

# SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB NEWS



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## Miata Owners Club - The Update

On Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, I attended the second Miata Owners Club (MOC) Advisory Council meeting. The meeting was held at Mazda North American Operations headquarters in Irvine. The intent of this meeting was to spend a day together to formulate plans which will transform the Miata Owners Club from a Mazda-owned club to a member-owned club; more on this later.

MOC member benefits will be enhanced this year. One way of introducing new Miata owners to the club will be underwritten entirely by Mazda. As of January 1, 2002, anyone purchasing a new Miata will be given a free one year membership in the MOC. This process is now being set up between Mazda and MOC. I am excited about this benefit, as it will introduce all new Miataphiles to the world of the MOC and, in turn, local club involvement.

Mazda has stepped forward with some other benefits that will be added this year. The first will be an MOC Preferred Dealer Network. This will give Mazda dealers the opportunity to sign up to offer discounted parts and services to members of the Miata Owners Club. If this goes through, the proposed plan is better than what we have in place with our local dealerships now, so I hope it happens and the dealers sign up for it! In addition to this, the Mazda Customer Assistance Center will be offering a dedicated hotline to provide special assistance to MOC members. Imagine that...a direct line to somebody who cares! And last but not least on the list of near-term benefits, the MOC Web site will be enhanced with a "members only" section.

There are even more proposed benefits, but of a different kind. The MOC Advisory Council was advised by Mazda that they will be offering some financial sponsorship for a number of club events this year around the country. After seeing the list, which demonstrates Mazda's willingness to provide financial support for a very wide variety of events, I will submit some of our events for review and approval. If all goes well, we too will get some money from MOC to support these events! The official list will be forthcoming from Mazda in a few weeks. I will share it with you at that time.

And now for the rest of the story (sorry, Mr. Harvey)...

Following up on previous discussions, Mazda re-stated that they look forward to successfully transitioning MOC ownership and control to its members in 2002.

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President's Message (Continued from page 1)

Mazda is committed to sponsoring (read as financial support) the MOC in the future and continuing its close involvement, however the company will not be running the club. This transition will be accomplished as soon as possible this year.

Together, the Miata Owners Club Advisory Council and Mazda mapped out a transition timeline that includes hiring an Executive Director for the MOC as well as electing a representative from each region. Mazda is currently accepting resumes for the MOC Executive Director position, and plans to have this position filled and the newly-elected council in place by this summer.

I believe that with all the changes being made in the club, such as the benefits that will be added as we move forward, and especially the free first year membership, the sustained membership in the club will grow substantially over the next few years, making this club bigger and better than anything we have had in the past. Remember, MOC is about individual members. I believe that once the club is independent and has the ability to garner another major benefit—club insurance—there could then be a powerful reason for a local club to affiliate itself officially with the MOC. What will affiliation mean? Nobody knows yet, as this is not a current focus for the club. As I stated, the current focus is to provide benefits for the individual members to grow the organization.

As soon as there is more information, I will pass it on. I believe that there will be more frequent items to bring to you, as the club is now on a fast track to transition.

Until next month...

— ELLIOT

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!

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Send an e-mail to the Club Webmaster/Postmaster, ROBERT HOLLAND, [webmaster@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:webmaster@sandiegomiataclub.org), and he will make the necessary changes for you. In addition, don't forget to send your updated Cox.net e-mail address to [membership@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:membership@sandiegomiataclub.org) so the membership database can be kept current.

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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](http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org)

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

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**Laguna Seca Track Day**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 5

**Place:** Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca (Monterey, CA)

**Coordinator:** Aaron Tachibana, [tach9@pacbell.net](mailto:tach9@pacbell.net), (408) 738-3290

**SDMC info/caravan:** STEF GOULD, [stef@miata.net](mailto:stef@miata.net), (619) 297-4272



If you have been thinking you'd like to drive on the historic Laguna Seca track, now is the time! There are very few people registered for this date, you will the track almost to yourself! The day begins with a drivers' meeting and a lead-and-follow around the track. Instructors will be available to ride with you, give you a ride in their cars, or to drive your Miata with you as the passenger. There will be 3 groups running 20 minute sessions: novice, intermediate, and advanced. Novice and intermediate are limited to passing ONLY in designated straights. You'll have the opportunity to drive over 100 miles on the track.

You must have a Snell 95 or later helmet, a 4-point (or better) roll bar and have your Miata tech inspected by a state-certified mechanic.

Cost is \$325. Contact Aaron ASAP Motel info: Quality Inn, 1058 Munras Ave., Monterey, (800) 361-3835 Mention Aaron Tachibana's Miata group when making your reservations, \$50 single.

**Autocross**

**Dates:** Saturday, February 9

Sunday, February 10

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Place:** Qualcomm Stadium Mission Valley, west lot, DCCSD Saturday, practice. Sunday, championship event.



**San Diego International Auto Show**

**Date:** February 13-18

**Place:** San Diego Convention Center



111 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego.  
**Contact:** STEF GOULD, [stef@miata.net](mailto:stef@miata.net), (619) 297-4272

SDMC has, once again, been offered the chance to "work" Mazda's exhibit alongside their salesmen at the San Diego International Auto Show. Mazda recognizes our enthusiasm for their products and hopes that some of it will rub off on the general public! Your "job" will be to talk to the public about Mazda, the Miata and the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB. *Free* admission for volunteers (you'll have to pay for your own parking—approx \$4).

Don't delay; if you'd like to help out at Mazda's exhibit please contact Stef Gould with your first, second, and third choices of day/shift.

Shifts will be 6 hours long—Morning (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Evening (4 p.m. - 10 p.m.). On Wednesday, there will be one shift: 3 p.m.- 9 p.m. There will be two shifts per day Thursday thru Sunday. On Monday (President's Day), morning only, as the show will close in the early evening.

**Suspension and Driving Seminar**



**Date:** Saturday, February 16

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Place:** Mazda North America Operations Headquarters  
7755 Irvine Center Drive,  
Irvine, CA

**Event Coordinator:** STEF GOULD, [stef@miata.net](mailto:stef@miata.net), (619) 297-4272

Aaron Tachibana will lead this seminar which will focus on suspension setups, suspensions as a system, tires, wheels, and differences between the various suspension components available in the marketplace.

We will discuss track driving techniques that are applicable to everyday driving as well as the track. We will cover panic management and discuss what your suspension system is communicating to you, the driver, and-

how to take advantage of it. We will cover track driving vs. street applications and discuss various tire/wheel combinations to maximize your driving applications. We will cover popular Miata and RX-7 suspension systems that can be tailored to the individual driver's requirements, as well as dispel many myths about those systems.

