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MDA Raffle



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**Classic Speed
Festival, Coronado**

Membership Renewal

If the month/year found on your mailing label matches the month/year of this newsletter, this is the last issue of the newsletter you will receive unless you renew your membership. Don't miss a single issue...renew today!

From the Editor

So you want to go online...Part II

Once your computer is hooked up, and your access hardware/software is installed and running, it's time to go surfing! But where do you go? One thing that those of us who read this newsletter have in common is a strong interest in Miatas, and there are any number of Internet and other sites out there that cater to that interest. Let's start close to home...the online resources associated with the San Diego Miata Club.

One of the first things you should do when you get online is send an E-mail message to Cindy Paloma, the keeper of our members-only E-mail list, at owner-sd-miata@cs.ucsd.edu, and give her your E-mail address. She'll add you to the list and you'll begin to receive all of the online traffic generated by other members of the club. The volume of mail on our list is very reasonable; sometimes as many as a dozen messages might appear on a given day, but just as often there is no new mail at all in a 24-hour period. The list is there to serve the membership, and you should feel free to use it to ask questions about runs, maintenance, recommended sources of parts, labor, etc. As with most mailing lists, for everyone who has a question, there are usually several other subscribers who have an answer from having been down that same road already. And unlike writing to some "editor" somewhere, you'll get multiple answers near-instantaneously instead of one opinion, maybe, in a few months. Please DON'T, however, upload large files to the list. Not everyone is able to conveniently download them.

The other local online resource of note to Miata owners is the San Diego Miata Club's World Wide Web site at <http://mmdshare.ucsd.edu/sdmc.html>. Our Web page is one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date of any of the club pages worldwide. It has an online membership application, details about the club, upcoming club events, a comprehensive listing of Miata-related contacts and vendors, clickable links to other Miata-related resources, clubs, and vendors with Web pages, a picture gallery (you should send a picture of your car to the Webmaster for scanning and inclusion on the page), and all of the club newsletters that have ever been published—the most recent of which even include color pictures!

On the larger scale, beyond the borders of San Diego County, there are any number of Miata-related Web sites and you might want to use one of the Web's search engines like Yahoo or AltaVista (there's an AltaVista search facility at the bottom of the San Diego site's main page) to get an idea of the rather staggering amount of Miata activity on the Web. Or, on second thought, maybe you should visit Miata.net first.

The biggest, the best, the king, the absolute end-all of Miata sites on the Web is Gary Fischman's Miata.net [<http://miata.net/>]. This site is so good that it was recently voted the NUMBER ONE car-related site by the readers of *Road & Track* magazine. Imagine that! A MIATA site— not a Ferrari site, not a Formula 1 site— picked as the favorite of readers of a car magazine that's been around for 50 years!

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MEREDITH AND ROBERT HATTRUP in their Marina Green 1997 M edition

Member Profile

We're BOB and MEREDITH HATTRUP and we are happy to join you as new members of the San Diego Miata Club.

We have just purchased our first Miata, a 1997 M edition in Marina Green. I retired a little over a year ago after 38 years in the computer field (that's right, my first computer was a Univac 1). So after the "obligatory" post-retirement heart attack and subsequent quad bypass, Meredith and I decided we needed more adventure in our lives and I decided I needed a new toy—thus the Miata. We had an MGB in the late '60s and loved it. The Miata gives us a chance to recapture that fun.

We've lived in San Diego for 25 years and raised our kids here. We have three sons, an ASK master mechanic, a college professor, and a computer systems manager. We had hoped for a Doctor, a Lawyer, and a

Car Salesman, but I guess you take what you can get. We've also got three granddaughters who keep us entertained and exhausted.

In addition to our Miata we have a number of other interests. Meredith sews, reads, and is a gourmet cook (yum, yum—lucky me). I'm into stamp collecting, genealogy, and computers (just can't get away from the things).

We are looking forward to our association with you.

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.

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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.

Dedicated 24-hour voice/fax phone line:
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AUTOCROSS AT THE MURPH

The following autocross events take place in the "Qualcomm Stadium at the Jack Murphy Sports Complex" parking lot.



