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From the Editor

Critical Mass

Very soon, we will be coming up on one year as a club and I think this has been a very successful year in terms of events, participation, and new members. We are over 130 paid memberships, and more are coming in each month, and this is truly spectacular! Our President, MARK BOOTH, really should take much of the credit. His energy and enthusiasm have made this club what it is today. The club isn't even a year old and already it was spotlighted in the Miata Club of America magazine. STEPHANIE and TOM GOULD have done an outstanding job of putting together the newsletter that you are reading now. I've done page layout before, and trying to fill in the gaps with something interesting is very difficult. Also, RUTH STARK has gathered fun events for us each month, and this with she and LOU losing their home to the fires last year. This *is* an amazing group of people.

The San Diego Miata Club really started as a core group of enthusiasts who communicated through the computer and put together impromptu runs. And there were terrific runs in areas I didn't even know existed. Many of us were already SOCALM members, but we had to skip some runs because of the long distances required for the northern runs. So we had to find something to occupy our time in the interim. Thus the San Diego Miata Club was born. This club meets the needs of those Miata owners who live in San Diego County.

We live in a unique area where sunshine is the norm and rain is an aberration. Participation at each event has been outstanding and the run leaders really do appreciate those who take the time to join in on the run. These run leaders take the time to lay out and plan an event that can be fun for everyone, which is not easy considering the logistics involved. Since this is a new club, most of the run leaders are first-timers, so they should also take pride in the fact they've helped the club to grow. These runs are really why each of us joined; the camaraderie of enjoying our Miatas with those like ourselves on some of San Diego's best roads.

I'd now like to take the time to list the names of those who have really put forth a considerable amount of effort to make this club one of the best. Mark Booth tops the list. When someone calls for information on the club, he is the one to make the first impression, which is the one that counts. Again, Stef and Tom Gould. A quality newsletter month after month is not easy, and the club logo is superb. Plus we now have some great window decals. RAINER MUELLER has been a run leader and did the work in securing those etched mugs and glasses, and the profit from those mugs went to the club. "VOODOO" BOB KRUEGER for his work in maintaining the database of members and keeping track of what's-what in the monthly membership and getting us those cool name badges. Ruth Stark for keeping the events fun. She and Lou also were the run leaders on our club's inaugural run. MARY BEECHER for tackling the huge amount of paperwork involved in getting our tax status and keeping our club in the black financially. JERI JONES for making the club banner and giving those great magnetic club emblems to all the run leaders. JACK BRANDAIS for his Casino and Olympic Training Center runs. MARI AND GRANT (and Boo Boo) GOODMAN for the Dog Day

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Afternoon run. RICHARD SCHERSCHEL for the Idyllwild run. Rainer Mueller for the Highway to Heaven run. LAURA ROMAN for the Day at the Beach run. And lastly, thanks to NATALIA RISSOLO for the St. Valentine's Day run.

As you can see, a lot of people have done some outstanding work for this club. And I'm sure I've missed a few names that should be added to the list, but hopefully I've listed the majority. Remember that many of the people I named above are novices, and their energy and time is really what makes this club a success. Do you know some roads that are fun that the whole club would enjoy? Or maybe something you can offer the club to make it better? Call the club phone number and let us know. And thanks again everyone.

See you on the twisties...
—ROBERT "JTBOB" HOLLAND

Maintenance Tip

Steve Kaluza at Cush Mazda in Escondido wasted no time when I stepped up to the parts counter and asked for "an O-ring for the crank angle sensor for a '90 Miata,"



like I knew what I was talking about. Steve was back in a minute with a part number 9954103801 O-ring. "Anything else?" Steve asked. "I'm a San Diego Miata Club member" as I showed him my membership card. "Right, don't forget the discount!" said Steve. \$3.49 plus tax.

I had recently noticed an occasional drip of engine oil on my garage floor, and traced it to the area around the crank angle sensor. The crank angle sensor is the device at the top and rear of the engine (on the passenger side on the 1.6 and on the driver's side on the 1.8 motors) that you turn to adjust the timing. Since the sensor is connected to the camshaft, there is an O-ring seal to prevent the engine oil in the camshaft area from leaking out. This O-ring obviously needed replacement after 93,000 miles.

