



# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



April 6 — Sunday

**Annual Membership Meeting**

April 24 — Thursday



**Wheels 'n Meals Speaker: Meguiar's**

Boll Weevil

April 26 — Saturday



**April Run to March**

(March Field Aircraft Museum)

May 10 — Saturday



**Campo Railroad**

June 26-29



**Miatas at the Ranch '97 National Event**

## From the Editor

### Miata Future

The latest Mazda sales report show the Miata selling better this year than last. One reason is that the Miata is getting better exposure now that BMW, Mercedes Benz, and Porsche are entering this market. Someone will see a BMW Z3 and go for a test drive. For comparison, he or she will go to a Mazda dealer and give the Miata a test drive. In some cases, the Miata will appeal more to that individual than the other sports cars. Handling and cost will be major factors in the Miata's favor. Time will tell as to which car will maintain mind-share, but I'm betting on the Miata (OK, so I'm a wee bit biased).

Will the next Miata sell as well as the current model? It's still too early to tell, but some of the early sketches of the possible body styles have been favorable. One thing that hasn't been favorable has been the cost. It is cheaper than the other sports cars, but considerably higher now than when the Miata was first introduced. Since 1989, the cost has gone up roughly 30%. True, it has a newer engine, drive-train and differential than the first year model, but 30% is a huge increase for an inexpensive sports car. Hopefully Mazda isn't using the success of the Miata to shore up its bottom line from lagging sales in other areas, because the Mazda name isn't going to have much clout against names like BMW and Mercedes Benz if the price of the Miata creeps up into their domain.

For the moment, the Miata is one of the best handling sports cars for its price, right from the factory. Want some proof? Go to an autocross sometime and watch the Miata race. At the National level, the stock Miata usually wins the top 3 or 4 spots in its class, and puts 6 or 7 in the top 10. Non-turbo MR2 owners really don't like the Miata very much, but then losing to the Miata all the time will do that to you. "Automobile" magazine has rated the Miata in their top ten since it was introduced. Hopefully Mazda can raise the bar a little higher in the next model.

### Street Tires

For about the last month, I've been testing some Toyo Proxes T1 tires for member KEVIN LAKKIS. Kevin works for Toyo Tire and set up a couple sets of tires for testing.



At the moment "VOODOO" BOB KRUEGER has a set of Toyo Proxes FZ4 that he is testing. In a week or so, we will swap wheels, and I will test the FZ4. The T1 is Toyo's high performance tire. I've tried Dunlop SP8000 and Dunlop D40 M2 on my car, but the Toyo Proxes T1 are much better in the dry (we haven't had any rain lately so I can't tell about wet traction). The FZ4 are less performance oriented, but are still unidirectional. Probably similar to the discontinued Dunlop D60 M2. For the moment, if you are looking for a street tire to replace your aging Bridgestone SF-325 "hydroplaners", then you should definitely consider the Toyo Proxes T1. When my Dunlops wear out, that's what I am going to get!

At the last autocross, I ran my Dunlop D40 M2 tires for the first two laps, then ran the Toyo Proxes T1 tires for the last two laps. I did roughly two seconds better with the Toyos than the Dunlops. In autocrossing, that is very significant. The Toyos are

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An inscrutable JT rolls out on new 16 inch wheels and Toyo Proxes T1 tires and receives some admiring looks from members Barb Shev and Stef Gould.

more progressive at the limit, meaning they don't lose grip abruptly, something I thought the Dunlops did extremely well, until I tried the Toyos. These tires definitely get two thumbs up!

See you on the twisties...

—ROBERT "JTBOB" HOLLAND

## CLUB STUFF



### Engraved Glass Mugs

Three sizes of glass mugs— from coffee to extralarge beer — are available with the club logo. Order the club mugs from Rainer — (619) 433-8953 (they must be paid for in advance).