There are no autocross events scheduled for September

Saturday, October 4 practice day

Sunday, October 5 race day

Sunday, October 19 race day

Saturday, November 1 practice day

Sunday, November 2 race day

Sunday, November 23 race day

Saturday, December 13 practice or race

Autocross information sources:

San Diego SCCA Hotline: (619) 441-1333

Cal Club SCCA Hotline: (818) 988-7223

Steve Hart: (619) 579-9093



MEETING PLACES

Wheels 'n Meals at Boll Weevil MDA Raffle

Date: Thursday, August 28

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

As mentioned last month, we are holding a special raffle to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Several Miata vendors have promised prizes for the raffle. MOSS MOTORS has generously donated four \$25 gift certificates and JUST DINGS, LTD donated a \$45 gift certificate for the raffle! Also expected are some great prizes from MM MARKETING, CRAZY RED ITALIAN, and PERFORMANCE BUYERS CLUB. 100% of the monies collected will be donated to MDA.

Suggestion: Bring along your checkbook, make your check out to MDA, and trade your check for raffle tickets (\$1 each). You get the tax benefits of the donation to MDA and MDA gets your support! Win/win!

Miatas Kick-Off the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon

Date: Monday, September 1

Time: 7:45 a.m.

(note change from last month)

Place: The new K-Mart parking lot in Mission Valley, 8730 Rio San Diego Dr.

Members Sue and Jack Hinkle and their son Jason have arranged for the club's participation at the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Labor Day Telethon. We will caravan to the MDA fishbowl in downtown San Diego. (KUSI should be there video taping our caravan for replay while we are helping out on the phones.) From there we will proceed to various nearby parking lots (parking is \$2 for the entire day).

We will then walk back to the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel, register as volunteers and receive some training before staffing the pledge lines from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

This event promises to be both fun and rewarding! (Ask anyone that helped out at the KPBS Spring Membership Campaign!) Everyone is encouraged to participate. Show your San Diego Miata Club Team Spirit!

Stone Cold Run

Date: Saturday, September 20

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: McDonald's parking lot, I-805 at the Sorrento Valley/Mira Mesa Blvd. off ramp (Just north east of the ramp.)

Run Leaders: Stef and Tom Gould (619) 297-4272

E-mail at tomgould@adnc.com

A fun run (with a stop for lunch) through some of the best of North County's twistees to the Stone Brewery. A short tour of the brewery will be followed by a sampling of their cold micro-brews!

Wheels 'n Meals at Boll Weevil Guest Speaker: BG Products

Date: Thursday, September 25

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Jim Fink from BG PRODUCTS will speak to club members about his company's fuel intake and combustion chamber cleaning products. Many of our Miatas are closing in on the 100,000 mile mark and the idea that excess engine deposits are now contributing to poor performance is something worth discussing and exploring. Listen to Jim's presentation and make your own decision.

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

September 6, 1997

Run to the Stars

Hosted by: SOCALM

Contact: Zack (714) 525-9065

This will be a slow, scenic run through the residential streets of Beverly Hills. Following one of the many "Maps to the Star's Homes." The run will start in Westwood, go up Rodeo Drive into Beverly Hills, wind past famous homes and end in Hollywood in time for an early dinner. If you would like to, join us for a movie at the famed Mann's Chinese Theatre

Meet: 1:00 p.m. Federal Building on Wilshire in Westwood. From the 405, exit on Wilshire Blvd and go East. The Federal Building is on your right (huge sign). Turn right at the first light and then right again into the parking lot.

September 12-14, 1997

8th Annual Gold Rush

Hosted by: SAMOA

Sheraton Hotel in Rancho Cordova. 3 days— \$90 per car, including some meals, Monte Carlo Night, competitive events— fun! Registration packets: (916) 646-4435, www.miata.net/samoa

November 15, 1997

Shambala Safari Run

Joint Run with SOCALM

Meet: 10:00 a.m. at the Denny's parking lot off Hwy. 14 & Sand Canyon. (Newhall-Acton area near the 5 & 14) A guided tour of Tippi Hedren's big cat preserve (she's the actress best known as the female lead in "The Birds" and as being Melanie Griffith's mom).

Cost is **\$35.00 per person**, a non-refundable, tax-deductible donation. **Make checks payable to the Roar Foundation** and mail them to Kathie.

Mail checks no later than October 1st to: Kathie McClelland, P.O. Box 9101, Newport Beach, CA 92658

Bring a camera and your own lunch (a hot food lunch truck will be there.) Wear flat comfortable shoes, No shorts and NO PERFUME!
**Guests must be 18 years old (or older).*

Angeles Crest Fun Run will follow the safari tour and early dinner at The Crown City Brewery in Pasadena.