First I marked the position of the crank angle sensor with a marking pen by drawing a line across the sensor and the rear of the engine across the seam where they connect. The bolt that holds

the sensor is 12 mm and I removed it completely. Next I pulled the sensor straight back, it stopped up against the firewall just as it cleared the rear of the engine. Very tight at the back of the engine, so maneuvering the sensor out was tricky, but possible. Once the sensor was out and on the workbench, I could replace the O-ring. The old O-ring was flattened on the outer circumference and was hard and brittle. I cut the old one off to avoid scratching the machined surfaces on the sensor while attempting to pry it off. The new O-ring was nicely round, pliable and elastic. After coating it with new engine oil, I stretched it over the sensor and into the machined groove where it snapped into place. Now to maneuver the sensor back into place and install it.

The sensor has two small teeth that fit into corresponding cutouts in the end of the camshaft. The teeth, or dogs as they are also called, are slightly offset so the sensor can only fit on the camshaft one way. By marking the position of the sensor in the beginning, the timing will not be changed when the sensor is reinstalled. After getting the sensor in place, I used a small mechanic's mirror to see the orientation of the cutouts in the end of the camshaft. I turned the crankshaft a little (21 mm socket on the crankshaft bolt on the front of the engine; turn clockwise only) to align the cutouts straight up and down. One at the 12 o'clock position and one at the 6 o'clock position. I aligned the dogs on the sensor to the same relative position and reinstalled the sensor into the rear of the engine. The sensor will only seat fully when the dogs engage the cutouts in the camshaft. I had to remove it and turn the dogs on the sensor 180° before I could get it to fully seat. Once the sensor was in place, I aligned the marks I had made in the beginning and installed the 12 mm bolt and tightened it.

I restarted the engine, double checked the timing, just to be sure, and checked for leaks. No problems, and after cleaning the previously dripped oil off the back of the engine, the oil drops on the garage floor have stopped. Not bad for \$3.50 and about an hour of time.

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NOTICES

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SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS is the monthly newsletter of the San Diego Miata Club. Use of articles or stories by other MCA chapters is hereby granted, provided proper credit is given.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. Did you just add a new accessory to your Miata? How about writing a review and submitting it to the newsletter? Where possible, please send your electronic submissions to the newsletter editor, Robert Holland (robert@caliban.ucsd.edu). Submissions can also be faxed to the club's dedicated phone line or mailed to the club's post office box. Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Internet: The San Diego Miata Club has established a dedicated World Wide Web Home Page at <http://mmdshare.ucsd.edu/sdmc.html>.

The club has also established a members-only electronic mail list for those members with E-mail capability. If you included your E-mail address on your membership application then you should already be subscribed to the electronic mail list. If you recently acquired your E-mail account, please contact Cindy Paloma (paloma@cs.ucsd.edu) and request to be added to the electronic mail list.

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MEETING PLACES

San Diego Miata Club Lends Support to KPBS Membership Campaign

Date: Sunday, March 9

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: KPBS Television Studios, San Diego State University

Contact: Mark Booth (619) 670-3789

We have 22 volunteers signed up to participate in this event. If you are thinking about participating, please contact President Mark ASAP. You must sign-up in ADVANCE in order to participate.

See the February newsletter for more details on the event.

Fun Run to Steven H. Birch (Scripps) Aquarium, La Jolla

Date: Sunday, March 16

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Meet at the Carlsbad Coaster parking lot. I-5 to Carlsbad Village Dr. west. Right turn onto State Street, drive one block and turn left onto Grand and then an immediate right into the lot.

Run Leaders: Bob & Debbie Llewellyn

This casually-paced and scenic run on Old Highway 101 south from Carlsbad through the beach cities of Encinitas, Cardiff and Del Mar, ends at the Steven H. Birch Aquarium in La Jolla. Please note that there is a \$3 per car parking charge—but we will be able to park together in one big group because it is a very large lot.

The Aquarium gives group rates (20 or more people) of \$4.40 for Adult Admission. The tour should last about an hour -to- an hour-and-a-half. Flash and video cameras are welcome.

Brunch will follow at Hops microbrewery/restaurant.

Please R.S.V.P. (for brunch reservations) by March 12 to Bob & Debbie. (619) 598-5399

Wheels 'n Meals at Boll Weevil

Date: Thursday, March 20

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Boll Weevil, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (At Ruffin Rd.), San Diego (619) 571-6225

The turnout for the February Wheels 'n Meals was phenomenal! The raffle prizes donated by Moss Motors really drew a crowd! You never know when we might be raffling off more donated prizes! Don't miss the fun!

