



# TWISTS & TURNS

December 2019

## Mazda Heritage Collection Tour

Story and photos by Laura Byrd

They are whizzing by me... and I'm going plenty fast. But there they go, red, orange, silver, blue, green, like little crayons... zoom! And again, zoom! I'm grinning from ear to ear, remembering what the Mazda motorsports guide had said to us earlier that day when addressing our group gathered at the Mazda R&D center in Irvine.

"Uh, by the way, we don't say Zoom Zoom anymore."



To which several people including myself shouted, "We do!!!"

This was my first driving event with the San Diego Miata Club since 2003. When I joined way back then, my 2000 MX5 was new in my life – purchased from the San Diego BMW dealership – and the runs I took with the club that year included my favorite, the **Moon over Miatas** drive.

I left the club when I moved from San Diego to Seattle in 2004, and didn't rejoin when I returned in 2009. Instead, I drove my little girl to Virginia and shipped her to Italy with the military.

But that's another story.

With a husband stationed overseas for two years, and some extra time on my hands, I rejoined late in 2019, and this was my first run with the SDMC in ten years. But this experience was very different from the old days

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# Ed Grant's Fabulous Flip Flop Run

By Ed Grant

Once upon a time, a long long ago, the sky was clear and blue. Thirteen Miatas gathered at Walmart in Temecula for something called a run.

The fearless leader, *Moi*, and Neal and Grace Mills were the shepherds of this intrepid group of thrill seekers on a 108 mile three hour run on some really nice twisty and turny roads. They were Sage Rd., Wilson Valley Rd. and East Benton Rd.

Dairy Queen Ice Cream, an establishment in Anza was encountered at about 37 miles, where all the adventurers partook of some sort of ice cream refreshments and of course the restrooms.

We proceeded to drive through Garner Valley on Hwy. 74 to Mountain Center, then we proceeded down the mountain to Hemet. While in Hemet, we traversed Fairview and Stetson roads to State Street and while on State St. we ran into Sage Rd. again and took that to Hwy. 79.

Lunch was had at Richie's Diner in Temecula where everyone ate and enjoyed each other's company.

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## **It's 2020 Membership Renewal Time !!!**

Your SDMC Membership Team will start accepting Renewal Application forms for 2020 monthly meetings on December 19<sup>th</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is still only \$35 for the calendar year.

Some reminders:

All memberships expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year.

Renew early / on time, but not later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Applications received or post-marked after that date are considered late and will incur a \$5.00 late fee (total \$40) to renew for 2020.

Use the Renewal form to update your changes – add or shed a car, new vanity plates, changed address, phone, email, copilot, etc.

Specify if you desire a replacement membership card for 2020 (may be requested at any time if you change your mind in April, or July). Default (blank) selection is NO Card.

The Membership Renewal Application form is available for download on the Club's website: <[http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for\\_members/index.html](http://sandiegomiataclub.org/for_members/index.html)>. Look for the blue "Renewal Application" link in the middle of the "For Members>>>" page; print or download it to your computer. Bring the completed, signed form to any of the club meetings (cash or check accepted), or mail it to the address on the form: SDMC | PO BOX 180456 | CORONADO, CA 92178-0456 (check-only in the mail).

We look forward to supporting the Club throughout 2020!

Your SDMC Membership Duo,

Chris & Linda Jones

[membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org](mailto:membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org)

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that I remembered. Unlike the twisty cruise to Julian or Temecula, or winding high speed rides on some of the long stretches of back road in San Diego County, we are diving into the deep end of the pool: Los Angeles traffic.

And here's the thing, I like to go fast. But I'm also OK with sitting. And I'm good with going slow too. And passing. Or being passed. Even stop and go. Which is a good thing, because we are doing it all. The biggest challenge is staying together with up to six lanes of some of the scariest drivers in the country. But for the most part, we are doing it. Because the crayons in back, when they get separated from the group, find a hole, and ZOOM, catch up.

Here at the R & D center, we're touring a working garage where a lot of Mazda history – both motorsport and design history, lives. Drew Carey (yes, that's really his name), the head of Mazda PR, says to me with a laugh, "This is really a dirty, dusty garage that people work in every day. It's usually a mess. But we detailed all the cars for your visit. That's why we are videotaping and photographing everything right now... because everything is clean!"

It's a fascinating place to visit, and I'm drooling all over myself looking at the concept Miatas.