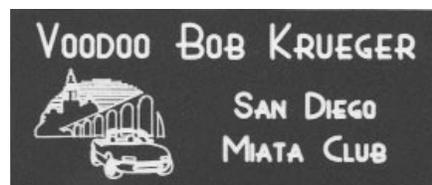
As with all club merchandise, all profits go directly to the club — not a penny to the volunteers who sell them.

- 13 oz coffee mug – \$9.95
- 16 oz beer mug – \$16.95
- one liter beer mug – \$19.95

### Static-Cling Decals

Decals are available in every car color for \$5 each. See Stef Gould at an event, or arrange for her to mail them to you (619) 297-4272

E-mail [tomgould@adnc.com](mailto:tomgould@adnc.com)



### Name Badges

Engraved plastic name badges are available for \$5 each from "VOODOO" BOB. Corner him at the next event. (The badges need to be paid for in advance.)

Colors available:

Color of badge	Color of lettering
Red	white
Blue	white
Green	white
Maroon	white
Black	white
Yellow	black or blue
White	black, red or blue

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## NOTICES

THE SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is an official chapter of the Miata Club of America. We are a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote the enjoyment of—and enthusiasm for—the Mazda Miata.

*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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paloma@cs.ucsd.edu)) and request to be added to the electronic mail list.

Dedicated 24-hour voice/fax phone line:  
**(619) 670-7948**

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## MEETING PLACES

### 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.

*Note: We will be raffling off some neat prizes at the annual meeting.*

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.



## AUTOCROSS AT THE MURPH

The following autocross events are at Jack Murphy Stadium

Date	Event
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

### Wheels 'n Meals at Boll Weevil Guest Speaker: Meguiar's

**Date:** Thursday, April 24

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

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

A representative from Meguiar's Inc. will be on hand to discuss the care and feeding of your Miata's finish. Learn from an expert the best ways to preserve the investment you've made in your Miata. Understand the differences between a "cleaner", a "polish" and a "wax." Know when to use each for maximum benefit and minimal hassle.

This verbal presentation will be followed in June or July with a "hands on" type of presentation at a local vendor or detail shop.

### Fun Run to March Field Aircraft Museum

**Date:** Saturday, April 26

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Place:** I-15 Deer Springs exit (10 miles north of North County Fair) West side of the highway — Park 'n' Ride lot and the cul-de-sac behind the Arco station.

**Run Leaders:** Stef and Tom Gould

A run to March Field Museum near Riverside for airplane buffs, along a variety of kinky rural roads for Miata buffs. Lunch at the Bottom Gun Cafe, an airbase hangout with working F-18 and other two-seater flight simulators — want to try your skills? \$29.95 if reserved in advance (seats two or have it all to yourself) allow an hour, including 20 minutes of classroom — these are not quarter-in-a-slot kiddie rides. Entrance to March Field Museum — \$4 per person. Lunch \$6-\$10/person

Please RSVP to Stef or Tom 298-8605 or E-mail tomgould@adnc.com  
The leaders have to coordinate Museum, restaurant and simulators in advance. RSVP is a MUST for this run.

## UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

April 25-27, 1997

**Route 66 Run — Seligman, Arizona**

Hosted by: BAMA

Contact Bill Wright (408) 723-8097

June 20-22, 1997

**Harris Ranch**

Hosted by: SAMOA/Oak Tree Mazda

Contact Bonnie J Lutz (916) 652-7408

June 26-29, 1997

**Miatas at the Ranch '97**

Hosted by the combined California

Chapters of the Miata Club of America, Moss Motors and Dunlop Tires  
Flag is Up Farms, 120 miles northwest of Los Angeles in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Events will include:

Winery Tour Rallye

Rallye Santa Ynez

Back Seat Driver Funkhana

Hard Surface Slalom

Dunlop Dave's Driving School

Friday Night Karaoke Party

Friday Night Dart Contest

Saturday Banquet, and more!

