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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

And the Good Times Keep On Rollin'

I thought that I would start out by bringing everyone up to date concerning the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB'S (SDMC) relationship, or lack thereof, with Miata Club of America (MCA). To recap, at last month's monthly meeting, quarterly, and special membership meeting, we gathered to review the situation concerning SDMC's relationship with MCA and the lack of any tangible benefit of being associated with this for-profit organization.

To do this, I shared information with all present about MCA's origin, with help from some long time Miatafans in our club. Further discussion was held with respect to how the owners of MCA, in an effort to sell the entire club, a business, wound up carving out *Miata Magazine* and selling it to MediaSource. As this is the only tangible benefit of being an MCA member, I thought it was important to advise our membership of the current situation facing MediaSource and Barb Beach, which has been brought about by MCA, and to some extent, Mazda.

After about 30 minutes of discussion, a motion was made to members to disassociate SDMC from MCA. A second was made and a vote taken. All but one member present voted in favor of the motion. As a result of this action, I wrote a letter to MCA with copies to Mazda advising them of our decision. Last month's newsletter contained a draft of that letter as an insert. The full text as sent is on page 2 of this newsletter for your reading enjoyment.

So, what does all this mean, if anything? Notice any changes in the club so far? I did. I noticed one. Look hard and you might see it. Yes, you see it, the Miata Club of America logo is not displayed on our newsletter. I believe that this is the only noticeable change you will see. All the benefits that MCA provided us are still the same; none. All the local benefits, such as discounts from our local merchants, remain the same—good, plentiful, and growing. In fact, I made two good contacts at the Coronado Classic Speed Festival that should add to our list. One with a high-end stereo shop and the other with Meguiar's. More on this next month. Not bad for a small town car club!

I have not had any feedback from MCA nor have I had any from Mazda. I plan to call Mazda to get an update for our monthly meeting. After the Daytona event, I am sure to have more news for next month's edition.

Until then, keep the wind in your hair and the sun on your face and let the good times roll!

— ELLIOT

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September 29, 2000
Vince Tidwell
Norman Garrett
Miata Club of America
6850 Shiloh Road East, Suite D
Alpharetta, GA 30023

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to officially inform Miata Club of America (MCA) that the San Diego Miata Club (SDMC), 517 members strong, is now an independent, non-profit car club with no ties to or affiliation with MCA.

This past Thursday evening, September 28, 2000, at a general membership meeting of the San Diego Miata Club, a motion to sever our club's relationship with MCA was put to the floor for a vote. With about one third of our 327 voting memberships present, the motion carried nearly unanimously.

This comes about as a result of no benefits and virtually no communications from MCA for the nearly five years of our existence. The total refusal to support our regional event, SurfN'Safari, last year, after promoting the support of regional events at Miata World '99, reinforced our belief that MCA exists for the benefit of its leaders and not its membership.

Vince's recent posting on the forum that he is going to appoint regional directors is a total shock to us. SDMC was among the four largest clubs associated with MCA and, as the president of SDMC, I have received no communication about this action, nor have I been advised of the plans for or the goals of this new program. SDMC finds this to be totally unacceptable.

MCA is a for-profit business. Thus, you have two potentially opposing goals, serving your membership and making money for the shareholders—yourselves. We believe that the crux of the problem is that you are only realizing one of the goals, making money for the shareholders. Therefore, the San Diego Miata Club can no longer support MCA and will work diligently to help organize a new non-profit club to lead the local chapters and enthusiasts into the new millennium.

Sincerely,
Elliot L. Shev
President, San Diego Miata Club
CC: Mazda North American Operations

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of, and enthusiasm for, one of the world's most exciting sports cars — the Mazda Miata.

Owning and driving a Miata is one of life's great pleasures, and adding the company and camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts only enhances the experience. Won't you join the fun as we enjoy the beauty of San Diego county from the seat of a very special little roadster?

Let's have fun driving our Miatas!

Got Zoom?

zoom ----- T-Shirts
Zoom ----- Sweatshirts
ZOOM ---Pins & Decals!

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM! Get your SDMC Regalia directly from the Regalia Gals (ROZ & PAULA) at the upcoming monthly meeting.

Zoom on down and pick up a few great club items to show off your enthusiasm for the incredible Mazda Miata, and the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.

Got special sizes, items you want? Call or e-mail ROZ or PAULA and let them know and they will personally hand deliver the items to you at the meeting.
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The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB is a non-profit organization.

The 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. Where possible, please e-mail your submissions to the newsletter editor. Submissions can also be mailed to the club's post office box.

Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.
Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB has established a dedicated World Wide Web Home Page at:

www.sandiegomiataclub.org

Dedicated 24-hour voice message line: (619) 582-2448

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**Scott & Anita Rosin's
Post-Honeymoon Run**

Date: Saturday, November 4

Meeting Time: 1 p.m.

Meeting Place: Kit Carson Park, Escondido
Our Miata version of the wedding parade, complete with wedding rice, *Just Married* signs, and streamers! We will show our wedding video at the after run party.

After run party and meal (4 p.m.) at the Templeton's, \$8 per person. RSVP to batempleton@home.com.

Directions to Starting Location: I-15 Freeway, exit Via Rancho Parkway, head east. Continue on Via Rancho approximately 1/2 mile to Kit Carson park. Take the first left into the park.

**2000 San Simeon/Hearst Castle
Weekend Run**

Date: November 10-12

Meeting Time: 9 a.m. - Saturday November 11th

Meeting Place: Madonna Inn parking lot
RSVP: BARI HYDE (714) 827-2940 or bhyde@earthlink.net

Motel Information:

Motel 6-Nov. 10th - San Luis Obispo South (805) 541-6992

Nov. 11th - San Simeon (805) 927-8691

We have 15 non-smoking rooms on hold in San Luis Obispo, seven with two beds and eight with one queen; and 20 double queen rooms at San Simeon as that's all they have. The reservations are under "Miata Club" or "Bari Hyde". Don't miss out! We had a fabulous time last time and this year we have a Miata trail drive originating from different points in Texas. If you are interested please call the motels directly to release rooms from the bookings and hold them with your credit cards. The rates are as follows (including tax): San Luis Obispo single = \$41.79, double = \$48.39, and San Simeon is same rate for both = \$43.59 (they only have two-bedded rooms). If you want smoking rooms, please request at time of booking. AARP members, bring your cards for a 10% discount.

Hearst Castle Information: For those of you who have never been to the Castle, they offer four different tours that start at 8:20 a.m. and run every 20 minutes for

an hour and 45 minutes a tour at about \$10 per adult. I'll tell you the best tour going is the evening tour. They start at dusk, so we can see the sunset over our beautiful Pacific Ocean. Castle volunteers are in period dress, and as we are guided around you feel like a guest of the castle. The tour runs 2 hours and 10 minutes, including the round-trip tram ride. This tour is \$20 per adult and is worth every penny of it! We must make reservations and pay for this tour in advance. This is one time where "last minute" is not going to work.

Please RSVP by e-mail or phone ASAP.

The plan is to travel on those great country roads of the Central Coast. Saturday's lunch will once again be at the Hacienda Hunter Leggett (reasonable and good). Can't wait to see what kind of spread Roger and Hazel will do for us this year! After lunch, we'll twist and curve on some of the best ever. We are also anticipating the return of the "Miatas Across the World" banners for this event! Anyone know where they are? Weekend attire is "Miata casual" - according to the weather!

Autocross

Date: Saturday, November 11

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium
Mission Valley

**Search for Madonna Reunion &
2001 Kick Off**

Date: Sunday, November 12

Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Be there before 11 if you plan to make the run.

Where: The WAID'S
1772 David Drive, Escondido
(760) 432-0727

This event is planned as a reunion for those that went on the Search for Madonna in 1999 or 2000. Searchers will bring photos, videos, souvenirs and stories to share with all attendees. The event will also be the announcement of the dates and details of the Search for Madonna 2001; therefore, this event is also for those who would like to consider being one of the Searchers in 2001. The event is also for those with nothing better to do, but who enjoy spending time with people

having a good time.

Food will be present. All food, drinks, and snacks will be provided. We will be "passing the hat" to pay for the food, but it shouldn't be much. Therefore please RSVP if you are planning to come so that we can have enough vittles.

Driving will be present. At 11 a.m. we will be leaving for a short but refreshing run of about an hour. We can't eat without a drive. We will give everyone a taste (pun intended) of Puke-O-Rama 2000 with a drive on Couser Canyon (both ways). Upon our return we will begin the eating, video playing, photo sharing, story embellishing, and overall good time. Following the long luncheon will be the announcement of the details for the Search for Madonna 2001...and surprises.

Directions: North on I-15 from Highway 78 to El Norte Parkway. Left on El Norte Parkway to Nutmeg Street. Right on Nutmeg Street to Country Club Drive. Left on Country Club Drive to Gary Lane. Right on Gary Lane to David Drive. Left on David Drive to 1772 (on the right).

Monthly Meeting

— A week early this month

Date: Thursday, November 16

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Boll Weevil

9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (at Ruffin Road), San Diego (858) 571-6225.

