



TWISTS & TURNS

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San Diego Auto Museum Features SDMC

By Steve Waid



When the San Diego Auto Museum reopened in 2021, an area had been designated to feature a car club. However, museum Director and CEO, Lenny Leszczynski was unable to find a taker until March of 2022 when I asked, “Why don’t we put the Miata Club in there?”. His eyes lit up and he said, “We can do that!”. As they say, the rest is history.

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With the help of Steve and Ann Luby, Laurie and I put together the concept and implemented the display. In the display is the #18 Miata that was donated to the museum by Mazda/North America in the late 1990s. The 18th Miata built in 1989 was used by Mazda in North America as a “mule” to be taken to car shows and press conferences where Mazda would reveal their new car for 1990. The Miata was designed in Irvine and created for the American market, which had been clamoring for the resurrection of the 2-seat light weight roadster for over a decade. The rest of the display is all SDMC. We incorporated club regalia, trophies won by the club, photos, Miata books and die cast cars, along with the club flag and banner. We then featured, in 2 week intervals, a club member’s Miata. There is signing that explains the Miata facts and generational differences, along with a sign that gives the history and “doings” of the San Diego Miata Club.

1. 1996 “M” Edition NA owned by Phil Daoust

Phil has always been a British Sports Car enthusiast, so early on he decided he was going to modify his car to be a British Miata (Briata) which he termed to be the “Anglofication” of the Miata. It sports a right hand drive, a Jaguar console, a super-charger, and other visual modifications to create the look. The car has won awards at various car shows and meets, so it was an obvious choice for the first club car to be displayed.



2. 2012 Power Retractable Hard Top NC owned by Preston Waid

This was an obvious choice for Laurie and I because our grandson, Preston, was away at college (Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington) and his car was here in San Diego. We know the car very well and knew it would display well. We displayed it with the top partially deployed to create interest. There are a few visual modifications that include white powder-coated wheels that match the car’s Pearl White



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color. This car has also been recognized at car shows with awards.

3. 2000 Miata NB owned by Kurt Swartz

Kurt's car is a gorgeous representation of "personalization" of a car. This car was originally an autocross car for Kurt and has numerous performance modifications which include suspension, wheels, tires, and a supercharger. When Kurt backed away from Autocross, he then spent time and money on making the car cosmetically perfect for showing. This car is an award winner at both autocross and car shows. It is a great example of how SDMC members will personalize their cars.



As of this writing, we don't know how long SDMC will be in the display, but through June for sure. Be sure to take the time to go to Balboa Park and see the display in the San Diego Auto Museum. The Museum recognizes "Free Tuesday" on the 4th Tuesday of the month. As long as you live in the county you are welcome to a free entry.

The San Diego Miata Club continues to make a very large and favorable footprint in the San Diego car culture. Our participation in car events around the county throughout the year is recognized by much of this culture. This prompts me to mention the "infamous" perpetual Club Participation Trophy that the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego built because SDMC kept winning the award at their Main Street America Car Show. It weighs over 70 pounds and is made of rusting auto parts. It has become a hilarious and coveted award that is included in the museum display.



Engines with Wheels

Words – Lynn Nolan
Photos – Tom Thompson

“I build engines and attach wheels to them.”

Enzo Ferrari

It was not just any ole’ Friday in La Jolla. It was Ferrari Friday, an inaugural event of the Concours d’Elegance.



Ken Hurd’s SDMC email posting had been too tempting and Tom and I had succumbed to the enticement of Ferraris, lining the streets of La Jolla! Tom has long suffered from Ferrari Fever, an incurable chronic condition not found in medical literature. He even visited the Enzo Ferrari Museum in Modena, Italy in 2018 on the SDMC trip, *Beyond Miataland*.

The event was to begin around 5:00-5:30 with an anticipated 75 Ferrari’s lining Prospect and Herschel Ave. Ken had provided detailed information about it, including tips on potential parking areas. Arriving slightly before the official start time, we leisurely rumbled onto Prospect in Tom’s Soul Red Miata. I wondered if the Miata would be mistaken for a “compact Ferrari.” In fact, one Ferrari owner commented “nice fender badges” as he walked by (referring to the Team Voodoo decals on our car).



