



# TWISTS & TURNS

August 2019

## Flyin' Miata Summer Camp 2019

*By Steve Waid, Photos by Laurie Waid*

Laurie and I have been attending Flyin' Miata's Summer Camp since 2013 with the exception of one year. Gene Streeter has been going longer than that. That being said, SDMC members have been going in good numbers for some time. I have enjoyed my adventure each year, and here are some of the reasons why. This year's version began on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and ended on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Our friends, new and old

We have made new friends each year to add to the SDMC friends that accompany us on the trip. This year we had Dell Pound, Debbie Skordalis, Gene Streeter, Neal Mills, Julie and Terri Thompson, Dennis Garon and grandson Keegan Garon, Ken and Stacey Hurd, Chuck and Diane Graham, and our grandsons Mason Reese and Preston Waid. We also added Jeff Ridenour and his wife Karen. Karen flew to Grand Junction late Thursday to join us. Jeff was driving his brand spanking new 2019 ND and will be joining SDMC soon, if he hasn't already, after being a SOCALM member for

years.

If you run the numbers, we had 10 cars in all. Nine were Miatas and one CX5 support vehicle. The Grahams also towed their Miata with their truck.



### Flyin' Miata

The main part of our group arrived at the Grand Junction Hampton Inn on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. After checking in, several of us

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drove out to Palisade, home of Flyin' Miata, to check in and get our obligatory hug from Tami Brown. This is a must for all... even first-timers.

We got our event t-shirts, wrist bands, name tags and schedule of activities. Owners Bill and Teri Cardell made their appearance on Saturday at the seminars and BBQ. Bill retired last year from active involvement in the business he created. Bill and Teri have attended all four of our Surf 'N' Safaris. Their fun loving spirit is contagious, and you can't help but enjoy the environment that they have created



at Flyin' Miata. Throughout the 4 days of the event, I just kept bouncing into people from FM that I have gotten to know over the years, and also a number of travelers, like ourselves, that come each year to Summer Camp.

## **Autocross**

In the previous years that I have gone to Summer Camp we have had a track day at the local Grand Junction International Raceway, a .9 mile go-cart track. I have always looked forward to it because it is a change from the regular autocross that I do. I was somewhat disappointed to find out that this year they would be putting on an autocross instead. Oh well!

We had a good group on SDMC participants in the Thursday autocross. We had Gene Streeter, Terry Thompson, Dennis Garon, Keegan Garon, Preston Waid, Mason Reese, Chuck Graham and "the long-time SDMC member that we all love and respect". (Ed. Oh?)

From the beginning it became apparent that there was a very steep "learning curve" for those that had never autocrossed before-not only with those from San Diego, but entrants from everywhere. That said, there were a few that got frustrated and just gave up. Most, however, just kept at it and improved. In our group, there were two, Keegan Garon and Terry Thompson who had taken the Novice School in San Diego and it proved to be very worthwhile. Both ended up with very respectable times. Presto ended being 8<sup>th</sup> overall for the 2 days of autocross.

I know that I had found the transition from autocross to track days to be easier

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than the opposite. It helps a lot to have a track that is clearly laid out and has very visible boundaries. Anyway, the experience still led to the normal teasing and chest thumping that you would expect from a bunch of "man-children".

### **Summer Camp Nicknames**

One thing that happens at Summer Camp is that some people earn their nicknames. Two of our long-time attendees that didn't make the trip this year were missing and sported two of the best nicknames. They are "Plus 3 Seconds" and "Captain Slow". Gene Streeter earned the only nickname, (if you can call it that), which is not verbal, but visual. That would be what became the Presidential Salute during his 3 year reign...the big L with thumb and index finger on the forehead. Earned in a previous year was "Presto" and "needs more hood louvers", and then this year we got "Bump" and "Leadfoot Laurie". Of course there is also "the long-time SDMC member that we all love and respect". All you need to do is ask one of the Summer Campers for the story, and you will find



out who earned them and how they were earned.

### **The Road Trip**

Much of the fun that is experienced during this eight-day adventure is the road trip to and from Grand Junction. Most of us left San Diego on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Thompsons and Hurds left a day early to see some things that the main group bypassed. We all met up in Cedar City for the first night and the free BBQ at the Best Western Plus where we stayed. Chuck and Diane Graham, because they were towing their Miata, had a different itinerary.