This event is the single best way to meet your fellow club members, ask questions, share stories, etc.

Don't miss the fun!

**SDMC Tour of Interesting Aircraft
at Brown Field**

Date: Saturday, November 18

Meeting Time: 9:15 a.m.

Meeting Place: Albertson's/Target parking lot in the shopping center at Jamacha Road and Campo Road in Rancho San Diego.

Hosts: DAVE & LOIS MARTIN

(619) 582-0797 or windwing@juno.com

The world's largest Experimental Aircraft Assn. group, Chapter 14 at Brown Field here in San Diego, has invited us to a reprise visit for a tour of their facilities and

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airplanes and their famous Saturday lunch. \$3 in the coffee can gets you a full lunch and a soft drink. Can we afford it? We've even been invited to request the menu. Currently, we're leaning toward pheasant soup followed by lobster tail. The drivers' meeting starts at 9:30 with departure at 9:45. We will wind around as is our custom, expecting arrival at Chapter 14 about 11 a.m., with time for a tour before lining up for lunch at 11:30. Please RSVP to Dave or Lois by Wednesday, November 15 so the cooks can know how much food to prepare.

Autocross

Date: Sunday, November 19

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Qualcomm Stadium
Mission Valley

Reservation/Payment Deadline for Holiday Party

Date: Sunday, November 26

Coordinator: MARY ANN WALLNER
(760) 722-8375 or mwallner@csusm.edu

Don't be left out! The SDMC Holiday party is on Sunday, December 17th. Make your reservations today by mailing a check for \$27 per person. Send your check, made out to SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB to – Mary Ann Wallner, 3432 Cameo Drive, Ocean-side, CA 92056.

AUTOCROSS AT THE "Q"



The following autocross events are *tentatively scheduled* to take place in the parking lot of Qualcomm Stadium:

Saturday, November 11.....practice day
Sunday, November 19.....race day
Saturday, December 2.....race day
Sunday, December 17.....practice day
Monday, January 1, 2001.....practice day

To confirm autocross information, call:

San Diego SCCA Hotlines (619) 441-1333
(800) 360-4454

Web page www.sdr-solo2.com

Come participate or watch our club members race at the autocross (timed event). To participate you need to register for a Solo II card and number (\$15) and have a DOT approved helmet. Loaner helmets are available at the autocross.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tech Day at the Causarano's

December 3, 2000

This will be a Tech Day in Ramona. Don't be scared, it's easy to get to and the ride is rather nice.

This Tech Day will be tailored to the members needs. More to come in e-mail and the December newsletter.

Directions to Planet Pluto: Highway 67 to 3rd Street in Ramona (the Sizzler is on the corner). Turn right onto 3rd Street. 3rd becomes Old Julian Highway. At the intersection of Old Julian Highway and Vista Ramona, go straight onto Vista Ramona. Follow the road up and down and around to a yield sign. Turn left onto Sargeant. The Causarano's are on the corner of Sargeant and Ysidro. The address is: 24308 Ysidro Drive.

SDMC/Socalm Driving School

Willow Springs Raceway
December 9-11, 2000

Danny McKeever's Fast Lane Racing School is one of the premier driving schools in the Western United States. All of the instructors are racers and stunt drivers with extensive racing resumes.

The objective of the school is to familiarize you with the basic techniques of vehicle control. You will find out why certain things happen under certain conditions, and the proper procedures to use to maintain maximum control of the vehicle you are driving.

When: Saturday, December 9, Sunday, December 10, and Monday, December 11, 2000. Participants can sign up for one, two, or all three days.

The school will be limited to 32 participants. This event will sell out. **Participants are guaranteed a spot on a first paid, first served basis.**

Drivers will be grouped based on skill level and previous experience. Beginners with beginners, advanced with advanced, so everyone can have fun!

Roll bars are not required on "The Streets of Willow." Roll bars are required for Monday on the big track.

Have good tires, good brakes, and a full tank of gas when you show up. You will average more than a 100 miles of track time per day! Lunch will be provided on all three days.

Saturday and Sunday the training will be at "The Streets of Willow" race course and the adjacent skid pad. Monday's driving will be on the big track, Willow Springs Raceway, "The Fastest Track in the West."

Special SDMC/SOCALM group rates (less than half of the normal cost!)

1 day \$275, 2 days \$375, 3 days \$500.

A group hotel room rate will be arranged at the Essex House in Lancaster, approximately 20 minutes from the track. There will be a group dinner Saturday night.

