



TWISTS & TURNS

December 2021

Holy Cow! A Sadie Hawkins Run!

By Lynn Nolan

The overcast, damp October 23 morning was not a deterrent. Twenty Miatas and one Fiata assembled to participate in the Sadie Hawkins magnetics run, skillfully led by Judy Hunt with Jan Frederick as the navigator and sweeps Laurie and Steve Waid.

As Judy shared information at the driver's meeting, Steve Waid enthusiastically enhanced the presentation, with an animated rendition of sign language. He augmented it with attention-grabbing facial expressions and curious gestures. It seems Steve prefers "Steve sign," his own sign language, to that of American sign and he alone understood the meaning. Undaunted by the lack of clear communication, he clearly enjoyed himself.

There were some rumblings from members of the male gender. Some refused to surrender their position as driver. One was heard to utter "I'll turn over the wheel when you pry it from my cold dead hands." (*Well, not exactly those words, but it adds a little drama to the story.*) Another not so gentlemanly scoundrel, whose name shall be withheld for his own protection, gleefully noted that his wife, the long-suffering Bonnie Streeter, was unable



Photo by Paul Mattlin

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to drive a stick shift. Some ladies happily declined the role as driver, while others of the gentler sex moved to the left so they were behind the wheel.

The group departed promptly at 9:30, following Judy and Jan in the 2012 copper red mica Miata, easily identifiable with its Colorado plates. Jan had authored clever twelve teaser questions in a quiz that was included in the driving directions. Clues to the correct answers were visible at various milestones along the way. All of the questions and/or answers were animal related (*lions, tigers, bears & cows, oh my*). Those taking on the challenge found clues to the correct answer along the way. Also in keeping with the animal theme, boxes of animal crackers had been distributed. The crackers were to provide sustenance and to potentiate the firing of the brain's synapses (part of a connected circuit that is responsible for rapidly transmitting information).



It is unclear if PETA or Jan and Judy are responsible for what turned out to be a “holy cow” experience – three large bovines along Mesa Grande road. Drivers came to a sudden, unexpected stop along the way. The radio bristled with “Cow crossing the road!” The cow, of considerable size sauntered across the road (*Gosh, if the cow had been hit by one of the Miatas, we could have had fresh burgers! Just kidding! **Cows Lives Matter!***)



Further along, two additional emancipated creatures ambled along, enjoying their freedom. They were happy cows.

The sun broke through as the Miatas completed the run, arriving at Lake Henshaw Café. Everyone enjoyed lunch and sharing stories as Jan visited each table to disclose the answers to the animal quiz. No one had a perfect score (*In a way I did! I missed every single one, perfectly!*), however, Daryled

and Carlan Bristol had the highest number of correct answers.

It was an enjoyable run with lots of twisties.

Congratulations, Judy, on earning your magnetics!

Had Sadie Hawkins been a real person, she would have been very proud!





The President's Message

Dear Club Members,

As another year passes, we celebrate SDMC as a club and we have **completed 25 laps** around the calendar. That's right, for almost 26 years the San Diego Miata Club has been enjoying the backroads of SD County and far beyond. Two of our eleven (11) **founding members (Mark & Cathy Booth)**, are still active in the club. We have eight (8) past club Presidents (Mark Booth, Steve Waid, Elliot Shev, Steve Kennison, Daryled Bristol, Neal Mills, Gene Streeter, and David Bryan) that are still very active in the club. During last month's Annual Meeting, I had everyone stand up that has been a member for more than twenty (20) years, there were too many people standing to count. A true testament to everyone's dedication to the keeping our club active and fun.

"ZOOM, ZOOM" has new meaning for everyone now, after we Zoomed our 2020 Annual Meeting and each monthly meeting until May. We now have a new appreciation for face-to-face get togethers; in May we met at the Hamburger Factory for the first time since February 2020. Attendance for the monthly meetings started out small, but with the high vaccination rate and the ample availability of the booster shots, our attendance is very close to being back up to normal. Our December monthly meeting filled the room, and we had only a couple of empty chairs. I would like to thank everyone that tried to make Zoom productions work and attend via Zoom. The Board has decided to no longer Zoom our monthly meetings mainly due to the difficulties we had producing a reliable broadcast with internet challenges.