We will cover engine maintenance and popular enhancements to both the Miata and Rotary engines, including what, how, and when, plus the benefits of current motor oils, popular brake upgrades...myth and fact, and performance/street brake usage and componentry.

There will be a large block of time to answer questions on the various subject matters not covered in the focus bulletin. There will be a large block of time to answer questions on performance driving—such as driving techniques, reading the lines, braking, etc. This is an interactive seminar and Aaron encourages avid participation from the audience.

Aaron has over 40,000 miles of track driving experience. He has been producing Track Days at Laguna Seca, Thunderhill, and Sears Point for the past six years. There is no charge to attend the seminar.

After the seminar you have the option to adjourn to a local restaurant for lunch and continued camaraderie.

\*\*Please RSVP to Stef Gould. She needs an accurate count for seating arrangements at Mazda Corporate.

*Directions:* Exit I-5 at Alton Parkway. Head West (toward the Irvine Spectrum). Turn Right onto Gateway. Turn Right into the Mazda parking lot.

**There's Something Fishy About This Run! II**



**Date:** Sunday, February 24

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**Meeting Time:** 8:45 a.m. drivers meeting. Departure 9 a.m.

**Meeting Place:** McDonald's on Oceanside Blvd. Just off of I-5.

**Run Leader:** RICH BEST, (619) 221-1974 or [richbest@webtv.net](mailto:richbest@webtv.net)

*This Run qualifies toward mileage award.*

Put up your tops, bring your umbrellas and rain coats, and come and join me for the second annual FISHY RUN. This year we will again be visiting an aquarium, The Aquarium Of The Pacific, in Long Beach.

We will head north to San Clemente, where we will catch the Pacific Coast Highway for a scenic coastal cruise up through the beach towns of Southern California. About Sixty miles from Oceanside we will stop and enjoy a fun-filled time at this great and almost new Aquarium. Then, a chance for a bite to eat at one of the fine establishments on the new Pine Street. There is a great fish house that I'm looking forward too.

Cost for the Aquarium is \$16.95 per person if bought at the door. If purchased before Feb. 15th \$13.95. These tickets are good for one year, so if you purchased the tickets in advance and then couldn't make the run, they are still good for 12 months. Food prices vary from cheap to "Oh my God!" depending where and what you order.



### Monthly Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, February 28

**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!*

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Puke-O-Rama 2002

**Date:** Saturday, March 23

**Meeting Place:** ARCO



Olympic Training Visitors Center, north parking lot, Chula Vista, CA

**Meeting Time:** Drivers Meeting 10 a.m.

**Organizers:** STEVE & LAURIE WAID  
(760) 432-0727 and [swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net)

The 2002 Puke will offer a new starting point and some changes to the overall course, yet keeps some familiar elements.

What will be different:

1. We will start in South San Diego County. The exact starting point and time will be announced in the near future.
2. Some new roads that have not been a part of any of the previous Pukes.
3. A "loop" course that will start us in the South and finish in the North County.

What will be familiar:

1. The Puke's signature road... Engineers Road.
2. My favorite...Mesa Grande.
3. Dudley's and Pies
4. Five separate and smaller run groups...allowing people to enjoy the Puke at their own pace. Includes the always popular Daffodil Group.
5. Independent drivers leave first.
6. Dalton's Roadhouse at the finish for fine American food. (That means Gourmet Meatloaf).

The Puke-O-Rama is a driving event that puts together the twistiest roads in San Diego County back to back to back to back...you get the picture. This design makes the Puke an event that is most likely to cause illness in the co-pilot...hence the event name.

Be sure to expect the unexpected, and rest assured, the Puke-O-Rama is a DRIVER'S event.



### Laguna Seca Track Day

**Date:** Monday, March 25

**Place:** Mazda Raceway at

Laguna Seca (Monterey, CA)

**Cost:** \$350

See the "Laguna Seca Track Day" on February 5th (listed on page 3) for the details.



### Tech Day in Ramona

**Date:** Saturday, March 30

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Place:** The home of SAL & GERI CAUSARANO

### SDMC Annual Meeting

and Board Elections

**Date:** Saturday, April 27

**Place:** San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



### Danny McKeever's Fast Lane High Performance Driving School

**Dates:** May 4 - 5

**Place:** Streets of Willow Springs

**Coordinator:** Robert Arance,  
(661) 295-8140 x490 or [roberta@uvdi.com](mailto:roberta@uvdi.com).

This high performance driving school is open to drivers of *all* skill levels. You will be grouped according to your comfort level and track experience for maximum safety.

Entry fee includes:

- ☞ High performance driving manual
- ☞ 5x7 group picture
- ☞ Lunch each day
- ☞ Certificate of completion
- ☞ Classroom instruction
- ☞ Individual ride-along instruction
- ☞ Approximately 150 to 175 track miles per day

Saturday and/or Sunday at the "Streets of Willow" track \$175 for 1 day school (Saturday for Novice, all others either day) \$350 for 2 day



school

Limited to a maximum of 30 drivers each day (two 15 car run groups). No roll over bar or racing belts required. Helmets and driving suits provided. Teenagers are welcome with signed parental consent form.

Monday on the 2 ½ mile "Willow Springs International Raceway" track.

- \* \$200 for the day.
- \* Must have completed the 2-day "Streets of Willow" school.
- \* Cars must have roll over bars and racing belts to participate on the big track.
- \* Monday event depends on having at least 8 entries.

Payment, by check for the full amount, made out to Robert Arance, should be sent to:

Robert Arance  
25455 Via Dalia  
Valencia, CA 91355

Please RSVP to Robert ASAP...spots will be reserved with receipt of money.

Willow Springs Web Site:

<http://www.willowspringsraceway.com/>

Danny McKeever's Web Site:

<http://www.raceschool.com/>

**Hotel Info:** The group hotel room rate at the Park Plaza (formerly the Essex House—(800/524-2924 or 661/948-0961) in Lancaster, approximately 20 minutes from the track, is \$60 for a double or king, add \$10 for an extra person. Ask for the Willow Springs Rate. There will be a group dinner Saturday night. There are several hotels and motels in the area if you wish to make different arrangements.

