotel with a pier out the back door. Pop caught, Mom cooked, I ate everything but the eyeballs. Yumm!!

Miata year, model, color & history:

2011 GT PRHT, Teal or Copper Red (or whatever Mazda called it in 2011). Purchased and shipped from Green Bay WI where it spent most of its life resting in a heated garage getting TLC. Now it plays in So Cal and has nearly monthly Carnaubax wax, plus Rain-X on the windows, plus a Kenwood Nav and backup camera system, plus a Moroso aluminum coolant overflow tank, plus a CB, plus . . .



My Miata securely resting – and shining - in a heated garage in Green Bay WI.

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A Different Perspective

Dona Thompson



Featuring: **Paula Kennison**

We bought our Miata for my husband, Steve, to use as a daily commute car to and from work. Little did I know we would become members of the best Miata club and be welcomed into the Miata Family with open arms.

In 1999 we found out about the San Diego Miata Club and decided to join the advertised Twilight Run. The club was meeting at Oscar's in Escondido for a bite to eat before starting the run. We arrived at Oscar's and did not know anyone so we were just standing around trying to get the lay of the land when Geri Causarano introduced herself to us and asked us to join her table of friends. We felt so welcomed by that wonderful group of people and we officially joined the at the next SDMC meeting (August 1999).

The many runs to Julian over the years are the best local runs around. I love the sight of the beautiful green mountains and the smell of the wild flowers and pine trees. With the top down, this route is exhilarating and breathtakingly beautiful. Although I am not a big fan of fast twisties roads, I do love mountain driving.

The club has not done this run for a few years, but my all-time favorite 3-day weekend run is "In Search of the Madonna". It was normally

scheduled to coincide with the Morro Bay Car Show. There was always so much to do: planned runs in the wine country, tours of Hearst Castle, scavenger hunts (clues were hidden within the different winery's – that was so much fun!!) meeting members of the local Miata Club, and of course ending with the Sunday Morro Bay Car Show. The BEST Part was the Saturday night dinner at The Madonna Inn and then room hoping to see each other's room and enjoy the refreshments everyone brought. You could not ask for a better weekend away with this wonderful Miata family.

I will admit that a Madonna run on the back roads of San Luis Obispo in the early 2000's still sticks with me. Elliott was directly behind the lead driver; Steve and I were next in line. The lead car had an accident on a sandy curve and ended up in a precarious position on the side of an embankment just inches away from tipping over. The driver was shaken up but walked away unscathed. We radioed back to everyone else: "Accident at curve – slow down". We stayed with the driver and waited for the tow truck to arrive. The scene sure gave everyone a 'reality check' as they slowly drove past the accident and continued on to the western café as planned.

So many funny stories flood into my memory: One time as we were leaving a restaurant at the end of a run, Steve asked the restaurant for 'extra dinner rolls' to take to our motel room. As we were all driving back to the motel, Steve decided to throw some of the dinner rolls out of the car. One of the dinner rolls got stuck in Sal Causarano's car grill. We were all laughing so hard when we heard that Sal 'got rolled'. Another time we were on a run and stopped at the McLintocks Saloon and Dining House in San Luis Obispo. Steve (Kennison) ordered "Rocky Mountain Oysters" for Bruce. Bruce thanked Steve and enjoyed eating the oysters, until he found out what he was eating. Bruce was 'not happy' to say the least, but was a good sport.

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to be part of a group where everyone was helping!

After loading the car onto the flatbed, the driver informed us that his tow truck couldn't make the really steep climbs and he needed gentler directions to get back. George and Mark volunteered to lead him safely back to civilization. Finally, Ramona Tire in Temecula did a rush job to hook us up with a one-size-too-large temporary tire, and we finally drove back to San Diego.

Thanks to all the wonderful SDMC folks on the run. What could have been a real mess actually produced some great memories. THANK YOU ALL, and my apologies for fouling up an otherwise great run!

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A Different Perspective, Cont'd from Previous Page

The next time the club went on a run in the San Luis Obispo area, Bruce made a point of being on the run again. As usual, we went to McIntocks Saloon and Dining House for dinner. Besides the rocky mountain oysters, McIntocks is also known for having a customer volunteer to be blindfolded and have an empty water glass placed on the top of their head. A waiter will stand on a chair and pour water into the glass not spilling a drop. Steve 'was volunteered' to be the customer blind folded with the empty glass on his head. Steve settled in waiting for the water to be poured in the glass on his head. To his surprise, he felt the pitcher of cold water being poured in his lap. Bruce just smiled 'sweet revenge!!' Sooooo many stories to tell !!!