We started 2021 with our traditional "New Year's Day Miata Rose Run" (thanks to the Bristols). We returned to tradition with other annual runs: The Booths' Twilight Run, the Waids' Moon over Miata's Run, 4th of July Parade in Julian, the Garons' Gregg's Goal Charity Event, Main Street America Car Show (34 Miatas!), Cruisin' Grand (only once but it counted), and the SDMC Summer Picnic. We only had 19 runs/events this year compared to 70+ events per year in past years. Thank you to all the volunteers, run leaders, sweeps, drivers and navigators that contributed making 2021 a successful year for our club. We started the year with 265 members and as of December 2021 we had 262 members! That is amazing considering the Covid 19 Pandemic wreaked havoc on everyone and every organization. I am proud and honored to lead this club. At every event I see friendly people enjoying themselves in one another's company and allows us to get to know each other a little better, develop friendships, and strengthen our club.

SDMC Annual Meeting, Bylaw Update, and Officer Elections

As we move from 2021 into 2022, I want to thank the outgoing Secretary, Jackie Eder-Van Hook, for her efforts as Secretary in being our record keeper extraordinaire and for her work on revising the member handbook. SDMC's 25th Annual Meeting and election of your 2022 club officers took place Saturday November 13th. I want to welcome our new 2022 Board as elected at our Annual Meeting. I am humbled to be re-elected as your 2022 President, Our Vice President/Events Coordinator, Steve Norris, was

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re-elected. Also re-elected for 2022 was our current club Treasurer, Dave Hunt. Dona Thompson was elected as our 2022 Secretary.

I would like to thank the committee that worked to revise the bylaws, Steve Waid, Bob Van Hook, and Steve Norris. An update to the club bylaws was presented to membership for approval. Each article, eight in total were presented and voted on separately. Seven of the eight articles passed and will be updated. Article XI Dues and Expenditures did not pass. Many points were discussed by those in attendance, which should pave the way for a revision which will be acceptable to the general membership.

SDMC 2021 AWARDS

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.

SDMC'S "Silver Scribbler" Award: The SDMC perpetual Silver Scribbler award is presented to a member who has made outstanding contributions to our **Twist & Turns Newsletter** over the last year. Seventeen members contributed stories to our newsletter, 5 members made multiple contributions. There is one individual however that stands out with many wonderful contributions. This year's Silver Scribbler Award was presented to **Les Smith** for his many talents, not only was he the biggest contributor to our newsletter; but, he produced our Zoom broadcasts from May through December. He initiated and administered the club Zoom meetings (including the 2021 Annual Meeting and elections) when we were unable to meet in person during the pandemic.

SDMC'S "Member(s) of the Year": SDMC's perpetual Member of the Year award is presented to a member(s) who contributed to the club to keep it active, viable, and fun. This year's Member of the Year award is presented to **Steve Norris**, for stepping up when needed. Steve filled in as the webmaster/postmaster while Dan was recovering. He stepped in as Event Coordinator in probably the worst time in club history during the pandemic. He participated in EVERY run and kept the club's event calendar current and filled with information. He mentored many members in learning how to sweep and earn magnetics by leading their first run. Steve wrote articles for the newsletter and made presentations during our Zoom meetings. He also helped with setting up radios and getting to the run early to program members radios. **Thank you Steve!**

Reminders and Announcements

We still have the following events to complete 2021: Annual Holiday Party and gift exchange on Sunday, December 5th from 5:00 – 10pm at the Sycuan Golf Resort; Holiday Run and Toy/Gift Card Drive on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00am – 1:00pm; Holiday Lights Run on Sunday, December 12th from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

It is SDMC membership renewal time! All our SDMC memberships expire on December 31st and your membership team is ready for you to renew.

Congratulations SDMC for 25yrs, and to all of you for making this an active and fun car club! I would like to challenge each member to lead or sweep a run or plan a fun event for our club.

Terry Thompson

SDMC 2021 President

2022 President Elect





Surf's Up and other San Diego Faves

Originally scheduled for October, 2020, San Diego Miata Club's premier regional event fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic and its tsunami-like impact on large social gatherings. We were forced to pull the plug in May, 2020, anticipating we'd be back in 2021. Conditions and the social landscape still weren't promising late last year.