(800) 472-9445 for registration packet

July 17-20, 1997

**Moss Motors British Car Festival**

Flag is Up Farms, near Solvang, CA

August 15-17, 1997

**Monterey Historic Races**

Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey, CA

There is a strong Miata presence at this very popular event. The featured marque for this year is Cobra. If you are thinking of going this year, make hotel reservations *now* as many hotels and motels are already full.

September 12-14, 1997

**Gold Rush**

Hosted by: SAMOA

October 9-13, 1997

**Hot Air Balloon Fiesta**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Caravan by: SOCALM

Contact Delena Cozart (619) 624-9201



## Off to See the DAKAR



For those of you who are connected to the club via E-mail, you may have read my note last month about a web site that had pictures of a new special limited

edition Miata (MX-5) available in England. (They call it an MX-5 there as most of you know.) In case you missed it, the site address is "<http://www.zen.co.uk/home/page/tony.pearce/Dakar.htm>".

This caught my attention for two good reasons. First, I was planning to be in the UK in early March, and second, seeing a new special edition car (even on the net) was neat! I E-mailed Tony Pearce and inquired where he lived, explaining that I might be able to visit. As luck would have it he lives in Bolton about 20 minutes away from Manchester (it's in the northern part of the UK) where I was headed.

I arrived in Manchester, England on Friday, March 7th for business. That afternoon I called Tony, advised him that I had arrived and was available to meet with him on Saturday.

Later, after a fine English dinner of prime rib (made from genuine crazy English beef) and Yorkshire pudding downed by a few pints of some really great English brew, I was driven to the local Mazda dealer in Manchester by my friend. (Aren't Miata folks nuts, we travel around the world and sight-see Miatas!) I got to see a few different

models of "UK Special edition" cars. Besides this year's DAKAR, they had a few prior editions with other names that escape me right now. All of which I never heard of.

These special edition cars are very different from our famous "M edition". They are not fully loaded with all the bells and whistles, but mostly are base cars with the addition of some mighty fine trim packages. Such as a plush application of leather and some very nice "stock" wheels. One feature on the DAKAR that is really different is one that allows the driver to adjust the horizontal angle of the headlights from the dash. If you look at the web site and note in the center of the (dash) console there is a different looking switch, like a horizontal dial, that's it.

Another interesting thing I noticed was that the cars sold in the UK all have adjustable headrests, like my 95 Merlot which is the only model in the US to ever have adjustable headrests. This also means that no cars in the UK have headrest speakers! (Wow, maybe a big market really exists for my headrest speaker conversion kit! \$\$\$)

The UK cars do not have the third rear brake light in the trunk lid. Instead they have a rear fog light mounted almost centered at the bottom of the bumper. The front and rear side marker lights not only are not used as turn indicators—they don't even light up. There is a directional indicator located on the front quarter panel just behind

Tony Pearce stands proudly by his new MX-5 DAKAR.

the front tire about the height of the door handle.

The DAKAR's interior is plush with very fine leather seats that you sink into. The carpets are matching silver with the DAKAR logo neatly placed in plain view. Another nice item is the steering wheel, no air bag, nice wheel! (See picture)

The wheels on the DAKAR appear to be from MAZDA as the center hubs nicely display the MAZDA logo. They are really nice, both in the photo and in person! In fact all the special edition wheels I saw in the UK were nice and very different than the variations on the spoke that MAZDA has dished out here, except for the 95 Merlot's BBS', (glad I have one).

The DAKAR is Twilight Blue metallic — a bit lighter than last year's Starlight Blue M edition. It is another color that is great in the sun and black at night! The interior sway bar behind the seat back is finished in bright chrome — very neat looking. The dash is accented with burl walnut trim. The wood panel that is affixed to the (dash) console is rounded at the bottom and follows the natural curve of the console. The design is well thought out — it does not look like an afterthought. The final

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PHOTOS: ELLIOT SHEY





He is the Queen of England's horse trainer, he spends a lot of time in England, overseeing his work with the royal horses and lecturing in a program at Oxford bearing his name.