Driving home, I'm graciously motioned into second place behind the lead car, and I am clinging to that car like, well, you know the old "fly on the butt" saying. But it's challenging for the back of the pack in what is traffic much heavier than this morning. I see two cars behind me, but no others, for 17 miles. But the minute we have any space to maneuver between vehicles, here they come, the flying crayons.

Whizzing past me to tuck in behind our leader or challenge him in the next lane. I have to wonder what all the other "not a Miata" drivers think. Do they think we're cute? Annoying? Most of them are smiling at us when we pass them. So maybe they're just thinking in their heads, "Zoom Zoom!"



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# The Joys of GPS

By Daryled Bristol

On a recent cross country trip with two ND's we had an opportunity to test new and improved Mazda GPS. Now this is not another clone of Tom Tom or Garmin or Magellan but Mazda's own super GPS. Proprietary for sure. Now I won't blame the whole event on the magic of GPS or the Mazda database or the operator but I will certainly add my whole-hearted endorsement of mobile electronics and what they are capable of (or not).

I guess I need to start in St Joseph, Mo. After a day of driving this would be our first "City" Adventure as our previous overnights had been in relatively small towns or close communities; St Jo does not resemble any of those. It is definitely a big city with many neighborhoods of varying description; some of these are in different stages of renewal while some are rather new and very ostentatious. My common practice when in a new environment is to inquire about recommended dining experiences. Now not to be misunderstood my query generally goes something like this..."I am new to this area and probably just for the night, if you were me where would you go for dinner? I'm not looking for the canned answer about just how good the hotel dining arrangements are but more of the adventure sort of question.

In this instance a dining facility in "Downtown" was recommended. Boudreaux's Seafood. The person behind the desk proceeded to give me directions, and after the second turn I decided that the trusty "GPS" would do. Off we went with Neal and Grace following, the Waids were nowhere in sight but I knew they had their own GPS, and we could always find our way. Blindly I followed the magic "Bitch in the Box" down to a local highway into a spaghetti bowl of twist and turns onto a large arch that swung over the Missouri River.

What a gorgeous view it probably was, but I was too busy concentrating on the road to enjoy it. In short order we were at the restaurant and parked. The Waids had taken a shorter, and more direct route so we all arrived at about the same time for a very good meal in a turn-of-the-century (19th) building. Just the type of dining experience I was looking forward to. After the meal, I took Steve's advice to return on the more direct city route.

So once again I plugged the hotel into the GPS and away we went (again Neal and Grace following). Well after a few turns up one way streets and other adventures, we did find our way back to our lodging for the night.

Next stop, Champaign, Illinois

It began with the recommendation of the hotel desk person that for a dining experience that would be specific to our overnight location we should try "Black Dog Dining and Brewing". So off we go to our respective rides to input the information into our GPS. Our fearless leader using the Mazda Proprietary GPS and us with our lowly Garmin plug in. All of the three cars got positive response and off we went. The dining was relatively close, within 5 miles of city streets. It didn't take long before my navigator told me in no uncertain terms that we were on the wrong street, and when the leader turned into a driveway with a large "DO NOT ENTER" barricade I had to agree with her. What the heck, were on an adventure. Our next turn was almost a total disaster as we found ourselves facing curb to curb headlights. We were going the wrong way on a one way street. Screaming into the handy ham radio, I made a decision and turned into the driveway, drove around the barricade and found myself at the back of the restaurant. Our leader made a swift "U-turn" and tried again to follow the magical "Bitch in a box" to the destination. The third couple was nowhere in sight.

We drove around to the front of the building, parked and proceeded to wait everyone's arrival. In the end it became clear to me that electronic marvels are great but only for general assistance.

We have used our GPS but I still carry paper maps. I will not attempt to let electronics keep me in my lane or possibly apply my brakes when in traffic (or any other time). Being a member of a "Driving" club, I prefer to DRIVE.

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## *Surf 'N Safari, 2020*

### *We Have Our Eyes on You*

As will be our habit for most of the next ten months leading up to our 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Regional Miata Event we know and love as Surf 'N Safari, a newsletter article will mark our progress. In addition to our planned monthly meeting updates, President Dave invited me to share updates with everyone in attendance at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 16. Personally, I think it was as much an excuse for the two of us to wear funny hats in front of a captive audience.