Lining Prospect Street were numerous tented “No Parking/Tow Away” signs. These spaces were to be surrendered by OTF’s (other than Ferraris) by the specified time to allow them to be occupied by Ferraris.

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In violation of the edict, interlopers still occupied many parking spaces.

Dozens of Ferraris had already arrived and were on display. There was a preponderance of red Ferraris—something that would quicken the pulse of my color nemesis Gene Streeter, as well as others committed to this color. Amid the scarlet Ferraris were gray, black and Steve Waid's coveted color, yellow vehicles. All were captivating, each in their own way. In the background we could hear the muted reverberation of the engines of other Ferraris as they arrived. It was the heartbeat of Ferraris. Several Ferrari owners lingered next to their cars, proud and eager to engage in conversation. One owner-driver told us that his Ferrari had to be entirely repainted after someone had keyed it. He appeared to be nonchalant—even about the expense. We were exasperated that someone would perpetrate such a disgusting act on a beautiful car.

We continued walking as we gazed upon this collection of Ferraris. Then it happened! It was a vision of splendor and elegance! It seemed to be cloaked in freshly fallen snow! It was a *white* Ferrari—a color that speaks to the awakening of one's soul, a calming color of perfection, in contrast to the intensity of the brash, eye-popping, scarlet Ferraris. Indeed, it was the only white Ferrari on display, resplendent in color with white leather seats. Imagine a *white* Testarossa (an oxymoron?). Of course, I wished I could take it home.



We continued our tour, and soon noticed that several tow trucks had arrived, making their way along Prospect. This fleet had arrived as if on a military mission, for the obvious purpose of towing illegally parked OTFs. We watched intently as a tow truck driver backed into a space behind one such car that had failed to surrender the space to a Ferrari. He walked around the offending vehicle, photographing it, adeptly secured a chain-like device to it and dragged it onto the flatbed of the truck. Imagine the reaction of drivers who returned to find that their cars had vanished!

Soon La Jolla's first Ferrari Friday came to an end for us. We returned to Tom's *legally* parked Miata, relieved that it had not suffered the fate of those who fell under the authority of the tow truck drivers.





"It's lonely at the top; that's why a Bugatti has 2 seats, and a bus has 50."

Anonymous

Behind the Wheel

By

Lynn Nolan

Introducing Gail McBride

Gail zoomed into the Miata Club at full throttle less than a year ago. She has wasted no time, immersing herself into the numerous available activities.

Early Beginnings – Off to Work We Go!

Gail hails from San Gabriel, attending high school at San Gabriel High School. After graduating, she went on in the successful pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree in Business with an Accounting focus at National University. She was a self-employed CPA for many years.



Photo by Mark Booth

Zoom-Zoom

From an early age Gail has always had an affinity for cars. She prefers driving cars that are "pretty and fast" (*My high school sweetheart used the same words to describe me!*) and is entirely disinterested in what's under the hood. It was her intrepid spirit that *fueled* her search for a "pretty and fast car!" Indeed, she found



her dream car, a 2013 Copper Red Mica NC. When she visited the Miata dealer and saw her sweet ride, the sales rep suggested that she not only take it for a spin, but take it home overnight. Anyone who has held a puppy knows it's nearly impossible to return such a sweet bundle of fur and Gail's Miata experience was the same. (*If you've worked in sales you may be familiar with the phrase "puppy dog close"*). Once she drove it, she and her NC were inseparable!

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Mods

After 9 years, Gail's NC is still stock— exactly the same as when it came into her life in 2013.

SDMC

While on a visit to the San Diego Automobile Museum in the fall of 2021 a chance encounter with Terry Thompson resulted in Gail joining SDMC. She had zoomed the highways and byways of San Diego for 8 years, not knowing about the club. True to her ardent personality, she is an avid driver (*definitely not a daffodil*) who enjoys discovering new regions that offer adventurous driving challenges. SDMC is the perfect fit and she has been sweep on several runs.

Other Faves

Jewelry - Gail relishes designing and making jewelry. She strings beads and also does silver smithing, stone shaping and finishing.

Golf - She confesses that she's not a great golfer. It is the social interaction and the sport itself that draws her to it. She says if her score is less than double par (144) it is a great day.

Family - She has a daughter who lives in Florida and a son in the Bakersfield area, where Gail likes to spend time with Randy, his wife, Lilly, and their 3 dogs.