Contact Kathie at: (714) 644-4345 or KMIATACAT@AOL.COM



PHOTO: ANTHONY WILDE





Tech Day at the Conn's

July 26, 1997

It would be an understatement to say Tech Day 97 was a success—it was fantastic—37 cars. A great big thanks to all of you who came, worked on your cars, helped others work on their



cars, brought yummy food, and relaxed and enjoyed yourselves. An even bigger thanks goes to OSCAR

JACKSON for not only availing us of his shop and technicians at JACKSON RACING in Westminster, but also for arranging for our friends at MOSS MOTORS to be on hand with some great after-market products that they discounted for us. Thanks again, Oscar.

There was quite a range of jobs accomplished by do-it-yourself members. KATHIE MCCLELLAND brought all her purchases from MIATA AT THE RANCH and got lots of help from JON MARTINEZ, IAN DACANAY, ANTHONY WILDE, STEF GOULD, RALPH ALDER and JOHN CONN installing running lights, two tonneau covers, mud flaps, light bulbs and the Jackson cold air induction system. Anthony also installed an air horn for CURTIS LANE and FRED ORTIZ and BRAD BROWN got an assist from BILL HYDE on sway bar installation. ZACK BROADBENT stayed busy all day putting on a front air dam (there may have been some supervising by PHYLLIS WEITER), a rear skirt, and replacing light bulbs. JERI BRAVIROFF got an antenna installed thanks to Anthony Wilde and an engine steam cleaning by Ralph Alder. ROSEANNE MURPHY and GENE STANLEY did a number on Roseanne's radio, I'm not sure of the outcome and I seem to recall SOREN SVENSSON working with ABIZAR VAKHARIA to time his engine. Now I

know there was more than what I've recorded here, but I'm not a very technical person and I kept getting distracted by the food!

I'll let JAIME VILLACORTE tell you about the visit to JACKSON RACING by reprinting an article he put on the web. "I was looking over the shoulder of Oscar and Mark while they performed the tests, and I'd write down any data that appeared. Sometimes that would include a printout of peak horsepower and torque. Sometimes Oscar would scroll a cursor across a Speed vs HP curve, finding the approximate max peak, and then a corresponding driveline loss number. To obtain driveline loss figure, he did some sort of coast down test immediately after the car hit the fuel cutoff at max rpm. It seemed to me he would let the car coast in neutral for a bit before stopping it completely. I think he indicated that this was some new software feature of the dyno they had recently obtained. I don't know any more details than this. As a rule of thumb, to estimate horsepower at the crank, Oscar would take the rear horsepower number, add the driveline loss horsepower and add approximately 5-6 hp for power steering and another 5-6 for air conditioning if the car had those items."

Thanks, Jaime, for recording all that data, not that I understand what it means. I stayed at the house and made sure the food was ok and let me tell you, if you are a dessert lover and didn't make it to this pot luck, you really missed a treat. There was homemade cheese cake, carrot cake, pies, some brownies to die for and cookies (of course they were all lo-cal—right). Not to say we didn't have some "real" food;

there was roast venison, chicken, and hamburgers that must have been left over from a Jolly Green Giant cookout—they were huge.

JOHN and I look forward to Tech Day every year and hope everyone has as much fun as we do. As I said, we had 37 Miatas (as usual red outnumbered but white was close) and a couple of OTMs. There was even a prospective Miata family. I think we convinced them it's a fun car and an extended family when you join the club. Glad to see IAN DACANAY, STEF GOULD and ANTHONY WILDE, who came up from the SDMC and pitched in and helped work on others cars. We missed you VROOM—maybe next year. Other SOCALM members in attendance were JULI DAVIS, WALLY STEVENS and friend NANCY ICKES, AL PABIAN, JIM WILLARD, PINKIE STANLEY (thanks for driving the OTM with the tools & floor jack), GREG KEGLING (a true gentlemen who gave away his spot in line for the bathroom and missed the group leaving for Jackson), BRIAN BOUSMAN, BILL and DOREEN BRYANT and grandson, GENE SACMAN, STEVE SMITH and JACQUES, DEAN and SUE TERHUNE, TODD BARKER, RUTH and RICHARD THURSTON, PAUL and FRANCIE POLLOCK (Francie's cast got autographed as a remembrance of a great day), GRACIE ALDER and niece MARY, BARI HYDE, JEANNE PANDES, STEVE THACKER, KEN SCHMADER, ALAN CHEN, PHIL BECKMAN, CANDACE and BOB BURNS, TONY and ROBYN WILLSON, and LYNN MCCLELLAND. Wow, I sure hope I didn't forget anyone. If I did, I apologize and next time don't forget to sign up on the log in sheet!