Monty Roberts, owner of the Flag Is Up Farms (where this event will be held) has his own web site.

## Miata at the Ranch

**M**IATA AT THE RANCH has been named the Miata Club of America's 1997 National Event. The organizers are planning on a minimum of three hundred Miatas attending — they will need that many to break even (Moss Motors is underwriting the event) — they are hoping for over 500 Miatas! ALL profits will be donated to charity, most likely cancer charities.

Flag Is Up Farms is a working horse ranch, situated in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. The area of the ranch in which the event will take place is planted with lots of trees and roses. Many valuable horses are being trained there. Event attendees will be able to tour the ranch and may even get to pet and be licked by Cyrus, a tame mule deer, I was!

There is lots of room for the many events planned at the Ranch. Tree-shaded grassy areas have been designated for parking and vendors.

'Dunlop' Dave's driving school and hard-surface slalom will be held just 20 minutes away at the Santa Ynez Valley Airport runway. Incidentally, the driving school is close to being sold-out.

The owners of the Ranch are Pat and Monty Roberts, horse trainers. Monty has a special technique (it was fictionalized and used as the starting point for the book *The Horse Whisperer*) for breaking horses without violence. He has just begun filming a documentary on his ability to bridle, saddle and ride wild stallions, in the open — without violence of any kind — for the BBC.

This site gives you all the information you'll ever want to know about Pat and Monty Roberts. There are also a few small shots of the ranch/farm.

<http://www.silicom.com/~montyr> or  
<http://www.travelsource.com/socal/betatours/joinup.html>

### Accommodations

Rainer Mueller and I went up to an organizational meeting for MIATA AT THE RANCH last month. We stayed at Motel 6 — we thought it was nice, clean and the beds were comfortable — in fact we both made reservations for June, the room rate is \$40. I expect all the motel rooms in Buellton and nearby Solvang to be sold out, so if you intend to go to the national event make your room reservations now.

The rooms at the Windmill Inn in Buellton (800-946-3466) are definitely larger and nicer, the sink is outside the bathroom (which is really good!) and they serve complimentary continental breakfast there on Saturday and Sunday. (Special room rates for Thursday and Sunday are \$46, for Friday and Saturday \$60.)

A special-event double occupancy room-rate at the Buellton Marriott is \$95. Their phone: 800-638-8882.

### Lots of Aftermarket Stuff

Moss Motors, Dealer Alternative, to name just a couple, are going to have displays of their goods. The vendor for those little tent-trailers (a queen-sized bed, huge storage area and tent that magically unfolds from a tiny trailer) is bringing about 50 units (he sold 40 units at the Cleveland national event!).

Check these out in *Miata* magazine ad section. They will be installing trailer hitches so you can camp right away and all the way home!

For camping...3 minutes from the ranch is a beautiful private campground (about seven dollars a night, twenty-two for a full hookup including cable) Misti from BAMA has blocked out a group of spaces. You can contact Misti directly through the internet to add your name for camping reservations.

One hundred and fifty Miata rentals have been made available for out-of-area visitors flying into Los Angeles for the event. Puente Hills Mazda is putting handling the Miata rentals. I have heard that these rental cars are going fast! Puente Hills also will have some buy-drive '97 Miata packages.

### Volunteers

All the California clubs are being asked to provide some volunteers to help with registration and events. The volunteers will work one or two 2-hour shifts, be rewarded with a staff shirt and receive a ticket for a special raffle. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event should contact Mark Booth, he is keeping a list of volunteers from our club.

### A Special Raffle

Dave Eckert of the Miami Valley Miata Club (Ohio) is in need of financial help. His insurance company won't pay for the bone-marrow transplant that can save his life.

Members of his community have so far raised over \$30,000 — which was used for a deposit that the hospital required before the procedure was started. He still needs more than \$100,000 to help pay for his care.

Many vendors have donated items for a special raffle to be held at MIATA AT THE RANCH. You can help too, by getting more items donated, and, of course, by buying raffle tickets at the event!