That evening was the first where we "sat on the stoop" and talked and laughed about the day. This has become a hallowed tradition of road trips. Stopping in Green River for lunch on Wednesday has also become a tradition.

While we are in Grand Junction, the lobby and eating area of the Hampton Inn becomes the "stoop" for our social times. In the mornings at breakfast, in the late afternoon when we debate about where we

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# Miatas at the Fair 2019

*Photos by Mark Booth*





# THE HUNT FOR A BETTER radio MOUSETRAP

By Alan Kagan

## *It all started with Laurie Waid.*

At the time her request seemed relatively simple: "I wish someone who knew something about radios would take the lead and help guide the club into a simple radio solution". Women are devious. She knew that by dropping that challenge at my feet I would be tempted to jump into the quest to find a better solution to the club's car to car communication challenge.

She hooked me, let me run with the line for a little while then snagged me.



## The history of CB in SDMC:

CB operates on AM frequencies and shares the same basic need that all AM transmissions require, which is a strong antenna. With CB it is ALL about the antenna. This is easily solved with a huge whip antenna or more commonly a base loaded antenna. The huge whip is ugly. The magnetic will probably scratch your car. A mounted trunk lip is also likely to scratch your car. Or you can bite the bullet, drill a hole in your trunk, permanently damage the car, and mount a base for the CB antenna.

An aesthetically pleasing antenna solution became available when Jeff Anderson came onto the scene and made antenna splitters. Every-

one was happy. By utilizing their existing factory installed antennas, they could maintain the Miata aesthetics and still have "decent" communication.

Then Jeff Anderson stopped making splitters.

The club was hooked on CB (thank you Laurie). The new ND's were coming out and there was no antenna splitter available. A temporary but limited solution came about when Mark Booth was able to adapt an NC splitter to his ND and repeated that process for a few club members. Unfortunately there weren't enough NC splitters to satisfy the need for all the new ND owners. Matching an OEM antenna to a CB didn't seem to be a viable option any longer.

A possible solution was a universal antenna splitter. I decided to check that out myself and bought one for \$30 on Amazon. I tore my trunk apart to gain access to the antenna, then had to order an antenna extension (another \$8) when the metal splitter box wouldn't couple to the antenna frame. When the extension arrived two days later, I could NOT get the SWR to come below 3.5 (unusable) no matter how much I tuned the universal splitter.

Then I found an NB Jeff Anderson splitter in my garage. I tried it on my NC .....nope.....couldn't get the SWR below 3.5 either. We might have had a solution when Steve Sampson offered to disassemble my NB splitter to see if it could be cloned. That was determined to be economically unfeasible.

We have new members joining the club who would like to be able to communicate on runs. We have old members who would like to communicate but don't want the expense and

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## **Rear View Mirror – August, 2019**

*By Gene Streeter*

### ***In Search of Cinderella - My Kingdom for a Coach***

Alright, I confess to having followed the last two months' of posts regarding the 30 AE Invasion of our western shores. Inspector Clouseau, aka Mark Booth, and his trusty spy-machine Intrepid 1, provided almost daily gulls-eye views of the goings-on in America's Finest Port City. We had daily accounts of how many new MX5s in Racing Orange livery had survived the ocean voyage from Hiroshima, Japan and were now being off-loaded to the various staging areas in our own backyard. We then learned how quickly those units disappeared on car carriers bound for excited customers at their selling dealer destinations. If memory serves, SDMC members gobbled-up 13 or 14 examples. Hard to believe Clouseau (appropriately clever, the "Colombo" character is far too wrinkled for application here) invested that much energy in a collection of vehicles he wasn't even buying into. *Sacre bleu*. (Yes, we all know July 14<sup>th</sup> is Bastille Day. It also happens to be Gene's birthday, too. – Ed.)

Some of us experienced a little sticker shock when the \$35,000 MSRP Munroney sticker of

U.S. Senator (Oklahoma) Almer "Mike" Monroney authored legislation (Automobile Information Disclosure Act of 1958) as a consumer protection, largely making "bait and switch" marketing tactics a lot more difficult to execute. Over time, the label has evolved to include the following required information:

The manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP)

- Engine and transmission specifications
  - Standard equipment and warranty details
  - Optional equipment and pricing
- City and highway fuel economy ratings, as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

As of September 2007, crash test ratings as determined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

one unit was shared. (Yep, that's what it's called – see the sidebar.)

