



# TWISTS & TURNS

December 2020

## The President's Message

This has certainly been quite a different year for SDMC. We started 2020 normally enough with our traditional "New Year's Day Miata Rose Run". We expected another great year of fun, food, and twisty roads and we were rolling along nicely. We could never have anticipated that our last in-person club meeting at The Hamburger Factory would be coming in February. We haven't seen many of our members since. It has definitely been a tough year for a social club when we can't be social!

My thanks to everyone for hanging in with us through our Zoom virtual meetings since March. Many of our traditional and beloved events fell victim to COVID-related cancellations and restrictions:

First to go was our meeting place, The Hamburger Factory. They are operating in a completely different and ever-evolving way under COVID guidelines and our ability to return is unclear.

The dominoes kept falling with the cancellation of so many of our favorite outings and events:

§ Regular monthly meeting gatherings, Surf n Safari, Moon over Miatas, Twilight Run, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, SDMC Summer Picnic, Main Street America, Cruisin' Grand, Cars & Coffee, Moab & other regional events, and oh so many more already-scheduled and not-yet-scheduled runs.

We've still managed to have some fun with smaller groups, impromptu runs, etc., but showing up at the drive-through with 25 or so cars presents challenges.

Thank you to all the volunteers, run leaders, sweeps, drivers and navigators that keep our club zooming!

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### Announcement from your SDMC President

#### **SDMC Annual Meeting and Officer Elections**

SDMC's 24th annual meeting and election of your 2021 club officers took place Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> virtually via Zoom; an appropriate name, I think, for our club's meetings. The elections were conducted using a polling feature within Zoom that worked extremely well for our purpose.

**Election results.** I'm pleased to announce your San Diego Miata Club officers for 2021: *(Insert drum roll and cymbal crash here!)*

**President elect: Terry Thompson.**

**Vice President elect: Steve Norris.**

**Secretary elect: Jackie Eder-Van Hook.**

**Treasurer: Dave Hunt re-elected.**

**Congratulations and good luck** to your 2021 SDMC Board of Directors!

**Awards:** As is our tradition at the annual meeting, we had some awards to present. These awards are given to members that have made special contributions to SDMC over the past year.

**Member of the year:** This year's Member of the Year Award, as selected by last year's winners Dan & Chris Garcia, was awarded to **Larry Lloyd**, for all of his work in keeping our Twist & Turns Newsletter zooming along. Thanks Larry!

**Silver Scribbler Award:** This year's Silver Scribbler Award was presented *again* to **Gene Streeter** for his many, and often verbose, contributions to our Twist and Turns Newsletter. Congratulations and thank you Gene!

**Unfortunately there was no cake!**

As your outgoing President I get to deliver some bad news and some good news. If you took part in the Annual or November meetings you've heard all of this before.

#### **The Bad: SDMC annual Holiday Party and gift exchange.**

I hate being the Grinch that stole Christmas, but it was decided at the last meeting that it is not prudent at this time to hold our traditional event.

**The GOOD:** The good news, however, is that I believe we've come up with a wonderful alternative we can all get behind. We're having an **SDMC Toy Drive** that actually includes a drive. We are SDMC after all. Many details are in the works for a December 5<sup>th</sup> run and charity event. It is already listed, but more details will follow soon, and provided on the club's Events Calendar.

#### **Bad & Good: Surf n Safari:**

It was announced at Saturday's Annual Meeting that your SDMC Board of Directors determined Surf n Safari 2021, which had already been **postponed from this year** due to COVID, should be further **postponed until 2022**. *(INSERT GROAN)* There is still far too much uncertainty surrounding COVID and its ramifications for us to prepare for such an event. Preparations for a normal **SnS** would already be underway but hopefully 2022 can be our kind of event. SDMC-style!

**The bad:** Unless you renew, all of our SDMC memberships expire at the end of the year on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The good:** The San Diego Miata Club is already looking forward to 2021 and there are already runs coming up. You won't want to miss a thing. **It is SDMC membership renewal time!** Your membership team is at the ready, so send in your membership renewals now. I'm sure you'll hear more on this later.