Assuming that Dave and I have already confiscated most of the photographic evidence, Dave was wearing his version of a Daniel Boone/Safari cap and I was sporting the infamous "pith" helmet the exploratory Brits made famous on multiple continents in the last century. Perhaps you remember seeing me and our since-departed friend, Jeff Frederick, "rocking" our pith helmets and "safari gear" at the previous Surf 'N Safari event. I can't put that helmet on without thinking about the fun we had directing Miata (and OTM) guests through the check-in portal manned by Paula and Steve Kennison and their brace of volunteers.

I'm eager to share our updated logo with you, the brainchild of the Waids and Terry Thompson. Think of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary window cling we used to celebrate SDMC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being merged with the current logo above. Quite obviously, the year will be 2020; expressed as a vision measurement, it would translate to 20/20 – "we have our eyes on you!" Get it? Since I don't possess the necessary graphics abilities my son possesses, we'll just have to stay tuned.

### *Event Registration Is Now Open!*

Our initial core group has done much of the heavy lifting required to get the proverbial "ball rolling." I'm happy to announce that event registration is now open, and lodging reservations can be made as well. Under the capable direction of past Event Chairman, Neal Mills, our current Marketing Committee Chair Terry Thompson, has already contacted the 122 Miata Clubs in the United States, Canada, and Mexico with "Save the Date" information. He'll follow-up with the news "registration is now open."

Our Webmaster/Postmaster, Dan "the Man" Garcia is now SDMC Member of the Year, along with wife Christine. I've called him "Radar" on numerous occasions, for his habit of being a step or two ahead of me and my requests. That hasn't changed, but Dan is now wearing as many hats as he has nicknames – all for the same money. Thanks to his efforts, you can now access the registration form on the website, print it off and send it with your check to the address provided.

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## **Rear View**

### **Mirror**

**December, 2019**

**By Gene Streeter**

### **The Irvine Effect**

We're not talking brash restaurateur/reality TV host Robert Irvine here, but our recent Friday morning trek to Mazda's R&D Center and the Heritage Collection ensconced in its basement. Others have expressed appreciation to Laurie and Steve Waid for

their cat-herding efforts, involving approximately 35 Miatas. Hopefully, another member has contributed their own newsletter account. Failing that, I encourage you to read member and prolific "poster" Jan Wagner's excellent account (re-posted 11/13) of his previous visit to this collection. Because Jan didn't really delve into Mazda's driving philosophy, I'm talking the liberty of touching upon it below.

### **Translate This!**

While many of us are familiar with Mazda's driving philosophy *jinba ittae* and its loose translation "horse and rider as one" our host Mo Murray did a masterful job of explaining how niche-market auto manufacturer Mazda manages to attract and retain its customers. Most of us in attendance could probably be described as Miata-faithful. Digging even deeper in Mazda's culture, Mo went on to explain the *Onhashiru Yorokobi* philosophy, again loosely translated as "joy from driving." Fascinating, I thought to myself. Every time I get behind the wheel of my fifteen-year-old Mazdaspeed, I don't ever have to force a smile to my bearded face ... it comes by design.

Even deeper than how the vehicle responds quickly and accurately to driver inputs, "joy from driving" expects the driver's environment is a calming space, the combination of colors, textures, visual, audio, and tactile experiences. "How *it* feels" should equate to and drive how we feel in that environment; a tall order, indeed. My friend, fellow "car guy," and passenger for the day shared that he had never heard that from an auto manufacturer. Apart from my few attached photos depicting the "split personality" of the MX-5 Cup racer, my intention is to regale you with a very different, related story.



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How about Mazda's most recognizable racing paint scheme being derived from the sponsor's line of argyle socks?

Our freeway commute there took longer than the actual tour, to say nothing of the ride home, especially considering home is Chula Vista. Not complaining, mind you, just telling the story of our invited visit. Even though I've seen most of these significant vehicles in the past, it didn't diminish the experience. After participating in the initial employee-led tour, I spent half an hour in earnest conversation with "Jim," a 37-plus year, tenured Mazda employee interested in customer feedback, specifically concerning parts and accessories. I explained that between Goodwin Racing, Thompson Automotive Products, Moss Motors, and out-of-state Flyin' Miata, our accessory needs are largely fulfilled.