The San Diego Miata Club is such a big part of our lives. I cannot imagine what our life would have been without the lifelong friendships. We are truly a family in every sense of the word, unconditionally helping each other through good times and challenging times. I love and adore my Miata family.

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Chatter regarding radios (cont'd)

test I took part in, I immediately bought one of the radios. I like it!

I will let others more qualified tell you about their efforts and conclusions but I heartily endorse them. I believe that if the results of research continues the way I expect we may actually now have "a better mouse trap". I said originally no one is taking away your CB. It may however have just become obsolete. The group plans to speak to the membership about their efforts and findings at the June 27th SDMC monthly meeting. STAY TUNED!

David Bryan, Prez

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Gregg's Goals, Cont'd from Page 7

for couples was won by **Chris Jones and Linda Southard**, with **Terry and Julie Thompson** coming in second. For individuals, **Elinor Shack** was the clear first place winner, but the judges had to award **Bill Bennett** a second place award, even though he had entered as a couple with Patti --- (of course, Maryanne Garon kept trying to split them up, as she thought Bill was Steve Waid, for some unknown reason!). The judges felt that Bill's outfit and wig deserved SOME sort of award!

Everyone appeared to have a great time. . . and Dennis Garon calculated that with the event and donations, the non-profit took in enough to fund scholarships again next year!

The Garon family and all the scholarship winners thank all of you who participated and gave so much. . *is this a great Club or what?*



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Events Information

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am-3pm Miatas at Fair	2	3	4 Independence Day Julian's July 4th Parade	5 6 pm—10 pm Cruisin' Grand 2019	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 9 am—12 pm Somewhere Over the Rainbow Run
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 4 pm—9 pm 25th Annual Twilight Run
21	22	23	24	25 SDMC Monthly Meeting 7pm—8pm	26	27 1 pm Happy 30th Birthday SDMC Picnic
28	29	30	31			

San Diego Miata Club

July Events

Cruisin' Grand 2019

The **first Friday** of every month, SDMC invades Escondido for an evening of vintage Hot Rods, Muscle cars and Boulevard Cruisers to the sounds of early Rock and Roll.

We meet at Tom's #23 on the Southwest corner of Center City Parkway and 5th.St. for a 6 to 7 P.M. dining and social hour, at 7 P.M. we head 1 mile North to Grand Ave. and then cruise Grand Ave. Following our cruise, we park and walk Grand Ave. for about an hour at which time we gather back at the cars and decide what we will do for our `REQUIRED` "pie and or ice cream run".

For details contact Steve and Laurie at 760-432-0727 or swaid@cox.net.

July 1, 2019 **Miatas at the Fair** 9 am to 3 pm
Del Mar Fair

July 4th Parade in Julian Meet at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel at 9 am and drive up the hill to Julian. We take part in the parade after decorating our cars. Flags, bunting, etc.

Also snacks and water while waiting. Lunch will be at the Apple Country Restaurant.

July 13 – 9 am – 12 pm **Somewhere Over the Rainbow** by Holly Hauske – Details on the website after July 5th

July 20th 4 pm – 9 pm **25th Annual Twilight Run** - Details on the website starting in Otay Ranch Town Center with sunset viewing from Mount Laguna

July 25 7pm – 8 pm **San Diego Monthly Meeting** at the Hamburger Factory 14122 Midland Rd in Poway

July 27 1 pm – **The Happy 30th Birthday Miata SDMC Annual Picnic** at the home of Dave & Pam Hunt in Poway. 15829 Cumberland Drive Poway, Ca 92064

Please refer to the SDMC Events calendar on line for updates to the club calendar of Events.

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Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

July 2019

Welcome to our newest members...

Steve & Priscilla Norris	San Marcos	2016 Meteor Gray Mica
Carole & Doug McClure	San Diego	Looking!

Our Club's numbers as of 6/17/2019

138 memberships (42 single, 96 dual) for a total of 234 members.