It's unlikely he expected his name to become a household word. Much like the consumer protection labels attached to mattresses, pillows, upholstered furniture, etc., that label can only be removed by the retail customer. (There's a \$1,000 fine per occurrence otherwise ... ouch!) According to sandy-haired, super saleslady, Barb Sullivan (Listen up, lad. You need to lay off the literary alliteration – Ed.), there wouldn't be any negotiation of the MRSP despite our auto-buying traditions.

I still have the Munroney sticker for my 2004 Mazdaspeed, but I'm willing to part with it for something close to the price of that fine. Even based upon the sale price we arrived upon at a Mission Valley dealer (I'm certain Barb could

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Photo by Intrepid 1 and M. Booth

have gotten me a better deal; I didn't know her at the time), the \$24,777 in July of 2004 would cost \$33,500 in today's money. Given the added safety systems, technology, and additional options, the \$35,000 sticker on the Anniversary Orandg Edition looks pretty reasonable from where I sit.

### *But I Digress ...*

Just as automobiles dipped in strong colors stand out from the monochromatic highway herd, the Racing Orange MX- 5s could have been distinguished from their less-colorful kin from a weather satellite, or certainly "inner space." The description "pumpkin patch" couldn't have been accurate, or colorful. Since variations of the word "pumpkin" have become synonymous with the 30 AEs, and now part of the semi-secret SDMC vocabulary, imagine my shock when we beheld this particular entry in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Julian Parade.



Yep, that's a Cinderella coach done up in a "rat-rod" pumpkin style. Mandie Lee could barely contain her excitement upon being invited to sit inside. She envisions owning or renting that very coach for future weddings/events at their newly-acquired ranch in Lakeside. We already know that Greg cannot ... contain his excitement, that is. He has managed to insert himself and his Lava Orange Mazdaspeed into the bold color conversation, basically asserting "Lava Orange" was a special color first.

I also confess the color didn't pull me in,

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hassle of installing a CB system. IF we are going to continue to have car-to-car communication on SDMC runs, maybe it's time to think "outside the (CB) box".

Shortly after the wheel was invented and SDMC was originally founded, CB was the best solution for car to car communications. But what else is currently available that might be as good or even better? What new technologies are readily available? What are other car clubs using? Can we learn from their experiences ??

We formed a small ad hoc group to find a better mousetrap. My personal goal was K.I.S.S. (and inexpensive).

A little research by Ken Hurd revealed that some Texas clubs were using Baofeng handheld radios on GMRS frequencies. When we checked into GMRS as a solution we found that individual licensing for each club member by the FCC was required at an approx cost of \$75 / 5 years This ruled out GMRS as a viable contender for K.I.S.S. and inexpensive.

Several club members had bad experiences with FRS on previous runs and that was also immediately rejected.

I knew that our NSX club was using handheld radios on UHF/VHF frequencies so I reached out to NSXCA and asked for licensing information. I obtained a copy of their FCC license and sent it to Neal Mills. Neal was able to determine that NSXCA was operating on what he called "itinerant frequencies" in the UHF/VHF (FM) bandwidth. Rick Salvador jumped in with his HAM licensing background and began exploring what would be necessary to get an "SDMC club license" (FCC calls it a business license) We are in the process of getting a license for the

club. Once the club gets the license, your club membership will entitle you to use the frequencies that the FCC will grant. There will be no additional individual cost to any club member who chooses to use this new system of communication.

All of us on this ad hoc group wanted to find something that would be as good or better than the present CB system. To be sure we were on the right path, we ran simultaneous CB vs handheld tests on two different runs. On each run the small, inexpensive handheld radios outperformed all of the CBs in clarity, distance, and simplicity.

15 people or so used the handhelds on our Thursday 6/13 geezer run. No one wanted to use their CBs after using the handhelds. Dell Pound told me he wanted to stop using his CB shortly after the run began ...the handheld was dramatically better.

No more messing with the squelch.

No more static.

No more "What did he say" ??

Even Steve Waid heard everything !!!!!