Run to Monster Motorsports

Date: Saturday, March 22

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: North County Fair mall under the large sign parallel to I-15

Run Leader: Rainer Mueller

See the makers of the one of the most impressive cars available. Meet the gang at MONSTER MOTORSPORTS. Ask questions, and maybe even get to test drive one of these pocket rockets.

Afterwards we'll take a little fun run on some of Rainer's favorite North County Roads, with a picnic (bring your own food, drinks, and whatever).

Questions? Contact Rainer Mueller at (619) 439-1596.

Annual Membership Meeting and Picnic

Date: Sunday, April 6

Time: Picnic starts at 10:30 a.m., Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

Place: San Diego Automotive Museum (Hall of Fame Room), Balboa Park
The time has come to elect officers and begin planning our event agenda for the coming year. The membership meeting will be held in the "Hall of Fame Room" at the San Diego Automotive Museum. The meeting will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please remember to bring your MEMBERSHIP CARD to receive a ballot. One ballot per membership.

The meeting will be preceded by a Picnic in the Park. Cathy and I scouted out a nice location that is very close to the Automotive Museum and shouldn't be too crowded at 10:30 a.m. Arrive later if you like but be aware that parking might be tougher to find in the later hours. Bring your own picnic lunch and a blanket to sit on.

Directions to Picnic: Take Park Blvd. into the Park. Turn west (into the Park) on President's Way. Turn left into the very first parking lot on the left. Go all the way to the back of the parking lot. The picnic spot is located between Park Blvd. and the southeast side of the Aerospace Museum. Or...park in the lot in front of the Automotive Museum and take the path/road between the Aerospace Museum and the Gymnasium down to the picnic site.

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

March 15, 1997

St. Patrick's Day Poker Run

Hosted by San Joaquin Valley Miata Club

\$40 registration includes Poker Run through the spring blossoms, T-shirt, Lunch for Two, Fun Khana, and more.
Contact: Linda Davidson (209) 266-0603

If interested in caravanning: please contact Stef Gould at tomgould@adnc.com or (619) 297-4272

April 5-6, 1997

29th Slalom School

Hosted by Lotus West Club

Contact: Tom Minnich (310) 697-0547

April 25-27, 1997

Route 66 Run — Seligman, Arizona

Hosted by: BAMA

Contact Bill Wright (408) 723-8097

June 26-29, 1997

Miatas at the Ranch '97

August 15-17, 1997

Monterey Historic Races

Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey, CA

HARRIS RANCH '97

June 21- 22, 1997

Sit by the pool and do nothin' but have fun! There is no other relaxing event like the Harris Ranch weekend! It is sponsored by Oak Tree Mazda, and the Ranch is a lovely resort. (Not to be confused with the National MCA event in Santa Ynez the following weekend of June 26-29.)

HARRIS RANCH has the whole hotel reserved for the Miata group. I need a show of hands of who will be attending Harris Ranch this year.

If it looks like it will not conflict too much with the MCA event (Miatas at the Ranch '97), then we are going ahead with Harris Ranch. There are no registration fees (thax to Oak Tree Mazda) and \$15 T-shirts are optional.

If you could give me a quick call or fax if you are planning on coming to Harris Ranch, I would appreciate it. Leave me your name and number.

—I will keep you posted. Thanks!

BONNIE J. LUTZ

Phone/Fax 916-652-7408



Places You've Never Been



Run Leader Jack Brandais (front row, right) with 25 Miatas, leaves the Olympic Training Center to do some twisty roads.

The skies were grey and rain fell on us by the end of the day, but the “Places You’ve Never Been” drive on January 25th was still a lot of fun.

An international assemblage, with Miata owners from Canada and New



Zealand, as well as from SOCALM, met at the Hanalai Hotel in Mission Valley. The drive for the day was over the Bridge to Coronado, down the Strand to Imperial Beach and out to Otay Lakes.

At the Hanalai, it was time to greet our visitors for the day. From New Zealand (Driving JTBOB HOLLAND’S car) were Gary and Lynley Morrison. They were visiting and JTBob was spending the day moving — I think Gary And Lynley got the better deal.

Also visiting was Dave Allen, of Ottawa, Canada. Dave had spent several weeks corresponding by E-mail with club Secretary Ruth Stark to get a Miata rented. Dave was successful, and got to do some driving in January.

After meeting up, 25 cars headed down the freeway to the Coronado Bridge, staying in reasonable formation. Hopefully, this is a warmup for another drive later in the spring, when we can arrange for a flyover photo of SDMC clogging up the bridge.