It's on!

We're excited to announce our signature event is back on our calendar for **October 6-9, 2022**. "We" were encouraged to learn that the Miata community outside San Diego County is also "craving the wave" memorialized in our event logo ... in all four previous versions of our event. President Terry was testing the waters several months before our event contract was even cast. Even the vendors he spoke with are enthusiastic about attending, noting there are no other events scheduled for the western states this year; even the Miata Reunion we once took for granted at Mazda Raceway - Laguna Seca will be scheduled nearly two thousand miles away for the second year in a row.

The People Have Spoken ...

Apart from multiple inquiries about next October's event, the most flattering form of feedback comes from those already committing to attend. You may have seen the club email post that Surf 'N Safari registration was open as of November 2nd. Pent-up interest sparked early registrations and lodging reservations; we're ready for some motoring fun!

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Surf N Safari (Cont'd)

Long-time member and Surf 'N Safari veteran, Bari Russell, chirped "I'll be there! Best event ever!" as one of the first to register.

Recall that memo also announced, with some pride, that **we were able to hold the line on pricing** from two years ago. Think about that within the context of the news headlines and what we know about food prices, supplies, and lodging costs, to name just a few items on consumers' radar. We're confident that's the extra nudge some of you might need to register early and take advantage of the reduced registration costs between now and March 1, 2022. We expect to sell-out our event and occupy the lion's share of the 99 rooms available at the Singing Hills Resort (79 deluxe rooms at our negotiated rate, plus 20 higher-priced suites).

In keeping with the "Safari" aspect of our event, how about singing "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" with us over appetizers and dessert at Thursday night's reception party? Too much? Or, just too soon?

More Than The Editorial "We"

As I shared during our Annual Meeting, rocking the same pith helmet that Jeff Frederick and I both sported in our 2015 edition, I was fortunate to be your president when we hosted Surf 'N Safari (#4, if you're counting) in Carlsbad. It was so gratifying; I lost track of how many times attendees thanked me for putting on such a great event. I explained, equally often, it was Chairman Neal Mills, his committee chairs, and his cast of volunteers that deserved the credit. True story.

President Terry Thompson has signed-on for a second term; ditto for Vice-President Steve Norris, and Treasurer Dave Hunt. Only Treasurer Dona Thompson is new to the board. A supportive board is essential to our overall success. An engaged membership and pool of volunteers is key to our Miata-themed party.

Given the delayed completion of our event contract and a late start to our planning process, the board saw fit to provide an event co-chair. Laurie Waid will be capably assisting me in this process and shouldering our first draft of the "division of labor."

"We" will be delivering an event long overdue and worthy of its reputation as one of the country's best Miata-centric events. Visit the Surf 'N Safari page on our website for additional details and your passport to the fun.

Gene Streeter

with Laurie Waid





The Devilish Truth about the Devils Highway

Maryanne Garon

As with all good stories, this one must start at the beginning. However, the beginning is not, as you may think, when the cars from SDMC left San Diego, nor is it the morning we met up with the Sahuaro MC and left Apache Junction. It is not even, as you might think, the morning that the cars separated into two groups and left the Rode Inn in Springerville, AZ.

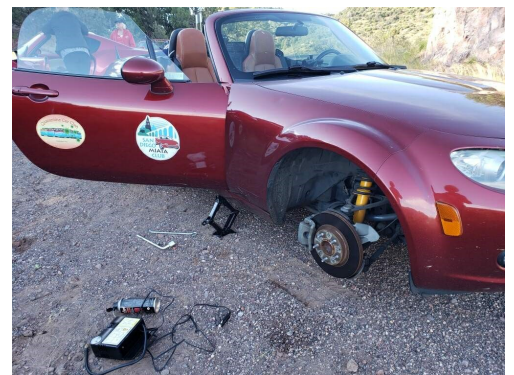
No, the story begins when an innocent squirrel (let's call him Rocky) left his forest home to see what all those little cars were doing on HIS road. He sat on his hind legs (OK, *he was in the street*) watching the cars roar by. All was well, as car after car avoided him. . .and then it happened, Dave Hunt decided to kill Rocky and end his little life. . .not knowing, at the time what the consequences would be!