### The Search for Madonna 2002

**When:** May 4-6

**Coordinator:** STEVE WAID

[swaid@cox.net](mailto:swaid@cox.net), (760) 432-0727

On Saturday, March 4th, an SDMC group leaves San Diego County as a caravan and heads towards Frazier Park. This is the northern rendezvous point. From here we take a scenic and



twisty route through the mountains to Highway 101 just North of Santa Maria and then head north to the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. After lunch at the Madonna Inn coffee shop, we take an "exploratory fun run" that introduces the participants to the roads and scenery of the area. We return to the Madonna Inn to check in and get cleaned up for the Saturday night banquet. After eating we do room tours of the participants rooms at the Inn. The Madonna Inn has 109 distinctly different and elaborately decorated rooms. Each participant will have chosen a room to his liking. Sunday morning, after breakfast, we will take a short fun run to Morro Bay where we will find a car show featuring over 300 hot rods and street rods. Shopping will be also "allowed." After lunch, Julie Stefanelli will lead us on a fun run that will take us North on Highway 101 and then toward the coast and over the mountains to Highway 1, and south will return us to Cambria and/or Morro Bay for dinner, then return to the Madonna Inn for a good night's rest. Sunday morning, after breakfast, the caravan will start heading home. A stop in Solvang for shopping and eating will be the break as we again experience some of the backcountry roads that lead us back toward Los Angeles and ultimately San Diego.

### How to become a Searcher:

Go to the Madonna Inn Web page ([www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com)) and make your room selection. Call the Madonna Inn and reserve your room. Be sure to say "Miata club" so that you can access the reserved block of rooms. Call or e-mail me with your room selection, by room name and number. Sit back and wait. Anticipation is half the fun. There are changes to this year's search itinerary. Those of you that have searched before will experience some new twists (pun intended).

## UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

### Lone Star Miata Club's Miata Madness 2002



**When:** March 8th - 10th

**Where:** Westin Beachwood hotel, Fort Worth, Texas.

**Accommodations:** \$65 per night at the beautiful, new, Westin Beechwood hotel.

Space is very limited, especially for the popular hot laps that will take place on the exciting new road course inside Texas Motor Speedway. Only the first 50 hot laps registration forms received (based on postmark date) will be eligible for participation! We will have a fun-filled weekend with several Miata events for all to enjoy. Funcannas, tours, pit stop, and show & shine are but a few of the planned events. Fabulous prizes to be won. Visit the Miata Madness 2002 Web site for event & hot lap registration forms.

<http://www.lonestarmiata.net/MM/index.html>

### Sahuaro Miata Club Second Annual Miata Roundup Car Show



**Date:** Saturday, March 16

**Place:** Tex Earnhardt Ford/Mazda, I-10 & Ray Road, Chandler, AZ

**Times:** Registration will start at 9 a.m.

The show will start at 10 a.m. and last until 3 p.m.

**Contacts:** Ben Cleaves,

[bcleaves@earthlink.net](mailto:bcleaves@earthlink.net) or Theresa

Kernitzki, [tee-lee@qwest.net](mailto:tee-lee@qwest.net)

[www.sahuaromiataclub.org](http://www.sahuaromiataclub.org)

Last year's Roundup was a big success with 40+ cars entered. We are sure that we will surpass that number of entrants this year. This is a great way to get ideas to customize your Miata, or to just spend a pleasant afternoon talking about our great little cars.

The registration fee this year is \$20 per Miata entered, and you must be registered to be eligible to win the door prizes. Vendor registration fee

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—SALLY & MORRIS (“MG”) HILL

When my husband, “MG”, and I joined SDMC less than a year ago, we were the owners of a ‘96 M edition and “oh so many” Jeeps.

MG collects cars, so we have become very sly about hiding them (spreading them) around so that nobody in the neighborhood will notice and complain. He mainly collects Willys Jeeps, including a 1948 Jeepster, 1948 CJ2A, 1956 Wagon and 1956 Truck. He also has a 1953 MG TD and belongs to the MG T club, along with the SHACKS and JOHNSONS.

I met MG (the man, and the car) four years ago on a blind date in the MG TD. My first words to my future husband were “TD or TC?”. He said other women he had dated rarely noticed that the car was different, much less knew what it was. We were married last April on a streetcar in New Orleans (where MG is from) and moved into an old house in Point Loma, with lots of areas for cars.

After we were married, it was clear he would drive the sensible four-door (to pick up his kids) and I needed “something else”. I thought of going

back to the Jaguar E-type coupe I owned for 10 years, but they are hard to find and now very expensive. I wanted something small, tossable, and barely practical. Fate had moved me toward Miata.

My father had surprised my mother on her 60th birthday with a brand new 1992 red Miata with a hardtop. He put white sheets over everything in the garage to “stage” it and put a large red bow on top. She opened the garage door unaware of anything new and her jaw dropped! I knew from that point the Miata was what I wanted.

I looked around and just fell in love with the dark blue of the ‘96 M edition. I was infinitely happy with my move to Miata. For 10 grand I got the ‘96 M edition with all the goodies, headrest speakers (MSSS), ABS, Torsen LSD, Nardi wood grips and at less than 50K miles, still a teenager. All she needed was new sparkplugs/wires, a battery, and a tower brace.

One day we lined the Miata up with the Jag and they were less than a foot apart, in overall length. The compromise was in horsepower. After owning the Miata for awhile, I began to question whether more horsepower

was really needed. The MG TD has some ridiculously small number of horsepower (95?), after all, yet it is a blast to drive though the curves.

However, I did become annoyed with people running me off the road in the Miata because they “didn’t see me”—read “I need something bright!” (Great excuse, what?). Enter the Mazda special order program.

When the program was open, I suffered great temptation, but I managed to resist (timing was not right). Afterwards I regretted not ordering the bright “Laser Blue” LS and kicked myself for weeks. Then, thanks to roving SDMC members (a few of whom I have met at Mazda dealers stalking the lots) I was given a “heads up” on a yellow at Cush. I knew that some of the special order colors were being sent to various dealers, so I called and, sure enough, a Laser Blue LS with hardtop was on the lot.

As soon as I recovered a pulse, I rushed down to Cush and the result you can see. The 02 Laser Blue (it even rhymes!). I am not too keen on the Tupperware (appearance package), as that is something I would not have ordered; however, I know that I am truly blessed, very lucky, and I will be happy for years to come in my Blue (*WhooHooo!*).

And please don’t forget...MG is collecting all Willys Jeep products (if you have a panel truck, give us a call).

See you (briefly) on the back roads.