David Bryan

President, Prez, Grand Poohbah; San Diego Miata Club 2020

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## Leonids Meteor Shower

*By Mark Woodard*

A beautiful November Miata run day in the north county. I found some information that there would be a good time to view the Leonids meteor shower on November 16th and 17th. The trick is to find an area with little or no ambient light. Thought: What a great time to make an evening run out to Palomar Observatory!

I planned my day to head out there about 4 pm to find a good area to observe but didn't make it on the road until 4:30. Since I was traveling solo, I couldn't blame anyone else. That put me in the dark by the time I got half way there. I took the route through Valley Center past the casino, around the rotary and onto Route 76. It was fun getting out of (so called) civilization. The GPS guided me onto Highway S6. Thank goodness because it was dark-real dark. Traveled up S6 using the auto-high beams which never switched to low. It was **DARK**, no cars, no street lights, no buildings. The faster I drove, the more I appreciated the adaptive headlights as I was snaking through the curves. As I steered right, they aimed right, steered left.... They actually work nicely. I found myself enjoying the feel of the road and the car.

Forgot where I was going and missed my turn for S7, State Park Road, which is where the lookout area is. I got to Palomar Observatory which is actually closed but that is what I had the GPS set for. Top down and heat on, it was 53 degrees at a little over 4000 feet above sea level. It could be a little creepy being alone on a dead end road - very quite a little cold and very **DARK**. I would have taken pictures but was **DARK!** (Oops I already mentioned that.) I sat and enjoyed a few meteors and probably a satellite or two. The sky is absolutely beautiful (Psalm 19:1). We should look up once in a while.

The trip home was even more exhilarating as I kind of knew what to expect from the road and my car under these conditions. What was really cool is that I didn't see another car the entire time I was on Route S6, It would seem that those yellow 20mph signs really mean 30 and the 35 ones mean 55, and flying solo means there is no screaming coming from the passengers' side.

The Ursids meteor shower is said to be active and visible this December 22-24. Perhaps it's worth a scheduled Miata run.

**ZOOM! ZOOM!**

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# Tires

By Daryled Bristol

OK, here we go, they are round and black, we can all agree with that. The Industry has agreed with some basic concepts: there are high mileage tires, there are summer tires, and there are snow tires. These are the basics. If you follow auto racing, you may have noticed there are tires for a dry track and tires for a wet (rain). Lately in Formula 1, Indy Car, I have seen what they are calling "red" tires, some super rubber compound that will give a driver/car special handling features.

If you have access to the internet and you happen to venture to the Tire Rack website you will find that all the numbers on the sidewall actually mean something. They indicate the size of the wheel, and there's a formula to indicate the size of the rubber stuff.

**Example:** R17X215X50-the "R" is for Radial. This is a design feature where the cords (the structural feature of a tire) within the rubber casing are arranged in a radial fashion. That is going from the outer side to the inner side of the wheel. There are also 'ply' numbers, the layers of rubber and cords on the tire. Some tires are nylon cord, some are steel cord. There are also structural components. There used to be an option known as bias ply tires but, while you may find them on farm equipment and heavy equipment, that option is no longer used on normal street tires (radial).



Included in these numbers are the recommended inflation limits, something like 50 PSI (50 Pounds per Square Inch). This refers to the optimum **limit** of the tire, NOT to be confused with the cars manufacturer's recommendation (Miata 28 PSI front and rear) tire inflation. This is the manufacturer's recommendation to give the driver a comfortable ride. This number is located inside the driver side door sill, generally along the back of the frame.

Also there are the standard numbers and letters "Z" rated for speeds in excess of 100 MPH (EXAMPLE not to be confused with fact. Ref: Tire Rack.com).

The wear rating should generally be in the 400 range for street driving with decent mileage. The higher the rating, the harder the compound, which is great for durability, but not so good for handling. These numbers are assigned by the manufacturer and do not adhere to any standard. There is also a code number referencing the date of manufacture.

On a personal level, I buy tires with a wear rating of 200. The Miata is a light-weight vehicle, and I will get a good two years out of these tires or somewhere around 15,000 miles trouble-free.