After a quick stop at the Landing to pick up some lunch, it was down the

Strand to Imperial Beach. We got a little separated going through Coronado and down the Strand, so a pack led by TONYA ZALENSKI actually had to use the directions. Well, Mr. Ride Leader had put in a “right” where he should have put in a “left,” so the back pack ended up taking a short detour.

Despite the extra mileage, everybody made it to the Tijuana Estuary Visitors Center. What was supposed to be a quick stop ended up to be close to an hour, as native and visitor alike marveled at this nature museum. Almost nobody had been there before, even though many of us are San Diego natives. If you can, visit the center sometime. It is located off of Imperial Beach Boulevard.

The next spot nobody had been to was the cruise down Hollister Street and Dairy Mart Road through the horse ranches of the Tijuana River Valley. The “country aroma” was as strong as you’ll get anywhere in the back country, but here you’re in the middle of the city, just a few feet (inches in some cases) from the Mexican border.

Then, it was on up to the Olympic Training Center at the Lower Otay Reservoir. Another place everybody had been “meaning to go.” And yes, it was time for lunch. After, some went on home while others stayed for a tour. The only problem was: the tour was cut short by drizzle. So what did we do? Got back on the road and hit some curves. It was over Honey Springs Road and down the Skyline Truck Trail, avoiding Tonya’s favorite route, Lyons Valley Road.

Since it was raining, most of us had our tops up. And we all started hearing a strange rumbling. I thought I had some kind of mechanical problem. But everybody heard it — it was two, huge military helicopters rumbling overhead. Either they were checking us out, or thought we were attacking Jamul!

Other visitors on the drive were Bill and Jean May from SOCALM. SDMC members on hand were MARK and CATHY BOOTH, JACK BRANDAIS, MICHAEL CARILLO, JOHN and GERRY CONN, PHIL DAOUST, BOB and JULI DAVIS, KEN EVORY, RON GELINAS (and friend



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Kelly), TOM and STEF GOULD, KATHLEEN GUGLIETTI, ART HAMILTON, GIVEN and CHRISTINE HARRISON, STEVE and YVONNE HART, BILL and BARI HYDE, JED LOUVIER, RAINER and MARIANNE MUELLER, JOHN O'HARA, CINDY PALOMA, NATALIA RISSOLO and JASON MOORHEAD, RICHARD TAYLOR, JOYCE WELLS, and TONYA ZALENSKI.

— JACK BRANDAIS



It was cold, blustery weather for a picnic, but good company made everyone warm and cozy. Above, Run Leader Jack Brandais, shares a table with fellow members.



Lynley and Gary Morrison, visiting from New Zealand, with Tom and Stef Gould.



Kelly, of the junior olympic kayak team (a Miata lover, too), and Ron Gelinas share lunch with visiting Canadian Dave Allen.



Cathy Booth, Rainer and Marianne Mueller with new members Christine and Given Harrison.

Valentine's Day Run to Inspiration Point



PHOTO: JASON MOORHEAD

As I was washing my Miata at 8:00 in the morning on Saturday, February 15th, I thought to myself, it's going to be a beautiful day. The route that Jason and I had chosen required decent weather and very little traffic, and we were granted both. As we approached



the Mobil station parking lot in El Cajon at 9:15 am we were greeted by our early-bird friends from the north. The regulars; MARK BOOTH, RAINER and MARIANNE MUELLER, VOODOO BOB, JTBOB, ANTHONY WILDE—you know who they are. It being my first run to lead, and on a holiday weekend at that, I wasn't expecting too many more participants. Well, the word must have gotten out that winding roads were on the map because twenty-five cars were counted right before we left (twenty-six after VICKY KRUEGER and MARY BEECHER showed up just in time).

I was privileged to initiate a few new members to the club; DALE THOMPSON, STEVE DELONGE and FRANK SHINE. I was also honored to introduce visitor Stephen Kovacs. A member of the MX-5 CAR CLUB of Queensland all the way in Australia, Stephen was able to ride along with Mark, our president.