—SALLY HILL

*To be included in our ongoing series of Member Profiles, write a short (200-400 word) summary and e-mail it to:*

[newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto: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.*



**New Members!**

**WELCOME to our newest members (since last newsletter):**

MARC BORZA & ASHLEY MCKENZIE  
San Diego  
1994 Black

TIM "TC" CRICK  
San Diego  
1995 Montego Blue

ANDY & SOFIA FERNANDEZ  
National City  
1990 White

DAVID FITZPATRICK & RON BAETZ  
Borrego Springs  
1999 10AE (Sapphire Blue)

ANDY KEARL & BEATA JEDRZEJCZAK  
San Diego  
1994 Laguna Blue

LEE KERL  
San Diego  
1994 Black

JEREMY "JB" LAGDAO  
& MICHELLE COOPER  
San Diego  
1995 Montego Blue

CHRIS & HILARY MACPHAIL  
Solana Beach  
2002 Midnight Blue

JACK ROLAND  
La Mesa  
2001 SE (Mahogany)

GEOFF SCOTT  
San Diego  
1999 Emerald Green Leather

DONNA SINKWAY & STAN FRY  
Riverside  
1994 Black

MAMIKO SUZUKI  
San Diego  
1999 Black

**Renewing Members**

(since last newsletter):

- ERIC & NANCY ABAD
- JOHN & LINDA BREEN
- HERM BREHMER
- DIANA CARMEL & ERIC SEILO
- THOMAS T. CHAN
- MARCIA J. DOHT
- RON & NANCY GELINAS
- DUSTIN LEWIS  
& VIKKTORIA WELLINGTON
- CAROLYN NESPOLO  
& JIM DAVIDSON
- ALLAN & LINDA PABIAN
- LARRY READ & ELIZABETH NORRIS
- JOHN & JOYCE RICHARDSON
- DEB ROSS & BOB PFEIFFER
- JERED S. SCOTT
- JIM & TIGER THYDEN
- TED & TAMARA TIMMONS
- ROY & MARY TWEEDIE


**Membership Statistics**

As of January 28, 2002, there are 366 memberships (146 single, 220 dual) for a total of 586 members.

Memberships by Miata Color:

- 97 Red
- 51 White
- 40 Black
- 33 Emerald Green
- 32 Silver
- 18 Montego Blue
- 12 BRG
- 12 Sapphire Blue
- 10 Mariner Blue
- 10 Yellow
- 9 Mahogany
- 9 Marina Green
- 9 Twilight Blue
- 8 Laguna Blue
- 7 Crystal Blue
- 7 Starlight Blue
- 5 Merlot
- 3 Midnight Blue
- 2 Evolution Orange
- 1 Laser Blue
- 1 Eggplant (custom)
- 1 Teal (custom)
- 8 Unreported\*

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


**Calling All Candidates!**

**W**e will be publishing biographical profiles in the April newsletter for candidates seeking elected office at the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB annual meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being considered for election, you are encouraged to submit a short (200-300 word) biographical profile. Include your name and a brief description of your qualifications, skills, desires, or goals as a member of the executive board.

This is an opportunity for potential nominees to let club members know about their desire to serve the membership. However, a biographical profile is not a requirement for nomination and election at the annual meeting.

Please send your profiles to the club post office box, or e-mail them directly to the editor at [newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org).

Only profiles received by March 15 will be included in the April edition of the newsletter.

—EDITOR



PHOTO: ANDY DEVENDORF



January 1 - Tuesday  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hangover Run

Being a sports car enthusiast at the turn of the century (the 21st Century) is often a challenge. Our roads and parking lots are filled with huge SUVs that lumber along, filling our view with steel, rubber, and those silly propeller blade hitch covers. All too often, we hear comments like “your car is a roller-skate!” or “is it safe?” That is why it was so satisfying for me to hear the driver of a Ford F250 towing a boat, surrounded by sports cars on the Hangover Run, to say “I feel so out of place! I should have something smaller.” Yes, my friend, you should.

For had he been driving something nimble, with a true sporting character, he could have joined our group of 133 cars on the Fifth Annual Hangover Run. Despite a sequence of dreary, rainy days (including fog to muffle the New Year’s Eve fireworks), January 1, 2002 arrived and delivered a picture-perfect day for top-down driving. I was amazed as the cars kept rolling in, especially since the directions to the run were wrong (a street changed name between the time I wrote the directions and the day of the run).

Amazingly, we topped the 2001 total of 107 cars. For 2002, we had 102 Miatas, 24 RX-7s, 5 Honda S2000s, 1 Audi TT, and joining us mid-stream was 1 Acura NS-X. This must be some sort of record (but then again, I’ve said that since 1999), as we had guests & drivers from far away places such as Puget Sound, the Netherlands, and Australia. I didn’t realize it until the drivers meeting was over, but quietly mixing in the crowd was

BOB HALL, the “Father of the Miata,” who couldn’t come on the run but wanted to socialize with other top-down aficionados.



PHOTO: BARB & ELLIOTSHEV

Left to Right Bob Hall, Petra van den Berge, Zack Broadbent, Elliot Shev.

— Make up your own caption!

The run included the host club of SOCALM (Southern California Miata Club) along with the SoCal7s RX-7 club, SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB, San Diego RX-7 Club, Southern California S2000 Club, and Club Quattro. It was great to see the S2000 club in attendance, even if we did get a few Mazda-inspired laughs at their expense. During the drivers meeting, I was praising the S2000 for being a “true sports car & roadster” and thanking them for not being the typical “ricer” Honda Civic (lowered, loud exhaust with huge tailpipe). Just as I was describing the “ricer” Civics, one of them slowly drove by. I couldn’t have timed it better if I had tried.

As the run started, I quickly discovered that my new FRS radios were useless for keeping contact between my car and the sweep. Many thanks must go out to Bob Pierce (’01 British Racing Green Miata) and his co-pilot BARI RUSSELL (who left her ’93 White Miata behind) for making sure no one was left behind. Knowing how

Bob likes to drive (let’s use the word ‘spirited’), I really appreciate the fact that he volunteered to be sweep. I also have to thank my girlfriend, Tori Bakker (’01 Emerald Miata), for helping me plan the run and for driving the pre-run in her car (Kodora).

The run began in Mission Viejo, heading south towards Ortega Highway via Golden Lantern. Given the size of our group, we were quickly chopped up into many smaller clusters. For some odd reason, the lead cluster seemed to attract the ire of several “ricer” Hondas (maybe they heard about how we laughed at them). Especially along Golden Lantern, they kept challenging me to a race. I’ll bet they would have thought twice if they realized there were some S2000s hiding in the pack.