If someone would like to gift me a set of tires I might request a wear rating of around 60. These would be great for a single run with John Lord on Woodchuck/Groundhog/Whistle Pig Day but not much else, Stick like glue? You better believe it, but they would leave most of their life on Engineer Road, Palomar Mountain, Cowles Canyon and West Lilac.

Tires are no longer "rubber" in the purest sense, but a chemical compound made up of many things. If you venture into your local "Discount Tire" or Costco Tire store, you will immediately be

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assaulted by the aroma of tires. This is the result of tires "out gassing". That is to say these chemical compounds are in a state of flux, they are changing or some would say decaying. Tires go on sale because of one reason, they are ageing. Getting OLD.

No one wants an old tire and like ripe fruit, they lose some of their desirability. A tire designed to be sticky with exceptional handling will lose some of design characteristics with age. If you shop for a specific tire with specific characteristics you don't want to be disappointed. Date of manufacture is also cast into the sidewall and is a good indicator of the age of that specific tire. Again reference the Tire Rack web site.

OK, let's talk tread pattern. That tire attached to that lifted pickup truck you just passed that drowned out your favorite song on the radio, you know the one with those big lugs that pick up mud and small stones that pelt your car as you pull in behind them. Those tires have a great tread pattern for dirt but not much else. Studded tires for snow are not much use here in Southern California.



We've all seen those aggressive tread patterns that seem to put more tire in touch with the road, great for competitive driving and your everyday tire with lots of neat little grooves all around them at least the depth of Lincoln's head on a penny (3/32"). I will address the last two here.

The standard street tire is just that, works fine, lasts a long time. Easy to determine wear limits from wear bars in the tread. Works well on most surfaces.

Handling limitations: All those little grooves tend to flex with side loads (cornering) squealing and sliding in hard, aggressive cornering and heavy braking.



That aggressive tread pattern of large blocks of rubber is soft and sticky to the touch, OOH, yea! I do love those. Stick in the corners like your car is on rails (within limits that is), wear out rather quickly and with time the effects of chemical decay tend to become more obvious. What you could do last month won't work this month. SUPER tire, Except, one minor item. These are like water skis in wet conditions. True we don't see much rain here but crossing a wet dip in a corner can lead to an exciting ride and an unexpected ending. Sliding and spinning can be fun until you come to a sudden stop. Be advised, this is not what you want to find out in the back country of San Diego.

Last but not least is tire inflation. Too much or too little can have negative consequences. Bad wear, unpredictable handling and short life span (both for the tire and the driver). How do you know what is good for you and your car? Pay attention to your car is probably number one. Get a tire gauge, and check your tires on a regular basis. Are you happy with the ride on your daily commute? Pay attention and enjoy.

Do you know why more people die from auto accidents than airplane accidents? Here is one thought. Every pilot that survives does a pre-flight inspection. They check the condition of their ride, oil level, tire condition, fuel level, and make the controls do what they were designed to do? You might want to do a pre-ride inspection...

This article is the opinion of the author and not be taken as gospel or handed down the mountain on stone tablets. Just my opinion. I highly recommend doing your own research, using the tools available to you and making your own decision as this could be a life altering decision. REF: [www.Tirerack.com](http://www.Tirerack.com)

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## ***Rear View***

### ***Mirror***

***December, 2020***

***By Gene Streeter***

***"Vote with Your Right Foot"***

For those of you Baby Boomers actually reading this, you have probably chosen to forget the ranorous 1970s, with its fuel shortages, gas rationing, and a national speed limit of 55 MPH. Those of us opposed, in principle or as a practical matter, were encouraged by malcontents such as Brock Yates, David E. Davis, and others in the pages of enthusiast publications such as *Car & Driver*, *Road & Track* ... making "vote with your right foot" the battle-cry of auto and motorcycle enthusiasts from coast-to-coast. Even those drivers with no particular axe (maybe you intended "gears?" – Ed.) to grind had a difficult time in obeying the speed limit. (Various traffic surveys saw "non-compliance" in the majority of highway drivers, sometimes as high as 85%. You might remember the pop-culture movie "Cannonball Run" or rocker Sammy Hagar's hit "I Can't Drive 55," helping illustrate my point.

