



# TWISTS & TURNS

September 2019

## The Implausible American Genesis of the Miata

By Lynn Nolan



no swagger and without charisma. Boring. Worse yet while driving these luxury cars, I felt like Ms. Gotbucks. The 2016 Miata was seductive enough to entice me to abandon the straight life and to transition to Ms. Zoomzoom.

The purpose of this write up, however, is not to examine my id, ego and superego. Nor do I intend to be as loquacious as my red-car [sic] nemesis, **Gene Streeter**, can occasionally be. So, I'll get to the point.

It's the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miata and I am as starry-eyed as a millennial who discovers that Paul McCartney once sang with a group called The Beatles. (That's where any likeness to a millennial ends). I have just discovered Bob Hall. Most SDMC veteran members know of Bob Hall and the genesis of the Miata. For those of you in the dark like me (and you know who you are), I would like to share the story of one of the more implausible couplings— Bob Hall, an American with the Japanese in the conception of the first Miata.

The events that preceded Hall's role seem at first to be somewhat capricious although as Zig Ziglar, self-help author and speaker said, "Success occurs when opportunity meets preparation." Although it's likely that he didn't know it at the time, the things that Hall was doing were preparing him to father the first Miata.

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Hall is an average-looking, unassuming guy and, although Bob Hall was a British racing car enthusiast, he was disparaging of the same British cars because of what he viewed as quality issues.

By 1976 Hall was an expert in Japanese cars, a journalist at Motor Trend and was fluent in Japanese. He met with Kenichi Yamamoto

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## Another Great Day at Main Street America

By Steve Waid

After the morning overcast cleared, Mt. Miata could be seen rising from the rest of the car show venue sporting 29 of the 31 SDMC member's entries. We had 27 Miatas, a Corvette, a 1924 Model T (Early Miata), a Datsun 240Z, and an Acura NSX. It turned into a gorgeous day with SDMC again making its statement in the San Diego car community.



For the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, SDMC won the Club Participation Trophy. Other winners included the following:

Grand Prize Raffle Winner: Alan Kagan (Ask Him!)

Pre-War Classics 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dell Pound – 1924 Ford Model T

1997-2004 Corvettes 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mason Reese – 2001 Corvette Coupe

1958-1979 Customs 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bill Bennett – 1974 Datsun 240Z

1990-2005 Miatas 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Steve Waid – 2002 Special Edition

1990-2005 Miatas 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gene Streeter – 2004 Mazdaspeed

2006-2019 Miatas 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Laurie Waid – 2019 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

2006-2019 Miatas 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ken Hurd – 2018 "One of a Kind"

Will we garner our 10<sup>th</sup> in a row in 2020? **Time will tell.**

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# The life and times of our beautiful Chloe Joy Oswald

By Dona Thompson



On July 20, 2019 the Golf Knolls Recreation Center, was filled to capacity with standing room only. Loving friends and family attended Chloe Joy Oswald's Celebration of Life sponsored by Chloe's Bunco group. The Bunco group extended the invitation to all of Chloe's, friends and family to join in celebrating the beautiful lady we have all come to know and love.

Born on December 30, 1939, Chloe was 1 of 4 girls. At the age of 17, while still in high school, Chloe married Paul Oswald, her high school sweetheart. They were inseparable for the 45 years of their marriage, living a very full and active life together snow skiing, sailing, motorcycle racing (Baja 1000) off road vehicles, just to name a few. They enjoyed traveling and seeking out adventures throughout the United States in their RV.

Her proudest accomplishment was her son Paul Jr., daughter-in-law Judy and grandson Alex. Alex was her

most adored treasure. She loved babysitting him and was known as the 'silly grandma'. She was the crazy, full-of-love-and-fun grandma, knowing she was making memories that would last a lifetime. The family sailing trip in the Caribbean will always be one of Alex's favorite memories.

She was quite the wordsmith. With her love for the English language and incredible distinct vocabulary, she was known to add or subtract syllables from words she spoke, causing people around her to laugh and try to interrupt what she was saying. She had a language all of her own and never hesitated to laugh at herself, a gift she has passed down to her grandson Alex.