That wasn't the end of my sports car immersion for the day. A friend of mine had agreed to tag along once I promised to visit nearby Hillbank Motorsports, purveyors of tasty retro roadsters and such. How do you like your Cobra prepared? Aluminum, fiberglass, as a Shelby CSX "continuation" car, or by Carroll Shelby-authorized Superformance? You can order and build pretty much whatever your wallet can withstand, so long as its design and basic architecture hails from a bygone era. They can even build you a mid-sixties Corvette Grand Sport if that's



what winds up your tach.

Lean, athletic Tom Howlett and I were fortunate to interact with a salesman/general manager with racing DNA in his genes. (I see what you're doing here, "Jean." – Ed.) Our gracious host for nearly two hours, we learned that Rich McDonald's father was none other than Dave McDonald, versatile wheelman in the early 1960s, who perished in a fiery crash in

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# Radiator Springs or Bust Run

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

By John Lord, with generous help from Steve Sampson, Daryled Bristol, Ed Grant



32 people, 22 Miatas and one OTM (a Mini) gathered on Saturday morning, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the parking lot at the North County Fair mall. The run was painstakingly planned and led by Steve Sampson, with an assist by Daryled Bristol serving as sweep.

It was, in at least one respect, an unlikely day for a fun run. High Santa Ana winds, Red Flag warnings, and fires had San Diego County on high alert. The day before the run, the Sawday Fire erupted along the run's planned route on Old Julian Highway, filling the Ramona Valley with smoke. But that fire was quickly under control, thanks to the tireless efforts of Cal Fire firefighters. As Steve reports, "I was making evacuation preparations rather than Miata packing. It was amazing to have such a dramatic change in 24 hours - from Friday's blistering Santa Ana winds and dense smoke into Saturday's clear and deliciously welcoming day for the run."

Though the run itself was not impeded by fire or threat thereof, telltale signs were everywhere, from freshly scorched countryside to the closure of Dudley's in Santa Ysabel due to lack of electricity. Lunch at the Lake Cuyamaca Restaurant was a great success, thanks to generator power. Dolores, manager of the Lake Cuyamaca Restaurant, reserved the outside deck for our group, ensuring a great view to go along with that delicious lunch.

The run's course took our members and guests along some of the best and most fun roads San Diego County has to offer, including Highland Valley Road, Old Julian Highway, Wynola Road, and Engineer Road. As if that weren't enough, the run was further blessed with spectacular weather and fall color.

This was the first run led by prodigal SDMC'er Steve Sampson following his return to the Miata fold. In fact, it was his magnetics run!

Steve Sampson certainly earned those aforementioned magnetics. Steve reports there were 3 ½ preruns before plans were finalized. By all accounts, Steve's careful attention to detail resulted in a successful run, and fun was had by all who participated.

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## Radiator Springs Photos



Photos by Steve Sampson



culmination of a meteoric rise to racing success in just four years of piloting Corvettes, Cobras, NAS-CAR, and other purpose-built sports racers.

He was only 27 years old and had only been racing four years. With obvious pride, Rich shared that the father he lost at just six years old, had competed in just 118 races, winning 52 of them, and placing "top-three" in 75 of them. He drove every one of Shelby's legendary Cobra variants to first-ever victories. If I've somehow piqued your interest, you can visit the website [www.DaveMacDonald.net](http://www.DaveMacDonald.net) for more information.

A youthful 61 himself, Rich drew us into his family's story and the many reasons he loves his current profession. His keen eye had correctly paired me with my arrest-me-red MazdaSpeed, and especially the Ferrari "emblems" on the fenders. I don't doubt for a minute he was weighing my financial assets, and especially Tom's because of his greater interest in potential ownership of one of the vehicles displayed there. We were given free reign to inspect the inventory, once it became clear we were careful not to inflict any scratches or impressions in aluminum panels. (Little-known fact: I once worked for a man named Rex Mays III, the son of an equally-famous race car driver, Rex Mays, Jr. Racer Rex Mays lost his life at 36, in a 1949 race at Del Mar, the only "Champ" car race run there.) I sometimes marvel at the collection of motorsports legends and racing talent that has called Southern California home.

Rich reveled in the fact that his store and its high-powered inventory were instrumental in the making of the movie Ford v Ferrari. For the movie studio, it was a financial no-brainer, since the original vehicles of that early-1960s era are worth millions of dollars, and their present owners ("curators" sounds less financially-motivated) are largely dis-interested in putting them at risk of damage. Keep in mind, actor Christian Bale, who did the high-profile racing segments as Ken Miles, is not an accomplished race car driver in the Paul Newman, James Garner, Patrick Dempsey mold. Better to apply a modern vinyl vehicle "wrap" to recreate the historic racecars – the perfect Hollywood solution.