We had a great time hosting again and look forward to next year. Almost forgot to say thanks to ALL who had a part in helping John get the Sebring installed. I did get a little nervous when Bill Hyde and Wally Stevens decided to take a hack saw to some part while John was at Jackson but I just went in the house, ate some more of those yummy brownies and forgot I heard anything about hacksawing.

—GERRY CONN



Just Dings, Ltd. Demo

August 5, 1997

LOUIS MISKO may be the owner of the oldest Miata in the San Diego Miata Club, but RUTH AND LOU STARK owned the oldest Miata-ding in the club (dated December 1989). But that is all in the past.

On the evening of Tuesday, August 5 twenty-two Miatas drove into the parking lot of JUST DINGS, LTD. to witness the artistry of "paintless ding removal." Bob, the owner of the shop, chose several Miatas with dings that were candidates for a demonstration of this unique technique. The selected owners were given raffle tickets and the Stark's number was pulled from the hat.

Working with directional fluorescent lights and using tools that he had made himself, Ron, a JUST DINGS, LTD. technician, began removing the ding. Bob provided a step by step explanation of the process. Slowly the metal was pressed out from the inside and in from the outside. (Don't try this at home, you may work harden the area—making satisfactory removal of the dent impossible for a professional such as Bob or Ron). After smoothing out the ding (which looked to me to be over ¼ of an inch deep, Ron proceeded to remove two more small dings from the Stark's Miata.

After the demo a drawing was held, and member IAN DACANAY won a \$45 gift certificate toward the removal of a future ding.

Thanks to Bob and Carol for putting on a magical show, for providing cool refreshments on a hot evening, and a special "thank you" to their daughter, Jessie, for presenting the club with a \$45 gift certificate for our Muscular Dystrophy Raffle on August 28th at Wheels n' Meals.

—STEF GOULD




PHOTO: BOB KRUEGER

Scattered Fallout from Steve & Frank

Sounds Like a Plan

We were the proverbial kids in a candy store at MIATA AT THE RANCH! All those goodies, at reasonable prices, AND with installation too! What we both lusted after, we decided we couldn't afford: the CLEARWATER speakers—both the headrest set and the door set. Yes, they're great sounding (and Frank is a closet audiophile!), but we

 just couldn't justify the price...this year. Frank talked a LOT with the CLEARWATER rep (when that guy wasn't moaning and pulling out his hair over Barb & Elliot's sickly subwoofer). Asking about the different FACTORY speakers, we were told that the door speakers that come with the "Premium sound system" option from the factory would sound WORSE with the standard car's radio/cassette unit, as those premium speakers are not designed to carry the high frequencies — they're sent to the tweeters in the upper door panels in those cars. When we asked what they were doing with the factory HEADREST speakers they took out of those "Premium"-equipped cars, he kind of snorted and said "There's a whole table full—help yourself" (as if we were truly insane to even ask such a thing!)

These speakers are 4" ROUND, and even though there's a slightly different assembly that they fit into in the original installation, they fit just fine in the standard rectangular hole. AND, THEY SOUND REALLY GOOD WITH THE STANDARD FACTORY DOOR SPEAKERS! No, it's not CLEARWATER sound, but it's a large improvement! We don't know what the dealer would charge you, but we suggest you make friends with the Premium Sound cars' owners. They are the most likely to be able to afford the CLEARWATER upgrade, and their factory speakers are probably sitting in a corner of their garage. Don't be put off by the wimpy look & feel of these speakers; it's the sound that counts!

Previously, we bought & installed in our car an aftermarket set of headrest

speakers from Ken Evory. They look more impressive than the factory Premium ones (and they're louder), but the overall sound balance was off, and the quality was harsh. Better than the standard factory plastic boxes, though.

