



TWISTS & TURNS

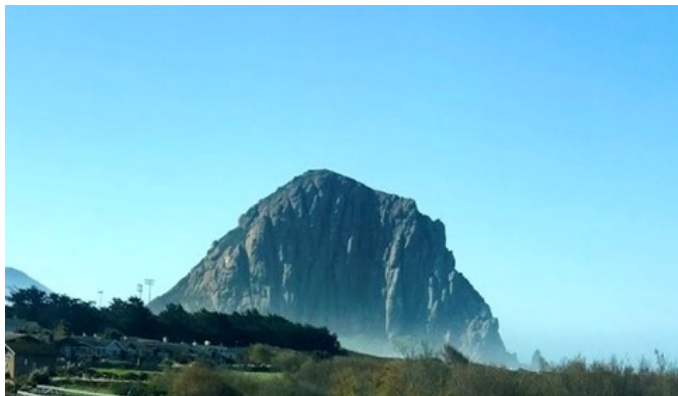
March 2020

Cambria Coastal Weekend

THE CAMBRIA COASTAL FREE-STYLE WEEKEND

By Julie Thompson and Maryanne Garon

On Friday January 31st, **18** Miatas (all but 2 cars which met us in Cambria) and **1** Porsche took off following Steve and Laurie Waid from the rendezvous spot just north of Escondido to begin their non-structured weekend. The initial plan was to drive through LA traffic, with only one brief stop in Frazier Park (the point at which we exit freeways and drive scenic roads), and then reward ourselves with lunch and/or dessert at the Madonna Inn. However, about two hours into our journey, we began our weekend of individualization earlier than expected when cars began to drop out of the caravan exit by exit due to "bladder overload"!



Eventually, most of the group reconvened at the Madonna Inn for nourishment while 5 cars proceeded northwest to either check in at the Pelican Inn or head directly to the fiber-optic show at Sensoria.

Friday evening, the group split off into 3 different events. A few folks hung out at the Pelican Inn enjoying the sunset and some R & R after a 6-hour drive. A small group headed to the unique light show in Paso Robles, Sensoria, a colorful

Cont'd on page 2

IN THIS ISSUE

Punxsutawney Phil's Run.....	4
Aftermarket Goodies.....	5
Rear View Mirror.....	6
Events.....	14
Membership.....	15



Cambria Coastal Free Style Weekend, cont'd

display of almost 16,000 fiber-optic lights. The beauty of the lights emerging over 15 acres of countryside as the sun sets is a sight to behold! The remainder of the group headed to the Main Street Grill for a scrumptious BBQ meal (you know we were starving as there's never enough to eat when you're traveling with the SD Miata Club...*not!*).



Saturday morning, after filling the Pelican Inn Dining Room and our stomachs, the participating Miata enthusiasts had their options of things to do for the day. As described by Maryanne Garon, a group of 5 cars chose to follow Steve Norris on a spirited run to the Pozo Saloon. As the group departed (tops down, of course!) from the Pelican Inn and headed south along Highway 1, we enjoyed the bright sun overhead, mildly warm temperatures, and the beautiful Pacific Ocean on our right. When we reached Highway 41, we turned inland and headed toward some of the best roads in California (or, as Steve noted... his very favorite road). CA 229 was, of course,

rural, winding through rolling hills and breathtaking scenery. But most notable was the way it twisted and meandered along, with little traffic (and no center line)! Steve Norris was very familiar with the road and took off like well, the proverbial bat out of H_I! We (the Garons) were second in line and I (yelled) at Dennis to try to keep fairly close, as I wanted to hear if Steve was warning of "oncoming"! It was a fun but occasionally challenging road. (Dennis got lots of practice on those "paddle shifters on NuBlack"!) Once we left that road, we proceeded at a little more gentle pace toward the Pozo Saloon. The scenery was still lovely, and Bonnie Streeter spotted several deer.

The Pozo Saloon has been a San Luis Obispo landmark since 1858, and, according to their website [www.pozosaloon.com], "is also one of the finest and most authentic examples of how the west used to be. With its rustic, cozy interior and surrounding countryside, the Pozo Saloon offers the traveler the hospitality and frontier friendliness of a bygone day". Our group took advantage of the sunny day and enjoyed the yummy food outside!