The white "slab-sided" early Cobra that Matt Damon drove in  
*photos courtesy of Hillbank Motor website*

*Matt Damon just happens to be my wife's Hollywood heartthrob*

*< this photo courtesy of the author*



blue" livery. "Restored" is a relative term here – the white wrap was carefully removed. Same story re: the collection of vehicles raced by Christian Bale (as Ken Miles) and others. While Matt Damon doesn't pack the same physical presence as Carroll Shelby (similarly, Tom Cruise is a smaller-scale visage of the Jack Reacher character), Christian Bale casts a shadow similar to Ken Miles. The movie studio insisted on taller roll bars to ensure the safety of their actors. Rich challenged me to compare these to the vintage photos to find the additional 1 ½ inches.



We "fought traffic" ("endured" is a more accurate expression) much of our way home, after the nearly 2-hour history lesson and treating ourselves to a local pastrami sandwich. Worth all of it, cholesterol included. Take that, Robert Irvine.

### **Quid Pro Quo**

Let me be perfectly clear ("eschew obfuscation!" – Ed.), there's no truth to the suggestion or rumor that I intentionally withheld my R V M column from the October newsletter edition for any political purpose or personal gain. Further, there was no expectation of being awarded the elusive Silver Scribbler trophy at today's Annual Meeting.

Otherwise clever in presiding over the morning's proceedings, President Dave claimed that the award was intended to recognize the "... writer that routinely provided information via newsletter submissions ..."

One audience member was quick to protest, hopefully in jest. While it wouldn't be professional to identify the heckler (Steve Waid), I was honored, nonetheless. Certainly, my intentions have always been to provide information, but also to share opinions, points of view, even entertainment on rare occasions. Please note that electronic posts, even literate ones, to the club list over the past year weren't considered. As I mentioned in my brief (and out of character) acceptance comments, credit goes to then-newsletter editor and promoter, Larry Clark, who commissioned the elegant trophy about twelve years ago.

As an aside, the newsletter editor responsibilities were typically shared across three volunteers at that time. Our contemporary "editor Larry" operates as 3-in-1, and without any commensurate salary expectations. Larry Clark's mission was to elevate the written communications craft here and elsewhere. He also shared his talents with the San Diego Region of the Porsche Club of America, in their more stylish, glossy-stock "Windblown Witness" publication. Larry, Jerry Standefer, and I loosely conspired to do the same with our own "Twists & Turns" house organ.

Within two years, we lost Larry to long-term degenerative lung disease, but enjoyed Mary's continued participation. In current political-speak, the trophy was always an effort to M.O.N.G.A. – "make our newsletter great again." (I know you don't use that method, but "**Tweeter Streeter**" does have an interesting ring to it. – Ed.)

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In the wake of our Annual Meeting and my engaging conversation with new member Laura Byrd, coincidentally a freelance photojournalist, I began searching random newsletters, all wonderfully archived on our website, to determine the actual age of said award. Want a real treat? Look at some of the member photos and run reviews, dating all the back to SDMC's inception – May 1996.

### **Happy Holidays!**

This is the December newsletter, despite the fact that we've just cleared Halloween and the weather still suggests summer and fall. We'll soon be in the thick of the holidays and celebrations. Lady Bonnie and I will not be attending the annual Holiday Party and Gift Exchange for our first time in many years. Don't feel too sorry for us, though. We'll be Zoom-Zooming to Europe that same day for our adventures there.

I have no idea what the Japanese expression might be for "joy from travelling," but I'm hoping that our two weeks abroad produce the same patented Miata smile on my face. I'll have to let you know in February's newsletter.

In the meantime, stay classy, connected, and appreciative of all our blessings.

Happy Holidays!

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*Photo courtesy 2020 Japan Auto Show*



## *Surf 'N Safari, 2020*

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Please contact our Singing Hills Golf Resort reservationists directly. The direct number to make a reservation is 619-219-6103. That will ensure your discounted rates and benefit our overall agreement with that property.