Grub - Interestingly, Gail doesn't have a list of favorite restaurants. Her food preferences however include spicy meat and seafood, and she's not a vegetable connoisseur. She does enjoy cooking. Although she doesn't boast a signature dish, she revels in the plucky pursuit of new, unknown dishes. True to her free-spirited and daring style, she never makes the same dish twice.

Flicks - Faves include action-adventure, sci-fi and romantic genres. She *steers* clear of horror films as well as political and historical flicks, instead focusing on fun and entertaining movie themes.

Do Re Me Fa So La Ti Do - Musicians on Gail's list include Cher and Elton John. She listens to rock and country and jazz when she's on the road.



Something Most People Don't Know About Me Gail has clocked a speed of 143.55 mph, driving a NASCAR vehicle at Ontario Speedway. (*I told you she wasn't a daffodil driver!*)

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Gail's 90 –year-old mother lives only 2 miles from her, and Thursdays will find Gail, mom and a friend at Pau-ma and Pala Casinos. From time to time Gail drives to Las Vegas with her mother to enjoy the usual pleasures of Sin City. Those longer drives are replaced biannually with an excursion to Paso Robles. Gail has proudly devised a system to fit 7 cases of the nectar of the gods into the trunk of her NC. (*Forget cooking, jewelry making and golfing! That's impressive, and also far more useful! It's five o'clock somewhere!*)

This article wouldn't be complete without mentioning Precious, who was a big part of her life. Clad in peach colored feathers, Precious was Gail's aviary companion for nearly 25 years. Precious was a Moluccan Cockatoo who was given to Gail in 1997 when he was only 8 weeks old. He went with Gail room to room around the house as well as the garden. He was, of course, highly regarded as another family member.



Unfortunately, Gail's Cockatoo died in April. No doubt he will be missed.

When she's not driving her Miata, making jewelry, golfing, or spending time with her son and his family, Gail has another major interest. She is a drama queen but not in the colloquial sense. She loves theatre. She's a season ticket holder to the North Coast Repertory Theatre and a decades long attendee at Moonlight shows at the Vista Outdoor Amphitheatre.

“And now you know the rest of the story.”

Paul Harvey



Punxsutawney Phil Run

By Daryled Bristol

This run was initially designed by Rick Kagamaster and John Lord, led by John with Rick as sweep for the inaugural run. John and navigator Phyllis, made it as far as the first mile of Engineer Road where they retired their beloved green NB when a rock jumped into their path. John was able to retain his magnetics and did actually lead the run to completion at a later date.

I was asked to execute this run this year at a much later date as Groundhog Day had passed, but we went ahead with the run as planned. I decided that the simple things like “queue” ups were a thing of the past if we simply execute bread crumbing as it was intended and follow the written directions. Of course this requires a navigator/co-driver/radio operator to run smoothly thus encouraging full occupancy in each car.

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Punxsutawney Phil Run , cont'd from prev.pg.

Ninety percent of this run is simply “follow the yellow line”, the other 10% REQUIRES direction. I led off at a brisk pace all the time keeping the number 2 car in my rear view mirror for the most part. When the traffic allowed, I would drive at a less than leisurely pace and attempted to keep the group informed of bicycles and oncoming traffic as required. Once we reached Engineer Road there were times I would wait for the number 2



car to arrive but nothing to restrict the run. Radio communication was less than optimal but we did manage to arrive at Don's Market for a much needed comfort stop. The sweep was less than 10 minutes out with Steve Norris in the lead of the second group and sweeps Richard and Melissa Chester insuring a complete group. After a short break (20+ minutes due to the restricted access at Don's, many thanks that they were so accommodating) we continued on to our beloved Mesa Grande for more opportunities to display the Miata's abilities. Lunch was just around the corner and (with the possible exception of an off-road excursion by a guest in a “Fiata” -in which a right side rocker panel was left along Mesa Grande), all was in good order. I have urged drivers again and again “Do NOT drive above your ability or that of the lead car.” You can't tell just how wild or crazy that driver might be or the quality of their equipment just by looking. After lunch it was off again, up and down Palomar Mountain and into that mysterious traffic circle where the lack of “Bread Crumbing” almost lost one of our more recent drivers. Couser Canyon kept the adrenaline levels up and we cruised thru West Lilac Rd. on our way to Old 395 and the Dairy Queen in Escondido.