Any questions, contact:

JON MARTINEZ

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SDMC Holiday Party

When: Sunday, December 17, 2000

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

Place: Harbor Inn, Naval Submarine
Base in Point Loma, San Diego

Price: \$27 per person

Menu: To Be Announced Later

Reservations must be made and **paid for** by November 26th!

More details on page 6.

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

Fifth Annual Miata Performance Driving School at Thunderhill Raceway March 23-25, 2001

The school will be held at the Thunderhill track in Willows just off I-5, about an hour north of Sacramento. Two-and-a-half days of training and other special events, all aimed at enabling you to become a safer driver and to help you get every ounce of performance out of your Miata.

This year, besides the instructors and all the track time, there are plans for adding a skid pad and decision tree to make things more interesting and fun.

You can register via the Internet by going to the Thunderhill Miata Performance Driving School Web Site at <http://www.teammiata.com/thunderhill/school.htm>. Fill out the on-line form, print it out, and send it in with your check.



NEW MEMBERS!

WELCOME to our newest members
(since last newsletter):

KYOICHI ABE
Chula Vista
2000 White

DAVID ANDREWS
Santee
unreported

FRED & ANN BEGLEY
Alpine
1995 <color TBD>

MICHELLE & JAMES CAPODICE
Spring Valley
1996 Red

KEN DEMARCO
Escondido
1993 White

JAY & DEE DEMENT
Vista
2001 Silver LS

JOHN & MABEL DOUCETTE
Murrieta
1991 SE (British Racing Green)

ERIC ESKAM
Boulder City, Nevada
1990 Red B, 1992 Red A

LAURIE FEARON
Carlsbad
1990 White

THOMAS GLOWNIAK
Carlsbad
1994 Black C

BILL GREER
San Diego
unreported

KIRK & ELAINE JONG
San Diego
1999 10th AE (Sapphire Blue)

KEVIN LARUE
San Diego
1997 M (Marina Green)

MICHAEL MORGAN
Coronado
1993 Red A

BOBBY RUSSELL
San Diego
2001 Crystal Blue

Renewing members (since last newsletter):

EUNICE E. BAUMAN
LEWIS BERGER
JON & CONNIE BRAISTED
PHIL DAOUST
ALEX GARCIA & DANIELLE BOURGEOIS
DENNIS & MARYANNE GARON
BRIAN GOODWIN
JACK GOSNEY
G. HEINEMANN & C. WENGENROTH
MICHAEL J. KELLER
STEVEN & PAULA KENNISON
GREG & CHRIS MAISER
BILL & JEAN MAY
MARIE MCINTIRE & KEN CORN
KEITH C. MCKAY
LOUIS MISKO & AMY DEL NAGRO
MICHAEL & DIANA PAGE
JIM & KAREN POWER
RALPH & CHRIS VASQUEZ
TOM VINT
JERRY WALLIN & ROSEMARY HULLAR
MARY ANN WALLNER

Membership Statistics

As of October 26, 2000, there are 335 memberships (141 single, 194 dual) for a total of 529 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

93	Red
53	White
41	Black
28	Emerald Green
26	Silver
15	Sapphire Blue
14	Montego Blue
11	Starlight Blue
9	Mariner Blue
8	Twilight Blue
8	Marina Green
7	BRG
7	Laguna Blue
6	Merlot
6	Mahogany
5	Yellow
2	Evolution Orange
1	Crystal Blue
1	Teal (custom)
1	Eggplant (custom)
10	Unreported *

* Unreported means a member does not have a Miata at this time.

A Message from Cush Mazda

SUBJECT: MIATA CLUB SPECIAL PRICING

Effective 10-11-00 thru 4-11-01, any SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB member with a valid club identification (membership) card will be eligible for special pricing under our existing Costco account. That means you will be able to receive the same low set price as our existing Costco members. Your responsibility when you come in to the dealership to receive Costco pricing is to notify one of the sales managers that you are a Miata club member and provide valid identification to see the pre-set prices on our inventory*. This is a real program that has been in place for several years and is an excellent way to avoid hassles. Please bring a copy of this letter with you when you come to the dealership.

Michael Ritchey
New Car Manager
(760) 737-3275

CUSH MAZDA
1560 Auto Park Way North
Escondido CA 92029
(IN THE AUTO PARK)

*Excludes 2001 Tributes



MEMBER PROFILE



— EUNICE BAUMAN

Nigh onto ten years ago, I watched a co-worker and her Navy pilot husband cruise our company parking lot in their new red Miata. I was green with envy. I had been driving Mazdas for 10 years, and had been thoroughly content with my second 626 until I saw her car. However, as a single mom, it was not practical. I put the thought far behind me.