From the Pozo Saloon, we retraced our route part way back and again found ourselves driving on Steve's favorite road. Steve chose a slightly different route back to Moonstone so that three cars could stop at a couple wineries along the way. The Garons, Streeters and Thompsons headed to Eberle and Sculpterra wineries and enjoyed some sampling of their offering. The day ended up being a great one for driving, eating and enjoying time with friends! And it was just one part of a great weekend!



Cont'd on next page

Another Saturday morning event was chosen by the occupants of six cars. This group headed north on Highway 1 to Monterey, the traditional destination of the historical "Coastal Run". The group was led by Ken and Stacy Hurd. The highlights of the trip included a drive along the scenic coastline, viewing celebrity homes, meeting up with relatives, and lunch at Old Fisherman's Grotto.

The remainder of the weekend attendees were looking to spend fewer hours in their little cars and chose to enjoy the view of the beach and head on a local run to lunch at Avila Beach. Of course, you can't enjoy lunch if you haven't traveled some twisties along the way so that is what the group did. They had so much fun that they traveled a few more on the way back.

Alan and Jill chose to forgo the lounging at the hotel upon returning, instead they went for a horse-back riding session on Clydesdale horses. Others rested, some shopped, some walked the beach in search of moonstones, some met at the hospitality suite until it was time to depart for our group dinner at Schooners in Cayucos. Following dinner, a few SDSU fans gathered in the hospitality suite to cheer the Aztecs basketball team on to victory over Utah State. Many others gathered just to gather! The manager of the Pelican Inn chose to visit to welcome the group despite our noise level; certainly the fan support and cheering from afar was partially responsible for the Aztec win!



Sunday morning, more of the same, which is why we were all participating in the weekend trip! Alan Kagan and Jill Wilson led a group of 4 Miatas on a run to Nacimiento Campground. They visited a mission on their journey. Ken and Stacy Hurd led a group of several cars to the Pozo Saloon since most had chosen a different run on Saturday instead of the Pozo Saloon. Their route was slightly different. Another group of 14 SDMC members were in a more "lazy Sunday kind of mood" chose to drive north up the coastline to Ragged Point for lunch and shopping. Along the way there were views of Hearst Castle and the Sea Lions. Sunday evening concluded with a Su-

perbowl viewing party in the hospitality suite and munchies. A group of 3 couples opted to drive to Oceano to attend the Great American Melodrama (instead of watching grown men bashing into each other and expensive commercials!). They thoroughly enjoyed their evening and our very own Patti Chamberlin became famous with her moment on stage!

Monday morning came entirely too quickly with all involved so glad to have spent a weekend in a beautiful coastal destination, at a friendly Inn, doing as much or as little as they desired with a group of 38 of our Miata friends. Hopefully this weekend will become a new SDMC annual tradition!

T&T



The 5th Annual Punxsutawney Phil Hearts & Marmots Run

By John Lord

Oddly enough, this annual run sometimes gets postponed by bad weather, as if a prognosticating Pennsylvanian's prediction could affect our weather. This year, weather didn't get in the way at all. 29 cars and more than 40 members and guests gathered at or around 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday between Groundhog and Valentine's Days. After everyone signed in, received their run directions and pre-run briefing, we were on our way.

There were a number of first-timers on this run, including a couple Phyllis and I met a week earlier while on a walk through a canyon near our home – Jim and Sue Napier! We also had a guest from SOCALM – the treasurer Jim Wildermath.



The lovely and gracious Phyllis was unable to co-pilot the lead car this year, as a cold took her out of contention. But Laurie Waid stepped up and did an admirable job. Steve suffered some minor directional embarrassment early on, no doubt due (at least in part) to the lack of a navigator, but we won't talk about that. (Wait, we just did!)



Daryled and Carlan Bristol did a fine job as sweeps, and Steve Norris played the middleman, relaying messages between the lead and the sweep when the front and trailing groups were too far apart to hear each other.

The route is familiar to many, incorporating some fun and sometimes challenging roads: Lyons Valley, Japatul Road, Cuyamaca, Engineer and Boulder Creek Roads, Mesa Grande, then a break for lunch at Lake Henshaw. The Lake Henshaw Café is under new management, and everyone I spoke to seem happy with the change. At least 40 SDMC'ers descended on the establishment, and they served us well, and as quickly as they could. After lunch came dessert, figuratively and literally: Mt. Palomar, Couser Canyon, Lilac Road, East Lilac, and a run down Old Highway 395 for some post-run refreshment at Dairy Queen.