The remainder of the morning drive proceeded peacefully. After a yummy lunch in Morenci, four cars (two from SDMC –the Hunts, the Garons, and two from the Sahuaro Club: Sharon Wilnewic and the Hinkles, also SDMC members) took off to head up Highway 191, AKA the Devil's Highway. At first, things were going fine as the cars zipped along through the curves. And then. . .***karma*** (sent by Rocky the squirrel) struck! The Hunts car hit a rock, and their tire was toast. Creeping along the road with the damaged tire. They spotted a turnout on the left of the road and pulled off. The three other cars came back to join them and offer help and moral support.

A quick inventory of the car's trunks revealed that only the Hinkles had a spare tire, and it had 4 bolts vs 5 on the Hunts car. With that discovery, the men began to pull out the foam tire-repair kits (*P.S.A. – check yours. .the Hunts' expired in 2009*). They worked diligently trying to get the foam to hold and filled enough so that the tire could be driven to an unspecified location for assistance. (I actually don't know where they were planning to go – back to Morenci or the 2 ½ hours to Springerville?). However, nothing worked.

As we sat somewhat forlornly on the side of the road., something in the universe shifted and *there was a change in karma*! A truck pulled over, and the driver offered to help. He was the anti-Rocky (the squirrel) and his name was Gregg! First he drove down the road to check for the mileage marker so we could call for help (yes, there was actually mobile phone service) – but we soon discovered there was no AAA or other towing services anywhere nearby. Gregg then told us he had a friend in town,

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Fidel Armijo, who owns *Fidel's Tire Shop* in Clifton. Gregg called him and although he was at a family picnic, he offered to meet us at his garage and repair the tire. The men then removed the tire, and put it in our trunk, and Dave and Dennis followed Gregg to the tire repair place.



As Dennis and Dave tell us, they passed Morenci and Clifton and went back under the main highway to a gravel road in an even more desolate area, they continued to follow Gregg and it seemed like they drove forever. At one point, they looked at each other and said, "if we see someone sitting on a porch playing a banjo we better get the heck out of here!". Of course, that didn't happen and they ended up at Fidel's house (which happened to have a totally decked out garage). Unfortunately, the tire couldn't be repaired but Fidel found another tire (bald though it was) to put on the Hunts wheel, and the

men headed back to the place we were waiting.

Meanwhile, as they drove our way, Dave called and suggested that we send the Hinkles and Sharon on their way as the sun was setting. That left Pam and I sitting on the side of the road (no, not IN the car; it was on a jack) as it got colder and darker. And were there really BEARS nearby, as the sign said? We came to the unfortunate realization that people will wave merrily at two "old" ladies sitting on the side of the road next to a disabled car in the middle of nowhere, but NOT stop to offer help. Finally, we saw a pair of headlights coming up the hill and watched a car begin to pull towards us and after a brief moment of trepidation, we realized it was Dennis and Dave.

The men replaced the tire, and we headed out driving the Devil's Highway in the dark. On the plus side was that we were so far from city lights, the stars and constellations were visible and beautifully bright.

We arrived back in Springerville at 9 pm, and the Safire Restaurant which normally closes at 9, stayed open, served us drinks and a full dinner. Dave and Pam stayed in Show Low the following night and were able to get a new tire on Monday morning.

While this wasn't the trip we expected, it was certainly memorable. An aftermath to the roadside stop, we came up with **a list of necessities to carry in the trunk** for trips like these:

Wine (or preferred drink).

A game while we had fun telling stories, we thought we could have passed time with a game.

OK – maybe those two aren't *necessities*!

Some food, maybe snack bars.

Bungee cords – the tire didn't quite fit in the trunk, so something to keep the trunk closed would have been helpful!

Something to sit on – a towel, perhaps?

Items to keep you warm – jackets, blankets.

Some assorted tools.

And, if you have one and it fits **a spare tire**, perhaps!