Don't trust my memory ... look it up for yourself. Those were dark days for Detroit, the American automobile, and driving enthusiasts everywhere. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Maximum_Speed_Law)

### **National Maximum Speed Law**

#### ***Get Out the Vote***

I'm not suggesting the last eight months have represented the same hardship for drivers, but the pandemic culture we've been enduring as citizens and SDMC members has been even more oppressive than the mid-1970s ever were. Driving top-down in the roadster variant of choice is a break from the norm, a break from *some* of the COVID-19 protocols. Spurring our roadsters quickly down twisty, inviting lanes recalls every ounce of the "vote with your right foot" state of mind for me. It's exhilarating, and it's good for our collective psyche. For the twenty-two vehicles (and roughly thirty-five riders) out for the Pre-Annual Meeting Run (Nov. 14) it was a welcome and needed departure. Our planned annual meeting and pre-run ending at Orfila Winery had grown to seventy+ participants, making individual members and the Board concerned for everyone's safety.

Even though the photo depicts a queue-up just beyond Barona Casino, I couldn't resist the timely photo-op the "Vote Here" sign presented. Where the Barona Band of Indians was conducting their tribal leadership election, we were on our way to our virtual effort to accomplish the same task. (There is absolutely no truth to the irresponsible rumor that those electing not to vote in person that day could send smoke signals. – Ed.)



*Relax ... it's just a queue-up. None of us were attempting to vote beyond election day. Photo by your author*

And "get out the vote" run leader Steve Norris did. For those of us opportunistic enough to be at the front of the line, we voted as the fabled Chicago Democratic political machine oft encouraged – "vote early and vote often." Again, and in keeping with the metaphor I've been building, with our throttle inputs. Sweeps Steve and Ann Luby had their challenges keeping the pack collected and within radio range of the leaders.

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**RVM**, cont'd from prev. page Hopping from one Miata to my other, I left my BaoFeng radio behind. Not only that, but I was too proud and embarrassed to borrow any of those that were offered. I missed-out on the usual chatter that I enjoy. John Telles "made my day" during our scheduled rest stop in Ramona:

"You know, I really enjoyed following you on this run. I heard every downshift in your exhaust as well. Nice."

Thank you, John. Thank you, Steve X 2, and everyone that joined that Saturday's fun.

### ***Save the Manuals (Transmissions, that is)***

I decided many years ago not to recycle articles I'd penned in the past, even though there's a certain efficiency in doing so. Mind you, it's not plagiarism to borrow from your own body of work, but it doesn't represent the same level of creative effort. At least two of my nearly seven years' worth of "Rear View Mirror" columns have addressed the gradual erosion in sales of manual transmission-equipped vehicles ... yes, even with sports cars.

I chuckle at the variety of "Save the Manuals" t-shirts, bumper stickers, and other tchotchke items intended to prevent this sporty option from going the way of rumble seats and Union 76 styrofoam antenna balls. In certain of the most rabid supporters, I've seen tattoos of the shift pattern proclaiming the wearer's allegiance ... or weak short-term memory. The image below pretty much "takes the cake" of that form of inked art, though. See if you don't agree.



*Photo courtesy of Reddit*

*It's certainly an interesting variation of the NC's shift pattern*

Perhaps this forearm depicts some sort of sequential shift pattern. Maybe not. In any event, the rarity of the manual transmission is rapidly making it sort of an anti-theft device for the collection of auto thieves unfamiliar with its operation.

### ***"All I Want for Christmas ..."***

On a cross-country vacation the entire month of October (Dan and Chris Garcia gave me two thumbs up for our travel efforts), I didn't submit a November column. There might have been some, but I haven't been aware of any billboards or milk cartons announcing a search effort. It's not quite Thanksgiving, so penning a December and Christmas edition seems so premature. Just two days ago, Lady Bonnie asked me the pertinent question "what do you want for Christmas?"