This is a long run, and not everyone was able to 'hang with us' for the entire run, but it is our hope that everyone had plenty of fun along the way. Thanks to all who participated!

T&T

Aftermarket Goodies

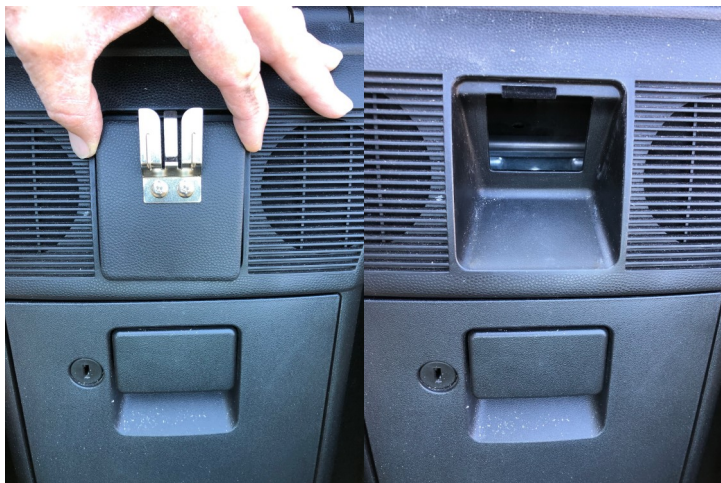
By Steve Sampson

Mounting a radio in an NC Miata

(perhaps others as well)

Since the club has adopted Baofeng radios, our historic CB radio installations have become obsolete, and handheld radios don't have an ideal mounting location in our Miatas. This article is about my attempt to build a Baofeng mount with these features:

1. Easy radio installation and removal
2. Antenna location above the car line for best performance
3. Secure, both for road vibration and top-down theft prevention



Attempt #2 started with the plastic plate between the seats where I had mounted my CB microphone. I was curious what was behind it. Turns out the plate easily snaps off and the pocket behind it is an ideal shape and width to fit the bottom of a Baofeng handheld radio. Could I make use of this real estate?



For my first attempt I bent a metal "bucket" from a piece of copper plate and soldered it into a rectangle. A tab was made to hook over the center of the Miata wind dam and the radio's belt clip slid into the bucket. While the location was fine, the radio could move around a bit in the bucket, it didn't look factory and the entire mount could easily be taken when the top was down. While functional for a trip or two, we rejected it.



A little time cutting up some cardboard and it sure looked like I could make a plate that would fit the cavity. With a notch at the top to receive the radio belt clip and an opening in the middle to capture the bottom of the belt clip, it would be secure on rough roads yet allow easy removal to take the radio out for a walk-about.

Cont'd on pg. 10



Rear View

Mirror

March, 2020

Cruisin' the Central Coastal, Freestyle

By Gene Streeter

What happened in Cambria stays in Cambria, right? Not if I have anything to say about it. Or, a few others for that matter. It's likely you've read multiple email or Facebook© posts describing SDMC's takeover of the Pelican Inn & Suites on Moonstone Beach or explorations of the Cambria area and countryside. It's no secret that Laurie and Steve Waid are largely to credit (or blame) for the long weekend event, but a host of others planned a brace of activities to make the weekend memorable. I offer my perspective, mine alone, of the activities Lady Bonnie and I enjoyed.

"You Light Up My Life ... "



Neither of us had even heard of the "Field of Light at Sensorio" prior to making plans for SDMC's version of the annual Coastal Cruise, but spending a few hours feeding the artistic side of our brains seemed like a brilliant idea. Imagine the artful display of 58,800 fiber-optic "lollipops" over fifteen acres of gently undulating Paso Robles real estate adjacent to some of the area's best-known wineries. Imagine, too, the man-hours invested in this entrepreneurial effort – 100 volunteers over a

Cont'd on next page

period of six weeks under the direction of British artist Bruce Munro. Eager to walk to the far reaches of the display, I nearly missed the point. One needs to stop, sit, and reflect on the impressionistic canvas unfolded beyond our feet.