AFTER we get FCC approval this is "The" Ad Hoc Proposal: (not set in stone).

There is no need to remove a CB system presently installed in your car, and you will not be forced to adopt this new system. On every run in the foreseeable future, the lead car or the car immediately following the lead car will have a navigator with both radio systems who will transmit simultaneously on both radios. If your navigator is a woman this should be easy since women have bragged FOR EV R that they can multitask where men cannot (ROFLMAO). The sweep car,

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# Behind the Wheel

## Behind the Wheel

By Lynn Nolan



Grumpy Old Men

Music:

Rippingtons, Paul McCartney, Taj Mahal, Jimmy Buffett, blues, jazz

Hobby & Leisure Activities:

Travel, weaving arts, zooming in my MX-5 "Merlot", hiking, kayaking

Something else I'd like to share:

I've really enjoyed joining the San Diego Miata Club. The people are warm and open and I enjoy challenging myself to be a better driver

Something most people don't know about me:

In the last year or so I've traveled to Costa Rica, Cabo San Lucas, Morocco, Scotland, India, Chile, Napa Valley, Colorado, San Ignacio, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania and Cuba. **T&T**

## Patti Chamberlin

2017 Red MX-5 Retractable Top

Member since: 2017

Grew up in:

Casablanca, Morocco; Greenwood, MS; Colorado Springs, CO; Fairbanks, AL; Great Falls, MT; Spokane, WA; Oahu, HI.....

University attended:

San Diego State University

Occupation(s):

Office Manager and Accountant

If I could have done anything in life:

It would have been to be a Flight Attendant on international flights.

Favorite restaurants:

Brigantine, Jakes, La Mesa Bistro, Hooley's Pub

Favorite foods:

Rack of Lamb, Oysters, Mexican food, Indian food, Thai food, and Seafood

Favorite Movies:

Titanic, On Golden Pond, Casablanca, Two

## A Special Thank You

**To all of Chloe's friends, and mine,** I want to thank all of SDMC members for their prayers, cards and calls.

They have lifted and strengthened me in this brutal time. You are a wonderful group, and I appreciate all of you.

Thank you again,

**Ed Grant**

## A Different Perspective

Dona Thompson



### Featuring: Laurie Waid

My husband, Steve, and I bought our first Miata in 1996 and started looking on the internet for fun places to drive and possibly a group to join. We found San Diego Miata Club listed, called the phone number, and spoke with Mark Booth, who told us when the next SDMC monthly meeting was scheduled. When we arrived at the meeting, Barb and Elliot introduced themselves, and we immediately felt welcomed to a good group of people. We have since introduced the club to a 'new and improved' version of the Happy Birthday song.

I have lost count of the many runs we have been on with SDMC. I still look forward to the Mesa Grande runs and the beauty of the annual Coastal Run along California's Central Coast.

Highway 1 on California's Central Coast from Morro Bay to Monterey is my favorite road. Since the first time I rode on it with my parents, hauling a travel trailer with a '54 Ford station wagon, to the last time on the Coastal Cruise, including a time we were cruising in our Flame Car with the hardtop on in the pouring rain, this road has fascinated me with the beauty, ruggedness and grandeur of the California coastline. As a child, we frequently stopped at Morro

Bay to camp at the state campground. One of the first travel adventures Steve and I enjoyed together was going to Hearst Castle when I was 18...to go on the one tour available—long before the California State Park system realized its potential as a delightful journey into the past and crazy lifestyle of William Randolph Hearst. Many times since then, we have traveled this road together to visit family in the Central Coast, to just rest and relax, and to go to car events that proliferate in the area. The drive always offers me a fresh appreciation for the majestic grandeur of the scenery that is Highway 1—from its green rolling hills filled with cattle, to the sharp black shiny cliffs rising on the east side, and always surrounded by the ragged rocky blue ocean. My hope is that you too will be able to view this scenic and inspiring area soon.

I will say that life has been interesting in the Miata. Like the time I was driving with Maryanne Garon as my passenger leading a "Daffodil" Group on the Puke-A-Rama run. We were on Cuyamaca Highway driving at 40 mph when I stepped on the brakes, and they locked up. My car veered to the left in front of an oncoming truck. I clipped the back end of the truck and ended up into the side of the mountain. Other than being shaken up, Maryanne and I walked away unscathed. My followers were supportive and helpful, and that became a glitch in the joy of owning a Miata.