I've had two days to come up with some answers. Maybe you can relate:

- ♦ The faces of grandchildren lighting up as they tear through the bows and wrapping it took me half an hour to execute
- ♦ A "news day" focused entirely on the unselfish things that people do on behalf of others, and outside the spotlight
- ♦ A confirmed appointment for my anti-COVID-19 vaccination, all my family, friends, neighbors, and beyond
- ♦ Unfettered enjoyment of travel, especially road trips
- ♦ Retirement of the Zoom meeting App and a return to the Hamburger Factory for an SDMC meeting with friends ... and the long-overdue hugs from anyone feeling comfortable in doing so
- ♦ A good old-fashioned potluck dinner
- ♦ A few trinkets for my Miata; "bling," in the words of our "other" three-term SDMC president

Yes, this is asking a lot of any gift giver. I'm happy just to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, etc.

***Happy Holidays!***

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# The SCCA Road Rally—A Challenge for Drivers and Navigators

By Lynn Nolan

My navigator and I drove my white Miata (christened “White Thunder”) in our first road rally in September 2020 with Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) after seeing Alan Kagan’s posting on the SDMC email. It was the first rally for SCCA also. Prior to the rally, we sought the sage advice of Gene Streeter who has had road rally experience; His mantra was “Relax and have fun.”

The SCCA members were so friendly and more than welcoming! The rally was very well organized with 2 webinar sessions prior to the run, an app to monitor time, distance and checkpoints and Ric, an SCCA resource person, to email with questions. We registered, only to find that we were on a wait list because the response had been strong and the number of cars in the road rally was limited. However, we were not disappointed! We went from waiting to active and the challenge was on! More than 50 cars were admitted and did the rally. The rally itself was a great test of planning, skill, patience, a fun event and Covid compliant. And, best of all, post-rally, my navigator and I are still on speaking terms!



SCCA will host their second road rally, “Avocados, Vines, & County Lines,” on Saturday, December 12, 2020. The rally will be held on public roads, enabling participants to blend enjoyment of the vista with the driving experience. SMDC members will certainly be familiar with the road rally routes, having driven most of these roads on our club runs. The SCCA December road rally will begin south of Fallbrook with the exact location to be shared shortly prior to the event. It will consist of approximately 2 hours of driving—50 to 75 miles.

<https://www.123rf.com/>

One of the surprises of our first rally was the assortment of participating cars. There were Miatas, some ‘Vettes, and a few others in the sports car genre. However, since the rally requires only a street legal car, other-than-sportscars also were a segment of the rally. It is not a timed race to the finish, rather it is time and *distance* that challenges both driver and navigator. The event is fully automated and upon completion it’s possible to track in the app those who are still driving.

It’s certainly an interesting experience!

Interested? For more information visit the SCCA website <https://sdrscca.com/roadrally/> and for registration go to <http://msreg.com/sdr-scca-road-rally-2-2020>. **T&T**

In The Rear View Mirror, **Happy Holidays** from Gene Streeter





# Behind the Wheel



By Lynn Nolan

*"When a man opens a car door for his wife,*

*It's either a new car or a new wife."*

*Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh*



Ken and Stacy zoomed into the Miata Club in their 2003 Miata in 2004-2005. They had heard about the club from a friend at work and they joined to network with others as well as to benefit from shared ideas regarding the Miata. They especially liked the weekend runs and social events. Ken said that over that over years he has made "lots of friends who are wonderful people"

At a July 4 fireworks display at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club Ken apparently had eyes for another "sparkler" named Stacy. Their relationship must have been predestined because it seems that they traveled in concentric circles, meeting again at several area parties. Sadly, there were no Miatas in those days. So, after a social gathering that brought them together again, Ken drove



Stacy home in his 1970 VW bug. They married 6 years later July 31, 1976-44 years ago. They have 2 sons and a grandson.

Their first Miata, an NB, served them well, however they eventually succumbed to new car fever. Was the backup camera the seductress? Perhaps, but it seems to have been a classic case of new car fever. What is the cure for new car fever? Ken found his panacea in a new 2019 Miata. (*Someone should mention to Ken that the darn new car fever is known to reoccur!*)

They bought their Miata from Barb Sullivan at Escondido Mazda and Ken and Stacy didn't go for a joyride, navigating the twists and turns that both new car owners and SDMC club members typically enjoy. They didn't even drive their new hot Miata directly home after purchasing it. Instead, their new ride was flat bedded to San Diego Wraps on Miramar Road in San Diego where it was wrapped with Desert Storm Tan to match the tan interior.