2021 SUMMER PICNIC

By Julie Thompson

On September 11th, the SDMC held its Annual Summer Picnic having missed last year's event due to the Covid 19 pandemic. At the beginning of the event, the club honored the victims of the 9/11 attacks with a moment of silence. The event was held at the Deer Park Winery and Auto Museum in Escondido, Ca. The temperature for the event was in the mid-nineties, but luckily



the venue's patio was covered by a tree canopy and featured a cool breeze. The tables were festively decorated with red and white checkered table clothes and sunflower centerpieces. The centerpieces were given to the member at each table whose birthday fell closest to the date of the event. The attendees arrived at 11 a.m. and were directed by our parking attendants named Steve (Steve Waid and Steve Luby). The Miatas had their own mini car show on the grass parking lot. The event began with a game to break the ice (that's an oxymoron on that blazing hot day). This event was a great way for the 55 members in attendance to get to know each other a little better. The "most social" award went to Jan Fredricks with the most correct answers. She won a SDMC coffee mug and Starbucks gift card.

A delicious lunch of burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, baked beans, chips, and salad, was catered by Bekker's Catering. Dessert was provided in abundance by our attendees. We had over 21 different desserts being judged for the award of best dessert. We all had the benefit of many delicious treats and an elevated blood sugar level. The winner, Paula Kennison, beat out Alan Kagan by one vote with her caramel coconut cookies. She won an apron embroidered with the SDMC logo and "2021 bake off champion".

Admission to the picnic included access to tour the Auto Museum's collection of automobiles and memorabilia housed in three different buildings. The attendees were challenged to find the answers to a 25 question scavenger hunt, having them scour the museum for clues. This resulted in a tie between the top detective members, Dona Thompson and Ken Roberts. In a tie breaker, Ken was the lucky winner of a serving tray with the SDMC logo etched into the center.



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Members enjoyed the day mingling at the picnic area and some played corn hole without working up too much of a sweat. All who were overheated were able to cool off, if desired, by competing in a round of water balloon toss. The first-round winners were David and Pamela Hunt. Since it was so hot, we held a second heat (no pun intended) of water balloon toss, and to no surprise the winners were again David and Pamela Hunt. They took home the prize of two SDMC embroidered beach towels. Apparently, the Hunts also felt that gave



them the right to use the leftover water balloons to cool off the clean-up committee. It should be noted, they did not share their towels afterwards!

Thanks to Laurie Waid and Ann Luby for helping to plan this event, all who volunteered to make this event a success, and all the members who attended. It was wonderful to gather again as a group outdoors, and we look forward to our annual summer picnic in 2022.



The “Real” Devil’s Highway Run

By Julie Thompson



Normally I'd say one article about the Devil's Highway is enough for one newsletter, however I felt if the only description you read was "The Devilish Truth about the Devil's Highway", you may never put that experience on your must-do list. That would be a shame, because it's one of the most gorgeous and exhilarating drives you can experience in Arizona. Of the six SDMC cars which traveled to Springerville, AZ to begin the run, only the



Thompson's had attended the annual event before (4 times to be exact) and the Waid's had driven the twisty highway before.

We met up with nine Miatas (unbelievably they were all red) from Arizona on Friday morning, October 1st, in Apache Junction. We stopped for lunch in Globe, AZ, as we traveled four hours north to settle into our accommodations for the night. The hotel choices in Springerville are less than enticing, however, they are clean and safe, just old! Hopefully, they will get an update as they've been purchased by a new company. On arrival, we met up with the 20 other Miatas from

Arizona and one from New Mexico which had started out from 2 other locations. We had dinner with about 30 other Miata lovers before calling it a night.

We all rendezvoused at the Rode Inn parking lot at 9 a.m. to discuss the plans for the run. The group was to split itself in two depending on driving style. The thrill seekers and the sightseers (that is my name for the 2 groups with the organizers who had other designations). as the sweep of the fast-paced run. It was an attempt to keep the speed down, but it almost resulted in Terry having a medical emergency! A car or two in our group may have mis-judged their driving style. The drive took us South through New Mexico with beautiful scenery to Morenci, a copper mining town in Arizona, where we had lunch before starting our jaunt up the challenging road.