### *Next Steps*

My own impending retirement (December 1) has hijacked my focus on Surf 'N Safari, but not for much longer. We'll be assembling the necessary committees as the next step. We'll utilize your "interest surveys" to underpin that effort. That, and a gentle tug on my arm or an email should suffice to get my attention if you didn't complete a survey. In my experience, that's when the fun begins. There's a reason we've named one of those committees the "Fun Team." It's not an exaggeration. Meeting with like-minded members over multiple occasions allows a much better appreciation of one another; new friendships will be established and existing ones will be reinforced. We'll get as many of you as possible out to the property, so that you can also appreciate how well-suited it is to our needs.

To our success next October, the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

*Gene*

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### **2019 Holiday Party**

**Singing Hills Golf Resort**

**December 15, 2019**

The **payment deadline** to join the Holiday Party at Singing Hills Resort is **December 8, 2019**. If you are mailing the payment (\$30/person), checks in care of SDMC can be mailed to:

**David Hunt**

**15829 Cumberland Dr.**

**Poway, CA 92064**

Dennis Sullivan is happy to take your money (cash or check made out to SDMC) \$30 per person, at the November SDMC meeting at the Hamburger Factory as well if you don't trust the snail mail to deliver by the deadline.

# Events Information

## December 2019

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

### San Diego Miata Club December Events

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** – San Marcos Holiday Parade

Meet in the parking lot near Hooters at the Nordahl Marketplace just north of Highway 78 on the west side of Nordahl by 10:30 am (earlier if you would like to get some coffee and socialize). We will be decorating the cars along the lines of the parade theme, "A Season of Caring, Sharing & Giving". Bring an unwrapped toy (Please No Stuffed Toys) for a needy child and/or canned or non-perishable food items for needy families.

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – SDMC Holiday Party

5:00 to 10:00 PM at Singing Hills Golf Resort, 3007 Dehesa Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. **\$30 per person paid by December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mail payment to David Hunt at 15829 Cumberland Drive Poway, CA 92064.**

To participate in the gift exchange bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25 or so.

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly meeting is **one week earlier** than normal to accommodate Christmas. Hamburger Factory in Poway.



# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

December 2019

## Welcome to our newest members...

John & Shannon Robinson	Santee	2015 Brilliant Black Clearcoat & 2015 Soul Red Metallic
Jose Leyva	Chula Vista	1997 Montego Blue Mica
John Raymond	Escondido	2001 Midnight Blue Mica

## Our Club's final numbers as we wrap up the year 2019:

152 memberships (48 single, 104 dual) for a total of 256 members.

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**Questions ? Updates to your membership information?** Email us at  
[membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org](mailto:membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org) and ask.

Thanks!

Chris & Linda Jones  
Your SDMC Membership Team  
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## 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!

### Miatas in Moab VI

April 30—May 2, 2020

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

### Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2020

August 13-16, 2020

<https://www.umn-c2m2-2020.com/>

## More Photos from the Mazda Heritage Collection Tour



## 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.

For sale: **2012 Mx-5 Miata Grand Touring**, PRHT, dark blue, 2.0 L DOHC, 6 speed manual transmission, bluetooth, factory anti theft alarm, 1sp premium package, 2pr premium package, plus many extras, Mazda dealer serviced, pristine condition, 27,000 miles \$17,995 OBO, **Ted 1(858)349-8988**. Car fax available always babied & hand waxed every 2 weeks.

## In Memoriam

Long time member and friend **Richard Sanders** has passed away after a tough battle with cancer. Richard's wife Jean passed away a few months ago before Richard's passing.



Richard was featured in the May 2019 Behind the Wheel column. Richard had been a member of SDMC since 2008. If you wish to know more about Richard and his life you can find his bio in the BTW article.

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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 **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

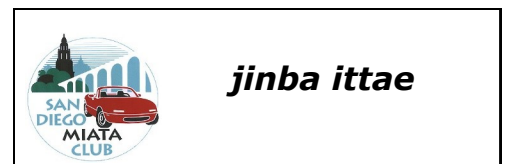
Have you noticed those engraved plastic name badges that other members wear? Would you like to get one? You can now order them on-line from fellow Miata enthusiast, Joe Portas – the KnobMeister. The .pdf order form is available on our SDMC website. These popular magnetic badges are priced at \$6 each,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

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**American Battery.** Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff HartDecemberer. Fleet discount on all products.

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**Rocky's MiataMotive** 696 Naples St. Chula Vista 91911 858.273.2547. Discount: 10% on labor.

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