After successfully raising her son and seeing him off to college, being a wiz with numbers, Chloe went to work at California institute of Technology as the Accounts Receivable Manager. She was known affectionately as the 'chief leg breaker', for her ability to collect student loan accounts. Acting as a mother, she would help convince the students that it was their financial responsibility as an adult to make good on their loan obligation. The students would eventually agree and pay their loans in full. California institute of Technology still misses her sense of humor and collections ability.

Chloe loved having a good time with the clubs and groups she belonged to (Bible study, Bunco, Luau, theater, SDMC) and volunteering her time and services at the Golf Knolls Recreation Center Pot Luck dinners. It was at one of the dinners that she met Ed Grant 13 years ago. Ed was smitten with her at first sight. Because she was so active, she turned Ed down the first 2 times he asked her out. Ed decided to give it 1 more try before he gave up. Fortunately, Chloe did agree to go out with Ed the third time he asked. They have been together as a couple ever since. Sharing a love for traveling, they have traveled extensively throughout the US and Europe. The 2016 23 day Route 66 event lead by Mark and Cathy Booth still brings up loving and funny memories.

Chloe loved being a member of the San Diego Miata Club. She joined the SDMC and was embraced as a cherished member of the loving SDMC family. Even though she was always quiet and reserved, we all looked forward to the opportunity to speak with Chloe and hear her share her amazing loving life stories. We were all so blessed to have known and love her. She is truly missed.

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and Gai Aria, 2 Japanese executives who headed up the R&D @ Mazda. The meeting took a noteworthy turn. Yamamoto and Aria asked Hall what type of car Mazda might build in the future. Reportedly, Hall's vision was for a "bugs in the teeth, wind in the hair" in an "inexpensive roadster."

Nothing momentous occurred for years and years and years and years.

In 1981 Hall moved to a product planning position with Mazda USA. Remembering the '76 conversation, another meeting occurred with Yamamoto who was then the chairman of Mazda motors, in which he asked Hall to study "his lightweight sports car." Hall wasted no time. He submitted a position paper to Mazda's planning department advocating a four-cylinder engine, manual transmission, rear axle and potential floor pan to minimize costs.



Hall hired designer Mark Jordan to join the newly formed design team and they collaborated on the parameters of the initial image, proportion and visualization of a light-weight sports car. The Japanese preferred a front-engine, front-drive or mid-engine/rear drive *coupe*. (Seriously, what were they thinking?) The US team in California held firm on a front engine/rear drive *roadster*, codenamed Duo 101, that was in line with the British roadster ancestry or nothing. It was then that Hall, who was known to be obsessive, was given the moniker *Ikigai*, a nickname that is derived from

a Japanese word that means *the reason why one is put on earth*.

The project received final approval in 1986. Hall's original vision had triumphed, and the MX-5 debuted in 1989 at the Chicago Auto Show. Conceived and executed under a stringent ideology, *Jinba ittai*, meaning *oneness of horse and rider*, it was small, light (only 2070 lbs.), technologically innovative with an ergonomically satisfying cockpit, incisive steering calibrations, and was effortlessly controlled. The top could be raised or lowered from the driver's seat in just a minute. It was seductive in appearance and performance and epitomized every characteristic of a true sports car. And the base price? Only \$14,000 which was less than the Mustang convertible. Because of its immense popularity, many were selling over sticker price!



Miata has become the best-selling two-seat convertible sports car in history.

And where is Bob Hall today? The latest internet research indicates he's on *terra firma* in the US as an independent consultant and acting design director at the South Pasadena-based facility of Geely, owner of Volvo. Who knows what he'll take from concept to creation in the future?

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*In the interest of time and space this is just the snapshot version of a truly astonishing story and doesn't do it justice. There are so many interesting twists and turns (excuse the pun) to this! I hope that you are as enthralled by Bob Hall and his story as I. While the historical accounts vary slightly, the details—the story behind this story—are truly remarkable. With our esteemed Editor's blessing, I hope to bring you the story behind the story in subsequent issues of the newsletter. Also, by the way, I'd like to think Hall's vision for the first Miata was a **white** Miata. (That was for you, Gene!)*

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Comments that we so often heard about Chloe:

*"Chloe was always so sweet, so quiet and polite. When you see group pictures that include her, knowing she was taller than most others, she was always was in the back of the group allowing the shorter people to be seen."* Mark Booth