A few years later, with my daughter out of college, I traded the 626 off for a '93 MX-3. (I was getting closer in size, anyway). In 1998, when the mileage on the MX-3 approached 85,000, I began reading the papers, scanning the ads, digesting report after report, including those by Consumer Reports magazine. In early 1999 I began "hanging around" the new car lots and renewed my love for the little car. By July of that year I had purchased my fourth Mazda product, a '99 silver Touring Miata. I have enjoyed every minute of this love affair. I am now the envy of friends and neighbors, age 9 to 90.

At the time of the purchase, my car became one of seven Miatas owned by the employees (my co-workers) at the United Way of San Diego County. What fun to drive into the parking lot and see so many Miatas and their happy owners! Today, there are still five employees with Miatas. We have our own Miata love-in group. Two are SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members; I'm working on the others. Our CEO was once quoted as saying it appears that the Miata is our "official" company car.

My first car was a new (little) Anglia, a 1960 English Ford. Two years later I graduated to a new Mercury Comet. From then on it was mostly traditional family-size automobiles until the 1990's.

I moved from the Midwest to Southern California 27 years ago and have been a San Diego resident for 19 years. As Director of Community Building for the United Way, I am responsible for the fund distribution process. I am involved in church leadership and an active member of Toastmasters. I live with two fur balls, Serafina and Pajamas.

I love to drive and care for my car. It's pretty special to me. Since joining the club, I'm finding there are a lot of other folks out there who enjoy driving their Miatas and, more importantly, care about people. You are a great group and I'm proud to be a member of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.

To be included in our on-going series of Member Profiles, write a short (200-300 word) introduction and e-mail it to, newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org. You can also mail it to the Club P.O. Box. Please include a photo, we want to be able see your face. — Your photo will be returned.

— EDITOR

SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Holiday Party!



Date: Sunday, December 17th

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

Place: Harbor Inn, Naval Submarine Base in Point Loma, San Diego*

Price: \$27 per person

Menu: To Be Announced

The setting for the party this year is both breathtaking and tranquil... it is located at the very tip of Point Loma and the scenery from the dining room takes in a view of the San Diego Bay on one side and the harbor on the other. While I have not formally selected what we will be dining on, I can promise a wonderful holiday sit-down dinner... their food is delicious. It also has a huge parking lot that will allow for plenty of undisturbed parking. Plus, this year don't forget your dancing shoes!

Make sure your keys are in the ignition and your foot is on the accelerator. Don't be left in the dust. Reservations must be made and **paid for** by November 26th!

To participate in the gift exchange, you need to bring a wrapped Miata-related or driving-related gift (not to exceed \$25 in value). The idea is you bring a gift and you take a gift home.

Don't be left out! Make your reservations today by mailing a check for \$27 per person. Send your check, made out to SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB to – Mary Ann Wallner, 3432 Cameo Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056 and include for whom you are paying. Questions call (760) 722-8375 or email to: mwallner@csusm.edu.

**Directions:* The Harbor Inn is conveniently located at the "very end" of Rosecrans Street in San Diego and can be reached from I-5 north or south or from the I-8 freeway. To pass through the guard posted at the entrance to the base, please identify yourself as part of the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB.





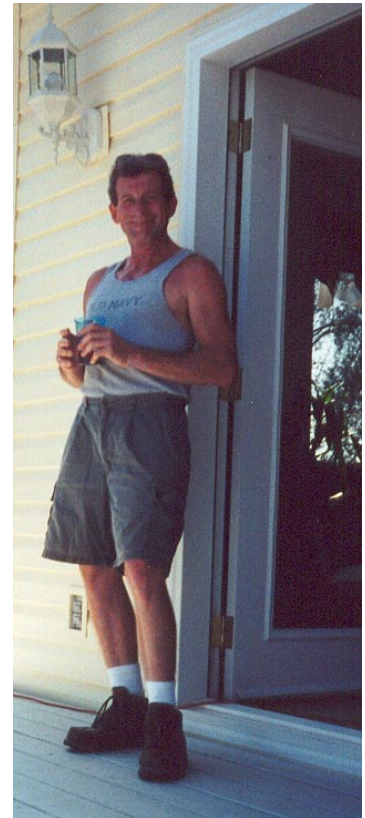
The reason for the party was Phil Wolfsen's 50th birthday. Happy Birthday, Phil!

MIATA MAGAZINE PARTY
October 8, 2000



Above - A large crowd of friends and Miata family gathered around the pool to share the day with Barb Beach and husband Phil.

Right - The birthday boy. We couldn't get a picture of Barb, she was too busy doing everything, as usual.