If you want to do this switch, it's easy! Here are directions to do the job yourself, especially if you want to save the original speakers for whatever reason. Unzip your headrest, unscrew the 3 black Phillips-head screws that hold the speaker box into the headrest. Pull out the box; it will look like it's permanently wired in, without much slack. Using a SMALL Phillips screwdriver (magnetized is helpful, though not a must), remove the 4 small screws holding the front of the speaker into the box. CAREFULLY pry the speaker edge or corner up and away out of the box...it will come out! You'll see that you can unplug the 2 wire lugs from the speaker terminals, and pull the wire out of the back of the box. Your new (factory, and some aftermarket) speaker will have matching (2 different sized) lugs to plug your wire into, which also keeps the phasing correct. Place the new speakers into the middle of the rectangular cutouts, and holding them in place (no attachments), close and zip your headrest closed. Repeat on the other seat, then play those tunes and enjoy!!

ANNUAL Pool Party

We had a GREAT time hosting many Club members and their families at our Pool Party on Sunday August 3rd. This was our first "real" party since moving in to the house (about a year ago; it was a "fixer"!), and we were pleasantly surprised how many people fit in the house and the pool. We had such a good time that we now promise it will be an annual event! (And, if we have hot weather for long periods, we might do it more often, depending on members' response—let us know!) Thanks to all of you who came, who brought "huge quantities of mass consumables", and who had as much fun as we did!

—FRANK SHINE & STEPHEN DELONGE



We think that's one heck of a compliment to our online community. There is so much Miata information at Miata.net that we could write an entire article and never talk about anything else. There are Miata news flashes, a FAQ (frequently asked questions) section, a garage section with thorough reports on how to perform significant maintenance and accessorizing chores, a listing of upcoming, and reports of previous, Miata events worldwide, hot links to every Miata site you can think of, a search facility for contact information for Miata clubs all over the world, classified ads, product reviews, picture galleries, and a real-time chat section for those whose entire lives are lived in the computer room. There are even stripe and wheel "machines" that will give you a visual preview of what your car will look like with various color racing stripes and several choices of aftermarket wheels. I mean, literally, you name it, and if it's about Miatas, it's there. Miata.net has to be seen to be believed.

Another feature associated with Miata.net is the "listserv," or Miata mail list. Similar to the San Diego mailing list, the listserv has over 1100 subscribers from all over the world. What this means to you is that if you subscribe, you can expect to receive somewhere between 100 and 200 E-mails each day in addition to what you're already receiving from other sources. If this sounds too daunting but you still want to stay in-touch, the list can also be received in daily, weekly, or monthly digest forms. The listserv is unmoderated, so it can become something of a free-for-all at times, but the technical content often surpasses that found at any other online location. For those of you who want to give it a try, here's how it works:

To subscribe to the list: Send mail to listserv@list.miata.net with "subscribe miata YOURNAME" in the body of the message.

To send mail to the list: send mail to miata@list.miata.net

To unsubscribe: send mail to listserv@list.miata.net with "unsubscribe miata" in the body of the message.

To change to a daily digest: send mail to listserv@list.miata.net with

"set miata mail daily" in the body of the message.

To change to a weekly digest: send mail to listserv@list.miata.net with "set miata mail weekly" in the body of the message.

To change to a monthly digest: send mail to listserv@list.miata.net with "set miata mail monthly" in the body of the message.

If you want to go back to immediate reception of messages, send mail to the same address and put one of: "set miata mail ack" "set miata mail noack" in the body of the message. Use the former if you want to see your own messages to the list; use the latter if you don't.

In addition to the local stuff and Miata.net, most of the significant Miata vendors and some 20 Miata clubs now have Web sites. Links to these vendors and all of the clubs which maintain Web pages can be found at both the San Diego Miata Club site and Miata.net.

Are there even more online Miata resources? You bet. For those of you with news reader software, there is a Miata newsgroup at rec.autos.makers.mazda.miata. A newsgroup is basically a threaded mail list which can be accessed without its content having been dumped into your E-mailbox. Simply tell your news reader to subscribe to the group at the above address and then run the reader software while actively online to download, read, and reply to the messages.

For those of you who have accounts with proprietary services like CompuServe or America Online, there are Miata-specific sites there as well.

On CompuServe, the Automobile Forum [GO CARS] maintains what was the very first Miata-specific discussion section, Miataville (section 15), which was formed in early 1992. Some of our club members like Voodoo Bob, NevadaBob, JTBob, President Mark, VP Rainer, and Treasurer Tony maintain a presence there. Even Miata design team member and former Manager of Product Planning at Mazda Research of America, Bob Hall, can be found in Miataville. In case you hadn't noticed, there are a LOT of Bobs in the 'ville, so if you're a Bob as well, you'd better bring a nickname with you when you log on so we can distinguish you from the horde.