So, off we went to catch Route 79 by way of the 8 Freeway east. Going north on 79 we encountered our first and seemingly only obstacles, a few slow-pokes out for a weekend drive through the country, like us only a little slower. Luckily our divergence at Lake Cuyamaca led us to a desolate Engineer's Road. It had rained there about four days prior, but we were

fortunate to have a dry, clean path. Having driven the road several times in preparation, I tried to keep a brisk pace in the lead. Others, however, found the turns to be a bit unpredictable but everyone was able to keep up. With Tony Beecher screeching at my tail, I led the pack through Boulder Creek Road, then on to Eagle Peak and up by Pine Creek Road.

A slow trot through Julian picked up a few infiltrators but the map was quite accurate so no one was left behind. Out of Julian we grabbed the 79 again to cruise S1, Sunrise Highway. Our first Inspirational Point allowed some of us to wipe off the grime we acquired from the twisties and to stretch our legs. The altitude brought a chill in the air but jackets were optional. The next stop was tricky. The plan was to detour on a hidden drive to the Navy antenna and park to admire the view. I, the fearless leader, almost steered us through a private drive, and when we found the correct road the parking was pretty limited. Due to the nature of the small roadsters we were all able to fit. This breathtaking view went all the way to the Salton Sea, much to Vicky Krueger's amazement.

A quick drive to the end of Sunrise Highway brought us to Old Highway 80 which took us to our much-needed lunch break. Once in the parking lot of Major's Diner, I was greatly thanked for a fun day of driving, which I appreciated. We all had fun and I'm looking forward to being the leader again, but not until I've followed a few more times.

— NATALIA RISSOLO





Member Profile

FRAN TONELLO.

The day job: Systems programmer (UNIX, VMS) for Computer Associates

The night job: Clarinetist with San Diego State's orchestra

The Miata: '94 Red 'B' package with MSSS sound kit

The plates: WND INST (Wind Instrument)

Favorite roadster pastime: Cruising the East County and mountains, monthly midnight drive of Highland Valley Road under a full moon with Beethoven's 'Moonlight' sonata on CD.

My baby will be three in March, but I've been a roadster parent for a bit longer than that; I used to own a '72 MG Midget! Those of you who've had an MG know what fun they were, and what a *pain* they were. (They should bottle that smell, though.) I won't list my many travails here, but suffice to say that in the four years I had the Midget (it was about ten years old at the time), I worked on *every* system of that car. (Warm beer, anyone? *) —Not to mention the maintenance... I spent

many an afternoon under that bonnet setting valves and balancing the carburettors. I considered myself lucky because in the earlier Austin Sprites, you had to periodically grease the water pump! I thought it would be great to get a Miata and never have to get out my spanners again, but so help me, I've been tweaking the Miata, too! —Got me a bunch of the aftermarket interior jazz, and I wired up an extra amp for the rear speakers. (Anybody gots a supercharger?) Hmmmm...I wonder if there's an aftermarket replacement for those pesky new-fangled hydraulic lifters...

* "Why do the British drink warm beer? Because they have LUCAS refrigerators."

This is a first of a series of Member Profiles. The editor would like to eventually print a profile of every member. Please write a short (200-300 word) introduction and mail it with a photo (your face should be large enough to be recognized) to the Club P.O. Box or give it to a board member at an event. Your photo will be returned.

AUTOCROSS AT THE MURPH

The following autocross events are at Jack Murphy Stadium

Date	Event
Saturday, March 15	Practice
Sunday, March 16	Championship
Sunday, May 18	Championship
Saturday, May 31	Practice
Sunday, June 1	Championship
Saturday, June 21	Practice
Sunday, June 22	Championship

Autocross information sources:

San Diego SCCA Hotline: (619) 441-1333
Cal Club SCCA Hotline: (818) 988-7223

Richard Scherschel: (619) 286-2412
Steve Hart: (619) 579-9093

New Members!

The following are the new members since the last newsletter:

Debbie & Art Cravets

Oceanside
1994 Laguna Blue B

Bob & Julie Davis

Chino Hills
1995 M (Merlot), 1992 Silver B

Kathleen Guglietti

San Diego
1990 Red

Charlie and Lisa Kilgore

San Diego
1995 Black C

Steve & Cindee Ranzani

Vista
1995 Red Leather Pkg.

Frank Shine & Stephen DeLonge

San Diego
1994 White C

Ben Solis

San Diego
1993 White C

Paul & Annette Taupier

Escondido
1990 Red A

There are now 139 memberships consisting of 212 members.