On the way up the highway, Terry volunteered to take over as the lead car. My job then became lookout for the cars following closely behind (on-coming cars, potholes, rocks, branches, squirrel, deer) and calling out on the radio any necessary warnings. All twelve of the vehicles in our group made it back without incident. Highway 191, known as the Devil's Highway, is 120 miles of curves (460 to be exact) which are numerous, tight, and seem never-ending. It takes a lot of driver concentration and effort to keep the car between the mustard and the mayonnaise, a must on these narrow 2-lane



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undivided roads. The passenger can look over the edge of the road down many steep cliffs which takes a lot of effort on the passenger's part to stay calm and a lot of core strength to keep sitting upright.

Our fast group separated into 2 groups on the way up the highway to return to Springerville. When we all returned to the hotel to tell our tales, none were disappointed by the adventure the day provided. Of course, those who didn't make it back with the rest of us due to their misfortunes may have a different viewpoint.

I must say, I don't think its karma which caused the misfortunes of the day. At the very start of our run, we were driving along when at the same time we saw white fur floating in the air, we heard a driver ahead of us call out on the radio, "Oh, I just hit a cat!" That driver had no difficulties navigating the Devil's Highway! My advice to you, if you haven't driven this Arizona Highway you should and if you tried to drive this highway and ended up doing it in the dark, **try again!!**



Member Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 2004 MAZDASPEED MIATA - Turbo, one-owner, red convertible, **62,000 original miles**, 6-speed, clean title, power windows, A/C, all service performed at John Hine, excellent condition, leather seats. Minor interior stitching needed on drivers seat, minor left door inside panel wear. Garage kept full life of vehicle. Limited edition, rarely on market.

\$19,000.00

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Rear View Mirror

December, 2021

By Gene Streeter

Trunk or Treat?

My last column submission was six months ago. Depending upon your point of view and in keeping with the subject line above, that just might have been your treat. “You’re welcome.”

The “trick,” if you will, is in getting back into the rhythm without the support of what I used to call my loyal twelve readers. Maybe it was newsletter editor Larry Lloyd’s polite and personal monthly inquiries; or maybe it was Les Smith’s literary efforts over this calendar year, earning the Silver Scribbler recognition for his body of work. (Based upon the elegant, crystalline trophy awarded him, “Les *is* more.”- Ed.) Or, just maybe the many member profiles that my color nemesis, Lynn Nolan, has researched and submitted. Competition can also be a healthy motivator.

Lady Bonnie and I were blessed to have our only grandsons spend a long Halloween weekend with us. Their heightened teenage interest in automobiles seemed to be a good fit for the San Diego Auto Museum scene. Saturday afternoon was “Trunk or Treat” ... free museum admission, free candy, costumed children, even a few costumed adults. The museum’s interior was significantly updated during the pandemic, the displayed vehicles rotated, and their presentations enhanced. Trunk or Treat was well-attended, and deserving of the community’s attention. If you didn’t take advantage of free museum admission after the annual meeting, you might want to visit before the next round of changes, including a building expansion.

Despite Steve “Obi” Waid’s encouragements, only one SDMC member’s Miata was poised to distribute candy and costume commentary in the parking lot, sort of a dress rehearsal for the following day’s Halloween trick or treating. You guessed it ... the Waid’s flamed yellow NB. Following the adage “one picture is worth a thousand words,” I’ll let the accompanying photos tell the balance of the story. (Thank you, Mr. Man of Few Words. – Ed.)

Still building their annual Halloween candy sugar buzz, the grandsons and I went back to Balboa Park for the advertised Cars and Coffee event Sunday morning. SDMC participation ramped-up with four members’ cars being shared. Coffee, donuts, cool cars, and conversations about cool cars, not necessarily in hierarchical order. The best part? Both museum events were absolutely free to the public. Being covetous of my financial resources, that was fine with me.

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Laurie Waid rocks a vintage skirt and petticoat, while Steve evokes the Zoot Suit era in a recycled SDMC contest costume. Remember the “Steak ‘n Beans” fund-raising competition with SoCALM on behalf of Habitat for Humanity? If not, you might have joined in the last seven or eight years.

Did you know? It’s still illegal to wear a “zoot suit” in Los Angeles? (maybe that should apply here in San Diego, as well. - Ed.)