I need to mention our secondary sweep Gail, in her PRHT Copper Red who took an unexpected tumble at Julian Pie Company that resulted in a visit to the emergency room for a broken nose following the run. Way to soldier on, Gail! Be aware that Gail has her Magnetics run coming up, and I for one am expecting great things



from her.



John Lord

SAVE THE DATE: *Gregg's Galaxy* June 18

A fundraiser for Gregg's Goals

On **June 18** of this year, join SDMC members, and others for for some GALACTIC FUN at the annual fundraiser for **Gregg's Goals**.

This year, we will have a **Space and Sci-Fi themed** gathering which will include a silent auction, raffles, contests and introduction of scholarship winners and LOTS of good wine (and a catered meal) at the Garons' home.

The Event will be June 18th and will start at 3:00 pm,

Cost will be \$40.00/person (\$45 after June 11)

This year, instead of the wine tasting contest, We will be serving you a number of different wines for tasting. (If you would like more, you can head to the bar for more.)

We will have information posted on our Website: wwggd.org by MAY 15 for you to register and to make payment.

We will have the usual silent auction and our "Pick a Prize" at event with an opportunity to win a variety of items. Some additional special prizes (**think really** nice wines) will also be available.

So, what is planned?

The festivities at the Garons' will feature a great silent auction, a catered meal (menu includes GALACTIC tacos, flying saucers [quesadillas] and more), a **trivia game, costume contest** and some great wines as well as other drinks available. And our attendee's favorite part: the scholarship winners will be introduced and honored!

Background: The Garons started this scholarship a couple of years after their older son, Gregg, passed away unexpectedly in 2005. The scholarships are given to young people who have played soccer, the sport Gregg loved and are continuing their education after high school. In addition, we have been also awarding continuing scholarships to those who re-apply. The scholarship is targeted toward the "unsung heroes" among the players – those exhibiting loyalty, dependability, love of the game, giving back to soccer and courage. This year, we will surpass \$120,000 in total scholarships awarded. We have virtually no overhead as the entire extended Garon family pitches in to make this event a success. (And Gregg's Goals is a registered 501C3 non-profit!)

The Garon family appreciates all the support the SDMC has given and hopes that you will join us again for a fun day with friends, all while raising money for this good cause!

See page 19 for further details



Rear View Mirror

June, 2022

By Gene Streeter

Miatas and Members About Town ...

Part of the perks of being in a car club is that civic and charitable interests get to know who you are and are often eager to tap into member resources for assistance. Some years ago, and before COVID-19 concerns put the brakes on large gatherings, a fellow SDMC member recruited SDMC membership for assistance with hosting the annual La Jolla Concours, a charitable effort to support that city's historical society. The promise of just a four-hour shift, free admission (\$95.00 in the recent April 24th edition), and a free lunch make this a tough opportunity to pass. But wait, there's more. You get to participate in the "other" West Coast concours effort; one specialty judge I spoke with insisted this juried show ranks just below the internationally famous Concours d' Elegance that traditionally dominates our Monterey Peninsula every August.

Once again, member Ken Hurd captained a "vehicle escort team" that included the always-dapper Richard Taylor. This being the first production effort in three years, there were a few communications cobwebs to clear. Where my training and experience was in placing these automotive works of art on the lawn of Ellen Browning Scripps Park, this year found me controlling entrance to the vendor host pavilions, and the free food and beverages that lie within. My "day at the office" provided a nearly panoramic view of vintage Bugatti (Are you certain that's the plural spelling? That would suggest just one such vehicle would be a "Bugat." – Ed.). For those of you long-time members who knew David "Woody" Woodhouse, he was an acknowledged Bugatti expert and automotive aficionado. His widow was displaying a rare Dolphin race car he had owned elsewhere on the field that day.