Without ruining it for you, the concept is incredibly simple at the ground level, and pod by pod. A solar panel captures sufficient energy to power a color wheel (remember those once-trendy aluminum Christmas trees reflecting both the primary colors of your plastic color wheel and your good taste?) that pipes revolving color through the fiber-optic feeds. The pods serviced by each individual color wheel assembly gradually change color in concert with those all around and across the display, making for a memorable overall effect. That was a fitting end to a long Day 1.

"On the Road Again"

Saturday morning's run to Pozo was orchestrated by Steve Norris, replete with his customary and nearly collectible run directions. With just four cars in tow, he shared his love of the local scenery and the undulating ribbon of asphalt designated CA 229 – no lane markings, and steeply-banked short turns that would make a slalom skier feel right at home ... get the picture? In other words, one of Bonnie's least-favorite roads.



As it happens, Pozo is a small, isolated town, concert venue to country superstars (yes, including Willie Nelson and Linda Ronstadt), a rustic saloon (dating to 1858), and home to some pretty fine luncheon vittles. Most of us enjoyed our signature Pozo burgers

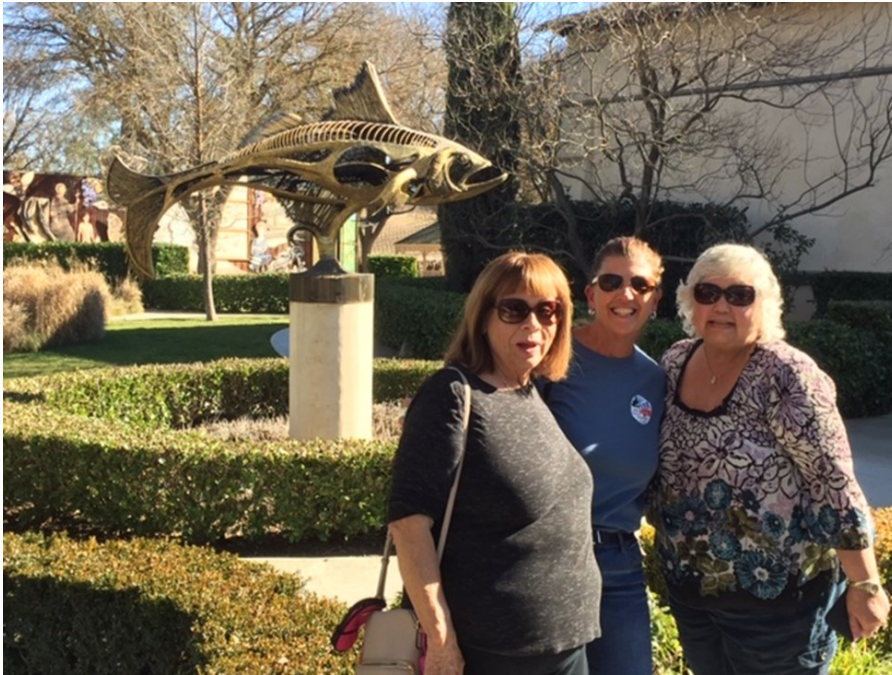
Cont'd on pg. 8

and the creaking floor ambience before heading back to the coast along Bonnie's newest, least favorite road. Where she threatened to lose her lunch to lobby for a different return route, Steve was resolute in his plan. We couldn't help but hum "On the Road Again" once saddled up and slithering along 229, again. Little known fact: Jackie Eder-Van Hook has an impressive mental library of songs and lyrics; one capable of humbling many DJs.

"Red, Red, Wine ..."

Something of a surprise, Bonnie wanted to experience a few of the Paso Robles wineries on our way back – *Eberle* first, and then *Sculptura*. Reveling in her passenger role, Mariann Garon enjoyed the variety and generous pours. In contrast, it didn't take but a few tastes of some sweet varietals to get yours truly into "giddy" mode. (Can I assume you avoided any hitch in your giddy-up? – Ed.)

The perfect end of our perfect day found roughly 34 of us enjoying the special SDMC menu crafted by Laurie Waid and the proprietor of Cayucos-based Schooners restaurant, replete with its nautical decor. Just as we were greeted with a "Welcome San Diego Miata Club" sign in the Pelican Inn lobby, the personalized menu made us feel even more welcome.