Multiple SDMC members volunteer at the refurbished San Diego Auto Museum; our Annual Meeting is there as well



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Even though the H/W doesn't stand for "Halloween," there's no lack of sinister attitude in this hot rod



A 1953 Kurtiss roadster sports a toothy grin



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SDMC Help Wanted:

The club needs a **Webmaster** to maintain the club's web site. Our present **webmaster** would like to retire from the position. He will assist you in the setup and maintenance of the club's website. If you are interested, inquiries should be made to our club president, Terry Thompson. His email address is julieandterry@cox.net.

RVM, from prev. pg.



Check Your Ego at the Door

If you've ever imagined a 14-foot-tall, three-dimensional head shot of yourself, I have just the place for you. There is a special art/photo installation at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in (you guessed it ...) Columbus, Ohio where you can generate just that. While visiting relatives there, we all took advantage of this facility's grand re-opening after many months of pandemic closure. Once I was precisely positioned within the neck of this globular structure, a battery of cameras captured the pieces of the facial jigsaw puzzle you see displayed above. My only regret was in not being better-groomed. Hopefully, the severe facial lines and wrinkles aren't a predictor of things to come.

I assured Editor Larry I would keep the size of this edition under control. That said, I'll leave you with just a few thoughts and encouragements. As reinforced at our recent Annual Meeting, it's membership and member par-

ticipation that determines the value of belonging to *our* San Diego Miata Club. Over our 25-plus years of existence, certain activities have evolved, or largely disappeared. Per Elliot Shev's and Mark Booth's comments, parking lot show-and-tell sessions before the monthly meetings have evolved into "what bling do you have to share?" comments with the meeting audience. Currently, the best (and only) example of a "group buy" of merchandise is within Anne and Steve Luby's regalia domain. These are but two examples to illustrate my point. What hasn't changed is our modern take on the general rule credited to the Greek philosopher, Aristotle: "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." Contributions of time, talent, and energy for the benefit of others in the club are amplified and add value to our belonging.

Get involved, invest, and participate in our club's activities.

And, *stay classy, San Diego Miata Club!*





A Noel Magnetics Run

by Lynn Nolan

Colorful Miatas

Revved up for a ride,
With Rudolph and Santa
To lead as their guide

Visions of twisties--
A spirited holiday run,
Up and down winding roads--
It was going to be such fun!

What to their wondering
Headlights appear?
It's not jolly Santa
with the 12 reindeer!



It's the nasty old Grinch and
He's driving a clunker
He's come to lead them
In such a junker!



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A Noel Magnetics Run (Cont'd)

No twisties, no hills,
Ruts and potholes galore
The roadsters revolt
Engines now roar!

And what on the horizon
Does begin to appear?
It's Santa and Rudolph
And the 12 reindeer!



The run went on
With Santa as lead!
He earned his magnetics
With dizzying speed!

On NA!
Zoom zoom Beep beep!
On NB, NC, and ND!
With Grinch as the sweep!

And on this special Yuletide
Santa came to lead the run
And Miatas and drivers
Will long remember the fun!

Thank you for reading
I'll now end this ode
It's that special Season so
Let's hit the road!



Events Information

San Diego Miata Club

December 2021 & January 2022 Events

By Steve Norris

Our in-person Monthly Meeting for December will be at the Hamburger Factory on Thursday December 16th. Come early to get caught up with your friends. Some people will arrive as early as 5:00 PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Check the calendar for the address.

The **Holiday Party** will be at Singing Hills Golf Resort (Sycuan) on Sunday December 5th. Check the calendar for details.

The **Annual Holiday Run & Toy Drive** will be on Saturday December 11th. Let's make our donations even greater than last year. Check the calendar for details.

Les Smith is going to lead us Sunday December 12th on a **Holiday Lights Tour** looking at houses that really go all out with Christmas decorations. Check the calendar for details.

Daryled Bristol is once again leading the "**Rose Day**" run on Saturday January 1st. This New Year we will tour San Diego County from North County thru the north/east and down into the Desert for lunch at an old favorite.

If you have ideas about events that the group will enjoy please contact me so we can get them on-to the schedule. I will help you take the spark of an idea and make it happen. You don't have to necessarily be in charge of the event if that is holding you back. We want 2022 to have 2 to 3 events a month so let's hear about those ideas.