After a couple of queues (one of which was supposed to include a sweeping view of the Pacific, but, alas, the haze was too thick) and a brief stint along the freeway, our group was more or less complete as we headed onto Ortega Highway. This is where the run REALLY started making people smile. An unbroken stretch of over 30 miles with fun twisties, exhilarating hills, and grand vistas gave most of our

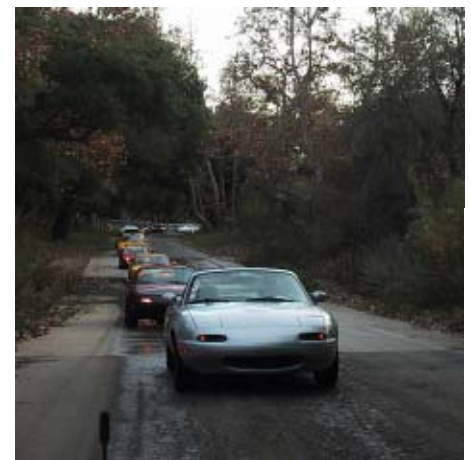


PHOTO: PETRA VANDENBERGE





group a true cure for the common hangover. Sadly, two of our drivers were probably ready for a drink by the time they reached Lake Elsinore. One Miata overheated (but managed to recover at the rest stop) while another died completely (coil pack).

This year's run gave me a unique opportunity to discover that there are several vocations that I don't ever want to pursue. One of them is toll-booth operator. Aside from enjoying the discomfort of big-vehicle owners being surrounded by lots of little sports cars, I found myself repeating "Thank you" about 133 times as everyone drove into the Lake Elsinore West Marina & RV Park. The normal facility fee of \$5 per person was reduced to \$1 per car due to our brief stay at the park, so it was easy for each car to drive past holding out a green-back. My favorites (other than my own '94 Red Miata, of course) were the yellow 3rd gen RX-7 and the yellow Honda S2000. These yellow-car owners, along with a bunch of yellow Miatas, wound up putting a streak of yellow in our group, all parking in a line.

The second half of the run was, by far, the better half. We headed out of Lake Elsinore, past Murrieta, and into Tenaja. This is where the Avocado Mesa Ecological Preserve is located and, more importantly, where the run's signature 27% downgrade can be found. This hill just has to be driven to be believed. Even after 5 years, I still laugh when I see it.

At the bottom of the infamous hill is a new Hangover Run tradition—the circle. I started this last year, when I changed the run's route to include an intentional circle. Last year, Tori and I speculated "will the run's lead meet the sweep?" and were happily surprised when we saw last year's sweep, Tony Willson, zip past in his Ferrari, making our group stretch out over three miles. This year, we again wondered if we'd see the tail. Alas, it

was not to be: we were *longer* than three miles, as we met the line somewhere about two-thirds of the way back.

This year, I had a goal of finishing before it got dark. So, I dispensed with the second rest stop in Fallbrook and took us straight to Temecula. Doing so gave us a chance to drive some stretches of De Luz Road that we had previously bypassed. We also drove the incredible Via Vaquero Road, a mostly-smooth gem with hills, twists, off-camber turns, and a roller-coaster-like climb near the end. It is as if the 27% downgrade at Avocado Mesa is us falling into the rabbit hole while Via Vaquero's climb is us coming back to reality.

The run ended at Marie Callendar's in Temecula. At least 80 people stayed to eat and socialize, helping me to discover another vocation that I never want to pursue: waiter. When I made arrangements with the restaurant for our large group, I didn't think to ask about how we would be billed. Of course, they initially wanted to do one massive check—something no one likes. So, with Bari Russell's help, I worked with the restaurant to start figuring individual table checks.



PHOTO: ANDY DEVENDORF

Thankfully, the staff at Marie Callendar's was willing to break the check apart and do whatever they could to make our lives easier.

This was, by far, the most massive run I have ever led, and I had a blast. These sort of monster runs are few and far between (probably a good thing, too), but when they come they have the potential to be loads of fun. I hope everyone had a good time, and that the pace (where I could control it) was neither too fast nor too slow. I'm already looking forward to 2003 and topping this year's total. But, first I think I'll sit by the fire and have a drink!

— K. ZACK BROADBENT



PHOTO: ANDY DEVENDORF



### 2001 San Diego Region Solo2 Class Results

CONGRATULATIONS to the following SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members on their performance at the Solo2 events in 2001. We will be cheering you, and hopefully an increasing number of SDMC members in 2002.

Class	Driver	Solo2 Club	Place
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	SDAD	1st
IS2	STEVE WAID	SCAT	2nd
CSP	RON CHAPMAN	DCCSD	2nd
CSP	MARA CALER	DCCSD	3rd
SM	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	SCAT	3rd

The complete list of class winners and placing can be found at [www.sdr-solo2.com](http://www.sdr-solo2.com).



Robert "JT" Holland captured the top spot in the SD Region's Improved Street (IS2) class. Most of the SDMC Miatas compete in this class.

Steve Waid showed that consistency is part of the formula for success in autocross. Steve earned the second place trophy in the IS2 class, not by being the fastest at every event, but by participating in every event and having FUN!



Mara Caler and husband Ron Chapman drove their well-prepared CRX to two of the trophies in the CSP class.

Howard Kuzminski took the third-place trophy in the Street Modified (SM) class for 2001. Howard drove his supercharged 1.6-liter Miata up against some high-powered, and high-dollar, machinery in this class.



PHOTOS MARK BOOTH



## AUTOCROSS AT THE "Q"



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

Saturday, February 9.....practice  
 Sunday, February 10.....championship  
 Saturday, March 2.....practice  
 Sunday, March 3.....championship  
 Friday, March 15.....National Tour  
 Saturday, March 16..... " " "  
 Sunday, March 17..... " " "

To confirm autocross information, call:  
 San Diego SCCA Hotlines (619) 441-1333  
 (800) 360-4454

Web page [www.sdr-solo2.com](http://www.sdr-solo2.com)

Come participate or watch SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members race at the autocross (timed event). To participate you need to register for a Solo2 card and number (\$15) and have a DOT approved helmet. Loaner helmets are available at the autocross.

### 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.

ROZ SCOTT & PAULA KENNISON  
 (760) 789-3872 or (858) 271-8498 or  
[regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:regalia@sandiegomiataclub.org).

## January 20, 2002 Autocross Results

Congratulations to the following SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB members on their performance at the first Solo2 championship event of 2002. The event was sponsored by the San Diego ASEBRING Drivers (SDAD), and held at Qualcomm Stadium.