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Some general Membership info:

Revised membership renewal form (rev. 1/28/2019) is now posted on the SDMC website where it can be downloaded, filled out, and printed. Go to: http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/index.html -- look for "Renewal Application" on that page. Cost: The **\$5 late fee** kicked in on January 31st, so renewal is now total of **\$40** for the remainder of 2019.

Membership Roster. This updated file is posted on the SDMC-List in Yahoo! Groups. Look for "Files" tab, then "SDMC MEMBER ROSTER" for download. This is only available to active SDMC members, so please don't share the information outside the Club.

Join SDMC-List. If you want to get added, send an email request to us and we'll initiate the auto-generated invitation to join. Include your name and email in the request.

Questions ? Updates to your membership information? Email us at membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org and ask.

Thanks!

Chris Jones & Linda Southard
Your SDMC Membership Team
membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org

Upcoming Events Elsewhere

Remember, all the most
up-to-date and complete in-
formation for our events is on
our website at
www.sandiegomiataclub.org

Check there regularly for changes
and additional details!

Texas Miata Round-up

2019 Texas Miata Round-Up
September 20, 21 & 22nd, 2019

<https://texasmiataroundup.com/>

Miatas at Laguna Seca 30th Anniversary

October 11-13, 2019 Sign-ups July 15, 2019
9 AM PST <https://www.miatasatmazdaraceway.com/>

Miatas in Moab VI

April 30—May 2, 2020

<https://www.utahmiataclub.org/miatas-in-moab-vi>

Food

Costco Hotdogs, with ketchup. Whoever said a real hotdog can't have ketchup? Nonsense!

Movies

2001 Space Odyssey. Who can forget HAL?

Music

Kingston Trio. Love ballads rather than noise.

Hobbies and leisure activities:

Backpacking for years. Have perhaps 100 nights under the stars. Ham radio & emergency communications today. Founder and past President of a national association for the 1966-77 Ford "Early" Bronco. Interesting contrast between the Miata style of meticulously planned runs vs. our 4WD leadership style of "Follow me or Die!".

Something most people don't know about me:

If I told you, then you would know.



Now transplanted to the warm and sunny world of San Diego. Still shiny **T&T**

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.

94 Red R Package car (non power steering, non power windows, does have A/C, as only option available on an R package)
5 Speed manual
113,000 miles (timing belt done at ~70,000 mile by Rocky's)
Custom 9 way adjustable Bilstein shocks (only 2 sets ever made, custom made for my car)
Racing Beat front sway bar
New Power Stop slotted rotors and pads (all 4 wheels done)
New Interstate battery
New Falken Azenis RT615K+ tires (195/60-14)
New inner and outer shifter boots
Monster Motorsports roll bar
Tan Robbins top (originally was black but PO replaced with tan, for a more "upscale" look)
Lots of things done or are included but too much to list

Please contact me via email to start. lisaandmike@san.rr.com

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 all year, for either an individual or a dual membership (two members in the same household). Renewals after January 31 are subject to a \$5 late fee. New members joining the first half of the year pay \$35. Those who join in the second half of the year pay \$20.

Badges

Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each, plus shipping.

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

Follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SDMC-List> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click "Join This Group!"
3. If you have a Yahoo account, log in. If you do not, click "Sign Up" and follow the instructions.
4. After logging in, you will be returned to the SDMC-List "Join This Group" page.
5. In "Comment to Owner," state that you are an SDMC member.
6. Complete remaining selections, perform Word Verification, and click the "Join" button.
7. Your SDMC membership will be verified. The verification and approval process July take several days.
8. For complete instructions and club email etiquette go to http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/sdmc-list_events.html



Member Discounts

Many vendors offer discounts to Miata Club members. The Club does not endorse these vendors, but lists them as a membership benefit. Some offers July 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 for additional information.

Automotive Services

American Battery. Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff HartJulyer. 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%

Bumper Rescue, Bumper, body and collision repair with excellent quality and paint matching. Near Rocky's old location. Free estimates and free Uber rides back home once you drop off your car. 10% off with mention of this ad. Contact Shay at 619.286.7377.

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 or phone 843.754.8815

Good-Win Racing LLC. Miata intakes, exhausts, shocks, springs & goodies from Racing Beat, Moss & more. 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 . 303.730.6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and restoration products. 800.945.4532. 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

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

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. DRE#01009295.



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