## Hometown

Ken grew up in La Jolla where he and Stacy still live today. Imagine growing up in paradise! (*I am pea-green with envy. I was born and raised in the Chicago area where the pitiless winters are colder than a mother in law's heart!*) Ken was born in the original Scripps Hospital in La Jolla. Originally, Scripps was founded on Prospect in La Jolla but in response to, and anticipation of a steadily burgeoning patient population, in 1964 it was relocated from downtown La Jolla to its present Genesee Avenue setting.

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BTW, cont'd from prev. page While growing up in La Jolla, Ken attended Bird Rock Elementary School, La Jolla Elementary, and Muirlands.

After high school graduation Ken bid farewell to his idyllic California digs and went on to earn a BA from Tufts University with a double major in Political Science and Economics. He then earned an MBA from Wharton of the University of Pennsylvania.

## Occupation

One of the more memorable past job positions that Ken recalls is his experience as a 1971 summer intern Republican National Congressional Committee. It was undoubtedly a remarkably interesting time to be an intern!

Despite the affairs in Washington, Ken never dropped anchor. Ken returned to La Jolla where he eventually landed a position with SDG&E. During his 35-year, 7-month tenure he worked in accounting and enabling computer systems integrate 2 different supply chain systems. He retired in 2018.

## Mods

It's a car club! Ken has definitely not been asleep at the wheel. Anyone who would put a new car on a flatbed and have it wrapped before even driving it, is sure to enhance said ride with mods. Here's the list, courtesy of Ken, to date:

Escondido Mazda	2019 Miata MX-5 Sport Trunk Lid (No Shark Fin)
Good-Win Racing	Roadster Sport Super Q Twin Tip Exhaust *
	Roadster Sport Front & Rear Sway Bars *
	Roadster Sport Front & Rear Shock Tower Braces *
	License Plate Mount for Carbon Miata Grill *
	Carbon Miata Grill
	Craven Speed "Stubby" Antenna
Thompson Automotive	Voodoo Delrin Shift Knob

*\*Exhaust, Sway Bars, Shock Tower Braces and License Plate Mount were installed by Rocky Murphy – Rocky's Miatomotive*



## FAVORITES--

## Hobbies and Leisure Activities

His hobbies and leisure activities reflect the magnificent area in which he has lived most of his life. He now enjoys walking, sailing and boogie boarding. Ken also enjoys a 14 ft single-person boat.

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## Member Classified Ads

Future collectible 2004 Mazdaspeed for sale to good home. Lots of upgrades, yet all the stock pieces are available to return it to "stock."

Velocity Red, black leather and top, polished fact. alloys / always well-maintained at Rocky's / 146K on the clock. / \$9950. / Gene Streeter (619) 653-8100



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BTW Ken Hurd, cont'd from prev. page

### Food and Restaurants

Ken pleads guilty to being a "picky eater" and Mexican and Italian food make the top of the favorites list with such mouth-watering favorites as carne asada burritos, pizza, veal parmigiana, linguine and filet mignon.

Here's a few places on his list:

Alfonso's (formerly Jose's), Consuelos (Now Kaiserhof), Flemings Steak House and El Indio

### Movies

When asked which movies are his favorites, he immediately mentioned *Top Gun*, starring Tom Cruise. The 1977 epic George Lucas film, *Star Wars*, is another favorite.

And rounding out Ken's preferences are fittingly, what else, but movies about cars. In this genre there are 2 standouts for Ken—*Grand Prix* and *Le Mans*. For car enthusiasts *Le Mans* is a classic. It is all about cars and cars do not waste time on a tete-a-tete! It's all about racing!

### Music

For Ken it is top ten Pops and Broadway musicals that are his musical preferences. Ken remarked that a great place to hear this music is the San Diego Pops, Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay. Ken especially likes Andrew Lloyd Weber but in contrast he is also a Jimmy Buffet fan.