*Note: The San Diego Miata Club will be caravanning up to MIATA AT THE RANCH...watch for the departure times in the June newsletter.*

— STEF GOULD





## Member Profile

BEN AND SUSIE LERNER

Allow us to introduce ourselves; We are of the infamous Lerner Clan - Belonging to the Susie and Ben strand. We have two children — A 3-year-old Black and Tan Coonhound named Aristotle and a Black '95 Miata.

We live in Moreno Valley, located about 75 miles up HWY 15 from "The Murph". Our interest in the SDMC stems from our introduction to several of the members at the San Bernardino Lotus West Driving School a couple of months back. Upon my Pop's invitation, we attended the Palomar cruise and had a blast! Following the hype, Pop signed us up as a present for the holidays (Pop=Fred Lerner, AKA Mickey Rat).

Here are the vital statistics for our youngest child:

'95 Black Pop. package  
Sebring Supercharger  
Jackson Swaybars  
Jackson exhaust

Turn signal intakes  
Jackson springs  
TSW Evo wheels (15x7)

Other important facts:

The car is a Libra with no known past lives at this time (we are investigating the possibility that it was at some point a '55 Spyder owned by someone who wore leather — it swerves whenever it sees a cow).

We are excited to be involved with the club and will participate as much as we can.

To use a cliché — "We'd rather hang out with you people, than with the finest people in the world."

*To be included in our on-going series of Member Profiles, write a short (200-300 word) introduction and mail (or E-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.*

**DAKAR** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

touch in this very special limited edition is a personalized number plate located on the center console where the electric window switches would be. The placard displays the number of your car. There are a total of the 400 DAKAR's made. Tony and Christine's is 397 out of 400.

This is Tony and Christine's third MX-5. I do not have the details of the other two, but I know his last one was red and neither were special editions.

They are members of the British MX-5 chapter of Miata Club of America. As our informal ambassador for the San Diego Miata Club I gave him one of our great window stickers which he is now proudly displaying on his car.

As they say in the UK: "Keep your peckers up and your top down", which means keep you chin up or keep your spirits up. Not what all you with dirty minds are thinking! Cheers!

— ELLIOT SHEV

## New Members!

The following are the new members since the last newsletter:

### Loretta & Fritz Hines

Oceanside  
1994 M (Montego Blue)

### Jeanette Holladay

Bonsall  
1992 Red A

### Dixie Raftery

San Diego  
1990 Silver

There are now 142 memberships consisting of 216 members.

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

## City of San Diego Used Oil Program

This program is only for City of San Diego residents and it is free!

Items Accepted:

Used Oil (*maximum limit - 10 gallons*),  
Oil Filters, Antifreeze and  
Auto Batteries

**NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED**

## Auto Product Recycling Event Schedule

### April 12, 1997

9 am - 1 pm  
Serra High School  
5156 Santo Road  
Tierrasanta 92124

### April 19, 1997

9 am - 1 pm  
U.S. Postal Service Midway Facility  
San Diego 92110

*For City of San Diego Residents ONLY!*



## Annual Membership Meeting

Just a few short days until our annual membership meeting. The meeting will be preceded by a PICNIC IN THE PARK. Pack a picnic lunch and beat the parking crunch by arriving a few hours before the meeting time. See "Meeting Places" for complete details and directions.

The meeting will last 2-3 hours. We will elect officers (nominations accepted from the floor), vote on proposed changes to the club By-Laws, and begin planning our event calendar for the coming year. Copies of the club By-Laws and the club Membership Roster will be distributed to the membership at the meeting.

Also, thanks to donations from member CINDY PALOMA, we will hold a raffle at the membership meeting. Cindy has generously donated a "change holder" and a brand new in-the-box complete set of Mazda Miata factory Mud Flaps for our raffle. Thank you Cindy!