They Need to Be Driven and Enjoyed

I met the owner of a Type 35 Bugatti racer, in blue livery (one has to wonder if Mazda didn't borrow its "Smurf" blue color for its initial runs of the neo-classic NA), who was encouraging spectators to climb into his racer and pose behind the wheel men, women, children of all ages clambered aboard and gripped the same leather-wrapped wheel gentlemen racers have sawed back and forth for nearly one hundred years. It reminded me of the "Touch-A-Truck" experience approximately five SDMCers participated in for several years running. We allowed children of ***all*** ages to get behind the wheel of our sportscars, to "try it on for size" without having any protracted conversations with a commissioned car salesperson ... not that there's anything wrong with that if you want to own one. As my photos attest, I took advantage of his offer; it may well be the only Bugatti I experience in this manner.

Our extended conversation revealed he's the contrarian of the Bugatti Owners

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Club. Most owners believe their multi-million-dollar French-built (Molsheim, Alsace was a German city at one time) automotive works of art should be treated as museum pieces and maintained as investments. The sight of the “un-washed” using the tiny step plate to pull one knee onto the leather upholstery, then standing on the seat to insert one’s legs into the cockpit must have caused quite the stir. My gracious host and confidant explained that younger people (“future buyers and owners”) are largely disinterested in a vehicle of this ilk; anything that keeps people somehow connected to our motoring history and historic automobiles will help to preserve their future values as well. He maintains that a “look but don’t touch” policy will cost Bugatti owners thousands of dollars per month in depreciated value. An interesting perspective: please stop me if you’ve heard anything like this within our own club. (Or certainly within this very column. – Ed.)



Your author (and opportunist) climbing aboard a rare Type 35 Bugatti racer. Built between 1924 to 1930, average value is just north of \$1 million .

I’m not a large man (especially by American standards), but coach class airline seating is positively generous compared with this cockpit. Fortunately for both, riding mechanics were less common after 1925.



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This 1915 Ford Model T racer was a big deal in the late teens and twenties ... its proud owner provided a history lesson on early speed equipment and what it feels like to drive this car at 100 mph.



NMC – “Nautical” Miata Content?

I’ve observed on many occasions, and in many such columns, SDMC membership is diverse in talent and experiences. It’s no secret that member Jack Arnold has aviation fuel coursing through his veins; his frequent Facebook posts and conversations attest to his flying pursuits. Less obvious are the pilot skills once exercised by both Jan Frederick and Alan Kagan. There are likely others in our club with these skills or backgrounds. Let me point out that just because I was once dubbed a “rocket scientist” doesn’t guarantee my familiarity or expertise in that discipline.

Being comfortable on the water is one thing I’ve never been accused of. I have multiple unpleasant experiences both *on* and *in* the water that bolster my general distrust and discomfort. Being the stereotypical landlubber, I always think twice when someone invites me onto, or into, that element. In my partial defense, repeated ocean cruises on large vessels have helped me conquer my seasickness and some of my fears ... alcohol not required. I had sailed, anxiously, with Alan and Jill many years ago on his 36-foot Lancer. I even documented that experience for you in the pages of this very newsletter. What stands out, even now, is just how tiny that boat was compared with the monstrous auto transport bearing down on us. It was little comfort that Alan insisted we had the right of way in the channel.

Fast forward to April of this year and Alan’s invitation to join him and several SDMC sailors on his 46-foot Hunter sailboat. It’s a well-equipped modern boat that has successfully (key word) sailed to New Zealand despite heavy seas. As it happened, it was a farewell sail for Bob and Jackie Eder-Van Hook.

Bob and Jackie are in search of America and their future home. What do you think the odds are of their returning to San Diego? It was a pleasant sail, with modest winds, and most of us taking turns at the helm.

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One take-away for me was Alan's contention that whenever two sailboats are heading the same direction and anywhere near each other, it becomes a race. I got to experience that phenomenon, and the other skipper's displeasure, during my turn at the wheel. Alan came quickly to my defense with "the starboard vessel has the right of way" rule, or something to that effect. I think my alleged misstep stemmed from not wearing the official skipper's hat we passed around earlier.

"We Interrupt This Broadcast ..."