- 50 Red
- 25 White
- 15 Black
- 12 Montego Blue
- 10 Mariner Blue
- 5 BRG
- 5 Laguna Blue
- 5 Silver
- 5 Starlight Blue
- 5 Merlot
- 2 Yellow
- 1 Unreported



Static-cling decals are now available in every car color. See Stef Gould at an event, phone her (619) 297-4272 or E-mail tomgould@adnc.com



1997 National Meet

Miata Club of America has named the June 26-29 "MIATA AT THE RANCH" event their Official 1997 National Event. This event is gearing up to be one of the best-ever regional and/or national events. We are fortunate that the chosen venue is only about 5 hours away from San Diego. If you attend only one regional Miata event this year, this should be the one.

Please remember that the Combined California Chapters of the Miata Club of America (that's us!) are the co-sponsors of this event. We are not being asked to support the event with our treasury. Rather, we need to support the event with our attendance and with VOLUNTEERS to help the event run smoothly.

I'll have more information on the subject of volunteering in the April issue. In the meantime, send in your event registration as soon as possible. Don't be left out of the fun!

Important Note: Unlike events such as Gold Rush where the main hotel is the staging point for the entire event, this event will center around the "Flag is Up Farms." Other than the Thursday night "Attitude Adjustment Party" (which will be held at the Marriot), all events will be staged from Flag is Up Farms. This means you are free to choose a hotel that best meets your budget. Many members have chosen the Buellton Windmill Motor Inn. The Windmill Motor Inn is a 3-Diamond rated hotel and rates are very reasonable. Their number is 1-800-946-3466. Whichever hotel you choose, make your reservations early. Rooms are sure to go *fast*.

Show Your Colors

Decals: The club logo static-cling window decals are now available! Member STEF GOULD started selling them at the events in February. The printer did a great job and the decals look fantastic! Get yours today and have your Miata proudly display your club colors! Decals are \$5 each. See Stef at any event or contact her, (619)

297-4272, to arrange pickup. My thanks again to Tom and Stef for their non-stop support of the club!

Embroidery: Good news! The raffles at the January and February Wheels 'n Meals were a HUGE success! Thanks to prize donations from members BOB & DEBBIE LLEWELLYN (MiaLites), ANTHONY WILDE (Horn Button Bumps) and yours truly (Voodoo Knob), we raised \$62 at the January Wheels 'n Meals. Then, at the February Wheels 'n Meals, thanks to some excellent prizes donated by MOSS MOTORS (T-shirt, Miata Video, Enthusiasts Manual and Car Cover) and two T-shirts donated by Rick Hackley (the owner of the Boll Weevil) we raised another \$202! In addition, thanks to members ELLIOT & BARB SHEV another \$30 was raised from the sale of some Hot Wheels Gift Packs (containing a Merlot Miata).

We now have the money necessary to move ahead with the embroidery digitizing. No time will be wasted in getting the logo digitized. Just a couple more weeks and the embroiderer should be all ready to start accepting your orders. Watch for details on the club E-mail list, in the next issue of the newsletter or give me a call to find out the current status.

My thanks to everyone who donated prizes! A special THANK YOU to MOSS MOTORS for donating some fantastic prizes. And a big thanks to all of you for buying those raffle tickets. Congratulations to all of the Winners!

SDMC at KPBS

We have 22 volunteers signed up to help at the March 9 KPBS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN event. It's not too late for

others to participate but you need to contact me ASAP if you are interested. Please see the February newsletter for complete details.

Annual Meeting/Picnic

Wow! Here it is March and the San Diego Miata Club is almost 1 year old! It's time to elect officers and begin making plans for future events.

The last year has been a tremendous success! The events have been outstanding. The growth has been phenomenal. Our newsletter team puts together a great looking, high-quality content newsletter each month.

Everyone is doing a great job spreading the word about the San Diego Miata Club via the recruiting cards. The future looks very bright indeed!

We are going to celebrate by holding a Picnic in the Park before the annual meeting! Bring your own picnic lunch and a blanket to sit on. See "Meeting Places" for details and directions. I hope to see each and every one of you there!

Thank You!

Not to sound like a broken record but my heartfelt thanks once again to all of the hard-working members that make the San Diego Miata Club the best! Whether you participate as an elected board member (officer), appointed board member (newsletter, internet services, membership, etc) or volunteer to lead a fun run or arrange/sponsor an event, your efforts are sincerely appreciated! I couldn't do it without you! Thanks for being there!

Until next month — keep that top down!

— MARK



PHOTO: JASON MOORHEAD

A break during the St. Valentine's Day fun run to Inspiration Point.