*"Loved to be on runs when Chloe was the navigator. "Motorcycle on the right", "Debris in the road on the left", "Turning left on-to...." Listening to Chloe's voice made for some of the most enjoyable runs. Rulon and Jagjit Jensen*

*"The first time I did anything with the club; it was a run that George led up around De Luz Road the first week of July. One of the guys managed to hit a pothole pretty hard and tore up a tire. Being the new guy and not having any tools in my car, I just sat it my car while they tried to fix the tire. We ended up waiting almost an hour because they ended up calling a tow truck. Chloe saw that I was off by myself and came over beside my car and introduced herself. It was really nice to have a member from the club welcome me like that. We talked for over 30 minutes learning about each other. She was really easy to get to know. At lunch I made a point to sit next to Ed and Chloe because I felt I knew them now. Losing her like we did was a shock and very sad."* Steve Norris



Photo by Lynn Nolan

*Chloe was always extremely quiet, un-assuming in my SDMC experience. Imagine my surprise when one day Ed shared that Chloe was one a 'racer'. She loved racing motorcycles, off road vehicles, etc. Just another reminder not to 'judge a book by its cover'. Gene Streeter.*

*In September 2016, we traveled Route 66 with Chloe and Ed in our Miata with a small group "Nine in a line". We went from San Diego to Chicago and then on to the original old road called 'Route 66'. It was great fun. Chloe was mostly quiet but always had her glowing smile! I remember breakfast for Chloe was 'coffee, black, please'. She was such a light eater. What a sweet lady! Our trip ended in Santa Monica and then we went on our own way. We will always have memories of Chloe and Ed on that special September 2016 Route 66 trip!! Chris and Dan Garcia*

*We lost a loved and admired dear friend. Pat Piper*

*I know Chloe from Bible Study where she exuded love and sweetness. When she decided she would no longer need her Luau outfits, she gave all the costumes to me. I know she is watching down on all of us today with love and gratitude in her heart. Bev Ritchie*

*Chloe attended the Miata Summer Camp in Grand Junction Colorado in 2018. Always the adventurer, she headed for the race track and made sure she rode in every race car until the searing heat overtook her and she decided to 'call it a day'. What a trouper!! Every day during the entire 2016 Route 66 trip we all looked forward to her big smile and loving greeting. That smile and loving greeting could be seen at every SDMC meeting / event she attended. Dan Garcia*

*I was known as the 'black sheep of the family'. As her Bank of American financial consultant, I have come to look forward to Chloe's hugs and kisses, she will be greatly missed. Shawn Collins*

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## **Rear View**

### **Mirror –**

**September, 2019**

**By Gene Streeter**

## **Rock Star Radio – un-published**

I'm not much of a singer; nor am I much of a songwriter ... that's probably not news to most of you. Some of us might remember a singer songwriter named "Weird Al" Yankovic, who made a substantial living doing wacky remakes of popular songs. (Not to be confused with Steve Waid's off-key, off-tempo rendition of the Happy Birthday tune). Like it or not,

it helps put the "fun" in "funky" and club activities. I've even had a recent, random encounter with someone who witnessed one of our monthly meeting birthday celebrations at the Boll Weevil, who remembered us for that reason. He shared that our version was now seared into his memory; it didn't come across entirely as a complaint.

Seared into my own memory, courtesy of the movie "Major League" and trend-setting character pitcher Ricky Vaughn, is the little ditty we likely all know the lyrics to. I'll give you a few minutes to set the wayback machine to 1989, and that somewhat iconic tune, "Wild Thing." Fast forward to our months-long lurching into a new run communications solution to the several challenges of our reliance upon citizens band (aka CB) radio. Here's my "Weird Al" version to sear into your own precious memory:

Bao Feng,  
You make my heart sing  
No more squelch thing  
You make everything ... groovy  
Bao Feng, I think I need you  
But I wanna know for sure  
So come on and try one out  
I love you

Bao Feng, not just a black thing  
Camouflage, blue, or yellow,  
I can hear my Miata fellows  
Making club runs more mellow

**(With reference to the BaoFeng UV-82HP High Power Dual Band Radio and sincere apologies to *The Troggs* / *Wild Thing* Lyrics / *MetroLyrics* – Ed.)**