PHOTOS: DIANE LONG



Above - Parking in the horse corral.



Above & below - Almost as exciting as the live band, Tom Thompson showed off his new red/tan 2001!



Smile, You're on Camera!

When wedding photographer John Alexanders was plying his trade in Julian October 1, he spied a covey of cute, cuddly convertibles coming down the street. Abandoning his wedding duties, he quickly turned his camera to capture the scene below. Makes a nice contrast between the slick modern cars and the horse-drawn buggy. Which would you prefer for a Sunday spin?
— TOM SPRAGUE



PHOTO: JOHN ALEXANDERS

Utah Fall Leaf Run

September 21– 25, 2000

Most people, if they were victims of an attempted murder, would want to tell everyone about it... but not me. Most people would want to explain how SAL CAUSARANO attempted to kill them...but I wouldn't. Most people would want to detail how Sal deliberately drove the power boat that had been rented on Lake Powell across the wake of another boat while they were leisurely walking toward the stern...however, I won't. Most people would then continue to describe how they flew up in the air and came crashing down on the windshield of the boat, crushing the windshield and receiving a near fatal blow to their— better *ask* them where they were hurt—but I won't stoop to that level. I am going to tell you about a great trip that ended up in Provo, Utah for the Fall Leaf Run hosted by the UTAH MIATA CLUB.

We left with Sal and GERI CAUSARANO on Friday night, September 15th. Two Miatas headed for Las Vegas... one dark one and one of color. The trip that the four of us made covered ten days, 2,650 miles, and four states. We experienced 106 degrees in Las Vegas and snow in Provo. We visited twelve National Parks/Monuments/Recreation Areas/Forests and two State Parks. We met the biker group of Assembly of God Ministers at dinner in the only restaurant in Torrey, Utah. We learned how to pack and unpack a Miata in less time than it takes to put the top up. Yes, BUZER does have a top...we even used it.

But the event that we were targeting was the Fall Leaf Run. ROBERT and LAUREN THOMPSON had attended the run last year and were able to interest three



PHOTO: LAURIE & STEVE WAID



PHOTO: CHARLENE & JIM BROKAW

Laurie & Steve Waid try to keep the crowds away from Buzer.

other couples in making the trek to Utah and meet us. On Friday evening, September 22nd, ED and MICHELLE LANGMAID, TOM and STEF GOULD, and JIM and CHARLENE BROKAW arrived with the Thompsons at the Hampton Inn in Provo where the Causaranos and WAIDS patiently waited. We were hungry.

This is Laurie taking over - STEVE ran out of gas...probably because of his brush with death. The SDMC group ate a casual dinner, then went back to the hotel to wait for morning, when the Provo fun began.

The Utah Miata Club is not large. It

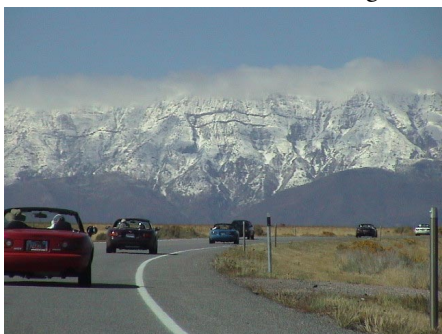


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also is not centrally located, since its members come from all over the state. So Saturday, our first full day in Provo, we were hosted only by Wanda and Bill. Wanda is the firecracker enthusiast that keeps the sparks flying in Provo. Bill, her husband, is a "good ol' boy" complete with "Hoss" sized hat and cowboy boots. They own a ranch outside of Provo and have horses, dogs, and Miatas. Their daughter, Brandi, who joined us later in the day and for dinner, has a 10AE given to her by her grandmother as a graduation gift. Bill and Wanda have a red one and a black one.

Now, we hit it off with Wanda the minute she stopped at the Hampton Inn

to greet us. Her first words were "Who owns the yellow one? I LOVE the yellow ones!" We were instant friends. Wanda and Bill took us on a Saturday run through snow, rain and wind...through canyons and up hills, around and about on some beautiful roads east of Provo, leading up to Sundance Resort, the ski area of the rich and famous, owned and publicized by Robert Redford himself. It is a beautiful area, and was freshly blanketed with powdery snow, dusting all the