SDMC Beauties and the Beast



Cont'd on next page

In Search of Bigfoot

In keeping with the weekend's "freestyle" theme, one of our seventeen roadsters was piloted by aspiring driving shoe fashionista Bill Bennet. It's no secret to those of us that hang (you didn't use "hang ten" ... surprising. – Ed.) with him on club runs, Bill prefers the driving shoes nature gave him. Looking carefully, you can tell by the tan lines just below his ankles he dons footwear at least part of the time. Piloting the only NA in the mix, I suggested that Bill carve holes in his floorboard to enhance his acceleration and braking performance, Fred Flintstone style. All in fun, I coaxed him into modeling for this photo and putting up with my "Bigfoot" references, despite the fact that most contemporary sightings of the creature are well north of Cambria, save for one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6y-6NgN3LQ> .



Run leader's "hot rod" far left, and co-conspirators. The coastal cloud cover cleared to sunny skies just an hour or so later.

Sunday ... Yet Another Fun Day

Sunday morning's adventure began shortly after another SDMC occupation of the Inn's breakfast room, and Alan Kagan's tossing me the key to his newly supercharged, upfitted 2.5-liter NC. I made several laps of Hwy. 1 north and south of Moonstone Beach. Where the additional torque was readily appreciated, the mechanical whine of the supercharger was intoxicating at higher RPMs. Alan credited Daryled Bristol for helping him see the weeklong garage project through to completion. Feel free to discuss the details with either of them.

Alan and official club "weather girl," Jill Wilson led us back north to Nacimiento Road, and the Pacific Ocean vistas afforded us at the top of the ridge. Having never traversed that road, nor made it to Fort Hunter Liggett and the adjacent **Mission San Antonio de Padua**, Bonnie and I appreciated Alan's greater emphasis on the scenery than the road itself. Once he polled the driving preferences of the three vehicles in tow, Bonnie successfully lobbied Alan to return to Cambria via Paso Robles, rather than back down Nacimiento. I would have preferred the more dramatic coastal vistas possible when driving back down Nacimiento Road and Jill's lilting Texas pronunciation of that word ... delicious.

RVM cont'd on pg. 13



From the cardboard template I made a plate out of oak wood, but it was too thick for the belt clip, weak enough that it could (did) break along the grain, and it didn't look anything like factory Miata. As a last option I bought a small sheet of black plastic. Not only could I cut and file it to shape easily, I could also heat it and bend a piece over to become a "foot" that fit perfectly in the bottom of the Miata opening. This would give me a much needed additional attachment point.



I used double-stick tape under the foot to secure the bottom and two small black screws higher up, drilled through the plastic and into the flange around the Miata opening. It is now both stable and theft-proof.



The radio belt clip snaps right in, mounting the radio vertically, and the speaker level is right at ear height if you use it. Finally, just pinch the belt clip to remove the radio.



Another view.

Cont'd on next page



With the top down the antenna sits above the Miata body for the best possible range performance. With the top up and an extended length antenna installed, it still fits and will do a good job since the top isn't metal. Of course if you need the maximum possible range you should always attach an external mag-mount antenna.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

It looks like it accomplishes all four of the original goals I had. Being black on black, its appearance fits right in. If you need to remove it, just replace to factory cover plate and no one will ever know it was installed.

Is there is room for improvement.? I see two possibilities. If the plastic that makes the foot were cut an inch or two longer, heated, and bent back up vertically (that might be difficult), it could be used as a place to mount a microphone clip where either driver or passenger could reach it. It may also be possible to drill a hole through the plastic to run the coax to an external antenna, keeping it mostly out of sight.

Is there a down-side? The only thing I see is that you can no longer fold down the air dam. But who does this anyway?



LATE ADDITION:

See Page 16



March 2020

HE IS SURF'N THIS MONTH

Tune in next month for an update.



Your humble servant,

Gene



Late lunch with Alan, Jill, Daryled, Carlan, Jackie and Bob (now aka "Jackie's Boy Toy") prolonged the fun and put us in the proper frame of mind for the evening's entertainment. Our minor contribution to the weekend's fun was a three-car run to the Great American Melodrama Theater, nearly an hour south in Oceano.