## **Coastal Clean-up Event**

Coastal clean-up events aren't uncommon along our San Diego shoreline. They're just not as common as car shows and charity events. Or even car shows on behalf of charitable organizations this time of year. As such, the annual Main Street-er America (Nice try, word-slinger. – Ed.) car show at Embarcadero Park is a San Diego institution, just as SDMC's participation in it has become. Once again, our display atop the most southern bluff of the park became Mt. Miata for the sheer number of vehicles and the tent city effect that comes from stringing 5 "easy-ups" together. While mythology's Mt. Olympus is more widely known, I don't recall there being two significant flags being flown to celebrate the location or occasion. We can even claim the phrase "high as a kite" to describe our marketing efforts, courtesy of resident "Kyte Dude" Rick Spurgeon.

Some of the show's vehicular attractions included Dell Pound's newly-acquired 1926 Touring "T" – a significant pre-Miata convertible. A longer-term restoration project of a 1973 Datsun 240Z by a beaming Bill Bennett became a class winner as well. It was hard to decide whether the mechanical

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upgrades or “screaming yellow zonker” color scheme was the greater attraction. While Alan Kagan’s silver NSX (made more unique by its hamster-power assisted nuclear-electric propulsion) didn’t win “Best of Show,” he and Jill claimed the event Grand Prize – a \$1500 ceramic coating protection package. Given the six awards in the three Miata classes, including OTM class wins by Dell Pound, Bill Bennet, and Mason Reese, the club participation award, numerous raffle prizes, and including the grand prize, it’s not a stretch of colloquial expression to say we “cleaned-up” alongside San Diego Bay.



*A beaming Bill Bennet beside a blast from his sports car past. (I’ve requested an intervention for the author from AAA – “alliteration abusers anonymous” – Ed.)*



*Taking Regalia to the next level, in the wake of another excellent Twilight Run. Thanks to Mark and Cathy both for 25 years of twilight fun and ice cream.*

Given the “People’s Choice” selection process, every entrant and the viewing public gets a ballot to vote their favorites in the dozens of classes represented. Many of us were propositioned by complete strangers with “I’ll vote for yours if you’ll vote for my car” schemes. Not fair, right? Given SDMC’s ballot potential and voting bloc, some of us were more deliberate in our selections. An enthused Craig Moya, with dual Corvette (COCSD) and Miata club affiliations explained that concern as part of his awards ceremony presentation. I cringed in hearing his explanation to the assembled crowd, but already shared his perspective.

This year, we managed 31 participant registrations, something of a record, and certainly sufficient to earn us the Club Participation Award once again. Having developed something of a personal relationship with the rat-rod, steam-punk-styled perpetual trophy (I shuttled it back and forth for three years), I cried “Foul!” when President Dave pleaded with the Event Chairman to retire the out-sized trophy.

Should you not remember what it looked like, here’s a photo reminder:

Please let President Dave know your wishes for our future handling of this steel and iron sculpture. Hint: none of these components fit a Miata – NC, or otherwise.



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# Behind the Wheel

## Behind the Wheel

By Lynn Nolan



What an interesting story Alan has to tell! It includes so many twists and turns! Enjoy the journey!

**Name:** Alan Kagan



**Miata year, model and color:** 2006 NC Nordic Green (purchased from Neal Mills at a GREAT price 😊). This car now has a 2.5L "swap" and it is truly the car that Mazda SHOULD have made to begin with. There is also a 13-speaker sound system that I have installed.

**SDMC member since:** It was a long long time ago in a land far far away



**Hometown:** I grew up in: This is a tough one. Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa, lived at Harveys Lake (Poconos) moved to Texas, back to Pa, back to Texas then out to Cali. My only regret in moving to Cali is that I didn't do it FIRST (a long long time ago in a land far far away).

**Name of College/University:** Penn State and University of Texas

**Occupation/s:** I was a lifeguard in high school, door-to-door "bill collector" while working my way through college, teacher, insurance adjuster, business owner/property investor/Karate instructor.



**If I could have done anything in life it would have been to:** I've done so much in life that I have few regrets. Several people have told me I should have been a lawyer, but I have no regrets about the way it has all turned out...