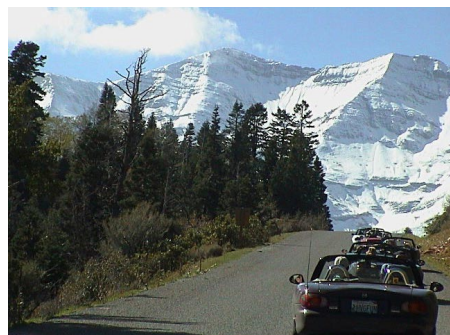


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fall colored trees but barely hitting the ground, so not much was on the roads. We checked out the gift shop and bakery and sampled huge cookies before lunch. A short drive provided a wonderful place to eat lunch in a beautiful lodge with good food. We then continued on to another park area where we saw salmon swimming upstream so close it seemed you could reach out and catch them with your hands. It was chilly and wet, and definitely a top-up day, but beautiful in its contrast, after having been so warm going across the desert and at Lake Powell. Later that evening, Wanda and Bill arranged a wonderful dinner at a restaurant outside of town...great food, great music, and new friends to get to know. The president of the Utah club and his wife joined us for dinner.

Californians, especially we natives, get pretty excited about weather of any kind other than "night and morning low clouds, clearing around 10 at the coast, nearing 80 inland." It was really fun to have some changes in the weather. The next morning, the day of the official "Fall Leaf Run," the backdrop for Provo was huge mountains capped with lots of snow. The sun came out to warm us up, and off we went after breakfast, 25 cars, including six from San Diego. One yellow, a few white ones, lots of reds, and



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lots of dark. Again, Wanda and Bill led, this time in their red car—zipping along mountain roads, watching for cows or other wildlife on the road. The Utah group isn't used to using CBs much, but we indoctrinated them quickly. We stopped for many “photo-ops” as we used the background of the snow to set off the jelly bean colors of the Miatas. The sun was out and though it was brisk, it wasn't freezing, so again, we were top-down so we could enjoy the full effect of the bright sun on the snow, the fall colors of red and YELLOW peeping through a white toping. It was gorgeous.

We ate lunch at little local diner somewhere outside of Provo where we warmed up and filled up. They probably haven't had that many customers on a Sunday, *ever*, and may never again! In Utah, because the Mormons spend Sundays at their services and with their families, and don't go out, most restaurants and many other businesses are closed. There was virtually no activity in many of the little towns we drove through on Sunday...even finding an open gas station was a challenge. It didn't matter—the traffic was very light which enabled us to fly past

lakes, snowy fields, and country farms. It is an idyllic area if you like peace and quiet...as for me, it was a nice place to visit, but I like my sunshine even better!

The Waids and the Causaranos had many miles more to travel that Sunday, so we split from the rest of the group and headed south around 3 p.m. in order to make Mesquite, Nevada before it got too late. We did that on I-15 with no trouble—fast, wide, and not too busy. After spending the night in Mesquite, we headed home on I-15 and were here in Escondido around 4 p.m.— back to being hot, definitely tired, and ready for our own bed. One big advantage to “traveling light” is that you don't have much to unpack. It all went straight into the laundry.

It was a terrific trip with terrific people...fun, silly at times, and never boring. It is a real treat to be able to talk to a friend by CB anytime you want to on a trip - to know they're there and to anticipate fun together.

Try it sometime, you'll like it too!
— STEVE and LAURIE WAID



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They started in the north...



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...and they started in the south.



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Each group drove for a while...



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...before meeting in Poway for a picnic lunch.



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They visited a local winery, before driving some more before dinner.



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October 14 - Saturday 1st Annual Surf'N'Versary

Wow, my tires are still smokin'. What a great day. What a great club!

Many thanks to everyone who helped. STEVE and PAULA KENNINGSON, JIM and CHARLENE BROKAW did a great job planning the two morning fun runs. Both went off without a hitch and everyone at the picnic talked about what a fun morning they had.

Speaking of the picnic, my thanks to BARB TEMPLETON and SUE HINKLE for putting together a terrific lunch. The food was cooked to order, we had a lot of laughs, and you guys did a great job collecting all the raffle items, plus getting up before sunrise to reserve the park.

GERI CAUSARANO donated all the wine bottle carriers that everyone got and she and Sal opened their home to an "after dinner" apple pie and ice cream treat for all the day's diehards.

Thanks to American Battery for donating a Miata battery as a prize and Cush Mazda for their items. By the way, Cush Mazda will honor their Costco discount program to the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB from now until next April. (See the article on page 5)

OK, its only 364 more days until SURF'N'VERSARY II. I can't wait!

I think we had more smiles per twistiesthan you could count.

— JACK and SUE DiLUSTRO



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Jack DiLustro hands out the hand-made wine bags donated by Geri Causarano.

My Horn Won't Blow

Rocky and I have been looking into why some of you are having reliability or short life problems with your air horns. I have had trouble with the compressors not working well in the car, but working great on a "bench test"...very frustrating. When we worked on the horns of my wife ANN's Miata, we found the compressor motor had very little output air volume, and consequently, the horns were not loud at all.