We only drummed up limited interest in attending the melodrama "Pump Boys and Dinettes" with us – Mike and Elinor Shack, Bill "Bigfoot" Bennett, and Patti Chamberlain. It was readily apparent the Super Bowl game took a bite out of the theater's typical attendance; it wasn't a personal reflection on me. With only 40% of the tickets sold, the six of us made every effort to make the actors feel appreciated. They delivered in turn.

Monday's drive home was punctuated by a brief stop in Solvang, mostly for a delicious Danish sausage lunch (shared, thank you for asking) and the local dessert specialty "aebleskivers," a traditional Danish pancake. I've always maintained that the best vacations are those you return home for a rest ... and begin plotting the next one.

Enjoy the fellowship, and occasional assistance, of Miata friends. Your mood and appreciation of California's diverse scenery is enhanced behind the wheel and windshield of the world's most prolific roadster.

T&T

Events Information

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:45am-7 pm Peterson Automotive Museum	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 7pm-8pm SDMC Monthly Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

San Diego Miata Club

March 2020 Events

Peterson Automotive Museum

Sunday, March 1, 2020

The Club's almost-annual trip to the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles is Sunday, **March 1**. Following a makeover in 2015, changing exhibits and the museum's core collection warrant regular visits. Visit petersen.org to review exhibits and for other museum information. Admission is \$16 (\$14 Senior).

See the SDMC web site for further details

Thursday, March 26th – The **club monthly meeting** is held on the 4th Thursday of the month. **7 pm–8 pm**. Hamburger Factory in Poway

T&T

Future SDMC Event

Surf 'N Safari 2020

October 8-11, 2020

<http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns20/index.html>

Please read the SDMC March Events Calendar for further details.

T&T

Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

March 2020

Welcome to our newest members...

Cesar Contreras	Murrieta	2018 Machine Gray Metallic
Stephen & Ann Luby	San Diego	2001 Brilliant Black Clearcoat
David Reeves	Carlsbad	2000 White
Bob & Vickie Flood	San Diego	1995 Merlot Mica

And welcome back after a long gap...

Don & Suzanne Caddle	El Cajon	2018 Machine Gray Metallic
Bari Russell	Mission Viejo	2016 Ceramic Metallic

Our Club's numbers as of 2/14/2020:

132 memberships (37 single, 95 dual) for a total of 227 members.

=====

Membership Roster updated and posted

The membership roster is available for downloading from the SDMC-Mail@groups.io website. This website is available only to current (paid) members. To access the file:

Go to <groups.io/g/SDMC-mail> and click on "Log In" at upper right corner.
Once logged in, go to "Your Groups" and click on "SDMC-mail" for next screen.
Click on "Files" from list of choices on left side
Click on folder titled "SDMC MEMBERSHIP ROSTER"
Open or download the .pdf file to your device. The most recently updated roster is posted.

All are reminded to protect the member information; it's not to be shared with anyone outside SDMC.

Updates: Send any updates to your information via email to <membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org>

Access: If you don't have an SDMC-Mail account, or want to set it up with a different email address, send email request to Membership with your name and the email address you want to use. Membership team will validate eligibility and generate a system invitation through Groups.io.

Your SDMC Membership Team,

Chris & Linda Jones
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

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>

Miatas at the Gap

August 6-9, 2020

<https://www.GapMiatas.com>

Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2020

August 13-16, 2020

<https://www.umn-c2m2-2020.com/34>

Miata Reunion

October 31-November 1, 2020



LATE ADDITION:

I decided to add a microphone mount by heating a small square of plastic and bending it to match the existing foot on the radio mount.



Here is the mic holder epoxied in place on the radio holder.

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 \$16,995 OBO, **Tel 1(858)349-8988**. Car fax available always babied & hand waxed every 2 weeks.



Here's the final product with radio, antenna and microphone just where I wanted them, instantly removable, and it looks pretty good. It probably cost me less than \$5.

T&T

Our Mission

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

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

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

Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are great opportunities 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 March 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.