**Favorites:**

**Restaurants:** Village Kitchen and Pie shop on Tamarack---"home cooking" and GREAT pies 😊 Katella Deli in Los Alamitos, Mikkos "sushi," Tasty Pho Vietnamese, Thai Bite, Tin Fish, Yellow Deli, Philly Franks and Phils BBQ.

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**Movies:** Action/Adventure.....anything that looks good on my Home Theater set-up (don't like "going" to the movies since it looks and sounds better at home).

**Hobbies and leisure activities:** I spend a lot of time "at the office" which consists of: riding my bike at the beach, having fun with Jill, and my daughter and grandkids who live in Laguna Hills; also enjoying activities with both SDMC and the NSX club and as much traveling as possible. I was an English major in college and I love to read. I still have many items to check off on my "bucket list" (but keep adding more as I check others off).



**Something else I'd like to share is:** Life is short. My favorite author is John D MacDonald. The main theme that permeates all of his books is the frailty of human existence and how quickly life can end without prior notice. You have to make each moment count. Dance like no one is watching. Love like there is no bottom to your heart.

I was fortunate to gain custody of my daughter after my divorce and watched her grow into an amazing woman. I now get to enjoy watching my grandchildren grow into young adults. This

week I had to go to Laguna Hills to be with my granddaughter (mom was working) when the driving instructor showed up to take her on her first driving lesson. "Where did the time go"?

**Something most people don't know about me:** I have been doing Pet Therapy as a volunteer for almost 16 years now. First, with my golden retriever "Jake" (best dog EVER) and now with my cockapoo "Sadie" (smartest dog EVER)

I'm an instrument rated pilot, and I've owned four airplanes in my life and have flown them as far away as Puerto Rico, Pennsylvania, Belize, Guatemala, and almost every tourist destination and remote airport in Mexico. I've had an engine out experience at night on an IFR flight plan in Mexico OVER MOUNTAINS and successfully landed the plane at an airport without damage.

I've also crashed and totaled a plane in a residential area while flying IFR at night, during a rainstorm after the **artificial horizon** instrument failed, made 2 "missed approaches", engine finally quit due to fuel exhaustion, and been able to walk away....with no homes/cars damaged or other injuries on the ground.

I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

I'm also an avid scuba diver with "Rescue" certification and I have traveled to many remote places specifically to explore scuba. I enjoy taking underwater photos.



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*Life is an adventure and Alan certainly has made each moment count, something he advocates in the article. He really embodies that spirit! Be sure to read Behind the Wheel (BTW) in future issues of **T&T** to enjoy more amazing SDMC driver's stories. Lynn*

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## A Different Perspective

Dona Thompson



**Featuring: Barb Sullivan**

When I purchased my first Miata, a 1995 Merlot, I went on-line to see if there were any Miata events. The Twilight Run was advertised along with a monthly meeting at the Boll Weevil. When I arrived at the Boll Weevil, Cindy Paloma welcomed me with open arms. I was able to see what a great

group of people made up this amazing club from the start.

The Twilight Run with the easy curves, socializing at Laguna Mountain Lodge, driving back down the mountain and seeing the beautiful sunset to our right while the full moon rising on our left is spectacular. Little wonder the Twilight Run is my all-time favorite local run. I will say though that the Puke / Daffodil Run with Laurie Waid is a real close second.

The Miatas in Moab at the Red Cliff Lodge and surrounding countryside in Moab, Utah is absolutely gorgeous. The Utah Miata Club has always done an amazing job putting on their events and making everyone feel special and welcomed. The events included runs that were full of twists and turns, climbing the amazing rocks of Arches National Park and experiencing the boutiques in Moab. I had started dating Dennis at the time of the Utah Miata's 20<sup>th</sup> Miata Anniversary event and invited him to join me on the trip. Geri Causarano and I were selling 'Geri's Bags' in between events. One day in particular had been a long day of events and selling and I was tired, so I allowed Dennis to get behind the wheel of my Miata for the first time. Little did I know how aggressive a driver he was when he got behind the wheel of a sports car. The run event started, Dennis got in line and we took off – fast! And continued to drive fast! Needless to say, I became wide awake in a hurry and was white knuckled for quite a while until I calmed down and realized he knew what he was doing.