Another interesting time, Geri and Sal Causarano caravanned with us on a trip to the Miata's in Utah event. At the end of the day we found ourselves in tiny Torrey Utah, and there was only one restaurant in town for dinner. As we pulled into the restaurant, we noticed 12 motorcycles in the parking lot. Geri and I went in to get a seat while Steve and Sal put the tops up on the cars. As we entered the restaurant, we were 'ushered' to the back room. To our surprise, the room was full of men in full biker regalia from a 'bike gang'. One of the men said 'Oh, come on in ladies, we are harmless'. Geri

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SDMC MEMBER SURVEY



PRESENTS:

California Dreamin'



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Thursday Afternoon to Sunday  
Oct 8 — Oct 11, 2015

California Beach venue

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION:

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If you are interested in helping with the next Surf 'N' Safare, please complete this form and mail it to:

Julie Thompson

952 Bittersweet Street

Escondido, CA 92026

Or email to:

secretary@sandiegomiataclub.org

OTHER COF you MMENTS:

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# Events Information

## August 2019

TurfSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6 pm—10 pm Cruisin' Grand 2019	3 9 am—3 pm Greatest Show on
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 8 am—3 pm Main Street America Car Show 2019	12	13	14	15	16	17 7 pm—12 am Moon Over Miatas 2019
18	19	20	21	22 SDMC Monthly Meeting 7pm—8pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### San Diego Miata Club

#### August 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](mailto:swaid@cox.net).

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Greatest Show on Turf Car Show. 9 am to 3 pm at the

South Clairemont Community Center.

**Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** – Main Street America Car Show. 8 am to 3 pm at Embarcadero Park North.

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Moon Over Miatas. Meet for dinner at 7 pm then a nighttime cruise under the moon. A new route this year. Check the Events Calendar for updates.

**Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – SDMC monthly meeting at the Hamburger Factory in Poway. Arrive early for dining. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Over the Rainbow Run. Meet at 8 am at the Deer Springs Park and Ride. Holly Hauske will earn her magnetics for this short but entertaining run that includes lunch.



# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

August 2019

Welcome to our newest members...

Alex Davis                      San Diego                      2019 Arctic White

Our Club's numbers as of 7/16/2019

139 memberships (43 single, 96 dual) for a total of 235 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](http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/index.html)> -- look for "Renewal Application" on that page. Cost: The **\$5 late fee** kicked in on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org) and ask.

Thanks!

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

## Upcoming Events Elsewhere

**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!

### 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 August 15,  
2019 9 AM PST [https://  
www.miatasatmazdaraceway.com/](https://www.miatasatmazdaraceway.com/)

### Miatas in Moab VI

April 30—May 2, 2020

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

didn't excite my color palette. As you might recall, I'm a big fan of colors that dance and change with the effects of light hitting their metallic, mica, and even mylar toners ... of colors that highlight their sculpted bodies. (Like baby oil on a bodybuilder? – Ed.) That is, until I visited one in the flesh. Barb and Dennis were sharing their new AE with a few friends when I happened along. I did two initial laps around the car, taking in the color, the matching brake calipers, the orange contrast stitching on the seats, and then the richness of the alcantara accents. She insisted I sit behind the wheel. The significantly-bolstered seats fit me just right. The look, the feel, the smells all came together to change my opinion. It looks much better in the flesh.

### *Sayonara*

Editor Larry (yes, the wisecracking individual putting this newsletter together “on time” despite my best efforts), sent me an email advising there may not be room for this column this month. That could be a good thing; it means others are submitting articles and responding to his pleas for content. Despite my protest “It’s not midnight on the due date just yet!), I’m going to go with his best judgment. This is the abbreviated version, just in case.

*Stay colorful and classy, San Diego Miata Club.*

where we will eat, and then after dinner to reflect on the day, we would all meet “on the stoop”.

On the morning of the first day on the trip home, (that would be Sunday), Gene Streeter as leader decided to pass a slower car and came face to face with a deer. He was traveling at a pretty good speed but was able to take evasive action. After Gene changed his pants, we continued on through a gorgeous part of Colorado.