America Online has a Miata-related message section within the *Road & Track* location [keyword: road]. To get to the Miata messages, click on the word "message" once you enter the *Road & Track* site. Scroll through the list in the message board window until you come to "MIATA-ville". Double-clicking on this line item will open a listing of all the Miata-related message topics, from which you can choose the individual messages that you wish to read and/or reply to.

Are there even more enclaves of Miata activity out there cyberspace? No doubt. If you find a good one we haven't listed, let us know so we can link to it to the San Diego Miata Club Web page.

Alright, let's go surfin' now!!
—"VOODOO BOB" KRUEGER and
"JTBOB" HOLLAND

Special thanks to MARK BOOTH for his contributions to this article.

"Miata for Sale" Web Site

Club member Rainer Mueller, a Web site designer and host by profession, has created a new Web site of interest for Miata owners: Miata For Sale. It can be found on the Internet at <http://www.mainstreet-data.com/miata>.

Rainer created the site when club member Fred Lerner decided to sell his 1995 white Miata with all the goodies anyone could ever want on a Miata.

If you're interested in selling or buying a Miata, this Web site should be of interest to you. The only cars accepted for the site are Miatas. Sellers are encouraged to submit all the data on their car as well as a photograph, and Rainer will post the information on the Web site for free!

So, if you know of anyone who wants to sell his/her prized Miata or anyone who wants to put a smile on his/her face by owning a Miata, pass along the above Web address.



If you have yet to choose an Internet service provider (ISP), here's a list of some of the local and national providers of this type of service to the San Diego area:

Local Providers:

DeltaNet (Southern California) 800-355-8263 714-490-2000

Modem Access: \$19.95 per month for unlimited access
\$24.95 Startup fee
ISDN Access: Available
Software: Netscape Navigator Web Browser—Eudora E-mail
Web Space: 1 MB (included in monthly fee)

First Internet Alliance of San Diego 619-736-3700

Modem Access: \$18.95 per month for unlimited access
\$14.95 per month for 25 hours—
\$1.50 each additional hour
\$8.95 per month for 10 hours—
\$1.50 each additional hour
\$19.95 Startup fee
ISDN Access: Available
Software: Microsoft Internet Explorer for Web Browser and E-mail
Web Space: \$19.95 per month for 2 MB
\$29.95 per month for 5 MB
\$49.95 per month for 10 MB

The Grid 760-433-8953 (Rainer Mueller)

Modem Access: \$24.95 per month for unlimited access and
10 MB Web Space
\$19.95 per month for unlimited access and
no Web Space
\$16.63 per month for unlimited access and
no Web Space if you purchase 6 months in advance
ISDN Access: None

American Digital Network (ADNC-Southern California) 619-576-4272

Modem Access: \$22.00 per month for 300 hours—
\$5.00 each additional 20 hour block
\$16.00 per month for 40 hours—
\$5.00 each additional 20 hour block
\$10.00 per month for 10 hours—
\$5.00 each additional 20 hour block
\$20.00 Startup fee
ISDN Access: \$75.00 per month for 100 hours at 128KB speed
\$45.00 per month for 60 hours at 128KB speed
\$30.00 Startup fee
Software: Netscape Navigator Web Browser—Eudora E-mail
Web Space: 1 MB—5 MB FTP
\$5.00 Setup fee

aNet Communications (Los Angeles and San Diego)

800-395-0692 310-659-0122

Modem Access: \$16.00 per month for unlimited access
\$3.50 per month for 5 hours—
\$1.00 each additional hour
\$25.00 Startup fee
ISDN Access: Available in LA Area codes 310, 213, 818 and 714
Software: Mosaic Web Browser—Eudora E-mail
Web Space: 2 MB (included in monthly fees)

National Providers:

AT&T WorldNet 800-967-5363

Modem Access: Free 5 hours per month for AT&T customers —
\$2.50 each additional hour
\$19.95 per month for unlimited access
(AT&T customer rate)
\$24.95 per month for unlimited access
(non AT&T customer rate)
\$4.95 per month for 3 hours (non AT&T customer rate)
\$2.50 each additional hour
1-800 access costs \$4.50 per hour
No Startup fee
ISDN Access: None
Software: Microsoft Internet Explorer Web Browser and E-mail
Web Space: \$1.95 per month for 2 MB
\$4.95 per month for 5 MB