The Miata's at the Ranch always makes us all laugh. There were so many events planned that we did not want the event to end. However, on the last evening as we were all in the buffet line waiting our turn for the food, a waitress walked along the line offering individual foil wrapped butter cubes from the platter she was carrying. Needless to say, everyone (especially the men) accepted the offering of butter. A few days later, at Cathy Booth's birthday party, Vicky Krueger put 2 large balloons under her shirt held up a platter of individual foil wrapped butter cubes and walked around the room, saying, "butter anyone?" What a hoot !!!!

I will admit that we all held our breath on a run to the Julian winery when Ian's car missed a curve and went flying off the road. It turned out that Ian was okay with only a scratch on the back of his neck. We now refer to that curve as Ian's landing.

In 2009 I went to Florida to visit my sister and brother. Upon my return, Aly was schedule to pick me up at the airport. Imagine my surprise when I saw Dennis waiting for me with a single long stemmed red rose. My heart melted as he gave me the rose and whispered in my ear "I chose you". I am truly blessed to have such a sweet loving man be the center of my universe.

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As you all know by now, Dennis and I are planning a move to Latitude Margaritaville near Daytona Beach, Florida. The house is in the process of being built with a scheduled completion date of mid-December 2019. I have very mixed feelings as I prepare to leave. The members of SDMC have been my friends, family and strength for 25+ years. I will be leaving with a heavy heart. As a result of the Latitude Margaritaville proactive development company, we have already met online some of our new neighbors in Florida and are looking forward to meeting them in person. The community already has several websites for the new home owners to: get acquainted with one another, to join different clubs, follow the construction of your new home and much more. We are excited to be able to move to a more affordable location to live out our retirement years. **T&T**

## The Twilight Run 2019

*Photos by Mark Booth*



*Photo by Phyllis Lord*





# Events Information

## September 2019

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6 6 pm–10 pm Cruisin' Grand 2019	Sat 7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Palomar Mountain and Picnic
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 SDMC Monthly Meeting 7pm–8pm	27	28
29 8:30 am– 3 pm Mt. Wil- son Observatory	30					

### San Diego Miata Club September 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, September 14th** – Palomar Mountain and Picnic Run. Details soon.

**Thursday, September 26th** – SDMC monthly meeting at the Hamburger Factory in Poway. Arrive early for dining. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

**Saturday, September 29th** – Mt. Wilson Observatory run using Angeles Crest Highway. Details soon.

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# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

September 2019

## Welcome to our newest members...

Jackson Arnold  
Nicholas & Anne Lonero  
Mark Mervich & Rosalie Dedo  
Joe & JoAnn Ascuitte  
Kimberly Gross

Descanso  
La Mesa  
Fallbrook  
El Cajon  
Carlsbad

2019 Soul Red Crystal Metallic  
1999 Emerald Mica  
2006 Galaxy Gray Mica  
2019 Arctic White  
1990 Classic Red

## Our Club's numbers as of 8/17/2019

145 memberships (45 single, 100 dual) for a total of 245 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 September 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>

### ***'Tis the Car Show Season***

On the weekend preceding Main Street America, five of us displayed our Miatas in the long-running Greatest Show on Turf, our best participation to date per our SD Car Club Council (the event host) representative, Steve Waid. You might remember when this show called Balboa Park its home, long before occupying the much-smaller Clairemont Park. We only needed one easy-up there to accommodate our crew.

This being a judged show, Car Club Council members were "volun-told" of their duties the morning of the event. As opposed to the "peoples' choice" format, judged or juried shows are expected to have established rules, standards, and more objective evaluations of the vehicles displayed. Owing to a dust-up between Steve and that organization's current president early on, any chance we might have had in garnering a trophy were likely dashed.

I later learned there is some political infighting and accusations rocking the council. This reminds us all of the importance of maintaining a civil discourse when there are challenges to the status quo. Our current membership and board are fortunate that we've been able to find the balance. I've long maintained the position "there is no possible way to please all of the people all of the time." I'll get off my soapbox and encourage you to take it from here.

### ***Goodwin Racing Open House & Rocky's Miatomotive Tech Day & Car Show***

Any doubts that August was car show month for SDMC were laid to rest with this third car show, this time in Southwest Chula Vista. Principals Bryan and Andi Goodwin and "Rocky Murphy" celebrated one year at their new location, putting their "best foot forward" ("feet" is more appropriate – Ed.). Bryan was impressed with the turnout, counting 53 Miatas and two "Fiatas." We all enjoyed the camaraderie of kindred spirits, the street taco luncheon, and the Greg Lee-led tours of the facility.