On our way back to port in National City, we were approaching the Coronado Bay Bridge from the North when Jan Frederick noticed that westbound traffic was completely stopped. In keeping with his patented "warm and fuzzy" style, Darryled off-handedly quipped "there's probably a jumper on the bridge." As we slowly approached, we imagined additional activity and confirmed, via wi-fi, the arrival of two highway patrol units mid-span. As we would later learn, a concerned citizen wrestled the potential suicide victim away from the railing and, hopefully, into the care of mental health professionals. While the news media generally shy away from making such attempts headline news, the fact remains that suicides in this manner average one to two per month. Our Coronado Bay Bridge has earned the dubious reputation as the third most dangerous bridge in America, by virtue of the 400+ such deaths since the bridge's opening in 1969. Sobering thoughts, yes. It behooves all of us to be aware of the warning signs and seek help for those that need it.



From the farewell sailing in April. At the helm, Daryled does his best imitation of the famous "fisherman from Gloucester." In the "princess chairs" (that's what they're called ... I didn't make that up) behind him are Bob and Jackie. Neal Mills keeps a watchful eye on other traffic, while Jan Frederick is out of the frame.

Based upon that sailing experience, I readily accepted a second invitation for early May. Based upon my initial crew member performance, Alan apparently thought I was trainable. Gaining in comfort, I performed most assigned tasks without too much additional direction. Where Daryled Bristol has actual US Navy experience, the boat's co-owner, Kelly, is a current naval officer with some additional skills. The afternoon we sailed we had mostly consistent wind, and occasional bursts of additional power, up to about 18 knots.

We witnessed rescue swimmers being dropped from Navy helicopters, and all manner of military and Coast Guard vessels seemingly keying on us as part of their normal exercises. There weren't many private vessels

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venturing from their slips and even fewer sailboats on San Diego Bay; it bolstered the notion that we were somehow better sailors. That is, except for me. While I was mostly appreciative of the talent around me, our boat was “heeling” up to 35 degrees from vertical. Rational me thought “Everything is fine. This boat has handled 30-foot seas.” Anxious me found my butt-cheeks gripping the cushions I installed earlier and looking for any warning signs we might be tipping any further.

All's Well that Ends Well

I was exposed to a raft (interesting choice of words for an admitted landlubber. – ED) of nautical terms and solutions. Like any foreign language, repeated usage is key to understanding. Both Alan and Kelly are working on their Captain's licenses and looking ahead to the possibility of booking charters on this boat. I confirmed with Judy Hunt she has acquired a 50-foot powerboat and is also working to obtain her Captain's license. Per Alan, Dave Kempton is also flexing some sailing skills. There may be others in our club with sailing skills or ambitions; I wouldn't be surprised. My original point remains – this is a diverse and talented group of people, with a shared interest in the world's most prolific and popular roadster.

Parting Shots ...



courtesy of multiple Facebook posts

Don't be this guy ...
gal ...
driver ...



Coming in the next Issue – my search for beauty and Bigfoot in the wilds of Idaho, Wyoming, and South Dakota.

In the meantime, stay healthy and safe in all your adventures, San Diego Miata Club!



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!

Upcoming Events Elsewhere

Flyin' Miata Summer Camp

June 10-11 2022

Miata Reunion 2022

Barber Motorsports Park

July 29, 30, 31, 2022 www.miatareunion.com

Miata's at the Gap

August 4-7, 2022 www.gapmiatas.com

Pink Floyd Album Cover Test

By Larry Lloyd

Can you identify the albums?





Randy Nelson, owner





Lions, Bears, and ... Dinosaurs?

At our March monthly meeting, I posed the question “How many of you are attending Surf ‘N Safari 2022?” It appeared every hand was raised in the expected response. With less than five months to our regional party, we have just shy of 100 registrants. We think we can do a little better; we want to make certain that even those members not regularly attending monthly meetings and events make the commitment to join in the fun. Joining SDMC in 2004, I didn’t participate in Surf ‘N Safari II; I just didn’t get the message. It was a great event, as evidenced by the murder mystery themed stories that still circulate.

It’s been nearly seven years since our last such event, postponed twice, and now long overdue. Co-chair Laurie Waid and I still expect a sold-out event because of Surf ‘N Safari’s broad appeal outside our club. We also think “Joe Albertson’s” old marketing approach – ***tell a friend*** has genuine merit. In the event any of our members are on the fence about attending, your reassurance might be all that’s necessary to get them plugged into the fun.