### Miata at the Ranch

Plans for Miata Club of America's 1997 National Meet are moving ahead quickly. A special planning meeting for California Chapter representatives was held at the site on March 1-2. I was unable to attend but members STEF GOULD and RAINER MUELLER generously volunteered to attend in my place. Stef and Rainer report that the venue (Flag is Up Farms) is absolutely gorgeous. Acres and acres of beautiful pastures and fields (grass, not dirt), rolling hills and trees everywhere.

As mentioned last month, the San Diego Miata Club is being asked to support the event with our attendance and with VOLUNTEERS to help staff the event. Volunteers will be required to work only a short 2-hour shift. Volunteers will receive a special event "staff" shirt. Also, for each 2-hour shift worked, volunteers will receive a ticket for special raffle prizes (donated by Moss Motors). This special raffle will be open to volunteers ONLY. Chances of winning a prize should be very good. If

you are interested in volunteering, please let me know so I can add your name to the list.

Don't forget to make those hotel reservations ASAP. Many members have chosen the Buellton Windmill Motor Inn. Stef and Rainer stopped by the hotel and asked to see one of the rooms. The rooms are VERY nice and the rates are very reasonable. See the insert in last month's newsletter for complete hotel information.

On Thursday, June 26, Cathy and I will be leading a caravan from San Diego to the MIATA AT THE RANCH event. Details are not yet finalized but we will be leaving around 9:00 a.m. from somewhere in the North County area. We will stop for lunch on the other side of Los Angeles and plan to arrive in Santa Ynez around 3:00 p.m. More details in the June newsletter.

### Logo Embroidery

Thanks to the hard work of members TOM & STEF GOULD, member BOB LLEWELLYN, the success of our raffles and wonderful donations from many members and vendors, the club logo embroidery digitizing is complete and Point Loma Embroidery is ready to start taking your orders!

An Embroidery Order Form is included in this newsletter. Please read the important information on both sides of this form. Then, take a top-down drive down to Point Loma Embroidery and place your order today!

My thanks to Point Loma Embroidery for their patience and professionalism during this process. Our logo took many extra hours of work to get it "just right". The results were worth it...the logos look fantastic!

### Logo Decals

As mentioned last month, club logo static-cling window decals are now available from member Stef Gould. We've sold approx. 70 of the decals to date. We need to sell about 110 decals before we hit the break-even point on

the printing costs. Please see Stef at an event or contact her via E-mail (tomgould@adnc.com) or telephone (619-297-4272) to place your orders.

Note: We plan to sell the window decals at the National Event in June. Members are encouraged to purchase their decals now to avoid disappointment later. It will probably be several years before we have another batch of decals printed.

### SDMC at KPBS

On Sunday, March 9, eighteen of your fellow members braved the studios of KPBS Television to help answer phones and take pledges. Everyone had a great time. It was FUN! We all want to do it again. The club received three on-air mentions and many members were seen on T.V.!

Other members in attendance: CATHY BOOTH, ZACK BROADBENT, RON & NANCY GELINAS, STEF GOULD, SUE HINKLE, ROBERT HOLLAND, CYNTHIA JONES, BOB & VICKY KRUEGER, BOB & DEBBIE LLEWELLYN, SUE PASTERKIEWICZ, LAURA ROMAN, BARB SHEV, JOYCE WELLS and ANTHONY WILDE. My thanks to each and every one of you!

### Miscellanea

Thanks to generous donations from CUSH MAZDA (four Miata T-shirts), members WOODY & MAGGI WOODHOUSE (Mazda Miata book set), NATALIA RISSOLO & JASON MOOREHEAD and BRUCE & SHELLY HOTZ (Hot Wheels cars), we raised another \$108 at our March Wheels 'n Meals raffle.

The raffles seem pretty popular, with many members encouraging us to continue them indefinitely. This certainly helps bolster the club treasury and will allow us to tackle other nifty projects such as club logo pins (great for trading with other chapters) and silk-screened T-shirts.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Until next month — keep that top down!

— MARK