IBM Internet Connection 800-455-5036

Modem Access: \$19.95 per month for unlimited access
\$4.95 per month for 3 hours —
\$1.95 each additional hour
1-800 access costs \$6.00 per hour
No Startup fee
ISDN Access: None
Software: Netscape Navigator Web Browser and E-mail
Web Space: None

SpryNet 800-777-9638

Modem Access: \$19.95 per month for unlimited access
\$9.95 per month for 7 hours—
\$1.95 each additional hour
\$4.95 per month for 3 hours—
\$1.95 each additional hour
No Startup fees
ISDN Access: Available
Software: Mosaic in a Box Web Browser —Internet in a Box
Web Browser —SpryNet E-mail
Web Space: 5 MB (included in monthly fees)

GTE Internet Solutions 800-363-8483

Modem Access: \$19.95 per month for unlimited access
1-800 access costs \$4.50 per hour
No Startup fees
ISDN Access: \$64.95 per month for unlimited access at 128KB speed
\$39.95 per month for unlimited access at 64KB speed
\$40.00 Startup fee
Software: Netscape Navigator Web Browser and E-mail
Web Space: None

Earthlink Network 800-395-8425 818-296-2400

Modem Access: \$19.95 per month for unlimited access
\$25.00 Startup fee
ISDN Access: Available
Software: Netscape Navigator Web Browser—Eudora E-mail—
Telnet and FTP
Web Space: 2 MB (included in monthly fee)

Prodigy 914-448-8000

Modem Access: \$19.95 per month for unlimited access
\$9.95 per month for 10 hours—
\$1.00 each additional hour
No Startup fee
ISDN Access: None
Software: Netscape Navigator Web Browser and E-mail
Web Space: 1 MB (included in monthly fees)—
\$1.00 each addition MB up to 15 MB

Compuserve 800-848-8199

Modem Access: \$24.95 per month for 20 hours—
\$1.95 each additional hour
\$9.95 per month for 5 hours—
\$2.95 each additional hour
No Startup fee
ISDN Access: Available
Software: Spry Mosaic Web Browser
Web Space: Unlimited

America Online 800-827-6364

Modem Access: \$19.95 per month for 20 hours—
\$2.95 each additional hour
\$9.95 per month for 5 hours—
\$2.95 each additional hour
No Startup fee
ISDN Access: None
Software: AOL Web Browser
Web Space: 2 MB (included in monthly fees)

Pacific Bell Internet 800-708-4638

Modem Access: \$14.95 per month for 20 hours—
\$0.50 each additional hour with a cap at \$19.95
\$9.95 per month for 10 hours—
\$1.00 each additional hour with no cap
ISDN Access: None
Software: Netscape Navigator Web Browser and E-mail
Web Space: None



MONTEREY HISTORICS

PHOTO: MARK BOOTH



August 15-17, 1997

The first group of SDMC members to head north began our trek at 7a.m. Wednesday at the Poway Pancake House. Car-loading for the journey were MARK and CATHY BOOTH, ANTHONY "NEVADABOB" WILDE (first-timers), VOODOOBOB and VICKY KRUEGER, ROBERT "JT" HOLLAND, WOODY WOODHOUSE, DICK "7BOB" CARLSON (from Age & Treachery Racing) and STEF and TOM GOULD. Vicky piloted the Mazda Motors sport-ute support vehicle, running sweep for the eight Miatas. We were freeway-bourne by 8:30, led by Stef up 78 to Five for the initial leg to Tustin, where we picked up KATHY and LYNN MCCLELLAND, followed by a move to the 405 for the slog through LA.

Next stop was on 101 in Agoura Hills for lunch, where the generally sunny day got hot. Stef took us out again up 101 to Goleta where MIKE CHAPUT and MOSS MOTORS hosted a tour of their marvelous facility. What I

while Woody and Dick blasted off to wring out Highway One. The rest of us left soon after, led by JT. The road was nicely unclogged, with lots of people turning out to let us go by on the fog-shrouded road. Construction delays were sprinkled along the route, but a good time was had.

Carmel for lunch, then check-in (clean the cars) in Seaside. SDMC members-in-exile TAK YAMAMOTO and KAREN KODAMA put on a great spread in their Pacific Grove apartment that evening (the view over Monterey Bay drew wistful looks from even we happy San Diegans.)