Class	Driver	Car	Place
CS	JAMES SANDERS	Miata	9th
IS2	ROBERT HOLLAND	Miata	1st
IS2	BRIAN GOODWIN	Miata	2nd
IS2	RAINER MUELLER	Miata	4th
IS2	KEVIN HAYWOOD	Miata	6th
IS2	ELLIOT SHEV	Miata	7th
IS2	MICHAEL HEINITZ	Miata	8th
IS2	STEVE WAID	Miata	9th
IS2	JOHN "JD" LIMA	Miata	11th
IS2	JIM BROKAW	Miata	12th
IS2	BOB KUEGER	Miata	14th
IS2	JOSEPH MEDINA	Miata	15th
IS2	BRIAN ANDERSON	Miata	16th
IS2L	BARB SHEV	Miata	2nd
CSP	RON CHAPMAN	Honda CRX	1st
CSP	MARA CALER	Honda CRX	3rd
SU	HOWARD KUZMINSKI	Miata	8th
Novice	ANDREW DEVENDORF	Miata	10th
Novice	DENNIS DIDIER	Miata	38th
Novice	FEDERICO ABAD	Miata	49th

### Changes to Solo II Classes

s always, the new year brings changes and the world of autocross is no exception. Several changes relating to the classification of Miatas for Solo2 have been made by the national Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and the local San Diego region.

The most noticeable changes affect the stock classes. These classes compete with little modification allowed. In the past, the 1.8-liter Miatas (1994 and newer) were placed in the B Stock (BS) class. For 2002 the 1.8 Miatas are in the C Stock (CS) class. The 1990-93 1.6-liter Miatas, which previously occupied CS, are now in the E Stock (ES) class.

In addition to the changes in the stock classes, Street Modified (SM) is now Street Unlimited (SU). Street Unlimited is a San Diego region class where a mixture of vehicles are found that cannot be otherwise classed.

As with last year, the most popular class, for SDMC members anyway, is the Improved Street 2 or (IS2) class. This also is a San Diego region class that allows some modifications from stock, but does not require high-dollar preparations to make your Miata competitive. There is a separate ladies class (IS2L) that needs more ladies to participate in. The more participants in the class, the more trophies will be awarded to the class. Not to mention the *fun* that will be had by all who participate.

— ANTHONY WILDE





January 15 - Tuesday  
Olympic Torch Relay

h my GOSH! Running the Olympic Torch was *the* most incredible moment of my life! I *knew* it would be awesome...I had no idea of the totally overwhelming, wonderful feeling it truly would be.

The Olympic relay team was unbelievably organized and welcoming, truly *into* what they are doing on this fabulous adventure they are taking around this county!

I woke up at midnight after about three hours sleep, wide awake and so excited! Jim, Joley, and I headed out at about 3:30 a.m. and got to my "collection" site at about 5:30. We got there just as the Olympic Torch support caravan did, and from the first moment I stepped out of our van the support team was right there with me. They made a huge fuss over Joley, wanting to know all about Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), getting us organized, introducing us to each other and our "support" runners. A support runner plus several security runners are right with each Torch Bearer every step of the way, should we *need* anything. My support runner was an incredible 16-year-old from Poway. She was just the nicest young woman. Our shuttle manager hinted that it would mean the world to our support runners if the torch bearers let the support runners actually carry the torch for a little bit of our run. What a pleasure it was to hand my torch to my support runner for several yards. I am sure the grin on her face mirrored the one plastered to my face.

They held a short meeting and went over all the details of our run, gave us our torch bearer number (every day they start from 1 and go up throughout the day; I was number 24), and told us how to transfer the flame. Fox News interviewed me (by this time Jim and Joley had left the

collection site to go find a spot on my segment) and an incredible young quadriplegic man who is now interested in a CCI dog.

At about 7:30 they loaded us into our shuttles and we headed to our insertion point—the spot on the route where our shuttle would get into place with the rest of the torch caravan. This huge caravan leapfrogs itself all day long and is *the* most organized thing of which I have ever been part. We waited about 25 minutes and then, from the back of our shuttle you could see this huge event working its way toward us.



PHOTO: JIM PHILLIPS

About 30-60 seconds before the torch gets to where the flame is passed to the next runner, they literally "pop" you and your support runner out of the shuttle, and you are met by your security team. The security runner uses a key to turn on the propane tank in the base of your torch and tells you to turn around and look for the arriving torch. From then on all I focused on was the sight of the prior torch bearer coming straight at me with this huge smile and that awesome Olympic flame. We bent our torches close to each other and I was amazed as I watched the flame leap from his torch to mine!

As soon as my torch was lit, my security runner told me turn around, grin at everyone, and start when I was

ready. There were CCI people and dogs *everywhere!* It was awesome. There were also Lions club, skydiving, and Miata club friends. I cannot begin to explain the feeling when I saw so many people that I love so dearly and that love me in return standing there applauding and cheering for me!

The second I started moving I felt like I was floating several inches off the ground...it was so incredible! I kept looking up at that flame that has come to mean so much to so many and I had goosebumps a mile high. After a short distance, I handed my torch to my support runner (Jenna) and, like I said, the smile on her face was magical. She kept it for several yards and then we ran with it together for a short distance...what a *very* cool thing.

I am no runner, but my adrenaline level was through the roof and all too soon my segment was coming to a close. I could see the next torch bearer, who will be competing in the upcoming Olympics in the Ice Dancing, ahead of me. How fun it will be to cheer her on! She was literally dancing up and down as I approached, and only I know how huge her smile was. Once again it was incredible to watch that flame leap from my torch to hers. As I saw her turn and start her segment, my security runner turned off my torch. Then I was enveloped in a huge CCI hug and Joley was in my arms giving me kisses.

Hugs and tears seemed to go on forever. I was dazzled at the number of people who were there for me, and I wish I could find the words to thank each of them...it meant more than I can explain to have all of you there.

I am on such a "high" right now that it is incredible. I know that when this adrenaline rush powers down I am going to crash.

— CATHY PHILLIPS



**Upcoming National & Regional Events**  
(Continued from page 5)

is also \$20. Vendors will be provided with a table under the tent to present their products.

With 20+ winners being anticipated this year in both Stock and Custom categories, everyone has a good shot at a trophy. We hope to see you at the Roundup!

**San Joaquin Valley  
Miata Club's  
8th Annual Saint  
Patrick's Day Poker Run**



**When:** Saturday, March 16  
**Where:** Old Town Clovis, CA  
**Cost:** \$45 per car - includes:

- Participation in Poker Run
- Lunch for Two
- Event T-Shirt (1)

**Accommodations:**

Best Western Clovis Cole  
415 Clovis Avenue  
Clovis, Ca 93612  
(559) 299-1547

\$75 - Single or double occupancy  
Mention Miata Event for the discounted price

Block of rooms held until 2-15-01

**Contact:** Scott or Nancy Moore  
(559) 692-2199 or [nmoore@sierratel.com](mailto:nmoore@sierratel.com)

**Okanagan Valley Miata Club  
Topless Sun Run**

**When:** May 24 - 26

**Where:** Kelowna, British Columbia  
This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Topless Sun Run. A tentative schedule of the following events:

Friday night—East Kelowna tour and a wine & cheese reception.