Apart from that bit of entertainment, I enjoyed my chance meeting with young Dune Mallory as well. When he first walked up to a conversation I was having with two BMW technicians, I barely recognized him. He's grown nearly a foot since I last saw him and his facial features had "matured." At the ripe old age of seventeen, he remains our youngest member, and is starting his junior year in high school already having owned more Miatas than I have to my credit. Even Miata collector Chuck Graham (his own collection currently scaled back to just five) seemed impressed.

### ***Let's get ready to rumble ...***

If all this chatter about car shows has you questioning SDMC's claim of being a "driving club," that's my concern as well. Apart from the slow roll to Julian for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, a few miles of country roads to Chloe Oswald's Celebration of Life (We love and miss you, Chloe.), the mostly sedate (by design) Twilight Run, and a late-night dose of kart racing with members Craig Moya, Greg Lee, and Wally Stevens, all I've racked up the past month have been freeway miles. I need a road trip or some challenging twisties to get recharged, to get a little adrenaline pumping, to make me feel young again. To be clear, getting trounced at a Summer Camp Autocross by the likes of teenager Preston Waid doesn't have quite the same uplifting effect.

Speaking of road trips, members always in good standing, the Waids, Bristols (Carlan, at least, - Ed.), and the Mills are headed to the "final four states" of a bucket list item – Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. I wish I could make that trip, at the very least to revel in the Dearborn, Michigan-based Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. I'll likely have to accomplish that one

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on my own.

In the meantime, how about a spirited drive over and through some local drivers' roads? I'm expecting Holly Hauske's upcoming (and sold-out) "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" run may help scratch this itch. I already like the name of the run because I'm also a fan of using re-purposed movie and song titles to add interest to my stories. I'm also an unrepentant fan of road sign humor. Here's a minor collection of the road signs I'm looking forward to as a soon-to-be retired senior:



(As far as we know, photo is public domain)



*Be true to your own sign, write your own lyrics, and stay classy, San Diego Miata Club!*



## SDMC Picnic 2019

Photos by Barb Sullivan



(How does the treasurer get anything done for the club?- Ed.)



## 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 September 2019

*Chloe Oswald, from Page 5*

*I loved our monthly Bunco get together, they were so much fun. Chloe told me one day that she had heard a rumor that I was selling my house. I assured her the rumor was not true. She looked relieved and said "I am so glad you are leaving". It touched my heart. Linda Tuller*

*I have known Chloe for 6 years. She is a very welcoming woman with lots of hugs and jokes to tell. She was truly an amazing lady. She even called my dog her 'grand baby'. Ed Grants granddaughter*

*She was a lady. Quick witted with a risqué sense of humor. Ed Grant*

*It is a joy to hear about Chloe. The ladies were the first to talk about how loving and wonderful she was. The men spoke about her big smile and how nice, sweet, and spirited she was. At the SDMC meetings / events, when Ed showed up, we would always look for Chloe. Steve Waid*



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# Our Mission

The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars—the **Mazda Miata**.

Owning and driving a **Miata** is one of life's great pleasures, and adding the company and camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts only enhances the experience. Won't you join the fun as we enjoy the beauty of San Diego County from the seat of a very special little roadster?

Let's have fun driving our **Miatas**!

## Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, and share stories. **Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except in November and December** when we meet on the third Thursday.

We meet at the Old Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant, 14122 Midland Road, Poway 92064 To contact the restaurant, call (858) 486-4575.

Many members arrive around 6 p.m. to enjoy meals, snacks, or beverages while chatting with their Miata friends. The informal meeting starts at 7 p.m. We guarantee you'll have fun.

## Dues

Dues are \$35 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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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 September 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 September 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 HartSeptemberer. 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.

**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. 619.287.9626. Ask for Stuart, 10% discount on parts & labor to \$50

**Thompson Automotive.** Cool Miata accessories, oil filter relocation kits, gauge kits, air horns, brakes, Voodoo knobs & MORE Discount. 10% 949.366.0322. [www.thompson-automotive.com](http://www.thompson-automotive.com)

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**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.

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**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.

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