### Something Most People Don't Know About Me

It seems that at college graduation Ken's identity and college majors were confused with those of a famous actor. The graduation program designates Ken as graduating summa cum laude in drama. And the famous actor? The actor, who was merely an aspiring actor at the time, was William Hurt (*The Big Chill* and dozens of other credits.) The program mistakenly lists Hurt as graduating in Political Science and Economics, Ken's dual majors. William Kunstler, controversial civil rights activist, lawyer, and author was the commencement speaker.

**Why are you always late to runs?** (*My last question. I could not resist asking but Ken was ready for it.*) Steve Waid refers to Ken as the "late" Ken Hurd and Ken admits to having poor time management. Ken said that he enters run directions in his GPS prior to runs thereby making it possible to arrive at said moment. Ken insists that he is not late, rather he arrives precisely on time.

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# Events Information

## San Diego Miata Club December 2020 Events

*By Steve Norris*

Our **monthly club meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>**. It will once again be a Zoom meeting.

Our next run will be on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. It is a toy drive. Check the Events Calendar for full details.

There are no other runs scheduled in December but we're hoping for at least one more.

Since the fourth Thursday of December is Christmas Eve, our monthly club meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 17. It will once again be a Zoom meeting.

All current members will receive a Zoom meeting invitation via e-mail with Meeting ID & password prior to the meeting. You can log on before the meeting start time for some socializing. The meeting will start at 7:00.

If you want to lead a run or be a Sweep on a run, please contact me at [events@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:events@sandiegomiataclub.org)

Several people have ideas for runs but have not firmed them up. Please get with me so I can get them on the calendar.

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## It's 2021 Membership Renewal Time !!!

Your SDMC Membership Team is now accepting Renewal Application forms for 2021 – by MAIL ONLY, please. 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>, 2021. Applications received or postmarked after that date are considered late and will incur a \$5.00 late fee (total \$40) to renew for 2021.

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 2021 (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. MAIL the completed, signed form with check enclosed to the address on the form: **SDMC | PO BOX 180456 | CORONADO, CA 92178-0456.**

Note: If you prefer to have your bank mail a check for this, let us know via email so we can marry your mailed form with the bank's envelope. Add a "memo" to the e-check for clarity.

We look forward to supporting the Club throughout 2021 !!!

Your SDMC Membership Duo,

Chris & Linda Jones  
[membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org](mailto:membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org)

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# Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

December 2020

## Welcome to our newest members...

Sarah & Phil Worthington	Poway	2019 Soul Red Crystal Metallic
Paul & Heather Mattlin	Vista	2005 Lava Orange Mica
Szymon Dziocha & Marta Deberna-Dziocha	San Diego	2019 Soul Red Crystal Metallic
Todd Kaprielian & Carol Morris	San Diego	2020 Snowflake White Pearl

## Our Club's numbers to end 2020:

155 memberships (45 single, 110 dual) for a total of 265 members

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## 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](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org)

Check there regularly for changes  
and additional details!

### Miatas at the Gap MATG XXV

August 5-8, 2021

<https://www.GapMiatas.com>

### Miata Reunion

New Jersey Motorsports Park

October 23-24, 2021

<https://miatareunion.com/>

### Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2021

August 12-15, 2021

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

# SDMC Officers



**David Bryan**  
**President**



**John Lord**  
**Vice President**



**David Hunt**  
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# Contact

## The Web

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## 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

**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 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](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 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. Special club pricing on RoadsterSports Items only. 858.775.2810. [sales@good-win-racing.com](mailto:sales@good-win-racing.com)

**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 Miatomotive** 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, r

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 Miatomotive. 4858 El Cajon Blvd. SD 92115. 6129.287.9626. Ask for Stuart, 10% discount on parts & labor to \$50

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

**TJM Enterprises** (formerly Magnolia Auto body) Restorations, Body Work. 10027 Prospect Ave. Santee. 619.562.7861 Ask for TJ. Discount: 10% on parts and labor.

**Tri-City Paint.** Professional detailing, products, paint, airbrushes, car covers. West Miramar:858.909.2100, Santee: 619.448.9140. Discount: body shop price #CM6660.

## 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 **Patrick Howard**.

**Team Kia Mazda, 541 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020; 619-444-7200, DISCOUNTS: 20% off parts and 15% off service at Team KIA Mazda for SDMC members.**

## Other Services

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





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