The Fun Team, headed by the fun-master himself, Steve Waid, is already working on the runs and activities that have been our event trademark. I happen to know we’re working to bring our “surf and safari” theme to life one more time. If you’re even remotely curious about the dinosaur element of the subtitle, long-time San Diego residents might remember the “Jurassic Park: San Diego” project begun by InGen in the mid-1980s. According to the article (<https://jurassic-pedia.com/jurassic-park-san-diego-sf/>), we even had a baby T-Rex

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inhabiting the grounds of the waterfront complex.

We can't promise any dinosaurs, except possibly those that Ken and Stacy Herd's popular outings to Borrego Springs have historically uncovered, but we can promise a sampling of San Diego's natural flora and fauna, mixed with some more exotic creatures. That, and the fun of meeting friends – new and not-quite-Jurassic, with a common interest in the world's most popular roadster. Join the party this October 6-9; we don't want you to miss out like I once did. Please **visit our Home page for additional details**, including the **Surf 'N Safari registration form and lodging reservation information** ... don't let this opportunity become extinct. Like dinosaur-killing asteroids, these things don't happen every day, you know.

Gene Streeter

with Laurie Waid



SDMC Help Wanted !!!

The club needs a **Webmaster** to maintain the club's web site. Our present **webmaster** has retired 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.

Join us on June 18 for the Gregg's Goals annual fundraiser!

There will be *Wines, beer sodas, food and contests!*

Prizes for best space/sci-fi themed attire AND for the winner of the TRIVIA contest

Once again, a great SILENT AUCTION is planned

\$40.00/person until June 11 (\$45.00 after that)

Make checks payable to Gregg's Goals and mail to
1843 Da Gama Ct., Escondido, CA 92026

OR

Send via PayPal/Venmo to: wwgqd68@yahoo.com

Or Zelle: dmqaron@cox.net

OR check our website: www.wwgqd.org

Gregg's Goals is a 501 (c) registered charity (EIN 45-4985106)



Events Information

San Diego Miata Club

June 2022 & July 2022 Events

By Steve Norris

Our in-person Monthly Meeting for June will be at the Hamburger Factory on Thursday June 23rd. Our July meeting will be on Thursday July 28th. 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.

On Friday June 3rd and July 1st Steve & Laurie Waid will lead a group to Cruisin' Grand. The details are on the calendar. Come join us.

On Saturday June 18th Dennis & Maryanne Garon have the annual "Gregg's Goals" fundraiser. There will likely be a short run beforehand. Register for the fundraiser before June 11th for a discount. Check the calendar for details.

On Monday July 4th David Bryan has arranged for us to be in the Julian Independence Day Parade. Check the calendar for details.

On Saturday July 23rd Mark & Cathy Booth are leading the annual "Twilight Run". This will be a leisurely run. The view of the sunset is spectacular. Check the calendar for details.

Cars and Coffee at the Auto Museum in Balboa Park will be on June 19th and July 17th. See the calendar for details.

If you have ideas about events that the group will enjoy please contact me so we can get them onto 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 at least 2 events a month** so let's hear about those ideas.

Membership

By Chris & Linda Jones

June 2022

Welcome to our newest members...

Meg Haycraft
Virginia Cangelosi

San Diego
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2003 Garnet Red Mica
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And welcome back after an extended run...

Brian & Linda Josefowski
Robert McAllister
Fred & Tina Santillo

Fallbrook
Santee
Mission Viejo

2021 Arctic White
1994 Classic Red
1997 Twilight Blue Mica &
2011 Liquid Silver Metallic

Our Club's numbers to date: (these numbers reflect loss of those who did not renew for 2022)

126 memberships (38 single, 88 dual) for a total of 214 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

Your Membership Renewal for 2022 – **never too late**

Per SDMC policy, members renewing after January 31st incur a \$5.00 late fee (total \$40 for the calendar year).

The Membership Renewal Application form is available for download on the Club's website: <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. Don't wait for an in-person monthly meeting -- MAIL the completed, signed form, along with a check for \$40.00 (includes the late fee) to the address on the form: SDMC | PO BOX 180456 | CORONADO, CA 92178-0456. Again: \$40 after January 31st.

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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 Junerequire 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@sandiego-miataclub.org for additional information.

Automotive Services

American Battery. Miata batteries and all other batteries. 525 W. Washington Escondido, 760.746.8010. Contact Jeff Hart-Februaryer. 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 92022; 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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