On the last night of our trip we stayed in Wickenburg, Arizona. That night I asked those that were still traveling with us to describe the most memorable part of the trip. The Thompsons, Grahams, and Hurds for various reasons had all headed home a different way. There were a number of different memorable experiences described, but Presto said beating me at autocross was his. Oh well! Maybe, next year.

Congratulations to the fastest SDMC Auto-crossers in each session at the 2019 Flyin' Miata Summer Camp:

8:00am – Preston Waid

10:30am – Steve Waid

1:00pm – Mason Reese

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(or the car immediately in front of the sweep), will also have both a CB and a handheld radio with the navigator communicating simultaneously on both radios. This would allow CB users be kept in the loop during club runs. Many club members will have an extra handheld radio to hand out as a loaner at the beginning of club runs. We do this all the time in our NSX club runs. Additionally, SDMC will probably have a small supply of club radios to be handed out as well.

If you choose to get a radio and take advantage of this better communication system, you are encouraged to shop around and buy anything that suits your personal needs.

The radio we used primarily for testing was the Baofeng UV-82HP, available on Amazon for \$62.89. Ken Hurd obtained a group buy purchase price direct from Baofeng of \$46 each if we purchase 50. This particular radio comes in BLACK, RED, YELLOW, BLUE, AND CAMO. Accessories included are charger, belt clip, headset and a built in flashlight. We used 20% of the battery on our test run Thursday. IF you are worried about battery depletion additional batteries or battery eliminators can be purchased separately. A battery eliminator is approximately \$6. The UV-82HP operates on HAM, GMRS, FRS, and MURS.....including our "itinerant" UHF/VHF frequencies.

Programming these Baofeng radios can be burdensome, so several of us in the club are willing and able to do it for you. It only takes a minute with the proper program and required cable. We can do this at a club meeting, at the beginning of a club run, or individually at our homes. We can easily personalize your radio with your name and/or your name and navigator in the welcome screen. The program will include a very simple

and easy to use menu of SDMC frequencies labeled SDMC 1 through.....(?)....(however many FCC authorizes). The club members who used the radios for the first time on the Thursday, 6/13 run all found them easy to operate and easy to assimilate with their existing CB skills. The speaker built into the test radio has a 1 watt output. I heard from everyone that it was much clearer than the speaker in the Cobra 75 so you do NOT "need" to buy a bunch of accessories.

**This project is not a done deal. SDMC still has to decide to incorporate this system.** The people involved in this ad hoc group include but are not limited to:

LAURIE WAID (thank you soooooo much)

Neal Mills

Rick Salvador

Steve Sampson

Ted & Sue Kesler

Ken Hurd

Dell Pound

Dennis Sullivan

David Bryan

These people will be available at future club meetings and club runs to answer your questions.

**T&T**

One of the men asked, "Can you guess which one of us is a convicted murderer?" Turned out, they were a group of ministers from the Assemblies of God, who travel all 50 states on motorcycles each year. The pastor from the largest Assemblies of God church in Nashville, Tennessee was convicted of murder and was then pardoned. It was an interesting encounter to say the least!

The experiences we had in 2018 with Daryled and Carlan Bristol from San Diego to Key West and then to South Carolina to visit Geri Causarano and back was our latest road trip adventure. We have also traveled as far as Jasper, Alberta, Canada in our Miata on an over 6,000 mile adventure. We are now pro's at 'packing light'.

Speaking of long trips, we just arrived back from Flyin' Miata Summer Camp in Colorado. Although Steve and I have been there several times before, this trip was extra special as we were able to share the beauty of the sights and sounds with our 2 grandsons. Driving on the race track was the highlight of their trip. They are hooked on the maneuverability and responsiveness of the Miata, and love being included in the club activities.

We are currently the proud owners of 'Clementine', the 2019 30AE. It is **love at first sight!!!** **T&T**

### Flyin' Miata Summer Camp 2019



## Member Classified Ads

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

### No member Ads for August 2019

Wheels can be thrown out of balance by a buildup of wheel ants. Protect your car's smooth ride with weekly applications of automotive grade insecticide.

Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

# 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, making a total of \$40. 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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## 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 August 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 August 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 HartAuguster. 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.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) Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (except smog, oil changes, and tire rotation). For purchase, ask for **Barb Sullivan**.

**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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