Twists & Turns is printed by:



For Business Print, Design & Graphics

12170 Tech Center Dr. Ste. A
Poway | California | 92064
M-F 7am-8pm Weekends 10am-6pm



SDMC Officers



David Bryan
President



John Lord
Vice President



David Hunt
Treasurer



Julie Thompson
Secretary

Executive Board

President—David Bryan	president@sandiegomiataclub.org
Vice President—John Lord	vicepresident@sandiegomiataclub.org
Treasurer—David Hunt	treasurer@sandiegomiataclub.org
Secretary—Julie Thompson	secretary@sandiegomiataclub.org
Past President—Gene Streeter	genestreeter@yahoo.com

Administrative Board

Membership—Chris & Linda Jones	membership@sandiegomiataclub.org
Events Coordinator—Steve Waid	events@sandiegomiataclub.org
Webmaster/Postmaster—Dan Garcia	webmaster@sandiegomiataclub.org
Club Regalia—Steve & Laurie Waid	regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org
Historian—Elinor Shack	mshack@san.rr.com

Twists & Turns Staff

Editor—Larry Lloyd	newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org
Proofreaders—John Lord and Terry Thompson	

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is a California nonprofit corporation. Twists & Turns is the monthly newsletter of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. Use of articles or stories by other Miata clubs is hereby granted, provided proper credit is given. Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. When possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions may also be mailed to the club's post office box. Submission deadline is the 17th of each month. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Contact

The Web

www.sandiegomiataclub.org

Mail

San Diego Miata Club
P.O. Box 180456
Coronado, CA 92178-0456

E-Mail

Most club communication is conducted via e-mail through a Groups.io named SDMC-Mail.

Follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://groups.io/g/SDMC-mail> (capitalization matters!).
2. Click the button labeled "Apply for Membership to This Group" on the bottom left side of the page
3. Enter the email address you want to use.
4. Your account will be approved after confirmation of club membership.
5. You will receive an email to confirm your address.
6. Please go into the profile section and enter your display Name, First and Last name preferred.
7. Select a Message Delivery and Format option.
8. For complete instructions and club email etiquette, go to the "For Members" section on the SDMC website.



Member Discounts

Many vendors offer discounts to Miata Club members. The Club does not endorse these vendors, but lists them as a membership benefit. Some offers December require you to show a current SDMC membership card.

Businesses that wish to be listed must offer a discount from their normal retail prices to SDMC members. Listings are limited to five lines (30-35 words). Contact newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org for additional information.

Automotive Services

American Battery. Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff HartDecemberer. 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 Special club pricing on RoadsterSports Items only. 858.775.2810.

Hawthorne Wholesale Tire. Tires, wheels, brakes & suspension. 877 Rancheros Dr, San Marcos. Discount. 10% 760.746.6980.

Knobmeister Quality Images. 3595 Gray Cir. Elbert CO 80106-9652. Joe Portas, joe@knobmeister.com . 303.730.6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and restoration products. 800.945.4532. www.langka.com Discount. 30%.

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

Lutz Tire & Service Alignment specialist, tires. 2853 Market St San Diego 619.234.3535. Ask for Mike. Discount. 10% on parts (tires not included).

Pitstop Autoglass. Rock chip repairs free to SDMC members. Must show membership card. In-shop only. 858.675.GLASS (4527)

Porterfield Enterprises Brake pads, rotors. 1767 Placentia Ave Costa Mesa 949.548.4470. Discount: 15% on Porterfield

& Hawke brake pads, \$10 off rotors, \$9.25 per pt of Motul 600 brake fluid.

Smart Car Care Store—SDMC members received 10% discount. 2260 Main St., Suite 3, Chula Vista 91911 619.575.9274 or 1217 Simpson Way, Escondido, 92029 760.871.8000 smartcarcareproducts.com

Stuart Terry Auto. Specializing in Miata A/C problems, recommended by Rocky's MiataMotive. 4858 El Cajon Blvd. SD 92115. 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

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.

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. 760.755.5901 Discount: 20% on most parts; 15% on labor (except smog, oil changes, and tire rotation). For purchase, ask for **Xavier or Tony**.

Westcott Mazda. National City. Discount 15% on parts exclusive of oil changes. 619.474.1591.

Other Services

David Bryan, your friendly neighborhood REALTOR; Coldwell Banker West Realty. I sell garages with homes! SDMC members who buy or sell a home through me receive a 1 year free home warranty. 619.672.0493. DavidBrealtor@cox.net. DRE#01009295.

SAN DIEGO MIATA
CLUB
P.O. Box 421325

Postage

Address

.....