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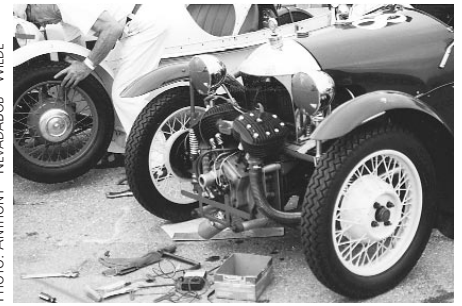


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PHOTO: "VOODOO BOB" KRUEGER

Friday was a day for cruising the paddock with the sparse early crowd (only about ten Miatas in the corral parking). Even so, we had to come back the next day to finish checking out every kind and vintage of exotic high-performance machinery, often opened up for viewing intimate interior bits. Anthony (NevadaBob) ran out of film by the time we climbed to the top of the hill to watch the practice racing through the Corkscrew turn.



Vintage racer

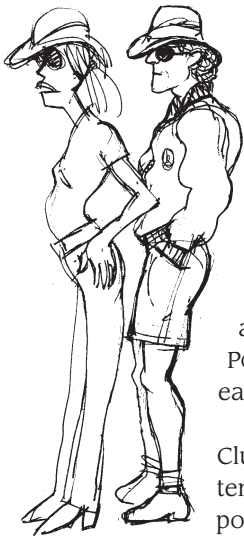
would have given for this kind of support years ago for my crumbling MGs! Miatas can look forward to the years of true classic status knowing that true enthusiasts are keeping the faith (and bins of spare parts). Then up onto Highway One at San Luis Obispo to reach Cambria in time to clean up drivers and cars and have dinner. The next morning Kathy and Lynn stayed to do Hearst Castle



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PHOTO: KAREN KODAWA



Monterey cool

That evening RICH TAYLOR and KEN EVORY turned up, followed by PHIL DAoust and Kathy as some of us assembled at Knuckles at the Monterey Hyatt with BOB and KAREN HALL, and FRANCIE and PAUL POLLOCK. Peanuts were eaten, beer was drunk.

Saturday was Miata Club day at the track—tent, high-tech porta-pots, brekky and lunch, goodies and a drawing for more goodies. More club people: ART HAMILTON, JOHN and GERRY CONN, BOB and JULI DAVIS. The Cobras had their day: parade (in which Ken Evory talked his way into a ride) and later racing in various classes. The sun was out both days, mitigated by cool breezes.

Sunday morning, we drove over Laureles Grade with wonderful views of the Monterey Peninsula. When we

arrived at the track, there were fewer Miatas in the corral parking, as the Miata tent was empty on this day. More wandering through the paddock and vendor row. Alas, no bratwurst today, all sold out. We had to settle for calamari and Polish sausage. At 1 p.m. the racing for the day began.



Big hair

The feature race of the afternoon consisted of 11 Ford GT40s, several Cobra roadsters and a smattering of European cars. After the last race, we made our way to the awards ceremony. Carroll Shelby, Brian Redman, Brock Yates and a host of others were there.

On Monday, some of us left Mon-

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terey around ten in the morning for the drive back. We drove 101 south. As VoodooBob



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said, "East of Eden," we detoured on Highway 46 for a visit to the James Dean Memorial. We continued on over the Grapevine pass, skirting the LA traffic on 210 and finally south on 15 to a beautiful view as we saw the San Diego County line.

We Goulds went on to SF Sunday for a short visit.

Monday a trip to the Blackhawk Auto Museum in East-Bay Danville was spectacular indoor viewing of some most exotic non-racing machinery and auto-related art. We missed Woody, Dick and Rich, who had informed us of the special free day in conjunction with the Monterey events, but Paul and Francie Pollock showed up before we left. BAMA's Moon Over Miata event next May will be held in conjunction with the museum, which is worth seeing.



Vendor row victim

Tuesday morning we left Mill Valley at 9:30—101, Highway One and the beautiful 280 and short 85 link to 101. Got to Gilroy in time to get showered—top up—showers stopped—on through more than five mini dust storms created by Hurricane Ignacio. On to LA where a headlight started to vibrate from the ripply LA pavement. We finally

took the lid completely off, while doing a tour of Norwalk streets trying to find our way back onto the freeway, and got into San Diego about 11p.m.

—TOM GOULD AND ANTHONY WILDE