Saturday—Summerland Tour & Poker Run with a Great Train Robbery & Barbeque Lunch on the Kettle Valley Steam Train

[www.kettlevalleyrail.org](http://www.kettlevalleyrail.org) and a buffet dinner & mingle to close the day.

Sunday—Possibly an Autocross or a winery tour.

Make your plans early as this weekend will book up quickly. There will be a

cut off of 210 people for Saturday's Great train Robbery & Barbeque on the Kettle valley Steam Train.

**Accommodations:** We will be using the Sandman Hotel again this year at the same rate of \$85 per night and we have blocked 90 rooms until April 1. Please call the Sandman Hotel at (888) 526-1988 or (250) 860-6409 to reserve your room. Please say you are with the Miata Sun Run.

We will require that event fees be pre-paid by check, in Canadian Funds, before April 1.

**Contacts:** Matt Scaife at

[miata\\_matt@hotmail.com](mailto:miata_matt@hotmail.com) or  
Shelly, [service@kelowanamotors.com](mailto:service@kelowanamotors.com).

**2002 National Miata Event**

**When:** September 19-22, 2002

**Where:** Hilton, Washington Dulles Airport City, Herndon, VA

Take the scenic routes to the Nation's Capital for the 2002 National Miata Event hosted by Mazda Sports car Club of Washington D.C. and sponsored by the MIATA OWNERS CLUB. Come and spend quality time getting closer to your Miata and the road. Just a few of the activities planned: Car-show, autocross, drag strip races, defensive driving school, race track tour (touring laps), funcanna, road rallies & scavenger hunt, dynamometer testing and much, much, more! And, MOC Members get \$25 off the registration fees! For further details and additional information regarding the 2002 National Miata event check out the event Web site at [www.mscw.com/Miata2002](http://www.mscw.com/Miata2002) or phone (703) 278-8005.

**MILEAGE AWARDS  
PROGRAM**

t the monthly membership meeting on January 24, the first SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB Mileage Awards patches were presented.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Award Level</u>
EUNICE BAUMAN	500 Miles
RICHARD BEST	
CATHY BOOTH	
MARK BOOTH	
JANICE BOSTER	
JOHN BREEN	
LINDA BREEN	
JIM BROKAW	
DAVID BRYAN	
XAVIER CASTILLO	
GAIL CHAN	
SUE DILUSTRO	
GEOFF FAHRING	
MIKE FAIRCLOTH	
ROBIN FAIRCLOTH	
DENNIS GARON	
MARYANNE GARON	
JACK HINKLE	
SUE HINKLE	
DEE JOHNSON	
WAYNE JOHNSON	
PAULA KENNISON	
TED KESSLER	
BILL KNEPPER	
BOB KRUEGER	
DUSTIN LEWIS	
DAVE MARTIN	
KATHIE MCCLELLAND	
ROZ SCOTT	
ELINOR SHACK	
BARBARA TEMPLETON	
TOM THOMPSON	
KATHLEEN TOOLE	
LAURIE WAID	
KAREN WOOD	
JERRY BOSTER	1000 Miles
CHARLENE BROKAW	
GERI CAUSARANO	
SAL CAUSARANO	
JACK DILUSTRO	
ART HAMILTON	
STEVE KENNISON	
JOHN "JD" LIMA	
GARY SCOTT	
MIKE SHACK	
BILL SHAFFER	
STEVE WAID	
BARB SHEV	1500 Miles
ELLIOT SHEV	



## Cold Air Induction...Cheap

old air induction (CAI) systems work on the premise that cooler intake air makes more power, (maybe a horsepower per seven degree temperature change) and that ambient air outside the car will be significantly cooler than under the hood where the stock intake



gets its air. A 70 degree difference might be ten free horsepower! CAIs route air from somewhere outside the

engine compartment directly into the engine. CAI's are available from several vendors. They run from about \$100 to \$400 and make various claims about their performance increases. All have some effect on the intake sound, and several require cutting and re-routing and/or re-wiring of intake components. Most interfere with strut tower braces. After installing several of the available commercial systems, I have worked out a simple mod which is as effective as at least the \$100 model. It looks stock, takes about an hour to build, interferes with nothing, *and costs about \$10*. It draws cooler air from the high pressure area just ahead of the windshield and directs it to the stock air filter box.

Figure 1—You'll need about 18 inches of 2.5-inch "Low Vacuum Hose" (This is the trick part. This hose is used at commercial car washes. It's smooth inside and indestructible—available at Marshall's, (8423 Production Ave.), two hose clamps, a two inch male/female threaded ABS pipe coupler, and about four inches of two-inch ABS plastic pipe. You can use PVC white pipe instead, but I like



FIGURE 1

the black look.

Figure 2—Cut the stock intake snorkel as shown. Trim off the side pipe thingy.



FIGURE 2

Figure 3—Position the ABS coupler on the firewall (gently bend the hydraulic tube down) and mark a 2.3-inch circle. Adjust the hole so that the completed assembly does not touch the nearby clutch and brake reservoirs. Cut the hole with your weapon of choice—tin snips, nibbler, grinder, Dremel tool, whatever. This is not a structural part of the car.



FIGURE 3

Figure 4—Thread the coupler parts through the hole and screw them together. Assemble the hose, clamps, and ABS pipe piece. The pipe section may be glued into the coupler if you like.



FIGURE 4

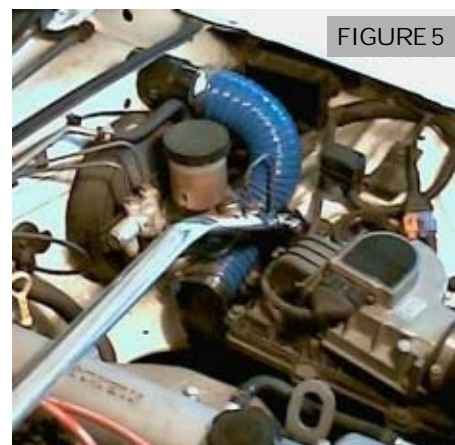


FIGURE 5

PHOTOS: TED KESLER

Figure 5—You're done!