We installed a new set of horns with a new compressor, but this time we also installed the provided relay allowing more current (electricity) to be delivered to the motor. This will let the compressor run better and faster, producing more air volume, and thus the horn is louder.

Why the difference? The stock wiring is designed to provide the amount of power needed to drive the small stock toy



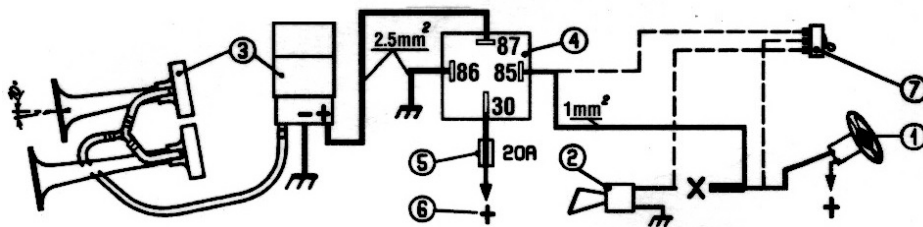
horn. Yes, that is correct, there is a relay in this circuit provided from the factory, but the circuit the factory horn is on cannot provide enough power. The "pipe" isn't big enough to allow the proper amount of current to flow. The factory horn circuit is part of the stop light circuit, so if you step on the brake while blowing your new air horns, you will most likely blow the fuse. If you replace the 15 amp fuse with a 20 amp fuse, the fuse will not blow, but the motor still is current deprived. Eventually it or the horns will fail.

If you follow the simple schematic that comes with the air horns, as shown in the accompanying illustration here, you can install your air horns simply and properly. By using a larger gauge wire, like 12

AWG, directly from the main fuse located in the fuse box under the hood, you will have a straight shot from the battery to the compressor motor via the relay you installed. Don't forget an inline fuse!

The relay allows the horn button to carry the low current required to activate the relay only, which is safe to use in the steering wheel. When the horn relay is activated by pushing the horn button, its contacts connect the battery directly to the compressor motor. With the correct size "pipe" installed, the motor is free to draw all the current it needs. Not only will the compressor run better, but it will also last longer and the horns should be louder as well.

— LARRY DENNSTEDT



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For Sale: '99 MIATA— one of a kind, better than new, perfect inside & out, black with

two-tone leather interior, 17" BBS wheels, style-bar with built in clear windscreen, \$12,000 in upgrades, a very special Miata, asking \$18,999 OBO. (I will sell parts). Appearance side-sills for '99-2000 Miatas, black (can be repainted any color) \$200 OBO.

Dean (858) 587-1806 or Indking@oclink.com

For Sale: Short throw shifter from Dealer Alternative. Cost new was \$299 plus tax and shipping, yours for \$100. (Doesn't work on a six speed). High flow grill \$10. Rod Millen Header; cost new \$350 plus tax and shipping, from a '90 and is in good condition. Fits '90 to '93. The header pipes near the transmission were sleeved for easy removal when you are doing the clutch. \$150. Original '90 alloy wheels, chrome plated with chrome hubcaps: \$275. Sebring supercharger for '90-'93: \$1,200, worked good when removed. I also have doors, trunk, rear fenders, rear bumper, mirrors (all are red and in good condition). Engine and transmission with about 25k miles on them, kevlar clutch, Tokico shocks and lots of misc parts from a '90 Miata. Wally, (619) 232-2801 ext 313 or 234-2858, or wallymiata@juno.com

For Sale: 14" OEM aluminum wheels from a '91 Miata w/tires, only \$140. That's only \$35 each wheel; what a deal! OBO. Alex (619) 275-0819

For Sale: Canon A-1 35mm camera outfit.

Canon A-1 body plus 24mm (f/2.8), and 50mm (f/1.4) Canon FD lenses. Both lenses include leather cases. Canon Speedlite 199A flash with diffuser and case, lens hoods, filters, etc. Everything in nearly-legendary condition. Bob, (858) 486-4711 or voodoo@miata.net

For Sale: Men's 12-speed bike, call for details, \$40. Pac Bell Caller ID telephone, \$40 OBO.

Richard, (619) 286-2412 or rscherschel@home.com

For Sale: A set of 14-inch original equipment wheels from a '99 is looking for a good home. Pick your price!

Rick, (760) 740-8595 or communicator@home.com

Don't be left out!

The SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB holiday party is on Sunday, December 17th.

To attend, you **MUST** send your RSVP, and payment, in by November 26th.

See the article on page 6 for details.