Passing Cars

When You Can't See

May Give You

A Glimpse of Eternity

Burma Shave

On Hwy 66 near Seligman, AZ



MEMBERSHIP **RENEWAL** APPLICATION

San Diego Miata Club | www.SanDiegoMiataClub.org

SDMC memberships expire on December 31st each year. Please use this application for renewal, PRINTING CLEARLY, and thank you for renewing promptly (note "**Late Fee" info at bottom).

If no changes to your information, check here ☐ -- complete the Name(s), Signature(s), and Replacement Card sections.

Member's Name: _____ **Birthday (Month/Day):** ____/____ [optional]

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP+4: _____ - _____

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Copilot's Name: _____ **Birthday (Month/Day):** ____/____ [optional]

☐ Check here if phone numbers/email are same as Member's above [or complete the following as applicable]

Primary phone:** _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Miata Information:

Year: _____ Color: _____ License Plate: _____

Special / Limited Model? ☐ Special Edition ☐ Anniversary Edition ☐ Limited Edition

☐ Launch Edition ☐ Mazdaspeed ☐ M Edition ☐ PRHT ☐ Shinzen ☐ RF ☐ Grand Touring ☐

Sport ☐ Club


☐ Other (specify) _____ ☐ OTM (specify) _____

Club Membership Roster is maintained on the SDMC group website; access is limited to active (current) members who have requested to join the Group website. The roster includes the following member information:

Member & Copilot names, member email address, primary phone**, city, vehicle year and color, and license plate.

** ☐ Check here if you do not want your phone number listed on the roster or released to Club members.

Club's newsletter, *Twists & Turns*, is published monthly and available around the first of each month. All can download current and past issues from the Club's website (see top of page) for easy viewing. Newsletter's posting is announced via group email.

☐ Check here if you prefer to receive a hardcopy newsletter via U.S. Postal Service. 

Release Statement (must be signed): I wish to participate in activities and events organized by the San Diego Miata Club. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in these events, I hereby agree to release the San Diego Miata Club, its officers, organizers, members, sponsors, and vendors from any and all liability for injury, damages, or loss arising from my participation and attendance in any Club activity. (If spouse or significant other is applying for membership, they must also sign.)

Signed (Member): _____ Date: _____

Signed (Copilot): _____ Date: _____

Indicate REPLACEMENT CARD: ☐ Yes ☐ No (card may be requested at any time if desired in the future)

***Late Fee: Renewal after January 31st (received or postmarked), add \$5.00 late fee = \$40.00 renewal**

Return this signed form with \$35.00* check to: SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB [or SDMC] PO BOX 180456 | CORONADO, CA 92178-0456
Questions? Membership@SanDiegoMiataClub.org

Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

December 2021

Welcome to our newest members...

Jon Busse	OCEANSIDE	2007 Sunlight Silver Metallic
Gail McBride	OCEANSIDE	2013 Copper Red Mica
Jeffrey McMillen	SAN DIEGO	1999 British Racing Green
Jose Solis	LAKE ELSINORE	1991 Mariner Blue
Alex Tswei	SAN DIEGO	1997 Marina Green Mica

Our Club's numbers to date:

158 memberships (49 single, 109 dual) for a total of 267 members.

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For reference, our Club's numbers at the end of 2020 were: 154 memberships (44 single, 110 dual) for a total of 264 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!

Devil's Highway Run

Springerville, AZ

May 13-15, 2022

Flyin' Miata Summer Camp

June 2022

Miata Reunion 2022

Barber Motorsports Park

July 30, 31, 2022

www.miatareunion.com

Miata's at the Gap

August 4-7, 2022

www.gapmiatas.com

SDMC Officers



Terry Thompson
President



Steve Norris
Vice President



David Hunt
Treasurer



Jackie Eder-Van Hook
Secretary

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Contacts

The Web

www.sandiegomiataclub.org

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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. Special club pricing on RoadsterSports Items only. 858.775.2810. 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 . 303.730.6060.

Langka Corp. Guaranteed paint chip and restoration products. 800.945.4532. 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

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

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 92021; 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. DRE#01009295.



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