I've had this on the car about six months. Power increase, using the highly reliable SOP (seat of pants) scale is across the rev range. Remember, it's *always* going to be cooler outside the engine compartment! I like the slight increase in intake sound. Some people spend \$300 for it! Sue noticed it for about two minutes. Rain is no problem. I experimented with an elbow at the cowl to further shield the actual intake point, but could tell no difference. Returning the car to stock appearance is easy. Why do people always ask me that? A small plate over the firewall hole, or just leave the ABS pipe in place, and the stock snorkel actually sounds better shortened up a few inches.

Try it, the price is right!

— TED KESLER

## Badges?

ave you been wondering where to get those nifty engraved plastic name badges that have been turning up on members at the latest events? They are available for mere \$6.50 each, including shipping to your home, from VICKY KRUEGER.

You will need to give her cash up front, as the badges need to be paid for in advance. Lots of colors are available to match your Miata.

See Vicky at a monthly meeting or e-mail her at [vicky@teamvoodoo.com](mailto:vicky@teamvoodoo.com).

## Oris Windstop Special Club Buy Program

The following is part of a letter from Serious Auto to the SAN DIEGO MIATA CLUB:

As Miata aficionados, I'm sure you have heard about the wonderful attributes of the Oris Windstop. The Windstop is one of the best accessories you can add to your car. The comfort the Windstop provides will allow you to drop your top earlier in the spring and leave it down longer in the fall. It's a snap to install. Within minutes of receiving your Windstop, you could be driving in comfort.

Serious Auto is the authorized distributor for the Oris Windstop. As



such, we would like to make a special offer to the members of your club. For a limited time, we can offer you a very attractive discount on a group purchase of the Oris Windstop.

Until March 18, we are offering the Windstop at a price of \$205 shipped (plus sales tax). This is a \$25 saving over the regular price. This offer is contingent upon receiving one "group order" for a minimum of ten (10) units. All ten units must ship to the same address and be paid for in one payment. *These prices cannot be honored for single unit purchases.* By taking advantage of this offer, you will not only save on the Windstop itself, but also on the shipping charges.

If you are interested in participating in this group buy, contact ELLIOT SHEV, [president@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:president@sandiegomiataclub.org), or

(858) 679-0777 by March 1. Elliot will keep a list of those interested and place the order if we can meet the minimum ten units. Elliot will order the units and have them shipped to his home. Elliot will make arrangements with you concerning collecting the funds and you picking up your Windstop.

*Have you installed a cool new item to your Miata? Have you found that "must have" accessory and want to let everyone else know? Why not consider writing an article for the newsletter? Submit an article, and photos if possible, to [newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org](mailto:newsletter@sandiegomiataclub.org). If you have photos that need to be scanned, let us know. We will scan them and get the originals back to you.*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ad space is provided free of charge to **members only**. Please include your name, telephone number, and e-mail address (if applicable) with each submission.

**For Sale:** 1997 VW Jetta. Black/black, five-speed, A/C, alloy wheels. 82k freeway miles. Original owner. \$7250  
Rick, (619) 702-8077

**For Sale:** 1995 Miata 14x6 Alloy Wheels (4). Used for autocrossing and have worn out Kumho 205/55x14 autocross tires. Wheels in excellent condition. \$250 for four.  
Robert (JT), (858) 549-4011, [jtbob@pacbell.net](mailto:jtbob@pacbell.net)

**For Sale:** Montego Blue hard top by SNUG-Top. Excellent, new condition. Includes rear window defroster, dome light and all wiring to hook them up (we never got around to installing the wiring on our '96).  
\$1250 OBO.  
Karen, (619)220-8331, [kgoyette@cts.com](mailto:kgoyette@cts.com)

**For Sale:** Closeout on Miata wrapping paper. \$3 per roll.  
Geri, [geris-bazaar@cox.net](mailto:geris-bazaar@cox.net), (760) 787-0624

**For Sale:** Trunk lid lift kits - fits M1s('90-97). Factory blowout! \$20 each for San Diego folks that will pick-up or meet me, \$30 each to ship in US. No tax. Very simple installation! Lifts trunk lid automatically when the

lever or key are used! Especially great for those with wings or luggage racks!

David, (760) 476-8754 [david.levy@airprime.com](mailto:david.levy@airprime.com)

**For Sale:** 1996 White Miata, black interior. Great condition with just over 50K miles. AM/FM/CASS. Asking \$7200.  
Larry or Vicky, (619) 303-8996.

**For Sale:** Direct from the "Best of the Best of the Bunch 2001" show car. The red 2000 Miata is being brought back to stock and all the aftermarket goodies are for sale at half of the original price. Remaining items for sale are: Moss Motors hard boot, JR strut brace, JR Autometer gauges, chrome side markers, Moretti headlights, Moretti taillights, chrome style bar, custom grille, custom hood, Mazdaspeed four-piece body kit, rear strut. Call for all the details.  
Jack, (909) 236-8909

**For Sale:** 2000 Itasca Sundancer motorhome. 30 foot, C-Class, E-450 Triton V10, queen island bed, tan interior, Onan generator, slide-out, fully equipped, RV cover, many, many extras. Includes campground membership worth \$3000. Excellent condition, 4800 miles, MUST SACRIFICE. \$63,000.  
Sal (760) 787-0624 or [wood-dust@cox.net](mailto:wood-dust@cox.net)

**Wanted:** Set of 4 16-inch stock wheels for 2001 Miata LS.  
Ed, (760) 414-1248 or [edpitts@yahoo.com](mailto:edpitts@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** Set of Eibach springs, only 1000 miles of use, \$250. Three sets of stock springs. Stock sway bars. Complete 1.6 engine with 80k miles. Damaged crank keyway but excellent compression. Five speed transmission for case or parts.

Larry, (619) 284-4911 or  
[larrydennstedt@hotmail.com](mailto:larrydennstedt@hotmail.com)

**For Sale:** 1993 White "B" package. 70k miles. Jackson CAI, white Robbins top with matching boot cover, Wet Okole seat covers, Voodoo knob & brake handle, Oris Windstop. Spare set of wheels & mis-matched tires. Too many options to list! \$7,750 OBO.  
Kathie, [kmiatocat@aol.com](mailto:kmiatocat@aol.com) or (949) 644-1327

**For Sale:** Factory original Black Hardtop, has defroster wires, \$800. 1990 1.6-liter engine, \$250. This engine has 154K miles on it but runs well. Also misc. parts from same car. Also have starter, alternator, and misc. engine, suspension, and body parts including windshield, doors, mirrors, rear fenders, and bumper. All recently repainted (red); in good condition.  
Wally (619) 232-2801 ext 313, 234-2858, or  
[wallymiata@juno.com](mailto:wallymiata@juno.com)

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